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LARGE TURNOVER OF LABOR CAUSED BY DISCONTENT

This Discontent Can Never Be Alayed Unless Workers Are Shareholders

Employers who insist on efficiency in production might apply this theory after reading "Labor Turnover Among Employees of a Copper Smelting Company," by Paul F. Brissenden, and published in the current Monthly Bulletin of the United States bureau of labor statistics.

It is shown that for every 1,000 full-time workers, 3,129 were hired and 3,633 left during the year reported. In another case 3,575 per 1,000 were hired and 5,101 per 1,000 left during the year.

"The remedy for this costly changing of labor," says the writer, "would seem to be a general and thorough improvement in working conditions as to safety, sanitation, etc., surrounding the employment of mine workers and smelter men."

"Quite apart from any humanitarian point of view, if the mining and smelting job is to be made more stable, it would seem that mining and smelting wages should be increased, hours reduced and working conditions improved to a point where the mining and smelting jobs become attractive enough, in comparison with other jobs, to keep the incumbent in it."

"It is an axiom that labor instability is caused primarily by labor discontent. This discontent can never be completely allayed until and unless the workers are recognized as investors in the industry and therefore as entitled to a share in the determination of the conditions governing their work and in the management of the plant in which they have invested their strength and skill."

PENDULUM NOW SWINGS AGAINST ONE BIG UNION

Coast Cities See Fallacy of Doctrines Preached by the Ultra-Radicals

"A handback back to the fold of Organized Labor and the craft unions is reported as a result of the circularization of Vancouver unions by the Theoretical Federation, says the Vancouver Sun. The federation sounded local unions on the proposition to break away from the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council on account of the assistance given by the organization of the One Big Union body, and two unions are said to have reported favorably on the proposition to form a Central Trades Council in case the Trades and Labor Council throws up or loses its charter in the Dominion Trades Congress and the American Federation of Labor."

"These two unions are the Boilermakers' Local No. 194 and Machinists' No. 692. They are in addition to the barbers and theatrical trades, including musicians, while the cooks and waiters are reported to view the proposition with some sympathy."

Boilermakers Change Minds

"By the time the One Big Union spellbinders had finished their work on the Boilermakers' Local No. 194 about two months ago, there were said to be perhaps 50 members left who remained loyal to their international. Now there are said to be more than 700 members, most of whom changed their minds about the One Big Union. The Machinists of local No. 777 were practically wiped out by the exodus to the One Big Union, but starting from practically nothing it is now about 200 strong. Machinists Local No. 182 is said to have practically escaped the upheaval struck the sister union."

"Rumors in labor circles are to the effect that the stationery engineers who favored One Big Union now want their old charter back in their international, while the shipyard laborers are said to have made the switch to One Big Union and back again. The whole local of the blacksmiths went to the One Big Union, but starting from practically nothing it is now about 200 strong. Machinists Local No. 182 is said to have practically escaped the upheaval struck the sister union."

"Although veteran labor leaders who were more or less dropped overboard by the radical element, feel that things are looking up and that despite the disastrous effects of the recent strike labor will be back strong in the near future."

"We'll have the house nice and clean, by the time the organizing forces of the Dominion Trades Congress and the American Federation of Labor reach Vancouver," said one veteran labor man.

Victoria Too

A meeting of Victoria trade unionists was held recently at the labor temple under the auspices of the trades and labor council to discuss the One Big Union.

W. A. Pritchard, of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, was the chief speaker of the evening, giving an outline of the One Big Union idea and explaining the advantages.

There were in the neighborhood of half a dozen speakers in favor of the scheme and two against. E. S. Woodward, president of the Trades and Labor Council, spoke against the O.B.U., claiming that the time was not opportune for such a move.

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EVERYBODY'S VIEWS

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RIGHTS OF CAPITAL

Editor, Free Press—

Dear Sir: If I understand properly the tendency of the hour, Labor is asking for a full share of what Labor creates; that profits be eliminated save to a reasonable return on the investments made. Some even go so far as to refuse to recognize the capital invested as having any right to consideration. Permit me to ask what disposition is to be made of the losses in industry. To err is human, and in business error costs money. Who is to pay the loss?

Again with Labor controlling industry the great majority of Labor writers seem to fail to recognize the high training necessary for successful conduct of any industry. It is as foolish to assume that men who are skilled in the mechanical, or creative end of an industry, are thereby trained to direct the business end of it. Buying raw material, transporting under advantageous conditions, advertising, marketing, collecting, and in short the whole office end of the business, is a part and parcel of the industry as much as is the actual work of fashioning the article. The business end requires acumen and training to a high degree. Are men so trained to have no consideration whatsoever in the general scheme of readjusting industrial conditions?

While Russia has been a dark country, nevertheless it has been demonstrated there most vividly that there are two distinct ends to business enterprises. Russian industries closed down, were complete failures, because the creative end attempted to assume the duties of the business end. While the mechanical, the creative end, of the business requires the exercise of brain power it must be recognized that it is not required to the extent that brains are required in the business department. There the whole transaction is a competition of wits. From the beginning of time there has been a premium on brain power, on shrewdness. And it would appear that there is likely to be for a good many years to come.

As for refusal to recognize the right of a dollar, is a dollar not a medium of exchange of wealth? If a man makes two loaves of bread he is not entitled to save one for a rainy day if he so chooses? And should he not be entitled to lie in the shade on the day he chooses to eat that loaf instead of being compelled to work each day for what he consumes each day? If that principle is conceded to be right and just, it must remain so when carried further to include sufficient bread to maintain one during his declining years. And should a man not be entitled to give that loaf of bread to some one else to exchange it for some other commodity? As a dollar is a mere medium of exchange for convenience, then why is not capital, or a number of dollars not to be recognized? In short it would appear that capital is merely stored Labor. He who possesses stored Labor utilizes that which he has instead of performing actual labor daily.

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TRADES COUNCIL ASKED FOR STAND ON O.B.U. SCHEME

Saskatoon Typographical Won't Send Delegates Until Statement Is Made

The Typographical Union of Saskatoon has caused trouble in the ranks of the Trades and Labor council when at the meeting of the council a letter was read from the Typo demanding that the officials state clearly their stand with regard to the One Big Union. The letter further stated that members of the union who were recently elected to office on the council would be forbidden to occupy their position if the council favored the O.B.U. scheme. The matter caused considerable discussion the officials absolutely refusing to make any statement. The installation of officers had to be postponed owing to the action of the Typographical Union.

A labor church for the city was decided on and the first meeting will be held on Sunday at the city park, if permission is granted.

An appeal was made for every union to vote one day's pay of each member for the defence fund of the strike leaders in Winnipeg.

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THINKING UNION MEN DISLIKE THE ONE BIG UNION

Advocates of O.B.U. Had Not Sufficient Confidence In It To Place It Before Convention

Of the One Big Union, the American Federationist says: "Persons who reach conclusions and formulate policies through the processes of reason, can agree upon conclusions and policies and remain faithful to those conclusions and those policies. Persons who arrive at conclusions through processes of emotion and who formulate policies to fit conclusions so reached are certain to find themselves in disagreement quickly. Emotion is not stable. Passing breezes blow it hither and beyond and render it the most unstable of all things."

The American Federation of Labor disavows it; the United Mine Workers of America condemn it; thinking union men despise it. It is of some significance that no advocate of the "One Big Union" plan had sufficient confidence in the idea to place it before the Atlantic City convention where it might stand upon its merits before the whole mass of labor opinions of America.

The Butte Free Lance speaking on the question of the One Big Union says: "Winnipeg had its lesson and Butte has had nearly enough to thoroughly awaken the workers to the menace which threatens them. There is no place in American unionism for this fallacy and the rank and file will never consent to the destruction of the only power which has benefited them. But we must be constantly on guard or they will 'slip one over,' and if they do the constructive efforts of forty years will vanish overnight. Truly, it is the 'parting of the ways,' and the sooner we impress this fact upon the agitators the sooner shall the good work of the legitimate labor movement bear more fruit."

GREAT EXODUS OF ALIENS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Over One Million Aliens Preparing To Leave For Their Homes In Europe

Ethelbert Stewart, of the Department of Labor, at Washington, D.C., estimates that 1,300,000 aliens in excess of the ordinary outgo of aliens are preparing to leave for their homes in Europe. Mr. Stewart is director of the Investigation and Inspection Service of the Department and he has been conducting a survey in the various steel centers. It is stated that of the 163,498 Poles covered by the investigation 24,590, or 15.04 per cent. will return to Poland. Of the Austro-Hungarians covered, 28,600 per cent. will return; Russians, 35,700 per cent; Croatsians, 21,750 per cent; Lithuanians, 9,720 per cent; Romanians, 64,290 per cent; Italians and Greeks, 11 per cent; Serbs, 36,900 per cent; Slovaks, 34,500 per cent.

In a recent speech on this exodus Mr. Stewart predicted that the first drive would be to fill the places of these aliens with negro labor from the South and that despite ordinances against recruiting labor or any other effort that would be made to check it, this would be largely successful.

WAGE BOARDS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR NAVY YARDMEN

Wage boards to recommend adjustments of pay of the thousands of classified civil service employees of the U.S. navy yards and stations throughout the country are to be set up immediately by Assistant Secretary Franklin D. Roosevelt, as the result of negotiations just concluded between the Navy Department head and the National Federation of Federal Employees.

More than 15,000 employees in the navy yards and stations will be affected by the operations of the newly established boards for the clerical service, and the National Federation of Federal Employees hope to secure the extension of the principle to the other government departments.

The strike of the moulders at the E. T. Fairbanks Company's plant, Sherbrooke, Que., was brought to a conclusion last week, when the men returned to work, the nine-hour day having been granted them, at the same rate of pay as was formerly given for 10 hours.

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