

PEN PUNCHES BY THE LOCALS

HAMILTON SOCIALISTS BEGIN WINTER WORK

The Hamilton Local of the S.D.P. of C. opened their fall campaign of education among the workers of that city, Sunday, October the 7th. Isaac Bainbridge was scheduled for the opening meeting, but owing to the limitations of his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, he was unable to tear himself away from the beautiful scenery of the Don Valley for the time being. His place was filled at the Hamilton meeting by A. W. Mance of Toronto, who delivered his illustrated lecture on the "Economic, Geographical and Industrial Backgrounds of the Present War." There was a good turnout and the lecturer was listened to with rapt attention for an hour and a half. Other speakers and dates will be announced through the "Forward" later.

S.D.P. WOMEN ACTIVE

The women of the Women's Social-Democratic League of Toronto, commenced their season's work by holding a most successful social and entertainment at the Finnish Hall recently. The hall was packed to the doors and everyone who listened and took part in the program of music, recitations, feasting and dancing, voted unanimously that they had spent a profitable and enjoyable evening. The collection, amounting to twenty dollars, was taken up, and when the committee went to pay the hall rent the Finnish comrades donated the amount to the Women's League Fund. They are preparing to hold a bazaar the early part of December, and they are all as busy as bees collecting material and making arrangements for that annual event. Watch the "Forward" for later announcements.

On Wednesday October 17th, 8 p.m., Mrs. Jas. L. Hughes will lecture under the auspices of the League, at Room 5, the Labor Temple. Subject: "Four Stages of Child Life." Everybody welcome.

ORGANIZER'S REPORT

Organizer Stirling is meeting with fair success in the Province of British Columbia. Since commencing operations he has addressed meetings at Greenwood, Penticton, Phoenix, Coltern, Grand Forks, Rossland, Silvertown, Sandon and Kaslo. The meetings have been fairly well attended and considering the disorganized state of the territory, fairly good results have been accomplished in sales of literature, collections, etc. He writes in part as follows:

Dear Comrade,—I had a meeting in Rossland on Monday last, and although everything possible had been done to advertise the meeting, we did not get a very large crowd. There are upwards of 400 men working in the mines there, and the only way to make a complete success in some of these camps would be by staying around for a week and working them up through contact with individuals. The weather was not very good, but we had a very good and enthusiastic meeting. I was not able to organize a local of the S.D.P. in this locality owing to the attitude adopted by the S.P. of C. The opposition put up by the S.P. of C. men, who are trade unionists, is very illogical. They claim to be fighting on the economic field for immediate advantages, but refuse to continue these operations on the political field. This is practically the stand-point taken by Gompers when cross-examined by Hillquit at the sitting of the Industrial Relations Committee in the United States. He said then that he was in agreement with the demand for shorter hours by the unions on the economic field, but would not accept the same measure if it were gained by political effort.

I am going to Sandon to-morrow and later to Kaslo, Ainsworth, Nelson, then out to Kimberley and Fernie districts.

Writing from Kaslo on September 7, Comrade Stirling has this to say: The paper being issued fortnightly, I find it not very easy to sell, but may have better luck as I journey eastward. We had a fairly good meeting at Rossland on Monday, but the immediate obstacle to face in this locality is a precedence given by the workers to winning the European war rather than the class war. Good results can be achieved in this district if I can possibly afford the time to work it up.

We had a rousing good meeting on Tuesday in spite of the bad night; the hall was filled. I could not get a local formed, although the interest shown was very keen, and militarism in this district has not got such a secure hold on the workers. At Sandon I had a small meeting and secured ten for the purpose of starting a local of the S. D.P. The secretary of the union will canvass amongst the men working in the mines, and he feels sure he can get 50 or 60 members before applying for charter. Sandon is the silver city. It is built at the foot of the mountains and is so shut in that for two or three months in the winter they don't see the sun at all. So little room was there for the city they had to plank over the river in order to make the

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main street, and the houses are stuck on the mountain sides like pictures on the wall. Hope to hold a meeting at Ainsworth on the Kootenay to-morrow. Blue Bell on Tuesday, and then down to Nelson. I think it would be better not to have such a variety of pamphlets, as it is much easier to push one or two books than it is a large number. Shall be interested to know the result of your trial.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Stirling.

SECRETARIAL NOTES.

Convention Referendum.

The result of the referendum on conditions is now complete, the figures giving: 1,261 for and 354 against. This carries with it a 50c assessment. Provincial and Local Secretaries are requested to order convention stamps in sufficient quantities to cover the number of members under their jurisdiction; also to get their resolutions under way.

I desire to state that my absence from the office has been responsible for the delay in prompt delivery of The Forward. Under the circumstances

we hope that our subscribers will pardon the delay in publication.

I desire to thank all for their assistance in securing my release and hope their efforts will be crowned with success. I beg to state that another charge has been laid against me for Seditious Libel—this makes two charges to be answered. I am on bail until Friday next, and while not being optimistic as to the result, I am not overburdened with worry at the prospect of a term in jail. Greater men than I have suffered in order to advance the cause of humanity, and I am honored in being permitted to follow in their footsteps and share in some measure the travail through which they passed. I exhort you all to be strong and courageous. Keep the light burning, and your finger pointed along the path that leads to emancipation, in order that the wayfarer may not stumble in the dark.

I. Bainbridge, Secretary.

PHILLIP SNOWDEN ILL.

Socialists in Canada will regret to hear that Mr. Phillip Snowden, M.P., has had a serious breakdown. All his public engagements have been cancelled, and he has been forbidden to either read or write. May he speedily recover.

A BRAVE ACT

Our thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Roebuck (a prominent Liberal who in 1914 ran as Liberal candidate in Timiskaming), who was brave enough to get up at the "Political Educational League" and voice a protest against the incarceration of Isaac Bainbridge. If Liberals can protest against this injustice, what are the Socialists and Trade Unions doing on behalf of their fellow-worker?

The man who must live from week to week depending on the good will of a master and the condition of the labor market to get his wages lives with a ball and chain on his leg. Socialism alone can remedy this precarious condition of the toilers.

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