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1. The "Canadian Labor Press" strongly condemns and continually opposes all forms of Communism and Radicalism in Canada.
2. "The Canadian Labor Press" endeavors to present all labor and industrial problems from a commonsense point of view with the idea of closer co-operation and a better understanding between employer and employes.
3. In the interests of the Canadian Worker, The Canadian Labor Press believes that Canadian industry needs adequate tariff protection.
4. The Canadian Labor Press advocates fair play to employer and employee.
5. The Canadian Labor Press stands for the betterment of Trade Union conditions in Canada and the welfare of our country at large.
6. The Canadian Labor Press is independent in politics and free from any political influences.

Communist Sunday Schools

COMMUNIST Sunday Schools is about the worst form of Communism that exists in Canada today. The members of the Communist Group are far seeing enough to realize that if the Communist Party is to maintain and increase its strength as the years pass, it must commence at the cradle and instill its false doctrines into the minds and hearts of the little children who are naturally susceptible to influences and teachings whether they be for good or bad, right or wrong. The leaders of Communism know that they cannot be one hundred per cent perfect by confining their efforts to the adults of a community because it is only in times of stress and unemployment that the adult mind will turn to radical methods in the hope that there he will find something to alleviate his suffering. This method, however of winning members to the Communist ranks is not satisfying because this support cannot be relied upon; real dyed-in-the-wool Communists must be raised from the cradle if this Party is to flourish—hence the beginning of Communist Sunday Schools, where Songs of Hate are sung and the children are taught to defy God and the Laws of the Land—where seeds of hatred are sown and good morality and right doing cast out. We earnestly ask our readers to beware of Communism and see that your children are not drawn into the web of these outlaws which is gradually weaving itself into the industrial and social life of Canada. The Communists "work from within," that is it is their aim to have at least one member in every industrial centre carrying on a continual propaganda scheme to win members to their cause and it is up to the workers to hold themselves aloof from the inducements offered by Communism.

What American Labor Thinks of Canada

The following editorial appeared in a recent issue of Labor, the publication representing the railway labor organizations of the United States and is interesting to Canadians.

CANADA has just conquered a couple of hundred thousand square miles of wheat land. Not by force of arms—no nation is an acre the poorer for Canada's gain. The conquest has been made from nature, by a little army of scientists led by E. H. Newman, cerealist to the great Dominion.

Newman and his aids have developed a wheat that is ripe and ready to cut 100 days after the seed is planted. It will grow and mature 200 miles or so nearer the North Pole than wheat ever grew before; and therefore, a vast and fertile stretch of prairie has been added to Canada's grain fields.

The whole story of Canadian wheat is a fascinating one. In the memory of man now living, wheat could not be trusted to ripen in Northern Minnesota or Dakota, and the idea that this grain could be raised in the "Arctic Wastes" of Manitoba and Saskatchewan was scouted as a "pipe dream."

But Canada meeting stern conditions with sterner determination, developed the Marquis wheat, which ripens in from 110 to 120 days from planting; and with this wheat, she swept over the vast western prairies and made herself one of the leading grainaries of the world.

Now, after years of plant breeding and the most careful experiments, she has the Garnet wheat—100 days from planting to harvest.

That is a sample of the work going on north of our boundary line. Canada has not had the phenomenal growth of the United States. That is not to be wondered at. Our milder climate furnishes one, but not the only, explanation. But Canadian resources are greater than those of any country of Europe outside of Russia; and are being developed with scientific thoroughness and prudent foresight. She is larger by 630,000 square miles than the United States; but in all that vast area, here is no real room for a pessimist.

Canada is one of the most interesting and instructive countries for an American to visit. The government is running the biggest single railroad system in the world, and is beginning to make a financial success of it. It is managing its own merchant marine. The province of Ontario is developing its water power by public action for the benefit of all the people and visitors are coming from distant lands to see how it is done. Canada has government telegraphs and a government radio. Its farmers are successfully handling a gigantic "wheat pool," thus insuring better prices, and are talking about a "flour pool" to mill their wheat and supply the finished product to a hungry world.

In addition to these matters which may be called experiments, Canada has settled some questions, once for all.

As an example, picked at random, we may recall that she has solved to a marked degree the problem of maintaining law and order. One "Mountie" supervises the transfer of a million dollars of gold in the Yukon, while it takes an armored car and a battalion of guards to do the same in New York. More men were killed in the one town of Abilene, Kansas, during the days of long-horned steers and two cowboys than in all the frontier settlements of Canada.

Along with this canny management of home affairs, her two languages and possibly her empire connections have given Canadians a world view and understanding sadly lacking on this side of the border.

We have a really great neighbor on the north.

German Non-Manual Workers

Germany.—The number of unemployed non-manual workers in Germany is steadily increasing; they are in terrible distress, particularly the older men, who are the first to suffer.

The situation has been discussed at a recent meeting of the General Council of the National Federation of Non-Manual Workers. It was decided, that through the medium of the Federation's representative on the Social-Political Committee of the National Economic Council, to submit an Urgency Motion to that body (which has the same subject on the agenda of its next meeting). In this motion, attention is drawn to the fact that the National Government has remained passive and apathetic in regard to the ever-increasing incidence of an ever-widening circle of non-manual workers, since the beginning of 1921. To alleviate these intolerable conditions, a demand is made for an immediate grant of 20 billion gold marks, from national resources, for the purpose of making immediate grants to the unemployed in this category of workers. It is proposed that the National Government shall consult the non-manual Workers' Union as to the way in which the money shall be distributed. At the same time, the National Parliament is to be called upon to introduce legislation to provide for older employes who find themselves deprived of their means of livelihood.

Italian Law Protects Children

Rome, Italy.—The protection of children is the aim of a measure approved recently by the Chamber of Deputies. Under its terms no child under fifteen years of age will be allowed to act in motion pictures and no child under sixteen years will be permitted to do acrobatic stunts in theatres or other places where admission is charged.

No child is to be permitted to have alcoholic drinks, or use tobacco while at school or college, and the bill provides also that children may see motion picture films only when the pictures have been expressly approved.

Collective Agreements

Mexico.—A National Congress of Mexican Textile workers took place in Mexico last September. After exhaustive discussion wage agreements were drawn up, to cover the workers in all the textile factories in the country. The proposals are to be submitted to the National Textile Congress, which meets during this month. This congress has been called by the Ministry of Industry and Labor; it will consist of representatives of the workers and employers.

A Labor College for Austria

Austria.—On account of the general distress the Austrian Social Democratic Party and the Trades Union Congress have recently been obliged to give up the Hammer Bakery Works which has been run jointly by the two bodies. Of the proceeds of the sale, the Party has decided to make over a certain sum to the Solidarity Fund of the Trades Union Congress, and to use the rest to form a special fund, the interest of which is to be used exclusively for workers' educational purposes.

This money will enable the Party to set up a Labor College. The Labor College is to take up its work at Vienna in January 1926. Six-month courses are being arranged, the students are to be nominated by the National organizations of the Socialist Party, the trade unions and the co-operative societies. A suitable hostel is to be provided, in which the students will be housed free of charge during term-time. The College is to admit young industrial workers, men and women, as well as officials from the labor movement. The College is to have a governing body of its own, which will be comprised of representatives of the Socialist Party, and trade unions and the co-operative societies.

Russia to Stay Outside of League

Moscow.—"All rumors regarding a change in the attitude of the Soviet government regarding the league of nations and incidentally toward the Locarno agreement, without foundation," says Maxim Litvinov, acting commissar of foreign affairs, in a formal statement.

"Russia, like America, intends in the future as in the past to stand aloof from similar organizations."

Litvinov explains that the government decided to make this statement as the result of widely circulated reports that Russia is in favor of joining the league.

Adopt 44-Hour Working Week

Sydney, New South Wales.—The Legislature of New South Wales recently passed a bill providing for the introduction of a 44-hour working week throughout the state.

Laborites Form Ginger Group

London, Eng.—There was a significant development in the Labor Party in the House of Commons which heretofore has escaped comment. This was the formation of a so-called "ginger group," which was responsible for forcing Labor leaders to propose an amendment to the motion of the Foreign Minister, Austen Chamberlain, for the ratification of the Locarno treaty, although Ramsay MacDonald, previously had assured Mr. Chamberlain that the Labor members of the House did not intend to submit an amendment.

George Lansbury, R. C. Wallhead, and a number of Labor M.P.'s from the Clydeside are mentioned as ring-leaders in the movement to introduce an amendment to the motion for ratification. Lansbury has evinced a disinclination to blindly follow the leaders of the Labor party in the House of Commons.

Vera Cruz Strikers Are Locked Out

Vera Cruz, Mexico.—The electricians employed by the municipal light and power plant, after having voted a strike, now find themselves locked out. The men quit work prior to receiving last minute instructions from union headquarters in Mexico City not to strike. Troops were called in by the management and the workers were barred from the plant.

Tenant System Is Curse of Mexico

"The great reason for the unrest in Mexico today and its frequent revolutions is that the country has never been given a type of government which is adapted to its indigenous population, and which the people can understand," was emphasized recently by Dr. Edgar L. Hewett, Director of the School of American Research, in delivering an address in the Physics building of the University of Toronto on "Mexico Ancient and Modern." The psychology of the Mexicans was essentially Indian rather than Latin-American and their simple and ordinarily peaceful existence could not adjust itself among European institutions. The social conditions in the country were wretched, said the speaker. Most of the land was concentrated in the hands of a few individuals and the peasantry was compelled to eke out a meagre livelihood on tenant tracts. In one district as much as 7,000,000 acres were owned by one man, while thousands of farmers did not own a square yard. The perennial discontent of the country would continue, declared Dr. Hewett, until the land was put back into the hands of the people. At present the conditions of the poor were so bad that the infant mortality was 80 per cent and even then there was a mysterious disappearance of babies because the people would dispose of them rather than bear the burden of their upkeep.

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