

SEATTLE POLICE WANT ONE DAY OFF IN SEVEN

Seattle.—Seattle policemen have presented a petition to the city council asking for one day off in seven. They now receive one Sunday's leave of absence each month when extra duty does not interfere. Efforts are being made to have the 1920 civic budget include an appropriation which will permit giving one day's rest in seven to all members of the department by materially increasing the force.

City firemen recently won their fight for one day's rest in eight. The new system will be put into effect January 1, 1921.

CO-OP MOVEMENT BRINGS FREEDOM FOR THE WORKERS

British Co-operators and Trade Unionists Are Leading the Way

J. Hopkins, Painters Local 151, Toronto, writing in the "Painter and Decorator" has the following to say in regard to co-operation and trades unionism:

It occurred to me the other day when reading that the British Co-operators, the Trade Unionists and the Labor Party over there, intend forming an alliance that they would then be the greatest force in the working-class world for democracy.

These four and a half million co-operators have distributed among themselves the huge sum of one hundred millions of dollars, the profits on their own business in the year 1919. This is something for the members of our craft to consider, for it is evident that we cannot get out of the rut by demanding more wages.

Everywhere in the United States and Canada we are suffering from the high cost of the commodities, which is constantly increasing. It is time that we seriously awakened to the only way to combat this serious menace to the workers—the ever-increasing power of the great trusts and combines that settle the prices of the necessities that we use in our homes.

Surely, by intelligent efforts the millions of workers on this vast North American continent could overcome the system that is in vogue today and replace it with something better. The workers can free themselves from the gigantic vested interests through the Co-operative Movement (already it is a success in the United States), perhaps the only way to get out of the present "muddle."

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PATRIOTISM AND STRIKERS

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ourselves. All wages will be guaranteed by us. Yours truly, The Alberta Granite Marble & Stone Co. Ltd.

Per R. T. DYKES, Manager. Was answered by this letter from the executive: The Executive of the Iron Moulders' Union of Edmonton, and the above Company.

Gentlemen: Your agreement as follows in reply to our letter of the 31st of July to hand.

Even though the Iron Moulders are on strike in this city, we would deplore through any cause the deferring of the unveiling of the Gleichen Memorial to which you refer.

I am instructed to tell you under what conditions this work will be done.

1. All work to be done by men of our local union: moulding, melting, etc.

2. All materials to be furnished by the Imperial Brass and Iron Foundry.

3. Only those pieces for the Gleichen Memorial to be cast at this time, any metal left over to be cast into ingots.

4. The money which be paid for this work to be turned over to the Great War Veterans' Association.

5. You guarantee the payment of such money.

6. If in the opinion of all concerned the patterns should be altered so that a good casting can be made it will be done.

7. Work to start at once. That is on Monday next. Only union men of our local to be employed on this job.

8. In return we guarantee to make the plates under the above conditions. From the Executive of the Iron Moulders' Union of Edmonton, Alberta.

Per EDWIN POOLE.

Surely some of the carping critics of unionism will keep quiet for a time and at least acknowledge that there are some union men who are willing to do their part, and who are working for nothing, so that the veterans of Gleichen and vicinity shall not be disappointed in their big day.

WORKING WOMEN INVESTIGATE CANDIDATE'S RECORDS

Seattle.—Skilled political observers will investigate the career of every candidate posted for public office and report back to the local waitresses union, following decision of that organization that a fight must be launched on behalf of Seattle working women for badly needed legislation.

U. S. CANNOT KEEP OUT OF SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS

Business Interests To Force Resumption of Trade Relations

(By The Federated Press)

Washington, D.C.—It is becoming increasingly evident that the United States cannot much longer remain out of the negotiations now going on between Soviet Russia on the one hand and Great Britain, France and Italy on the other.

In official circles here the idea is gaining ground that America can gain nothing from continuing to stand aloof. Business interests are bringing increasing pressure upon the State Department to permit the resumption of trade relations.

The policy of the department, announced some time ago, of permitting American firms to do business with Soviet Russia, provided they can do so without thereby involving the United States government in tacit recognition of the bolshevik, has been laughed out of court by newspaper paragraphs and cartoonists the country over. America cannot help herself—say informed observers—she must participate in the peace negotiations.

When this occurs the administration will be put to a practical test of the operations of Point One of the Fourteen Points, "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at."

The Russians have insisted throughout on open negotiations, in their dealings first with the Germans, then with the various border states with whom she has made peace, and now with the Great Powers. Should the United States participate, this will be the first time that our State Department has been confronted with "open covenants."

Lucerne, Switzerland (By mail, via N. Y. Bureau).—Some 2,600 working men and women took part in the opening events of the first national meet of the Swiss Workers' Athletic Societies which began here yesterday.

About 70 clubs were represented and delegates were present from every corner of Switzerland. It took the opening parade half an hour to pass a given point. The marchers were headed by a red flag and included several sections of women athletes.

The Trades & Labor Council, as usual, are taking the part of those who are striking in a just cause. Not by oral sympathy, but by digging down in their pockets, and paying over money to the strikers to enable them to win. We must win now, or forever lay down. The shops who do not sign the agreement will be left in the competition race for work.

On the second of August the moulders came under the "fair wage clause" of this city automatically, the founders not having signed the agreement.

MINNEAPOLIS ELECTRICAL WORKERS FIRM

Refuse to Cut Loose From All Other Building Trades

(By The Federated Press)

Minneapolis.—Having whipped the contractors into line on all the demands they made for themselves, striking members of Electrical Workers' Union No. 232 are refusing to accede to the employers' wish that they cut loose from all other building trades workers and sign a contract agreeing not to go out in sympathetic strikes.

Four hundred and fifty men struck June 1 to obtain wage increases. Several weeks ago the employers agreed to the proposed wage scale and to recognize the electricals' union, granting union shop conditions, so far as these workers are concerned. The contract submitted by the contractors, all members of the Citizens' Alliance, an organization formed to fight labor unions here, demands that the electricals agree to non-union conditions for all other workers and not to go out if the others strike.

"Although we are strong enough to make the employers come across on our demands we do not propose to line up with the Citizens' Alliance by signing a non-union shop agreement for our brother workers," said Harry George, business agent, electrical workers' union, manager of the strike.

"Our members who are working are assessing themselves \$2 a day for the strike, and we propose to show the Minneapolis contractors that there is as much class consciousness and solidarity in the ranks of labor as among the employers. We don't propose to sign an agreement against our fellow workers and are prepared to fight as long as necessary against the alleged open shop combination of bosses."

The strike involves 450 men and is against the Electrical Contractors' association.

STARTS CAREER 14 STORIES ABOVE COMMON LEVEL

New Orleans, La., Aug. 3.—Fourteen stories from the street on a slender girder of steel, Ole Peterson, structural iron worker, held his five months old son at noon yesterday while the Rev. Wm. Reese performed a christening ceremony. Fifty members of Iron Workers Union No. 58 were named godfathers. They occupied positions on nearby girders.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 685

Regular monthly meeting was held in Labor hall, Friday evening, July 23 with good attendance. Brother J. Martin appointed as president for the rest of the term, succeeding Bro. J. Sanders, who has moved to Vancouver to take up other duties. We expect to have good news of Brother J. Sanders when Bro. E. E. Owen returns from his vacation at the coast.

We had a very busy evening dealing with various letters. Bro. E. Libby was elected as delegate to the convention of Division No. 4, in November or at an early date.

Who says the International is doomed? Not at all. Look here; two worthy brothers added to our roll call last meeting. We will give you some more next meeting. We have applications in for more initiation cards. Keep it up boys, you won't regret what you have done. We would like to have all our brothers turn out to the next meeting Friday evening, August 27. Come boys, you have car service from all parts of the city.

MOULDERS

The moulders strike is still on and is progressing very favorably from a union standpoint. There were three men in the city working last week who felt declaring that they would never willingly be scabs or blacklegs.

The Courts Machinery Co. have signed the scale, therefore, this shop is a union shop and entitled to union support.

Three of our men are working at the Imperial Brass and Iron Foundry on some tablets for the Gleichen war monuments, to be unveiled on August 17. Our boys are giving the labor voluntarily, and the wages which would have been paid them go back to the Gleichen G.W.V.A.

That's the kind of patriotism we believe in, even though we lose money by it; the men whose death is to be commemorated by this monument, many of them were union men, and all men who are fighting for right are our brothers.

The Mayor was accompanied by Ald. H. M. Martin and Ald. L. J. "McCoffeen" (nothing like advertising), who were also delegates to the convention. Mayor Clarke submitted a resolution to the convention, asking for an immediate pardon for the Winnipeg strike leaders on the grounds that the trial, if not unfair, was at least unusual and un-Canadian, and also that those imprisoned leaders who have now been elected to the Manitoba legislature received such a heavy vote as to show that the people of Winnipeg, who ought to be the best judges, have confidence in those labor leaders.

Mr. Clarke added: "I am certain that the immediate pardon of these men would be in the very best interest of law and order throughout the entire west, and would go a long way to make future differences between labor and capital more easily adjusted."

The Mayor, while in Quebec, was the guest of honor at the Rotary club luncheon, and addressed the Rotarians on the industrial inducements of Alberta. On the completion of his highly educational discourse, he was accorded a hearty round of applause by his hearers, who had listened with special attention and appreciation to the address.

L. A. M. FIGHT ON IN PHILADELPHIA AGAINST OPEN SHOP

Employers Wish To Abrogate Their Agreements With the Union

(By Harry Shaner, Written for The Federated Press.)

Philadelphia.—The fight is on in Philadelphia. The contending forces are the employers who heeded the command of the Chamber of Commerce to abrogate their agreements with the unions and conduct "open" shops, and the International Association of Machinists.

The opening skirmish of the promised war on labor was staged at the Hess & Barker engine and printing machinery plant when the men were given the alternative of signing an agreement binding them to repair machinery in "struck" shops or "leaving the premises forthwith." The men refused to sign the scabbing document and were locked out. This firm has established an enviable reputation in the trade because of the excellent work turned out by its employees. The best of relations existed between the men and employers until the attack of the Chamber of Commerce was issued. Strikebreakers are scarce in this territory at present and an early capitulation by the firm is expected.

The Merchant & Evans concern, manufacturers of automobile parts and automatic fire extinguishing apparatus, has followed the lead of Hess & Barker. Powell Evans, pseudo reformer, has issued a statement in which he declares for the "American plan." He says he will not do business with organized labor and hereafter will conduct an "open" shop. He also will experience difficulty in replacing the efficient force he has locked out.

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