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THE WAVE SUBSIDES

The wave of ultra-radicalism which has been sweeping over Canada in the ranks of Labor seems to have reached a crisis and is now subsiding. This tendency crystallized in the One Big Union movement is on the decline. It has left breaches in the defense trenches of Organized Labor. There is a decided split in the ranks of Labor in some cities and disagreement in many others. The O.B.U. campaign was well planned, matured, and launched. Winnipeg constituted one of the strongest centers. There the big general strike was launched, ran its course, involving various other cities. The aftermath of the wave results in Winnipeg Labor being in two camps—one still adhering to the new prophets, the other remaining firm or returning to orthodox trades unionism. The secessionists have applied for an O.B.U. charter and from one quarter to one third of Winnipeg union men will be found in the O.B.U. camp. Two central labor bodies will result and the strength of Labor will be minimized just that much.

In Vancouver a similar condition prevails. Calgary Trades and Labor Council is back into the safe and sane column. Edmonton Trades and Labor Council refused to be stamped into the O.B.U. movement and by exercise of foresight performed a task which other Central Bodies find it necessary to do now.

While the rank and file of O.B.U. advocates have never for one moment countenanced any idea foreign to promoting the best interests of Labor, and that by lawful means, it is generally recognized that some of the national and international leaders had in mind the complete demoralization of all industry, precipitation of chaotic conditions, and the overthrow of the present social organization of society. This does not mean to infer that any acts that may have been done were contrary to the law of the land, or in any way able to be construed to constitute sedition in the generally accepted interpretation of the term. The history of the Winnipeg strike reveals nothing but an orderly cessation of labor, and to date the prosecution of men arrested on the charge of sedition has failed to produce evidence to that effect—not that anybody has heard of it to date.

The net result of the whole affair in Canada merely proves that the O.B.U. idea of general strike, of complete cessation of all industrial activity, is economically unsound, and is not a practical scheme for attaining the desired ends of labor. The general strike is impossible because the other fellow controls the food storehouses and can eat three square meals a day while Labor starves. It is impracticable because all society—including women and children—suffer while the fight is on. And last but not least it is impossible because the rest of society will not permit it. Neither will the state permit it. If union men persist in refusing to turn a wheel industrially, the remainder of society will do the job for them. Self preservation is the first law of nature. Because of these irrefutable facts the O.B.U. was doomed to failure at the onset, and already it is recognized generally not as the One Big Union but as the One Big Failure.

BRING ON THE EVIDENCE.

If the men under charge of "seditious conspiracy" according to the amended charges are guilty, they should be punished. If not they should be discharged and exonerated. Organized Labor in democratic countries does not wish to tolerate revolutionists, and Bolsheviks. Such action is contrary to the fundamental principles of Labor and Labor efforts. Labor men are good citizens, lawabiding and seek to bring an improvement of social and economic conditions to their fellow workers. They wish to see the constitutional institutions of the country purified and operated to the welfare of the people. If any individuals identified with the great big, wholesome Labor movement have permitted themselves to become involved in revolutionary conspiracy, Labor wishes to know it and stands ready to purge its ranks of such individuals.

According to the fundamental principles of British liberty and justice any man charged with a crime is considered innocent until proven guilty. And until the prosecution has proven these men guilty of the charge preferred Labor, as well as all other fairminded elements of society, will consider them innocent. Labor is solicitous that the courts of justice be not utilized merely as a means of fighting Labor in its legitimate battles in bringing about a readjustment of social and economic conditions. Activities of the prosecution to date hardly live up to the advance press notices offered at the time these men were arrested. It was stated that some "startling revelations" would be made. To date the revelations have consisted of finding men thrown into jail without charges preferred, denied the usual bail, and other conduct nauseating to fairminded citizens. Coming into court Tuesday the prosecution amends the charge from "seditious activity" to "seditious conspiracy."

FANNING THE FLAMES.

The Dominion government has done more during the last month to promote Bolshevism, O.B.Uism, and various other revolutionary tendencies that were accomplished by the efforts of the "Red Five," and all the alleged conspirators arrested in Winnipeg, and Calgary convention combined. Procedure in manhandling the Winnipeg situation, discrimination against union men participating in strikes including returned soldiers, whitewashing profiteering reports—all have caused the nation to lose patience.

EDMONTON TO YUKON R.R.

Efforts originated in the Yukon to have the E.D. and B.C. extended the intervening 1200 miles to connect that famous gold country is certainly of interest to this city. As the gateway to the hinterland Edmonton would occupy a most enviable position. It will be remembered that half a dozen years ago Gen. W. A. Griesbach, then a mere Major, speaking before the Edmonton Industrial Association, advocated just such a thing. As M.P. the General occupies a position now where he may be able to help the project considerably.

LESS MACHINERY, MORE ACTION.

If the Provincial government responsible for the enforcement of the Factory Act would exercise a little more concern in the enforcement of the act greater approbation would be received from the public generally. It would appear that a little more machinery for the enforcement of the act as it is, would be more gratifying than providing additional machinery for making additional regulations.

WHY DIVISION IN LABOR.

Unsatisfactory economic conditions and inability to bring adequate remedy speedily may be attributed as the cause for the dissatisfaction and impatience expressed by labor circles in respect to the efforts of the International. This is a day of unrest, of dissatisfaction. The laboring man has been educated, trained and cultured until his natural appetites demand more than his daily wage can possible secure. He is not satisfied and will never be satisfied until a new standard of living is provided. On the contrary his discontent will grow—and eventually something will have to break.

Trades Unionism has been unable to readjust the whole social and economic fabric. All other forces have been unable to do so. Such can be brought about through evolution only. It is a physical impossibility to tear down the whole structure for there must be a place to live during the rebuilding period. Therefore it must be a remodeling process. The trades' union is the biggest factor in the world today bringing that remodeling about.

Notwithstanding this fact many of the rank and file of the labor movement have become impatient—and with good cause, too. And

that impatience is being expressed in the secession movement. In short the general discontent at general conditions is being directed by the laboring man at his own organization. And in this he forgets all the good work that unionism has done for him in the past because it is physically impossible to deliver immediately what he craves today.

SURE CURE FOR TROUBLES.

Of all the sins perpetrated upon an overburdened world and wicked world, the greatest ill certainly was contributed by the man who put the hold in the doughnut—or was it the fellow who provided the eye to see the hole? Some sage in his more harmonious moments remarked that four-fifths the ills of human kind never materialize. Another remarked that one is as one thinks. Every cloud has a silver lining noth still another. After all there is an abundance of good in the world if it is sought for. He who discovers least good, pleasure, happiness, charity, and brotherly love is that individual who possesses and distributes least. A heart full of goodness and right and justice is least attacked by evil and malice from without. Evil begets evil; good begets good. A genuine smile is the greatest blessing possessed by mankind. One minute devoted to conscientious retrospection will cure more ill relations with our neighbors than one hour devoted to pondering over their shortcomings.

BOLSHEVIST SPIRIT LAID TO EMPLOYERS BY MINE WORKERS

The general grievance committee of several thousand employees of the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has issued a stinging indictment of this corporation, which is charged with violating its contract with these coal miners, with refusing to pay back wages and with mining coal under homes and state highways in violation of law, with the result that both homes and roads cave in.

The miners announce that these employers are responsible for the growing spirit of bolshevism in this district. Complaint is made that the government has failed to exercise the proper interest in stamping out this peril through its failure to investigate "the workings of these institutions which are fostering and breeding bolshevism."

In announcing that they are not going to forfeit the freedom which was fought for and won by thousands of mine workers who went to war as soldiers, the resolution charges coal companies with being responsible for the breeding of bolshevism through their treatment of working men.

After enumerating their grievances and the repeated violations of contracts, the committee says:

"We hereby publicly serve notice that unless these sharp practices are immediately stopped, we, as officers and members of the United Mine Workers of America, will take such measures as will bring this company to its senses."

THE AMUSEMENTS TAX ACT

Every person attending an exhibition, performance or entertainment at a place of amusement to which an entrance or admission fee is charged shall on each admission thereto pay an amusement tax at the following rates:

- When the price of admission is from 10c to 20c inclusive, a tax of 1c.
- When the price of admission is more than 20c and not more than 75c, a tax of 2½c.
- When the price of admission is more than 75c and not more than \$1.00, a tax of 5c.
- When the price of admission is more than \$1.00 but not more than \$2.00, a tax of 10c.
- When the price of admission is more than \$2.00, a tax of 25c.
- A tax of 25c shall be paid by every person attending any boxing bouts or contests.
- Where admission is given by pass or complimentary tickets a tax shall be payable at the highest rate charged for the performance to which admission is granted.

PENALTIES

Every person who, without having previously paid the tax provided by this Act, enters a place of amusement in the province for the purpose of attending an exhibition, performance, entertainment or game shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not more than \$50.00 for each offence, and in default of the payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than six months.

Every owner of a place of amusement and every employee of an owner of a place of amusement who permits or authorizes or is a party or privy to the admission of any person to a place of amusement for the purpose of attending an exhibition, performance, entertainment or game therein, without payment of the tax provided for by this Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$200.00 for each offence, and, in default of payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than six months.

E. TROWBRIDGE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.
Edmonton, April 24th, 1919.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the City of Edmonton hereby refers to the Burgesses for their approval the following questions:

- Shall the Council pass a by-law for creating a debt in the sum of \$900,000.00 for the purpose of making further extensions and additions to the Municipal Telephone System, including the erection of a new exchange building and the installation of five hundred lines of modern apparatus, 20 year debentures, sinking fund plan, interest half-yearly at the rate of 6 per centum per annum.
- Shall the Council pass a by-law for creating a debt in the sum of \$91,630.00 for the purpose of purchasing from E. D. Grierson all that part of the North-west Quarter of Section 15, Township 53, Range 24, West of the Fourth Meridian, containing about 119 acres, for the purpose of using the same as a public cemetery; 40 year debentures, sinking fund plan, interest half-yearly at the rate of 5 per centum per annum.

Voting on Monday, July 28th, 1919, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

AND I GIVE FURTHER NOTICE:
That a plebiscite of the electors will be taken on the 28th day of July, 1919, during the same hours and at the same places as the voting on money by-laws, upon the following question in the following form:

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- 2014 118th Avenue, Same as Schedule A.
- Parkdale School, Division 2 and 8, Schedule A.
- Stamshaw's Office, 1227 Fort Trail, Same as Schedule A.
- Grocery Store, 10128 124th Street, Divisions 5, 16, 17 and 18, in Sched. A.
- Victoria High School, Same as Schedule A.
- Norwood School, Same as Schedule A.
- McCauley School, Divisions 9 and 10 in Schedule A.
- 11211 78th Street, Divisions 14 and 15, Schedule A.
- 9566 Jasper Avenue East, Divisions 12 and 13, Schedule A.
- Market Hall, Dominion Square, Same as Schedule A.
- May's Shoe Room, 10319 Jasper Ave., Division 22 and 23 in Schedule A.
- Corona Hotel, Division 21 in Schedule A.
- Lucas Garage, 114th Street, Divisions 19, 20 and 22 in Schedule A.
- 10862 Whyte Avenue, Divisions 26 and 30, Schedule A.
- Tipton's Office, 10428 Whyte Avenue, Division 27 in Schedule A.
- King Edward School, Divisions 24, 28 and 31, Schedule A.
- King Edward Park Store, Whyte Ave. Divisions 25 and 29, Schedule A.

THE VOTING will be held on Monday, 28th July between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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