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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

LET'S SHOW 'EM HOW.

CANADA stands today as the kind of a democratic country to which the oppressed peoples of Europe may look for encouragement and guidance. It's rather exacting and embarrassing to be put up as a model, but imperfections and all, that's what we are to the beginners in Democracy. The old-world nations who have just gained Freedom, or who are struggling with Bolshevism to regain Freedom, look to us to show them how there may be government by the people for the people. Those nations that have wriggled out of the darkness of Autocracy, to struggle again with Bloody Bolshevism, are going to look to us to find out how we get along without rule by machine gun or the knout. Let's show them how to work in Harmony. It will stimulate their efforts if we show them how all classes work together for the good of the nation as a whole.

If they should see us as a lot of scappers, calling one another brother instead of brother, finding fault with one another, trying to forcibly inflict our own selfish ideas on the other fellow, they may not think that we are a happy, harmonious and free people after all.

Let us demonstrate that we are a free and happy people in the greatest, freest country in the world. Let us so conduct our affairs that Canada may be a leader in peace as well as in war and a model to all struggling toward the Light of Liberty.

LABOR MUST BE HOUSED

TRADES Unionists and War Veterans are vitally interested in the solution of the housing problem in the different cities. Houses to rent are very scarce, and the rent is very high. Add to this the almost prohibitive cost of coal, and the upkeep of a house is an alarming prospect. There is need of Government supervision of rent, and also some means of preventing landlords from turning away families with children. The child is the greatest natural resource Canada has today. The child must be raised and matured in wholesome and sanitary surroundings. If private individuals or concerns will not build homes and apartments where children are welcome, why doesn't the Government take this matter up?

CONSTRUCTION REPLACES DESTRUCTION.

SOME idea of the enormous construction tasks just ahead for Labor may be gleaned from the needs of France alone. During the war it is estimated that France lost 300,000 agricultural implements, 27,000 factories, 440,000 homes, 3,000 miles of railway track, 1,000 bridges, 400 tunnels and myriad machines and machine tools. Ships were destroyed in vast tonnage. To replace the wastage of war, France will need to import at once about 7,000,000 tons of metals. Canada should get a portion of these vast orders for raw materials. Hewing the urgent needs of France out of Canada's great natural resources would be a gigantic task to keep many thousands of Canadian workers very busy.

EDUCATION COMES TO THE FACTORY.

FOR some time past the C.L.P. has stated that for the exaltation of Labor education must come to the factory. This idea may be carried out literally in Toronto soon, where a shortage of schools may force the Board of Education to use portions of factories to teach the young idea.

MIGRATORY BIRDS.

UNDER the Migratory Birds Convention Act, Canada and United States agree to protect such migratory birds as whooping cranes and many other peculiar and familiar feathered travellers. But, of course, there is no clause in the act preventing real labor men from taking a crack at that peculiar "bird of passage," the Whooping Bolshevik.

THE ANSWER OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC has chosen beer and wine in preference to being made a Prohibition Sahara desert. The vote was very emphatic and no doubt expressed the desire of the Workers, who voted in large numbers. It is a pretty sure conclusion that the habits of Quebec will not change for the worse, because Quebec has always been a pretty temperate and law abiding province.

CLOSE THESE FACTORIES.

THE world needs every factory running full time and full force that will give necessities, comforts, education, enjoyment and uplift to the Human Race. But Death Factories such as the Ex-Kaiser established at Krupp's, in Essen, should be destroyed or used for some constructive purpose.

A large gathering of the members of the Independent Labor Party under the presidency of Mr. McSapir, of the Geoprosity Survey, second their attitude to the labor and the employing classes. In addition to the usual dig at the "Capitalistic Press," which is tempered by stating that some editors and reporters were not biased, but took their cues from the bosses, he alluded to the presence of parasitism among the Intellectuals, who were for the most part hangers on of the Capitalistic classes, and of no use to labor. Dr. Sapir divided the Intellectuals into three classes: First, the technical experts who are associated with business and industry; second, those connected with culture and science, such as painters, scientists, teachers, etc.; and third, the professional element such as lawyers, doctors, etc., which latter class he stated in some instances merged with the first class. He pointed out a strange reluctance on the part of the public to admit of the existence of class distinctions. "Some like to believe that we are truly democratic," said the speaker, "and that class distinctions are merely a fiction, that the governing power is representative of the people as a whole. This is indeed a grievous error, for labor has a different set of economic interests to those who are trained in a science, or those who reap the benefit of the work of the laboring classes."

As Labor Views Parliament

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. The first week of Parliament since the Easter adjournment has proven more than ordinarily interesting. From now on the business of the session there promises to be important developments. There was a warm tussle over the bill to incorporate the Canadian National Railway Company, the corporation which will be the holding company for all Canada's public owned system. The measure was opposed by private individuals, and the Mackenzie and Mann were still the real controllers of the system, and that the bill should not renew the right to build some 44 branch lines in Western Canada whose charters had expired. The counter charge was made with some warmth that the antagonism of the Opposition to the measure was due to the fact that they did not believe in public ownership. It was plainly intimated that their opposition was a selfish charge. The result was a deadlock and the Government used closure to put the bill through committee stages. The second reading of the Immigration Bill was reached this week. From the standpoint of labor this is one of the most vital measures of the session. The chief feature of the bill is the extension of the list of those to be excluded. The list includes those who are likely to become a public charge; persons with chronic alcoholism; persons mentally or physically unable to earn a living; persons who believe in or advocate the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of Canada or of constituted law and authority; alien enemies or persons who have been interested as aliens in any conspiracy of espionage or of treason and those who were regarded as hostile or dangerous to the Allied forces. An important feature of the bill is that it contains no provision for the exclusion of Asiatic immigration, but he invited the views of the House. He said that the Japanese Government had been asked to restrict the number of their citizens who may annually enter Canada. His own view was that such an agreement should be made with China and the present head tax of \$500 should be abolished. It had only commercial, representing the business of immigration. He said that young Chinamen to whom the head tax was advanced by certain companies only lived in a state of semi-slavery for years. British Columbia members directed the attention of Mr. Calder and seemed to think that a change was advisable.

Mr. Calder dealt briefly with that present problem, the influx of the Huttenlofer problem, the influx of the Huttenlofer problem was strongly of the opinion that Canada should have the right to bar entry to those who held peculiar beliefs or Modes of life distasteful to our own and of whom there was the likelihood of their becoming Canadian citizens. He stated that the law at present to deal with such a situation, but the new act would give the Government power to prevent any more Huttenlofers entering Canada. As for those who had already entered under existing laws he doubted whether they could be deported.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES TO GET 44 HOUR WEEK.

Mr. S. J. Crowe asked the Government what conclusions had been arrived at with regard to the request of postal employees. Hon. N. W. Rowell said that these numbered 48, and he would only refer to a few of the more important ones. One request was that the Government should pay overtime to employees entitled to it. To this the Government agreed, having decided to pay time and a half. The Government had also agreed that employees should have forty-four hours week. Insofar as possible they would be given a half holiday on Saturday, but where this was not possible the half day would be given on some other day.

BRICKERS' ALSO SETTLE.

Last week, after another conference between representatives of the Contractors and Bricklayers' Union, an agreement was reached whereby, starting May 1, Hamilton's union bricklayers will receive 50 cents per hour, an advance of five cents hourly. The adjustment was accepted with general satisfaction by the rank and file of both sides.

SPLENDID WORK ARBITRATOR FILED BANCROFT.

Fred Bancroft, Toronto, added feathered cap. Recently in Hamilton, Ontario, he acted as arbitrator in a dispute between the Hamilton Electric Railway Company and the Hamilton Women's Labor Party. The dispute centered around the payment of overtime to women employees. Bancroft's decision was in favor of the labor party, and was widely praised for its fairness and wisdom.

Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

As the writer mails his weekly copy to Ottawa, everything looks busy for a "Strikeless" May-Day in the Ambitious City. During the past few days wonderful transformations regarding the labor situation have taken place. At least have come to pass; so much so that it's quite safe to prophesy "everybody's money is going to work, will be Johnny on the spot on Thursday morning, May 1." The bricklayers, carpenters, electrical workers, plumbers and others have succeeded in arranging wage adjustments, besides, other employment concessions during the week with the bosses, thus sweeping into oblivion the strike alarm label which has pervaded the city of late. There only remains to be settled the molders and coremakers, who request a reduction of work to six days a week, nine to eight daily, and a wage advance from 60 cents to 75 cents hourly; the structural iron workers, the above mentioned plumbers, and the "sand-rats" are to confer with the foundrymen on Monday, and union officials are ready to submit the matter to arbitration if no settlement can be reached. It's practically certain that the sheet metal boys will settle for 60 cents hourly. The plasterers' committee on the 40 men affected was held, to whom General Organizer John Noble, Toronto, read the award. The men were delighted with their thanks to Arbitrator Fred Bancroft, for his efforts put forth in their behalf. Mr. Noble also commended Mr. Bancroft's award, which he had done splendidly. He also paid tribute to the fair and impartial spirit manifested by Judge Snider, Mr. Kerr, and Edward P. Coleman, general manager of the D. P. and T. Company. Officials of the employees also spoke highly of Mr. Bancroft.

RADIAL MOTORMEN AND CONDUCTORS REJOICED.

After being out of existence many years, Hamilton's radial motormen and conductors, employees of the D. P. and T. Company, last Saturday night got together, held a meeting and decided to reorganize their organization as the Hamilton Radial Motormen and Conductors' Association. The following officers were elected: President, John W. Kipping; vice-president, James Hesketh; recording secretary, J. L. Dunham; treasurer, H. Walker; insular guard, E. Brown; outside guard, H. Harbison; Executive committee, William Shaw, M. Vansickle, S. Steenpeper, D. Kingsbury and W. McWilliams. The meeting was held at the Hamilton Hotel, and was a most enjoyable one. The speaker declared that the Canadian Railway Workers' Association was organized to solidify themselves by federations of unions of allied trades or the co-ordinating of unions of distinct trades. Simpson said that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada hadn't enough economic power behind it when it approaches the Dominion Government. He said that the Federation of Labor had a three million power behind its officers that go to the President of the United States. He said that the Hamilton party had four million membership solidly supporting its representatives when it asks Premier Lloyd George for wages and better treatment. Robert Wright presided over the meeting.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND WIREMEN'S "GET-TOGETHER" MEETING.

There's no doubt about it, "getting-together" does the trick, nine times out of ten. The American Electrical Contractors' Association held a conference of representatives of the newly formed Hamilton Electrical Contractors' Association in the Hamilton Hotel, last Saturday night. The meeting was held at the Hamilton Hotel, and was a most enjoyable one. The speaker declared that the Canadian Railway Workers' Association was organized to solidify themselves by federations of unions of allied trades or the co-ordinating of unions of distinct trades. Simpson said that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada hadn't enough economic power behind it when it approaches the Dominion Government. He said that the Federation of Labor had a three million power behind its officers that go to the President of the United States.

CARPENTERS SETTLE FOR 65 CENTS HOURLY WAGE RATE.

At a special meeting last Saturday night of journeymen carpenters of the four local and district unions, it was decided to accept the bosses' offer of 65 cents per hour, an increase of five cents per hour. There were 180 carpenters present. Fred Hawes presided, and the proceedings were most harmonious. International General Organizer James March, Niagara Falls, addressed the meeting and wisely counseled those present to accept the contractors' proposal, which was better than striking. Business Agent Arthur Dickson was also a speaker. The new rate will go into effect on May 1, and will be a boost of 15 cents over the old rate. Because the request for the 48-hour week was refused, the carpenters waited that clause. They succeeded in inducing the bosses to conform with the clause requiring that foremen carpenters be cardmen.

WINTER GARDENS.

St. George's Theatre. Cor. Bank and Somerset Sts. Every Night, Every Dance. Jazz Music. Novelties. Everything Union.

MT. HAMILTON WOMEN'S LABOR PARTY.

In Brown's Hall last Monday night the Mount Hamilton Women's Labor party held a largely attended meeting. Mrs. Inman presided. The delegates who attended the recent Ontario Labor Party convention presented a very comprehensive and well prepared report. The women are naturally "up in arms" because the Hydro Electric Commission has seen fit to contract with a Cincinnati firm to supply two cars for the Peterborough Electric Railway Company. A resolution of protest was carried unanimously, a copy of which has been sent to the secretary of the H. E. C. Another resolution adopted will inform the Peterboro managers that the Mt. Hamilton W.L.P. are behind them in their protest to Sir Adam Beck. The members are in accord regarding incorporating the new plank in the Labor party platform calling for indemnifying women to whom the "work" visits the extent of \$20 an hour. It is the intention of the Government, if such were enacted into law, surely would the lot of many mothers be made easier.

PRINTING PRESSMEN HONOR PAST PRESIDENT.

On Monday night, April 21, at the regular meeting of the Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union, Local No. 178, the members presented the following past presidents with a four-page certificate of appreciation for services rendered: Bro. Berry, Gardner, Humphrey, Macted, Holteran, Riley and Chiswell. Treasurer Robert Stevens was the recipient of a set of pipes in a case as an appreciation of his long and honored term of fourteen years. President Townsend, made the presentation.

I. L. P. MET IN NEW LABOR HALL.

Last Friday night, the Independent Labor Party, central branch, met in the new Labor Hall, East King street, opposite the terminal station. The President, Harry Bourne called the meeting to order, every available seat in the cozy, newly renovated and well lighted auditorium being taken. The speaker of the evening was F. H. Whitton, of the Steel Company of Canada. He read to the interested audience the report of the I. L. P. in Canada and Give Employment to its People, and "tariffs." Both of which were highly commended. Attention and Mr. Whitton was accorded on motion of Controller Halverson and Aid. Aitchison, a hearty vote of thanks. After the speaker had exhorted his auditors to seriously consider the inadvisability of lowering Canada's tariff walls, Aid. Aitchison stated that if the manufacturers of Canada were to have protection, then the Canadian workers must be protected by a sound immigration policy, and not having Canada be made the dumping ground for peoples from Southern Europe.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY HAD ANNIVERSARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Carpenters and Joiners' Union had an enjoyable and well attended anniversary in the Forten's chambers last Tuesday night. After a delightful dinner, the members of the auxiliary enjoyed by the big crowd present. Bro. Fred Hawes, president of the Carpenters' District Council, appropriately eulogized the ladies on the success attained. Mesdames Diana...

TENDERS WANTED.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, registered and endorsed on the envelope, "Tender for work on the Indian Agent's Reserve, Ont." will be received up to noon of the 28th day of May next. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Indian Agent, Matlawaning, Ont., and at the Post Office at Sudbury, North Bay, and at the Department at Ottawa. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on the bank for ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, payable to the order of the undersigned. The balance of the amount of the tender will also be accepted as security or war bonds and cheques of equal value. The order of the undersigned (war Loan Bonds of the Dominion) will also be accepted as security or war bonds and cheques of equal value. The order of the undersigned (war Loan Bonds of the Dominion) will also be accepted as security or war bonds and cheques of equal value. The order of the undersigned (war Loan Bonds of the Dominion) will also be accepted as security or war bonds and cheques of equal value.

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