

Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

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Treasurer "Freddy" Decker were not forgotten. They were recipients of most expensive articles from Wood's. Tom got a suit of clothes, and Fred got a pair of shoes. Their gifts occasioned much laughter. After Delegate Halford had stepped down, Ald. C. I. Altholm, chairman, called on Walter R. Polk, secretary, and Capt. Halford, Treasurer, and Labor Council convention committee, were each presented with a gift.

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BRITISH TRADES UNIONS GROWING.

An enormous increase in membership in British trade unions is shown in a "Trade Union Congress" report just issued which gives the present total membership of bodies affiliated with the unions as 4,532,000 as compared with 3,232,000 just before the war. The most startling increase is noted in the membership of the Agricultural Laborers' Union, which was on 200,000 last year, but now is 1,000,000. Seventeen other unions have made increases during the past year of more than 100,000.

THE SQUARE DEAL

If I lost your union label you should be as much for me as I am for you. This is simply reciprocity. It is the spirit of true brotherhood. Among us rank and file. To promote the union label. All the time should be our theme. In the field of union labor. This should be our Golden Rule. We should strive to win diplomas in the Union-Label school. Always do unto each other. As you'd wish to be done by. Have the label of your brother. Union men on what you buy. Act together as a unit. In this new important move. The results will be astounding. Release yourself from the grooves of habit, for, remember. On one point you should agree. If I demand your label. You should do as much for me. —Thomas H. West in The Marxist Worker.

BUY SAFETY MATCHES

Safety Matches are safer. Use them and help to prevent fire.

SUPPORT LABOR CANDIDATES

Delegates Halford and Simpson Urge Congress, Delegates to Political Action.
At the 35th annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council in Hamilton last week the delegates were urged to get into some political organization of the workers. Controller H. J. Halford, who by the way is one of the new executive members of the Trades and Labor Congress, and "Jimmy" Simpson, of the Industrial Union, brought the full meaning of this home to the delegates.

Controller H. J. Halford said: "We were told that if we won the war we would get something substantial for winning it. We are here in this convention to get it. He reviewed the history of the Ontario Labor party for the past few years. As an example of what co-operation among the workers could do, Controller Halford pointed to the election of the late Allan Stuebbs to Parliament. We realize that we have got to be consolidated if we are to get into Parliament. We remember what happened in the last election. It was the rotten thing that was done in Canada. The fixed the list and we didn't have a chance of winning. We won't let it happen again."

Controller Halford drew attention to what had been accomplished by Labor in Hamilton in the recent elections for the board of control, city council and board of education. "Our trades unions are all right, but if we want to get what we want we must put our own men in Parliament—men who understand our aims and aspirations," he declared. "We want men in Parliament who will give us laws that the country has been waiting for for years. Let us put our own men in and we will be satisfied."

When "Jimmy" Simpson, secretary of the Provincial Labor party, mounted the platform he was greeted by an outburst of applause that was deafening. "The Labor party of Toronto thought this would be a good opportunity to make an appeal to the congress for support in getting into Parliament at the coming election," he said. "If the congress couldn't see its way clear to give financial support to advance the political interests of the workers of this province, I would ask the individual delegates for this support."

"What we need in our Parliaments now is more men to voice the aims and aspirations of the workers. If you are in favor of parliamentary action that should be about the results we want, you should have no hesitation in joining the workers who are behind labor's representatives and want to appeal to you to get into the political organization." He urged that in this respect it was very necessary that the workers act in conjunction with the agricultural as well as industrial interests. "If we have a labor representative in our Parliament there would be no need for industrial and other Parliaments because we would have a Parliament that would voice the thoughts of the workers." And as regards the industrial conference now in session at Ottawa, he thought it would be better to abolish the Senate and have the conference sitting all the time.

"You have listened now to the future member for Hamilton and to the future member for York," commented Chairman Tom Moore at the conclusion of Controller Halford's and James Simpson's address. This was greeted by cheers.

"THE UNION MAN."
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Comradeship

ADMIRAL Sir David Beatty, when speaking at Leicester a few days ago, said:—



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"We have been through four and a half years of a great struggle. We have all learned something—the true value of comradeship. Comradeship has enabled us to win the war."

Realizing the significance and truth of this statement the Citizens' Liberty League appeals to the people of this Province to develop the spirit of comradeship, mutual forbearance, toleration and sympathy. Let us be fair-minded, less rigid, more reasonable, and more willing to give and take.



Samuel Gompers

The workmen of Ontario appeal for better beer—non-intoxicating beer—beer containing 2.51% alcohol by weight—THE BEER OF THE BALLOT.

Samuel Gompers, the world's greatest labor leader, stated the workman's position clearly when he said:—

"The normal men, the men of Labor who work eight hours a day and no more, the workmen who earn decent pay, the workmen who have comparatively comfortable homes, they do not want the artificial spirit. The man of normal spirit finds comfort in pleasant surroundings; he does not need, and, as a rule, will not partake of intoxicating drinks; he shuns the effects of intoxicants. What we now ask is that the men of Labor, the masses of our people, shall have the opportunity to drink a glass of beer of not more than 2 1/4% by weight of alcohol in that

beer, and I am told you cannot drink enough of that character of beer to get drunk even if you tried."

Scientific tests, practical experiments and thorough research prove that beer of even greater strength than 2.51% of alcohol by weight, is absolutely non-intoxicating. (The results of these tests have been filed with the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.)

As no harmful results can possibly come from drinking beer of this quality—is there any fair or logical reason why the working men should not have the more palatable beer for which they are asking—THE BEER OF THE BALLOT?

Support the working men and the Citizens' Liberty League in the endeavor to obtain a fair, just and reasonable compromise on the present too drastic prohibitory legislation.

Vote "YES" to all Four Questions

Mark your ballot with an X. Any other markings will spoil it. Remember, also—every voter must vote on every question or his ballot will be spoiled.

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