In The World Of Labor

A Budget of News For Those Interested in Labor — *By G. A. M.* — *Gleaned From the Exchanges and Other Sources*

In Labor's Ranks

(By Margaret Scott Hall)

Believe in God and Self, then onward press,
To higher services in word and deed
Look up, march on where labor's champions lead,
To labor's cause bring zeal and willingness,
Fraternal love, and pure, unselfishness;
Though foes be filled with an unholy greed,
And mock in haughtiness the toiler's need,
Man's right is human justice all confess.

Mark well the path which those who labor tread;
The poor defrauded of their daily bread,
Cry out insistent in their just demands;
The suffering toilers lift imploring hands,
Espouse their cause—all helpless ones defend,
Until the world's industrial discord end.

The Crown of Thorns

Not long ago the people of Belgium were industrious and prosperous. To-day they are scattered and despoiled—their homes are in ruins, their country desolated. Tens of thousands of their women and children are refugees in alien countries, happy at least in this, that they are no longer compelled to witness and endure their share in the gross and ghastly tragedies of war. But those who remain—the millions of a mutilated nation—face famine, pestilence, the rigors of winter and the continued barbarities of military operations.

Why has Belgium been forced to suffer this martyrdom? Why has she been scourged and tortured, plundered and ravaged? Has she committed some almost inexpicable crime, for which a terrible retribution must be exacted?

No. It is merely a matter of "military exigencies"! The declared foe and the avowed friend alike must sacrifice the gallant little country to the necessities of strategy. Whoever wins from day to day, Belgium must be made to bleed.

It is monstrous and incredible; in other words, it is entirely in keeping with the whole principle, purpose and perfidy of war—the lauded regenerator of mankind.—The Forum.

The European Struggle

Samuel Gompers, addressing the delegates of the 18th General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, at their convention, recently held in Indianapolis, made the following reference to the great European struggle now going on:—

"I cannot forego a reference to the terrific condition prevailing on the other side, because we are all affected by it, whether we are conscious of it or not. I can't associate this conflagration as being great, or the greatest of wars. It is the most brutal and unholy war that has ever existed or occurred in the history of man. It is terrible to contemplate the millions of men engaged in this slaughter, the youngest men, the strongest men, the healthiest of fthe young men—all of them fighting, all fighting, and the great mass of them formed and composed of the ranks of the toilers. And they are to be slaughtered.

The British Trades Union Congress had to postpone its meeting, which was to have been held on September 7, Labor Day. The German and Austrian Trades Union convention had to be postponed indefinitely. And regrettable indeed it is to be announced that the international secretariat conference, which was to have been held in San Francisco in 1915, participated in by the representatives of the organized labor movement of all countries of the world, will have to be indefinitely postponed. All the whole world pushed into the background that the dogs of war may be let loose and that men strive to kill each other.

THE PROMISE OF LABOR

My only hope is that out of it may come a greater freedom, the abolition of monopolistic institutions and governments, and in their place democracies based on the consent of the governed. I know of no agency that is more competent to be helpful in carrying out the humanitarian purposes of poet and philosopher for human freedom, than the much misunderstood and misrepresented organized labor movement.

My appeal to you men is, give your best thought to your organization.

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In the same degree that you perfect the organization, will its advantages accrue to you and to all who work. To stand true to the banner of organized labor, to heal the breaches which have come into the labor movement, to try to prevent a reoccurrence or the extension, or the creation of new breaches, to have a great conception of the wonderful power which strength gives, the great influence which strength affords—all this I ask of you. But I ask you also to use your power wisely and well, not only for the carpenter, but for all labor, and all labor stands for all mankind."

Workmen's Compensation

The first act of the Board appointed by the government to superintend the operations of the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Act is such as to call forth the strong disapproval of the organized workers and the wage-earners throughout the length and breadth of the Province. The announcement that the scope of the legislation accepted by the workers of Ontario in good faith is to be circumscribed and that many who were to have been benefited by the act are now to be excluded, looks like a manifest breach of faith upon the part of the government, if it is prepared to allow what many have already designated to be an irresponsible board, to coolly overturn and amend legislation that was passed by a vote of the local House and make it of none effect.

The only body in Ontario that should have the right, or, as we maintain, has the right to exercise such power, is the representatives of the people who enacted and are dirctly responsible for the passage of the Workmen's Compensation act, and they alone, being directly responsible for the passage of the Workmen's Compensation act, and they alone, being directly responsible to the electorate, have the prerogative of making such drastic changes as it has been stated the Compensation Board has decided to put into effect.

Such action, it may be confidently predicted, does not redound to the credit of the new administration, and looks as though the reorganied cabinet has made a surender to the manufacturing interests. It is well to remember that Labor, the most interested party in the administration of the act, is entirely ignored in its composition. While the manufacturers have a direct representative on the board, the workers of the province are entirely unrepresented, a manifest injustice on the face of it.

It is just as necessary that the workers whom it is now claimed are to be placed outside the scope of the act should have their rights safeguarded as when the government is on the eve of a general election passed it and appealed directly to the working class voters for support largely on its record in having kept faith with them in placing on the statute books a measure along the lines pledged by the late Premier, Sir James Whitney.

If the Workmen's Compensation act is to be mutilated it should be done on the floor of Legislature itself by the men who voted for its passage, and they should take the full responsibility for such action, which is clearly a violation of the pledges given by the government to the workers and the people of Ontario.

What Organized Labor has advocated is not a harrowing but a broadening in the scope of the act. It is well-known that in order to appease the manufacturing interests, certain classes in the community at first embodied among those who would receive compensation under the act were finally placed outside of its provisions. This was strenuously opposed by the Labor representatives, who were acting in the interests of the workers; now this is to be followed up, apparently, by another surrender to the corporations, and that under cover of a board that as appointed, not to change but administer the law.

It is to be hoped that the Government will not allow such a manifest injustice to be perpetrated. To now exclude additional workeres from the benefit of the act is so manifestly unjust that it is hard to see on what grounds it can be justified.

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Industrial Canada

During the month of October Canada's exports to Great Britain continued to steadily grow, while imports decreased.

The Australian Typographical Federation has opened its doors to all crafts in the printing business. Even the lithographers are joining the industrial organization.

Building permits in Guelph, Ont., show a substantial increase over last year. The permits for November were $14,325, as compared with $8,911 for the same month last year. The total for the eleven months this year is $508,344, as compared with $338,790 for the same period last year.

Expenditures totalling $6,000,000 have been made on the Welland Canal work this season and the four contracts under way are one-quarter completed. Four sections are yet to be contracted for, but they are so located that it is not urgent that they be let until the work on the existing contracts is further advanced. It is estimated that the canal work will be completed in two years.

The Hudson Bay Railway is practically completed from Le Pas to Thecker Portage, a distance of 180 miles, according to official reports to the Railway Department. On the second section, to Split Lake, steel is now being laid, while on the third section, between Split Lake and Port Nelson, clearing and grading is well advanced. The work will go on this winter and completion is looked for early in 1916.

The Women's Employment League of Vancouver, B.C., is doing good work on behalf of women looking for employment. Hundreds have already applied in the hope of receiving situations. The majority of the applicants are single women, although nearly 300 are widows, deserted wives, and women whose husbands are unemployed. Jobs are scarce, but about a hundred have been placed in situations of various kinds.

The problem of unemployed female labor is becoming serious in Canada. In all the large cities the various women's clubs and relief agencies report that much destitution exists, and that hundreds of applications for relief are being received. This shows to what a great extent female labor is now in evidence. These women agencies are doing splendid service, but is seriously hampered for lack of funds.

Reports from Victoria, B.C., are to the effect that the destitution in that city is most acute. The charitable institutions are simply swamped, and many of the factories are closed up and others working on short time. Hundreds of the unemployed are foreigners who were shipped into British Columbia when work was already scarce, to compete with the native workers. Now the great problem is what to do with them.

There will be a number of Labor candidates in the field in Winnipeg to contest for municipal honors this year. R. A. Rigg, the lone Socialist and Labor alderman, has made such a good record during the past year that the citizens are liable to be more ready to support working class candidates in future. It will be no matter for surprise if at least three or four straight Labor aldermen are on the municipal roll call for 1915.

PUTTING OFF THE DAY.

Pittsburgh Dispatch:—December 10 is now announced by the Germans as the date when they will take possession of Calais. Schedules for war operations have frequently to be revised; and unless we are assured by unimpeachable authority it is quite possible that this interesting event may be postponed. Even if the Germans should defer the invasion of England to St. Valentine's Day it might evoke doubts.

RUSH TO CHANNEL PORTS FAIL

London Express:—The Germans have shown so great a power of recovery and their resources are so stupendous that we hesitate to be too certain. There does, however, appear to be abundant evidence that the rush to the Channel ports which was to terrorise Great Britain has ended in the same complete failure as the rush to Paris and to Warsaw.

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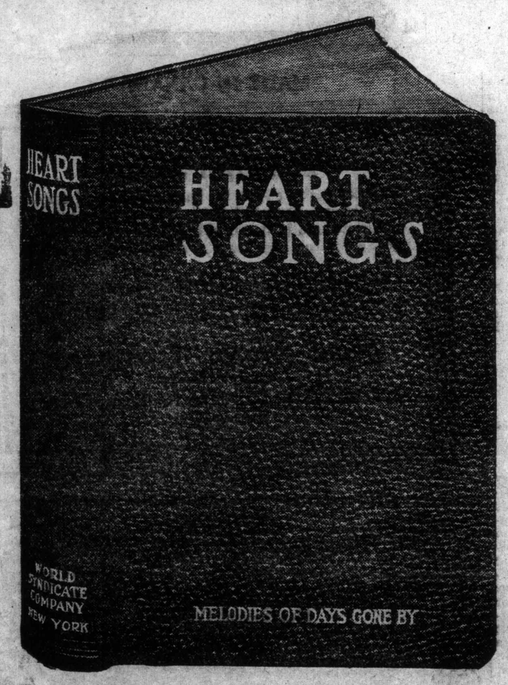

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