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PRESTON WORKERS TAKE HOLIDAY OVER WEEK END

Employees of the Preston Furniture Co., Canadian Office and School Furniture Co., the Buffalo Sled Company and the Crown Furniture Company, laid down their tools on Friday, and on Saturday it was announced that the strike was settled.
The men gained a decided victory, as the nine-hour schedule with ten hours' pay has been granted by the employers. Between 500 and 600 men are affected by the change. The men returned to work on Monday morning.

ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH IS CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Greater Care Must Be Exercised
In Selection of Representatives of Labor

In a society of any kind the accumulation of wealth is the first great step that can be taken, because without wealth there can be no leisure, and without leisure there can be no knowledge. If what a people consume is always exactly equal to what they possess, then there can be no residue; and no capital being accumulated, there will be no means by which the unemployed classes may be maintained. But when a society produces a greater supply than its consumption, an surplus arises, which, according to well known principles, increases itself, and eventually becomes a fund out of which, immediately or remotely, every one is supported who does not create the wealth upon which he lives.

And then it is that the existence of an intellectual class first becomes possible. Because for the first time there exists a previous accumulation, by means of which men can use what they did not produce, and are thus able to devote themselves to subjects for which at an earlier period the pressure of their daily wants would have left them no time. But when a society produces a handful of millionaires, who are stagnating in the mire of luxury and millions of starving men and women who are held to industrial servitude and always staring want in the face, this is a society which cannot be tolerated. We are passing through a period of unemployment which organized labor strenuously tried to prevent by advocating a shorter work day (but overlooking the fundamentals). The mandatory powers in the hands of the legislators and the judiciary, which tolerate the accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few, are the fundamental principles which must be acquired by the people subjected to unemployment and starvation wages. The result is that the unemployed being compelled to cease their ordinary pursuits, are rendered more prone to demoralizing habits. The chain of their industry is broken, and they lose the impetus which long-continued and uninterrupted practice never fails to give.

A greater interest must be taken by the rank and file of labor in terminating the present order of society of which they are a victim. Greater care must be exercised in the selection of representatives of labor. Better attention must be given to the welfare of your organization. Better discussions must be held under "Good and Welfare." Better acquaintance should be made among members. Better and more speakers with a clear conception of the labor movement and the necessity of political action are very essential. And above all an absolutely free discussion on all questions pertaining to the welfare of human society. The cause of unemployment is due to the ignorance of existing conditions by the working people, and can be rectified to a great degree by the above suggestion.

BARBERS' STRIKE FOR GUARANTEE OF HIGHER WAGE

Thirty barbers were called out on strike at Kingston last week because, in anticipation of going on strike, as they had threatened if their demands for increased pay were not met in the meantime, some of the bosses told their men that they might as well quit on Monday. This resulted in the precipitation of the strike. On June 24 a demand was made by the Journeymen Barbers for a guarantee of \$20 a week and 50 per cent. over \$28, and hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., with one hour for supper. The men also asked that holidays be free to them, and that they be paid for the holidays.

At a meeting of the boss barbers, the scale of wages was decided upon as follows: \$15 a week and 50 per cent. over \$21, with hours the same as they are now—8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.—and all shop open holidays until 11 a.m., men not working on the morning of the holiday to be doctored the whole day's pay. This offer was unacceptable to the men.

TORONTO BOOT WORKERS GET 46-HOUR WEEK

By an award signed recently by Judge Colin G. Snyder, of Hamilton, chairman of the Board of Conciliation, and Fred Banerff, of Toronto, representing the men, over 400 boot and shoe workers employed in three big Toronto factories obtain a 46-hour week, with increased pay for hourly workers and piece workers, in proportion to the reduction of hours, time and a half for overtime, and the wage increases date back to May 1 for two factories and June 1 for one.

BUTCHERS AND MEAT CUTTERS HAVE ORGANIZED

A. F. of L. Organizer Tells New
Union of Advantages of
Unionization

Hamilton's butchers and packing house employees have organized. And in real earnest, too! The go-ahead event materialized last Saturday night in the Moulders' Hall, when a mass meeting arranged under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council organization committee attracted 80 butchers, meat cutters and other packing house employees. Victor Croome presided. Before the session had adjourned a vote taken found that every one of the 80 men present had decided to organize.
John A. Flett, city, American Federation of Labor organizer, was the first speaker. He pointed out that butchers in other cities through Canada and the United States had made tremendous strides by virtue of their having organized. Mr. Flett urged his auditors not to lose any more time and form a local union under the jurisdiction of the International Meat Cutters' and Butchers' Union. Before closing he emphasized that particularly in Toronto had the packing house employees, by organizing, accomplished more with respect to securing increased wages, decreased working hours, and other working conditions in several months, than other unions had gotten after being in existence for the same number of years. Other speakers were Walter R. Rollo and Harry G. Fester, corresponding and recording secretaries, Trades and Labor Council. The men elected provisional officers and commissioned Mr. Flett to secure for them a charter.

ENGLAND'S PAPER REGULATIONS DO NOT AFFECT CANADA

British Board of Trade Give Preference to Empire Products of This Class

A cablegram received by the Canadian Trade Commission at Ottawa from the Canadian Mission in London, in reply to an inquiry concerning the pulp and paper trade position of Great Britain in regard to preference to goods from within the empire, states that a general effect of the new regulation is to limit considerably the importation of writing and printing paper, newsprint, cardboard, and stationery from foreign countries. It is added that "The new paper regulations do not affect Canada."

The British Board of Trade announces that the importation of paper and manufactures of paper from non-British countries shall continue to be prohibited except under special license, but that the importation of paper manufactured within the British Empire is free of license.

In addition it is stated that the Board of Trade will only grant licenses to import such qualities and descriptions of paper as cannot be obtained in sufficient quantities within the Empire, or when prices for these classes advance so as to be unreasonable. The regulations on imports from foreign countries are based upon percentages of the tonnage of paper imported after April 30. Printed matter, including forms, writing paper, calendar, and show cards, Christmas cards and other such printing, including toy books which were formerly so largely imported from Germany, will be almost totally prohibited in Great Britain, if coming from foreign countries. The regulation protecting the buyer from unreasonable prices through the power to increase the licenses is a novel feature of the new British policy of restriction.

"AMBITIOUS CITY" GETTING READY FOR CONVENTION

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada convention convenes in Hamilton on Monday, September 22. For the event the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council Convention Committee, which has the week's arrangements in hand, met recently. Alderman Charles I. Aitchison, chairman of the committee, presided, and there was a large attendance. No matter how many delegates attend the convention, they'll find everything to their liking, for no time, expense or trouble is being spared in effecting a schedule befitting the occasion. The committee is actively engaged arranging a program which should please everybody. Entertainments, automobile drives and theatre parties will intersperse the Congress' arduous week of business, and, if time permits, probably a boat trip on Lake Ontario will be provided. The committee expects 600 delegates, and everyone will be carefully and well looked after; as surely the Ambitious City knows how.

VANCOUVER METAL TRADES DISCARD O.B.U. FOLLOWERS

Because of their affiliating with the One Big Union the blacksmiths' and engineers' unions of Vancouver are no longer regarded as members of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council.

WINNIPEG METAL AND BUILDING TRADES RETURN

Winnipeg metal and building trades' strikers have resumed work, and consideration of new wage schedules will begin at once. Metal contract shop managers will deal directly with their own men through shop councils. Building contractors will deal with individual craft unions. Neither the Metal Trades nor Building Trades' Councils will be recognized. Several divisions of building tradesmen have accepted advances of 5 to 10 cents an hour. These rates were rejected by the union council prior to the strike.

Parades and open air meetings may now take place in Winnipeg, Mayor Charles F. Gray announces. He has officially withdrawn his proclamation forbidding such assemblies and rescinded the riot act.

PROJECTS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT NOT VISIONARY

Labor's Mission Has Become
Greater Task Than Ever
Before

Bolshevism is terrorizing the world. It has undermined the democracy of Russia.

It has been acknowledged even by the nation's best known reactionaries and their respective mouthpieces, the capitalist press, that there is nothing visionary about the projects of the Organized Labor movement, and that it has progressed and furthered its objects and solved some of its most trying problems in a substantial and legitimate manner. They have conceded that the American Federation of Labor is not composed of mere theorists, utopians and propagandists. In fact, the A.F. of L. at least is commanding today the respectful attention of many a haughty magnate of industry who not so long ago had naught but contempt for the ideals, principles and aims of organized labor.

But while Organized Labor has demonstrated that it is economically correct and has brought the men and women who toil for a livelihood nearer to the coveted goal of complete recognition of their rights, their privileges and their just share of what they produce, a great many unsolved problems still must be met.

This Labor's mission today has become a greater and more comprehensive task than ever before. To the already extensive program of Labor's activities the project of international unity among workers of the world has been added and is looming up prominently as a far reaching issue that merits close attention of every man and woman working for wages.

An international solidarity of the workers is the ultimate goal. For the workers are beginning to realize that the aims of Labor throughout the world are identical and that only economic freedom would be real democracy.

Organized Labor in this country must take an active part in the reformation of the many abuses of its rights throughout the world. The social and economic advancement of the world's workers has become one of the most vital issues of the labor movement in this country today. As William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, has said: "Workers, like the nations, must be bound together by bonds of common interest."

PROFITEERS AND "REDS," CANADA'S MAIN ENEMIES

Comrade John O. Newton, vice-president of the Winnipeg branch of the G. W.V.A., in a statement issued recently, says:

"There are two main enemies to peace and prosperity in Canada today, one just as bad as the other, and both really of the same type, viz: the profiteers amongst capitalists, and the 'Reds' amongst labor. It is clearly the duty of the G.W.V.A. to see that the activities of both are brought to a close. 'The strike has not been an unmixed evil by any manner of means. It has awakened the people from their apathetic slumbers, it has shown the Government that the problems of the undesirable alien, the profiteers and the high cost of living must be satisfactorily handled immediately and that if the present Government is unable to fill the bill, another Government must take its place.'"

TORONTO TO HAVE NEW LABOR PAPER

Keen interest is being manifested in Toronto labor circles over the announcement that the new labor journal, to be known as the "Labor Leader," will soon make its appearance in the field of labor newspapers. The new venture will be launched by Messrs. W. J. Hovel, Secretary of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council, and his business partner, R. C. Stephenson.

There are already two labor papers in Toronto, the "Industrial Banner" and the "Ontario Labor News."

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