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The Woman's Page

MUSIC IS TODAY RECOGNIZED AS MAN'S PLEASURE

Forefathers Had Little Thought For Any But Practical and Necessary Things.

Today music is recognized as a man's pleasure, man's recreation and a man's accomplishment, and therefore should find a large place in a boy's education. This idea was strongly emphasized in a recently published interview with Major Rupert Hughes, who, in addition to his military standing, is an author and playwright of note. The Major pointed out that in the early days of the country our forefathers had little thought of anything but the most practical and necessary things. "But this very necessity," he says, "seemed to lead many of them into the mistaken thought that music was, first of all, not in any way a necessity, and not being a necessity, it was therefore a feminine calling—something to while away the time of girls and women, whose men folk could afford to let them escape the slavery of the kitchen, to say nothing of the field and the barn. Music became one of the chief studies of the young ladies' seminary—not music as we know it now, but music apparently made as a kind of background for crinolines and long curls. When one knows the interest men take in music today he is led to ask—what has brought about this change?"

"Knowing the business man as we all know him," argues the Major in answer to this question, "let us admit that it was possibly the great success of the many musicians in the material side of musical work which led many so-called 'Captains of Industry' to realize that 'perhaps there is something in music after all.'"

"With musicians making fortunes of amazing size; with building after building going up in all parts of the country in honor of music; with the musical industries producing a revenue that still makes some of us gasp, it was not surprising that the gentlemen, who had been brought up to think that the one righteous and noble thing in human life was business, should suddenly realize that after all art, when it is art which the human appetite requires, is a wonderfully lucrative thing, even though it is not hitched up to a typewriter and an adding machine. Whetted with just enough curiosity, Mr. Business-man gradually found himself 'taking more and more interest in music, until one day he made the discovery that he was actually reading articles upon music in the daily papers, learning the names of singers, and perhaps wondering what their 'baiting averages' were."

"Then came the player piano and the phonograph. Here he at least could go through part of the process of making music. It was not always to be locked

up in the fingers of his wife or his daughter. Once tasting the joys of music-making, he found a new interest in life, a new and unexplored field for mental recuperation, a field which grew more and more lovely with every step. Mr. Business-man became a music 'fan' as his friends said. He bought books on music, bought tickets for concerts, operas and recitals which he had formerly secretly pitted his wife for attending. Much to his surprise, he found that this interest in music, like golf and the 'car,' took his mind from other things, made his intellect rest, banished business for the nonce, benefited him, exhilarated him, made him a better man for the workaday world."

WOMEN WILL HAVE LITTLE VOICE IN U.S. NOMINATIONS

(By the Federated Press)

Washington.—Women will have little voice in the choice of presidential candidates, and practically no official part in either of the big party national conventions held this month, because of the continued delay in the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment.

The National Woman's Party points out this fact in a statement just issued, which asserts that women are not on an equal basis with men in party management; that they have been excluded from a majority of the presidential preference primaries, and that they will attend the national conventions as delegates in insignificant numbers.

The figures secured from the Republican and Democratic Women's Committees—and which are complete, except for Vermont and West Virginia on the Republican side and Louisiana and Florida on the Democratic side—show that of the 984 delegates to the Republican convention, at Chicago, on June 8th, only 25 will be women; and of the 1,092 delegates to the Democratic convention at San Francisco, on June 28th, only 69 will be women. Contested elections in both parties may change these figures somewhat, but the difference in the totals will be very slight.

The statement further points out that, thus, the 17,000,000 women eligible to vote for the next president, whether or not the federal suffrage amendment is ratified, are accorded only a 2 per cent representation in the selection of the Republican nominee and only a 6 per cent representation in the choice of the Democratic candidate, although they actually represent approximately 35 per cent of the total number of men and women eligible to vote for president next November.

In the list of alternates to the conventions women are more largely represented, 133 being accredited alternates to the Republican Convention, and 130 to the Democratic.

WOMEN'S ADVENT INTO POLITICS IN OLD COUNTRY

Political Movement Being Brightened and Heightened in Old Land

The political movement in the old land is being brightened and heightened by the advent of women into politics, and it will not be long before the Labor Party will have its full quota of women members in parliament.

Miss Mary Macarthur (Mrs. Anderson), is well known throughout the world as a leader of women Trade Unionists in the British Isles. She is the secretary of the Women's Trade Union League and a member of the British Labor Party executive.

She fought a splendid fight at the last general election as Labor candidate at Stourbridge, and next time she will be the Labor M.P. for that constituency. No woman in the world, with the exception of Mrs. Sidney Webb, has taken a deeper interest in politics than Mrs. Anderson.

Speaking of children, she says: "Every mother thinks the best is good enough for her child. Every mother wants her child to have a fair chance—sufficient nourishing food to eat, warm and pretty clothes to wear, a decent easy home to live in, and every opportunity that education can provide for the full development of mind and spirit."

"Yes! that is what every mother wants for her own child, and that is what the Labor Party is determined to secure for every mother's child. 'Higher wages,' she says, 'will not help us if we find that more money buys less. The housewife, be she ever so frugal and clever, is worried out of her life in these days and it has been truly said that worry kills sooner than work. Then last, but not least, there's education. Again we want the best for our children.'"

"The Labor Party's educational policy will give the worker's child an equal chance with all other children."

40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AMER. FED. LABOR

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Mr. Gompers urged organized labor to hold itself in leash and use its power of force and influence in moderation, but asserted that all the workers must be kept "on the firing line." No one can hurt or injure our movement or destroy it but ourselves, he said. After paying a glowing tribute to Canada and her labor organizations, Mr. Gompers said:

"There is no body of men outside of Canada that holds so much goodwill for Canada than the American Federation of Labor. Politically the organized labor movement of Canada is independent of the United States as the United States is from Canada. The autonomy of the workers and citizens of Canada is just as safe from our hands as ours is from theirs. Industrially and economically we are bound together. It could not be different. Our interests and our production, our life and welfare are bound in one movement. Industrially our people have decided that our interests are one and we propose to act as one."

Mr. Gompers denied reports that the federation was an organization designed to fleece the workers of Canada out of their money and spending it outside of the dominion. He read a report showing that the federation had spent \$200,000 more in Canada than it had received from Canada.

Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades Congress, told the delegates that "despite the opposition of the 'big interests,' the 'destructionists' and radical elements, the trade unions were gaining strength in the dominion." He appealed for close co-operation between United States and Canada. Canada and the other world nations are waiting to welcome the federation into the international labor body of the League of Nations, said Mr. Moore, in making an appeal to the delegates to urge upon their congress legislation that would make their representation possible in the international.

In the annual report of the executive council, references were made to the disastrous results of the One Big Union experiment in Canada, and denunciation of Bolshevism, profiteering, the action of the United States government in invoking the food control law against the late miners' strike, and the failure of the American congress to take action to control the cost of living, are among the outstanding features of the report.

The workmen of Canada were congratulated for defeating the One Big Union idea and their stand was characterized as "a magnificent triumph for trade unionism, and a vindication of the purposes, policies and achievements of the American Federation of Labor."

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FINDLAY REPORTS UNSATISFACTORY ACTION OF BOARD

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a per capita assessment. This was agreed to and circulars will be sent out to local unions requesting a contribution of ten cents per member.

A communication was received from the Alberta Federation of Labor regarding a Provincial wide Labor paper which would involve the cancelling of the council's agreement with H. J. Roche for the reason that the new paper would be published by Mr. Roche and would absorb the Edmonton Free Press. The matter was referred to the executive to bring in recommendations as to satisfactory terms on which the agreement should be abrogated.

Another letter from the Alberta Federation requested the council to press the government to appoint the commission to inquire into minimum wage conditions in the province. The Federation also asked that the council suggest two names of members who would be suitable employees' representatives on the commission. The council nominated President McCreath and Secretary Smitten of the Federation.

Letter Carriers Affiliation

A letter from the Letter Carriers' union was read, in which that body resigned from affiliation with the council. On motion of A. Farnillo and E. E. Roper this matter was referred to the president of the Trades Congress, with the request that he take it up with the president of the Letter Carriers' international. Incidentally, Del. Heron expressed the opinion that the appointment of the assistant postmaster should not be allowed to drop. The statement made by the postmaster some time ago that there was no man on the Edmonton staff competent to take that position should not go unchallenged. Del. Cairns was of the same mind. In this connection it was pointed out that the letter carriers themselves had not furnished the council with the necessary information on this point.

Representative Farnillo reported that he and Secretary Smitten had been making progress in the work of organizing the carpenters and bricklayers, and asked for the co-operation of all concerned in order to complete the undertaking satisfactorily. The Meat Out-

lets' union made application for affiliation and same was accepted.

Del. Findlay brought to attention of the council the proposal to extend the municipal golf links at Victoria park by cutting down trees. He was strongly opposed to this procedure and moved that the council be requested to allow no cutting of trees there. Del. Latham seconded this, and it was carried.

A Farnillo stated that the wire netting on the high level bridge, placed there for protection of children, needed repairs at several points, and this will be taken to the city authorities.

TEAMSTERS DO ALL IN POWER TO AVERT STRIKE

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Ottawa in the following wire: "Mass meeting of Teamsters held May 28th, was unanimously agreed to accept Minister's offer of board if acceptable to other party involved in dispute. Have notified Carriage Association of same and requested them to call mass meeting of their Association for Tuesday, June 1st that we may reach final decision and avoid strike, if possible."

"W. G. MURRAY."

This was replied to by the Department as follows:

"W. G. Murray, Labor Hall, Secretary Teamsters Union, Edmonton, Alta."

"Your message received. Word received here from Carriage Association does not seem to indicate willingness on their part to refer dispute to board, but minister trusts your efforts that direction may succeed and will act promptly on hearing parties have agreed."

"F. A. ACLAND,"

"Deputy Minister of Labor."

The correspondence quoted above passing between the Department and the union followed the receiving of a communication of May 25th from the Carriage Association as follows:

Mr. W. G. Murray,

Business Agent, Teamster's Union, Labor Hall, Edmonton.

Der Sir,—This will inform you that at a meeting of the executive committee of the above association held at the King Edward Hotel on Thursday, 24th May, that a motion to draw up an

agreement between the Edmonton Carriage Association and the Teamsters' Union was submitted to the meeting and the said motion was defeated.

Yours very truly,

A. RILEY, Secretary.

The officials of the Teamsters, still loath to call a strike to enforce their demands, communicated with the chairman of the Transportation Section of the Board of Trade with a view to using the offices of that body to bring about an amicable settlement. The outcome of the Board of Trade's action was that a committee of the Warehousemen's Association will draw up a proposed agreement which will be placed before the employers' meeting on Monday next. The agreement as drawn up will then be placed before the union for acceptance. Whether it will be accepted will depend upon whether or not the terms are satisfactory to the men.

Whatever the outcome of the whole dispute, the attitude of the Teamsters in doing all in their power to prevent trouble, will commend itself to the Edmonton public.

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