

# CHILDREN UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS ARE PROTECTED

## International Labor Conference Decides They Can't Be Employed on Sea-Going Ships

The text has been received here of an international convention adopted at the International Labor Conference at Genoa providing that no children under 14 years of age shall be employed on sea-going vessels.

Further advice received indicates that the conference appointed a special commission to consider the preparation of the Children's Charter of the Sea. The commission was composed of representatives of Governments, shipowners and seamen. It came unanimously to the decision that no children under 14 years of age should be permitted to work on sea-going vessels with two exceptions, i.e. (1) on vessels on which "only members of the same family are employed," and (2) in the case of children working on training ships under the supervision of public authorities. The first exception was made to bring the convention into line with the provisions of the Children's Charter, applicable to employment in industrial undertakings, adopted at Washington. In the second case, it was argued, the children are actually pupils and there is no intention of obtaining profits from their work.

A Greek Request Refused. A third exception was asked for by the Greek representatives on the ground that the special conditions of their country required that children should be trained for the sea at an early age. The commission, however, could not see its way to exempt Greece from the general provisions of the proposed convention. The request, therefore, was not granted.

Very Arduous Work. The special commission took the view that work at sea was particularly arduous and children under 14 years of age were unable to perform it without danger of injury to their health. The commission also considered the age at which children or young persons should be allowed to begin work at particularly hard forms of labor at sea and they brought up recommendations which laid down that no one under eighteen years of age should be employed as trimmer, stoker and no one under the age of seventeen should be employed on night watches between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The British Ministry of Labor is training nearly 3,000 unemployed women war workers in 105 different courses. Thus far domestic work has attracted the most trainees. Industrial manufacturing plants in Indiana now employ more than 100,000 women.

An effort is being made to organize New York city's 12,000 girl telephone operators.

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## PROFIT-SHARING NO PANACEA

Profit-sharing with workers is shorn of its glory by the national industrial conference board, representing a score of manufacturers' associations. The board has conducted a nation-wide study of this question and allied plans, such as wage bonuses, stock selling to workers, etc.

Portions of the report sound like a trade union declaration. It says: "Profit-sharing is no panacea. It is no solution of the wage problem. As far as establishing permanent satisfactory relations with their workers is concerned, employers are advised that their profit-sharing efforts 'might better be turned in other directions.'"

It is stated that but few of the many plans put in operation have survived a long period of time, and that "labor unions seem to be uniformly opposed to profit-sharing."

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500 men less than the number of men of this class employed in the Cape Breton collieries of the Dominion Coal Company alone before the war. Examination will show that the daily production of the contract workers is equal to, and during the war period, in excess of, the daily production of the same class of workers before the war. It is the excess of non-producers, brought about by the unremedied shortage among the producers, that causes the apparent inefficiency in production when the total production is divided by the total force of workmen employed. This condition of affairs will be found generally true in every mining operation in Canada. The unbalanced and inefficient state of the mining organizations at the mines is the cause of the reduction in "tons per man employed per day."

Were only one man employed in the actual production of mineral, it would still be necessary, if that one producer's output is to be marketed, to maintain the whole auxiliary and non-productive organization of the mine. Such a supposition is palpably absurd, but the actual reduction of the productive workers, unaccompanied by the reduction of non-productive workers, has in many instances proceeded almost to the point of practical absurdity, and certainly it has proceeded to the point of financial impossibility.

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and difficulties are encountered; particularly with unskilled and un-intelligent workers. "A study of the history of abandoned plans, moreover, strongly suggests the thought that plans now in operation, which have inspired enthusiastic testimonials of success, are only at one of the stages of the usual course of a profit-sharing plan, that their real test has not come, and that eventually they may fall into disuse.

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The sons of these men are not staying at the mines, and it might perhaps be enlightening if employers of labor were seriously to ask why they are not. From observation of a good many mining towns, we believe that wages are a secondary consideration, and that it is social and cultural considerations that keep the men at their original vocations. If superior living conditions are to be found elsewhere then men will move to those conditions. As was recently stated most industrial companies "have already passed from the position of buying labor to selling employment," and it would appear that employment at mines is the most difficult kind to sell. The farmers are asking themselves why farm work does not attract men, and the im-

provement in farm housing shows that they have found a partial answer to a question that is not less imperatively shrouding itself upon mine executives. Recently much was made of the abstention of coal miners from work to attend a circus. It was not stated, however, that no circus had visited that mining district for forty-two years previously or that there is not a free library, workmen's club or public park in the whole radius of the mining community.—Canadian Mining Journal.

In Germany the wages of men have increased in lesser ratio than of women. In March, 1914, men's wages and women's wages were in relation of 100 to 44 and in September, 1915, in that of 100 to 48.

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