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COAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN CAUSING ALARM

Nationalization in 1922 and Re-organization of Industrial Control

Every member of the Sankey commission (Mr. Justice Sankey, chairman,) has recommended that coal should be nationalized and there is a majority of 10 to 3 in favor of a fair compensation to the owners.

The above are the features of a report submitted by the government's commission on the organization and control of the coal industry.

One report is signed by the chairman who favors immediate acquisition of coal royalties and the payment of "fair and just" compensation to the owners and the immediate establishment of a scheme for the enactment of state ownership three years hence.

The miners' representatives favor nationalization but object to compensating the owners. The miners point to the result of the investigation which showed that many of these owners could not say when or how they secured control of these properties.

The coal owners oppose nationalizing the coal industry in any form, but they are in favor of the state ownership of the coal. They recommend the establishment of a system of pit committees, district councils and a national council for the industry. Two representatives of other industries agree to the coal owners' report.

The fourth report, signed by the remaining representative of other industries, favors the state ownership of mineral rights but opposes the national ownership of the mines.

A summary of these four reports shows that besides nationalization, the chairman and half the members of the commission, a majority of seven to six, recommend the nationalization of the mines in 1922, and the reorganization of the control of the industry, centrally, by districts and locally, in the meantime.

Adam had the earth at one time. His experience should be a warning to those who want it now.

TRAPSHOOTING AS SPORT FOR FANS

Very Fascinating Game and Also Offers Interesting Exhibition

There are athletic sports with all the popular appeal of a theatrical show. They are interesting sports to watch and people gladly pay for the privilege of witnessing them. Such a sport is boxing. Not a very entertaining sport in private, any more than swinging dumb bells or balancing on the horizontal bar. Boxing, nevertheless, has an immense public following and a famous promoter recently bound himself to pay \$100,000 to a certain overgrown representative of this sport for a brief public exhibition of his skill.

There are other athletic sports fascinating in themselves, but monotonous to watch. Such a sport is golf or the English cricket. These games are both excellent for the participants, but neither makes a strong appeal to public patronage.

There are, however, sports which are interesting to both player and spectator alike. Such sports are the well rounded, popular, ideal type. Such a sport is baseball. Literally, millions of persons pay admission each year into the various grand stands which dot this broad land. While thousands and hundreds of thousands of scrub games are annually played between teams of ambitious athletes ranging all the way from boys scarcely able to handle regulation bat, up to men far on the down grade of life.

We speak of baseball because it is the ideal sport. It serves as a model which cannot be improved upon. The more other sports resemble baseball the better for them.

The friends of trapshooting claim for the "Sport Alluring" a future of rich promise. Trapshooting is unquestionably an exhilarating pastime to the shooter. But hitherto the promoters of this sport have overlooked most of its latent power to interest the public. For it happens that trapshooting is not only a fine game to play, but a most entertaining game to watch.

We cannot say that the day will ever come when such a crowd as storms the Polo Grounds in World's Series time will ever clamor for admission to a trapshooting meet. For the plain fact is that nothing, or next to nothing, has yet been done to popularize the sport from the spectator's standpoint. And right here, if our trapshooting friends will permit us to say so, lies a broad field of fertile prospects for the future of good marksmanship.

TRADE UNIONISTS GET ON THE JOB TO MEET DEMAND

A knowledge of trade and business relations must be acquired by trade unionists if industrial democracy is to be a fact, declared President Matthew Wolf of the International Photo Engravers' Union, at Chicago, in the call for the coming convention of that organization, to be held in St. Louis, the third week in August.

"It," said the trade unionist, "we are to exercise an impelling voice in industry—if we are to experience a true industrial democracy in our craft—if we are sincere in our profession that we want to rule the industry jointly with our employers, then it is for us to determine the plans and procedure, and perfect them, by which this co-operative relation may be fully realized.

"We as photo engravers have reached a status in our craft where our interests relate not alone to wages and hours. The necessity of our time demands that we have full and complete knowledge of all trade and business relations. We need to know the cost of production—the selling price—the overhead charge—the division of the income jointly produced by our employers and ourselves."

FREDERICTON COUNCIL AGAINST BOLSHEVISM

Bolshevik literature was sent to the Fredericton Labor Council some time ago but was destroyed, according to a statement by President Harry Ryan of the Labor Council at the last regular meeting of the Association.

The shipment of propaganda came into possession of James Cassidy, financial secretary, and was destroyed immediately its nature was discovered, being burned so as to prevent any chance of it getting about. This was some time ago and it was the only shipment of propaganda known by President Ryan to have come addressed to any official of the Labor Council.

START NEGOTIATING.

Officers of engineering and shipbuilding unions in Great Britain have been instructed by their memberships to open negotiations with the engineering employers' federation for a 44-hour week without wage reductions.

At a recent meeting in Paris, the labor movements of France and Belgium perfected mutual understandings.

CELEBRATION OF PEACE BIG DAY IN THIS CITY

Peace Day celebration in Edmonton was up to advance notices. The South Side athletic events provided most interesting and delightful entertainment, to thousands of citizens. At evening the Newsboys band provided music for dancing on the pavement on the south side of the river. The day was generally observed by the cessation of all business activity.

GETS LEASE ON DIAMOND PARK

Deacon White Plans to Start Professional Ball Next Year

"Deacon" White of this city has secured a fifteen years' lease on Diamond park with the idea of securing a baseball franchise from the Western Canada League or some other league and promoting professional baseball in Edmonton as of yore. Required improvements will be made to the grounds.

There is no man in Western Canada whom citizens generally would prefer to see the motor force in such an undertaking than "Deacon" White.

The Diamond park property is owned by Donald Ross. It has been used as a baseball park for years. As such it is conveniently located and is an institution that would be sadly missed were it done away with. Few cities have such excellent baseball facilities within a stone's throw of the busiest business corner of the city.

CANNOT BET YET ON RACES; OTTAWA LAW NOT REPEALED

No modification has yet been made of the order in council prohibiting race track betting but representations have from time to time been made urging modification. Unless rescinded the order in council will remain in force till peace is formally proclaimed. This will follow ratification of the peace treaty.

GROTTO HAS PICNIC

Dekan Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. held a picnic Saturday evening at Victoria park. Following the fourth degree an indoor baseball game was perpetrated. Inclement weather mitigated against the festivities to a considerable extent. The Grotto may charter a special train to picnic at one of the community beaches before the summer is over. Steps towards that end are being taken at this time.

ENJOYABLE PICNIC.

Employees of the Edmonton Bulletin held their fourth annual picnic Saturday at Kopsawin beach, a special train being required to carry the Bulletin workers to the beach. Baseball, races and games caused the day to pass all too quickly.

FEW LABOR STRIKES IN CANADA TODAY

A marked decline in industrial strife is the feature of the labor situation at present, the number of large strikes under way being few as compared with a few weeks ago. In a number of cases, where steps were being taken to name boards of conciliation, there are good prospects of settlements being arrived at by negotiations, according to Ottawa dispatches.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER STRUCK ON THE HEAD

Premier H. S. W. Lawson of Victoria was struck on the head and slightly cut by an inkwell Tuesday during an interview with a delegation of returned soldiers. The men then pitched the officer furniture out of the window. Monday returned men attempted to rush a military barracks. Shots were fired, one man was killed, and five were arrested. The delegation waited upon the premier to have the arrested men released.

EGYPTIAN FARM LABOR BECOMING PROHIBITIVE

Farmers in Egypt are complaining that the terribly high prices of labor is likely to put them out of business. Farm labor there has risen to 40 cents a day. Before the war a farm laborer worked three days for 25 cents.

COTTON STRIKE SETTLED.

The Manchester cotton strike which has tied up industry throughout Lancashire almost three weeks has been settled after a long conference. The operatives resumed work Monday on a basis of a forty-eight hour week and an advance in weekly wages amounting to 30 per cent.

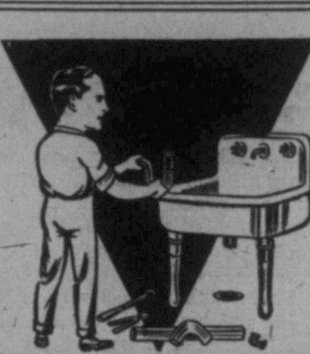
At the annual conference of the National Union of Clerks of Great Britain, held at Birmingham recently, the officers' proposal for a working week of 38 hours was accepted.

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PATRIOTISM HAS WILLARD FINISH

Furuseth Says Ship Owners Plotting to Get Aid of Marines

Patriotism has collided with cheap alien labor on American vessels and patriotism has had a Jess Willard finish. American vessel owners have loudly proclaimed their desire to build up an American merchant marine, manned by American citizens.

Their organized employees have taken them at their word, and in a conference in New York asked the vessel owners to agree to give American citizens, regardless of union affiliation, first preference. These workers waived the question of unionism as regards American citizens, and asked that where no American citizen was available, then the organized workers, as such, should be given preference over aliens.

The vessel owners declined to accept the offer. The conference was attended by representatives of the International Seamen's Union of America, the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots, the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and the employers' American Steamship Association.

The unionists insist that there can be no American merchant marine until there are American boys on the ships and that the policy of the vessel owners is to discourage American boys being attracted to the sea because they will not enter into competition with aliens who are satisfied with lower living standards.

The unions are not asking for preference, but they show that where preference has been given unionists the percentage of Americans on vessels has increased in three years on the Pacific coast from zero to 24 per cent, and on the Atlantic from less than 10 per cent to 30 per cent. Where the unions were given no preference there were no Americans then and there are no Americans now.

"The vessel owners are trying to jockey the government into a combination with them that will force a strike and compel the government to use its 60,000 naval reserves in the various camps," said Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union.

"The vessel owners want the government to furnish the strike-breakers against the marine unions," said the trade unionist, who declared that it would be impossible for these unions to strike, as it would stop the transportation of food and other supplies to Europe and the return of American soldiers from France.

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