

# Labor News From Coast to Coast

## Our Overseas Column

### Says Labor Has Unfair Advantage

London, Eng.—Trade unionists of the old school, who are regarded as fossilized by the new leaders, such as A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners Federation, are shaking their heads over the latest demonstration of the power achieved by the unions in connection with the threatened strike of coal miners recently.

George Nichol Barnes, who served as Labor member of the House of Commons for Glasgow from 1906 to 1922, and who for many years has taken an active part in the co-operative movement, told the Daily Mail that when years ago he helped organize the unskilled workers he never foresaw that they one day would "take the community by the throat."

"In view of what happened last week," he declared, "the community must in some way assert itself and become the top dog. The red element, although very small in number, had assumed the direction. It is represented only to a small extent among the positions of authority in the trade unions, but the leaders are being dragged along by it."

"Among the signatories of last week's order forbidding the transport of coal in the event of a strike, were men who knew the goal to which they were heading and who would see blood spilled without compunction. The future course of events cannot be forecast; one can only think the country is marching to industrial chaos."

### Purcell Is Elected

London, England.—A. A. Purcell, president of the International Federation of Trade Unions, and one of the chief supporters of world trade union unity, has been returned to parliament in the Forest of Dean, Gloucester, by-election.

The seat was formerly held by the Labor Party, but its former member, James Wignall, belonged to the conservative wing. Purcell a friend of the Soviet Union, increased the majority from 1,299 to 3,022. A large number of miners reside in the district.

Purcell headed the British trade union delegation to the Soviet Union, which made a report recommending unity of the Russian and English trade unions.

### Wool Mill Strike Will Continue

Bradford, Eng.—The prolonged negotiations to settle the wages dispute in the wool textile industry here broke down, and the strike will continue. A shutdown in the industry affecting 135,000 workers, took place on July 24.

### Smuggling of Goods Amounts to Big Sum

Ottawa, Ont.—That smuggling of goods to the extent of many millions yearly was taking place from the United States into Canada was the statement made by Percy Sparks, chief executive officer of the Canadian Association of Garment Makers, in an address here recently.

The traffic was so appallingly large that, although his association and kindred business organizations in Canada had been working intensively for over a year, with conspicuous success, he still hesitated to make an estimate of the amount involved.

Conservatively Mr. Sparks put the amount at \$50,000,000 annually, which would mean a loss in revenue through duty and taxes of at least \$15,000,000 each year.

These figures apply to wholesale smuggling of goods, principally of silks, women's wear, jewelry and motor cars and tobacco.

### French Bank Clerks Still on Strike

Paris.—The strike of Paris bank employees which has been in progress has spread to the provinces. Meetings were held at several points outside of Paris and resolutions were passed emphasizing that the movement is in no way political.

In Paris the strikers were frustrated by the police in an attempt to hold a meeting in the grounds of the Louvre. The crowds then made for the Bourse where the stock exchange was at its busiest, and interrupted the business for some minutes by looting and howling at the traders. Then the demonstrators withdrew.

The secretary of the Bankers' Union in Marseilles, announced that the municipal council has presented 50,000 francs to aid the families of the strikers.

The strike committee drafted demands to be presented to the Minister

of Labor Durrant and to the directors of Paris banks. These include demands for 50-punishment of the strikers, pay for the duration of the strike, automatic adjustment of wages to the cost of living, revision of salaries, the institution of a pension scheme and the recognition of the employees' union.

### Australian Sailors Still on Strike

Melbourne Australia.—A mass meeting of the Seamen's Union recently decided to strike immediately and to force the shipowners to include a clause in the shipping articles providing for the same conditions as existed before the de-registration of the union. All Australian ships will be made idle as they reach home ports, eventually affecting four thousand mariners. Eleven ships are already tied up. The Inter-State Shipowners' Federation last week decided not to enter an agreement reached between the Commonwealth Shipping Board and the Seamen's Union. This agreement was the acceptance by the Shipping Board of the suggestion that the Arbitration Court's award with regard to wages and working conditions be accepted.

### Women in Australian Industry

Sydney, Australia.—The 2,672,864 females in Australia, 463,760 are set down by the last census as bread-winners. 79,836 are in the professional class, 25,000 in the domestic class, 79,000 in the commercial sphere, 118,000 in industry and manufacturing, and 10,284 are engaged in rural occupations. Approximately 20,000 are set down as being unemployed.

### Stinnes Fortune Is Dwindling

Berlin.—Disintegration of the Stinnes fortune, which has been proceeding with the cumulative speed of a snowball rolling down hill, though with contrary results, reached a sensational stage through the sale of Stinnes' shares in the big Deutsche Luxemburg coal mines, regarded as the cornerstone of the vast industrial edifice built up by Germany's erstwhile richest citizen.

The stock, which is worth 21,000,000 gold marks, and represents the controlling interest not only in the colliery corporation, but also the huge Rhein-Elbe Union Steel Works, was acquired by an English financial group, headed by John Henry Schroeder, the London banker. Rumors that Mr. Schroeder was acting on behalf of an American consortium were denied by the Stinnes' firm.

### International Labor News

**CUBA**  
**Sugar Workers Reduce**—The number of laborers usually retained by the various sugar mills and plantations for work between harvesting seasons is being cut down to the minimum, owing to the rigid economical program which the majority of mills are inaugurating due to the very low prices which they have received for their sugar crop recently harvested.

**DENMARK**  
**Strikes and Unemployment**—Lock-outs and sympathy strikes in Denmark recently involved more than 150,000 workers. Notwithstanding this unfavorable situation, actual unemployment decreased during the month.

**ENGLAND**  
**Housing Shortage**—The City of Birmingham is engaged in house construction on a very large scale to relieve the shortage that has developed since the war. At the present time the city officials have applications from over 20,000 families, which cannot be filled.

**GERMANY**  
**Factory Regions**—Considering population alone, the State of Baden appears to be the most highly industrialized region of Germany. Out of each one hundred of the population in that State, twelve are factory workers; in the malatinate region eleven out of each hundred are factory workers; in Wurttemberg the proportion is ten out of each one hundred; and in Hohenzollern, six out of a hundred.

**Workmen's Compensation Extended**—Effective July 1st, 1925, the scope of the application of the Government Insurance Act of July 15th, 1911, was specially extended to grant compensations to workmen afflicted by the typical industrial diseases.

### BRICKLAYERS ELECT

Officers elected by the Bricklayers and Tilesetters' Union, No. 2, are: J. Vick, president; W. Jarvis, vice-president.

### Granted an Annual Holiday

British Parliament Ensures Employee of Eight Days' Rest

A bill has been introduced into the British Parliament, the object of which is to enable all persons who have been in the same employment for a period of 12 months, to have an annual holiday of not less than eight clear consecutive days. The holiday is to be at full pay, unless during the period the employed person takes paid work.

The bill according to advices received by Bankers Trust Company of New York from its British Information Service is intended to include all persons employed under any contract of service or apprenticeship, and where the employed person is paid by the piece, or partly by the piece and partly by time, his wages are to be calculated for the purpose of the vacation in a manner provided in the bill, and any dispute may be settled by the registrar of the county court without an appeal. There is a provision rendering it penal for an employer to attempt to evade the provisions of the bill by dismissing or suspending an employed person, the penal liability being in addition to any civil liability. The bill does not extend to Northern Ireland.

### Florida Overboomed

Lots High in Price and More New Houses in Toronto

"I can see more building in progress, particularly home buildings, in one day in Toronto, than I saw in the year I was in Florida," said G. S. Hulbert, 110 Malvern avenue, when commenting on recent reports of the large amount of buildings at present in progress in the cities of the southern state.

"I was in Florida, seeking carpentry work," said Mr. Hulbert, "about a year ago. I was in Miami, but I visited all the other cities particularly St. Petersburg. My impression is that the place is very much over-boomed, and a slump similar to that which has taken place in California is imminent."

"Land in the cities is extraordinarily dear, and in the small towns one is asked to pay \$2,000 or more for a moderate lot. This alone is prohibitive to the building trade."

"In the winter time there are thousands of unemployed, many more proportionately than in Toronto, and work is at a premium."

"Citizens in Toronto would be well advised to take reports from Florida regarding a building boom with a grain of salt. It is said Toronto has experienced a bad year, but I can assure you that one can see more new homes under erection in a day here than one can in a year in any city in Florida."

### Portuguese Labor Movement

The Portuguese Labor Movement is as yet without any definite forms, although there are tendencies in more than one direction. In Lisbon, the sections which are in sympathy with the Berlin Syndicalist International are influential, chief among them being the "Confederacao Geral del Trabalho" (General Confederation of Labor). This organization was founded in 1915, and at that time had a membership of 80,000. Now however, its numbers can scarcely exceed 40,000, and many of its organizations do not pay any contributions.

Before 1915, the Social Democrat workers were organized in the "Uniao Operaria Nacional" (National Labor Union). In Lisbon, being few in number, they could not hold their own against the General Confederation, but in Oporto they have many adherents. In this town there are important unions in which Socialists have the upper hand, and these have never been affiliated with the Syndicalist International. For some trades there are Communist unions, closely connected with the Red International of Labor Unions, but in the General Confederation these are in the minority. The General Confederation issues a journal "La Batalha" (The Battle) and also various provincial weeklies; the Communists publish twice a week a journal known as "The International." A national Labor Congress will shortly be held in Portugal, and it is quite possible that on this occasion the Socialists and Communists may make common cause against the Syndicalist (or anarchist) Movement.

Serious trade depression and the alarming extent of unemployment was the theme of the speakers at a recent session of the Irish Trade Union Congress now in progress in Newry, Ireland. One delegate declared there was 100,000 unemployed in the Irish Free State and 60,000 in Ulster.

### Industrial Cripples Form Federation

Washington, D. C.—In order that they may exercise more power in getting legislation for the men and women crippled in industry, the chief organizations of industrial cripples in Great Britain, Belgium and France have held a conference in Geneva and formed an international federation. Their appeal to industrial cripples of all countries to join in this movement has been made public in Washington by the North American agency of the International Labor Office.

### Cap Workers Want Better Conditions

"The general strike of Toronto cap makers, called by Local 41 of the Cloth, Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union on June 16 last, is aimed at the establishment of union conditions in the many non-union shops of the city." J. D. Salsberg, Canadian organizer states.

One of the chief objects of the strike, Mr. Salsberg said, was to organize the workers so that they might bargain collectively.

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### Sending a Delegate

The Halifax Trades and Labor Council is sending a delegate to the Trades Congress convention being held at Ottawa, August 31st. And a special meeting of the Council is being held August 6th for the purpose of his instruction.

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