

INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE COMMISSION REFUSED PERMISSION TO INVESTIGATE SOVIET REGIME

Workers' Representatives on the Governing Body Were Particularly Anxious For the Mission of Inquiry to Make Report—Soviet Government Makes Lame Excuses in Its Refusal.

Reference was made in the Canadian Labor Press some months ago to the action taken by the governing body of the International Labor Office in the appointment of a commission to investigate industrial conditions under the Soviet Government in Russia. It was stated that up to the time of the fourth meeting of the governing body, held in June last, permission had not been obtained from the Soviet Government for the commission to visit Russia.

According to a statement recently issued by Mr. Ernest Greenwood, of Washington, United States correspondent of the International Labor Office, the Soviet Government has now definitely refused entrance into Russia of the mission of inquiry. Mr. Greenwood's statement reads as follows:

"The Soviet Government of Russia has refused to permit the mission of inquiry organized by the International Labor Office to enter Russia, according to a despatch from the office of Director Albert Thomas received at the office of Ernest Greenwood. The only reasons given are that Russia is not a member of the League of Nations, and that at the present time the Soviet Government is at war with Poland."

It is interesting to note that the first suggestion of making an inquiry into conditions of employment in Soviet Russia came from M. Sokol, the Polish Government delegate on the governing body of the International Labor Office. His proposal was adopted at the urgent request of the workers' representatives on the governing body, who laid particular stress on the consideration that a large portion of the unrest amongst the working classes throughout the world is perhaps due to complete

Safety First!

We have just witnessed a most strikingly one-sided campaign for "Safety First" here in Ottawa. Pedestrians received more advice during "Safety Week" in the course of a twenty-minute walk to work than they ever received in the same length of time in their lives before. At every street corner, sometimes painted on the sidewalk, sometimes printed on a hand-bill nailed to a post, in many shop windows, in prominent places on great streamers, posters that fascinated the eye and impressed the brain, unmistakably advertised the great theme, and in addition every self-respecting vehicle in the city bore the legend "Safety First" in large and bold letters. Every man, woman and child in the city, who walked or ran, a mile or a foot, could see, read and digest. We have seen the campaign launched and carried through a gloriously successful week and now the campaigners are proud of their accomplishment. Jay walking has been advertised as a foolish, foolish crime, the office worker, or shopper, or laborer, or anyone who must or does walk has been instructed in a thousand different ways that he must not hurry, unless to get out of the way. Every single soul in the city that walks, whether by day or night, fast or slow, asleep or awake, downtown or uptown, busy or otherwise, every one who walks knows long ere now that to allow an automobile to run into him or her is very very dangerous indeed. It has been wonderful and fancy that everyone who does not have to walk is rubbing his hands together in satisfied glee, and is prepared to say that Ottawa is the safest city in the world.

But isn't it just a little too besotted? Don't you think that the mere pedestrians should have a little say, just a very little say in the matter? Wouldn't it have been far more successful if some sound advice and vibrant warning had been blazoned across the street corners for the benefit of the motorists and to the advantage of the "Man on the Street?" Street corners are very dangerous places, even at a very low rate per hour, and we all know that it is impossible to have a traffic policeman at each one. There are plenty of street corners where the pedestrian who walks at an orthodox pace finds himself in the middle of

IMMIGRATION BALANCE IN FAVOR OF CANADA

In 10 Years 562,000 Came Here From United States.

The balance of immigration between Canada and the United States has been in favor of this country, instead of being against Canada, is the statement of Immigration Department officials, who state that the report of the United States Commissioner General for Immigration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, gives the following: "In the movement of United States citizens to and from Canada, the balance is in favor of the latter, for during the last ten years nearly 562,000 have gone there and about 347,000 have come to the United States."

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Frank Grierson and C. J. Tulley Are New Councillors.

Voting for the officers of the Associated Federal Employees, Local No. 66, which were not filled by acclamation, took place this week. In a field of three candidates for the treasurer, Mr. P. R. Marshall, won with 443 votes. Mr. M. Danersau had 199 votes, and Mr. J. A. Schryber had 107 votes.

In the poll for representatives for the Customs, Messrs. S. J. Law, 29 votes, and H. Hanlon, 23 votes, won over Messrs. J. L. Kenny, 16 votes, and W. McNeill, 19 votes.

The Public Works Department representatives were won by Messrs. P. J. Gagnon, 62 votes, and W. C. Chalmera, 22 votes, over Messrs. H. Ralph, 15 votes, and D. Williams, 13 votes.

For the four councillors, 749 ballots were cast. There were 10 candidates in the field. Mr. Frank Grierson, 208 votes, led the poll, followed by Mr. C. J. Tulley, 94 votes, Mrs. M. J. Lyons, 89 votes, and Mr. S. Chandler, 73 votes. Other candidates received votes as follows: P. S. Conroy, 47 votes; J. D. Delaney, 47 votes; John Hanlon, 63 votes; J. M. Loranger, 43 votes; George Mills, 72 votes, and G. S. Smith, 13 votes.

From Many Sources.

"Direct action as a breach of faith with the public."—Blatchford.

"True democracy is that which turns out an increasing number of high leaders of men and lovingly supports them."—Christian Collis.

"Labor has made some mistakes but broadly its claims are no more than the general conscience recognizes to be reasonable and just."—Anthony Hope.

"So long as there is social injustice and we do not put an end to it, we are sure to think wrongly about things."—Clutton Brock.

"War Veterans: They told me I was fighting for dear life, but I never knew it was going to be as bad as all this."—Punch.

"It is Bolshevism that is starving Russia, not our blockade. The ruthlessness of the Bolsheviks has led to the peasants leaving the land and going out of cultivation."—H. V. Keeling.

"Those who wish to accept the conditions of the Third International range themselves on the side of the Communists, whose tactics at this moment are to carry on propaganda for a war with France. The International of Moscow is not a true international."—Crispian.

"The Soviets have realized no agrarian reform in Russia; they have then, no right to dictate principles to other countries."—Leducour.

"Arnold Bennett says a woman can only think of one thing at a time. But isn't that enough, if it is Bennett?"

"Every child born into these isles is born into a democracy which, apart from home affairs, stands committed to a higher responsibility for the future welfare and good government of Europe."—Justice, England.

"All animals which have to fight in the open wear khaki."—Kay Robinson.

"Keep clearly in mind that everything has got to be paid for—even idleness."—J. H. Thomas.

"Soviet Russia is ruled in fact by the so-called political five (Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Kamenev and Krestinsky); its decision is absolutely final."—Haden Guest. None of these are workmen!

"What do you think my job would be worth if people didn't tell untruths? Nothing at all."—Judge Cluer at Shoreditch County Court.

Those who have escaped are breathing freely now Margot's book is finished.

A distillery is for sale for £25,000 in Scotland. Offering it for sale just now is probably a Scotch joke.

Will Scotland go "dry?" asks the Press. We must admit we never found it so.

When roscas fall out honest men get their due, but when Labor organizations fall out it is different.—Locomotive Engineers' Journal.

The people of a nation cannot advance beyond the men who make its laws.—Canadian Railroader.

Special Correspondent: "When they released me they said if I showed my face in Ireland again I should be shot."

Editor: "I'll let these Sinn Feiners see that I'm not to be intimidated. You'll go back by the next train."—Punch.

"A minister need not be handsome, and the Front Bench is far from decorative."—E. T. Raymond.

A new verse of the "Red Flag" composed by a member of the Labor delegation to Russia, and given by Mrs. Snowden in her book. The people's flag is palest pink. It's not as red as you might think. We've been to see and now we know. They've been an changed its colour so.

"We are informed that at a football match recently played in the Rhonda Valley the referee won."—Punch.

Clemenceau says it is less dangerous to hunt tigers than to be in French politics.

General Booth: "What you know about drink? You have probably never seen drunkenness in your life."

Margot: "Oh, haven't I just. I am Scotch."—Mrs. Asquith's Autobiography.

Playing the game is "giving value for what we get from society."

"I find myself incapable of appreciating a charity which, so far from beginning at home, never gets there."—Blatchford.

The union label supersedes the boycott by concentrating the purchasing power upon union products.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Trotsky, life is very cheap, they say. I wonder if that is the reason why so many people, including many Communists, spoke of the one-time Pacific as "that beast Trotsky."—Mrs. Snowden.

Says Glen Buck, "Some collection plates hold more hypocrisy than a square mile of hell."—The Needle.

Toronto's population, according to assessment department figures, is \$10,444, being an increase of 10,000 over last year. Total assessment is \$62,556,656, or \$7,000,000 ahead of last year.

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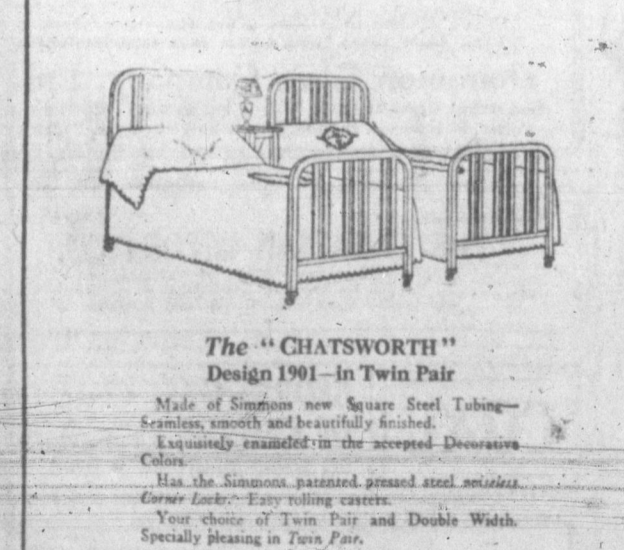
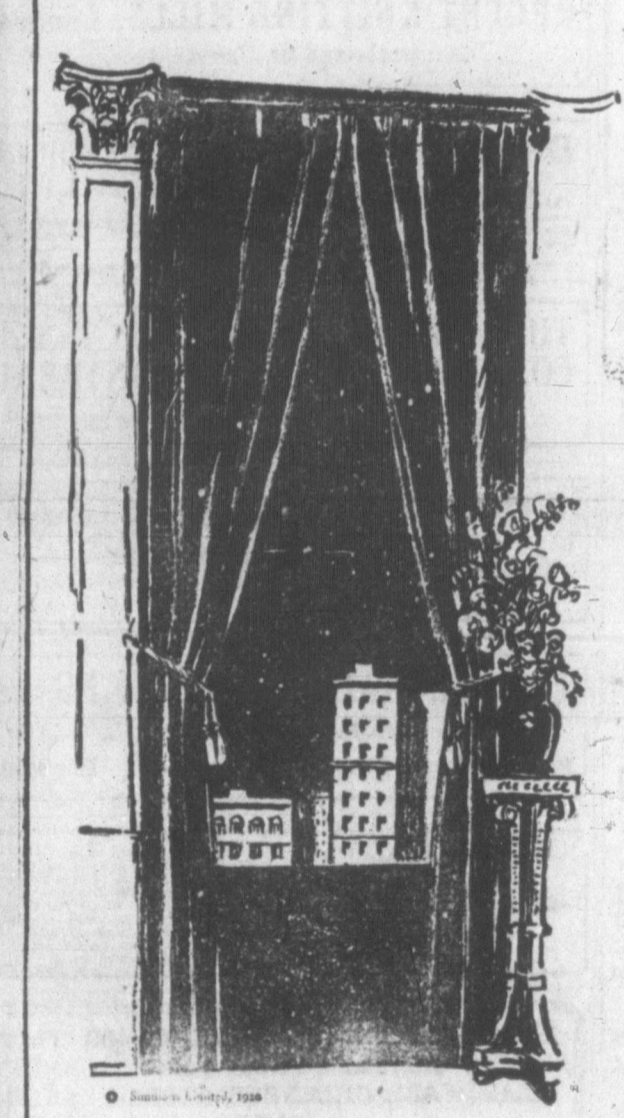
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