

PEN PUNCHES BY THE LOCALS

ORGANIZER'S REPORT

Fernie, B.C., Oct. 15, 1917.

Dear Comrade,
Herewith please find expense sheet for week. Also list of new subscribers. It is slow work here at present as the distances between camps are great and much time is lost in getting from place to place. In the Fernie district the English-speaking miners have been very much thinned out, and it is difficult to get a meeting together. As an instance, a mass meeting of the miners of the local union was called for Sunday and a special train arranged for, to bring members from Coal Creek. The meeting was called for 2 o'clock but at that time not a soul, with the exception of the secretary, had arrived. About 15 or 20 finally assembled.

The late strike has depleted the funds of the locals in the district and more or less subdued the men, so that they are not disposed to begin any new agitation along Socialistic lines. I had a good meeting at Moyle on Wednesday, and got them interested enough to start a local S.D.P. Also had an enthusiastic meeting at Kimberley on Friday, but the S.P. of C. had a local there, and although they are not very active, it was not considered a good time to attempt to organize a S.D.P. local.

I shall be glad to hear if the Alberta comrades have made any definite plans for the tour. I shall be in Calgary on or about the 22nd, so please address reply to me there per return. Yours in the fight.

George F. Stirling.

Correspondence

Buffalo Horn, Sask., Oct. 14, 1917.
Canadian Forward,

Dear Editor,—Buffalo Horn Local No. 34, S.D.P. of Canada gave a very successful dance and entertainment, Oct. 12th, 1917, at the Buffalo Horn school. The music being good, the dancers enjoyed themselves greatly. The supper, which was supplied by the lady comrades, was pleasing, as it was surprising to those present. The members of the local feel a greatfulness to the non-members who took part in the entertainment, and for their assistance at the supper also.

The door receipts will be used to defray the expense of Comrade Stuart, whom we expect here in the near future to lecture and organize in this district.

Yours in the cause.

James McGill.

Niagara Falls, Ont.

Dear Editor,

At our last meeting of Local 60, Niagara Falls, Ont., the following measure was passed unanimously:

That a request be submitted to the Dominion Executive for a referendum on the advisability of the Social Democratic Party actively participating as individuals with the Provincial I. L. P. of Ont. or other democratic Labor Parties throughout the Dominion.

Will you kindly bring this matter up at your earliest convenience.

Yours for the Social Revolution,
S. L. Sec.

SECRETARIAL NOTES

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The influence of your paper is being felt, but the subs. are not coming so fast as to be burdened with financial prosperity. Let every reader become interested in interesting some other person. This is your threefold duty, firstly to society, secondly to your party, and thirdly to yourselves.

I. Bainbridge, Secretary.

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The Capitalist press has been lamenting that organized labor in Canada at the present time is being misrepresented by union officials who are Socialists, which, it says, accounts for their being opposed to conscription. This recalls to mind a somewhat similar plaint made by Lord Hamilton, an English railroad director, at the time of the railroad strike in Britain, shortly before the war. At the sitting of the investigation commission this magnate said: "The whole trouble is that the unions are controlled by the Socialists!" Arthur Henderson, Labor M.P. (now cabinet minister), who was present representing the railwaymen, asked him how he accounted for it. "Oh, well, I suppose," replied Hamilton, "it is because they have the brains."—J. A.

"The State is the coldest of all monsters. And its lies are cold; and this lie creeps out of its mouth: 'I, the State, am the people.'"—Nietzsche.

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