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Deputation from the Moose Jaw Trades Council Meets Branch Officials—Alleged Cause of Dispute

If a number of union men were to take a notion to strike out in "these yere parts" on a label hunt for a week, they would run up against some curious bluffs and buncos; and the detail and plausibility of these yarns, invented and furnished to agencies with the sole purpose of bluffing unionists who have heard there is "something wrong at the factory" in a vague way, would likely make them think more seriously of the necessity of buying union made goods. If they don't know the bona fide label of each craft, what can they expect?

A deputation from the Moose Jaw Trades and Labor Council waited on the manager of the Scotland Woolen Mills agency there, on the 25th inst. The visit was for the purpose of giving the company the measure of organized labor in the city that they might see the force of trying to suit it by treating their garment workers fairly. At the outset the manager asked the deputation if they knew the cause of the Winnipeg trouble, hoping probably to be able to correct some of the statements. He was given about all the details he could have expected, and did not deny them.

But his partner knew the REAL cause of the "strike"—a cigarette! The visitors were shown, dramatically, what a cigarette looked like, and the narrative proceeded. One of the factory garment workers was in the habit of smoking in the workroom during regular hours, against the rules and repeated warnings. The foreman caught him at it and summarily discharged him, whereupon the whole staff walked out in a body! Incidentally, it was added that the two managers at Moose Jaw were handling the business themselves, merely having their orders turned out by the Scotland Woolen Mills; and so it would be unjust to prejudice their business.

The committee saw the shoddy in these goods, and so did the manager after a little explanation. It was pointed out that in different statements to the press the company had made no mention of this "cause," which if true would have won them much sympathy from the public; that large bodies of working men and women were not in the habit of going on strike over cigarettes; and that in any event the terms of the signed agreement with the garment workers' union did not allow discharge without two weeks' notice or pay.

The company carries a large typographical union label on its price tickets; but if a stitch in time will not save their breaches, they need not expect the union printers of Regina and Moose Jaw to do printing for them in the reasonably near future.

The firm of the Kelly Heating and Plumbing Co., has been declared unfair by the local Plumbers' Union. The employers refuse to sign the workmen's schedule and intend to run an open shop in future. Some two or three men only are affected, so that the dispute is of very small consequence and will have no material effect on the local union whose scale has been recognised by all the larger employers in the city.

There appears to be some reason for the apprehension that labor troubles may interfere with the production of coal from the western mines as winter is approaching again. When the rupture actually occurs in such cases the public generally sizes up the last act of the parties to the dispute, overlooking the fact that the cause of the trouble may date some time back.

On Friday last President F. H. Sherman, of the district miners' union wired the following message to the Fernie Ledger:

"Hillcrest Co. posted lockout notices this morning. Board still in session. Will prosecute company for breach of act. Government refuses to appoint commission at Lethbridge. Strike may result.
(Sgd.) F. H. SHERMAN.

CAPITALISTIC INTEREST

Seek to Encourage Race Suicide by Offering Inducements to Girls to Remain at Mill—Money First, The Nation Last.

Is the percentage of marriages in the Fox River Valley, Wis., to be lessened through the influence of the wealthy paper manufacturers?

It has often been asserted that the paper makers discourage their young women employees intent upon matrimony, but the first direct evidence of this came recently when S. R. Wagg, superintendent of the Fox River paper mill, raised the wages of the cutter and finishing girls with the stipulation that they stay single.

Fourteen girls employed in cutting paper struck and the wages they requested were granted. Following this action, Mr. Wagg called the ten finishers to his office, informed them that their pay was increased fifteen cents a day, and that their hours would not be lengthened.

"Girls," said Mr. Wagg, "you have all been faithful employees, and I want to show you I appreciate it. Now I like the work you are doing and I have increased your pay."

"You can make enough to be independent and can care for yourselves better than many men can care for you. Just when you are able to count and finish well I don't like to see you go and get married, so I hope as long as we make it an object for you to work here, you will not be tempted to undertake married life."
—Labor Tribune.

Another way to encourage race suicide.

A THREE-EDGED SWORD

"A strong man armed keepeth his house." Labor is strong and it is armed. Why, then, should it submit to the pillage of the spoiler? If workingmen scatter like sheep and cringe like cowards, they become an easy prey to those who would live in splendor upon the fruit of their toil. The fellow who deserts a good cause and hides away from danger because he is afraid of being hurt in battle, richly earns the contempt of good men. Numbers avail not, and strength is of little value without courage and devotion to nerve the arm and steel the heart for victory. It is the strong brave man who arms himself and offers his all upon the altar of the cause that he knows to be right, who is the pride and glory of his race. And we rejoice to know that labor has just such heroes. Their blood has dyed with crimson glory every battlefield on earth. They were as ready to face suffering and torture in the dark dungeons and meet obscure and ignominious death as they were to win glory amid the clat of battle.

Labor has still these heroes—millions of them. But, as they are as patient and enduring in peace as they have been brave and self-sacrificing in war, the same class that has led them to slaughter and bondage in the past is now striving to bind and hold them in industrial bondage. But the brightness of a better day is tingling with glory the eastern skies. The giant labor is waking, and the workers are beginning to see that what they have been doing for their self-constituted masters may be as well done for themselves.

To arms! to arms! Light with the fire of liberty the martial fires upon a million hilltops. Let the bugle call the sons of glory once more to earth's great battlefield.

Labor is strong and brave, is thrice armed, not only because it "hath its quarrel just" but because of the power and effectiveness of its weapons. With its triple-edged sword it must and will hew down all opposition. This threefold force is first, its productive capacity; second, its buying power; and third, its voting strength. United it is in position that capital can bring against it. All it has lacked in the past has been intelligent, experienced leadership. We now have that, and the world is about to witness a complete industrial revolution.
—Roanoke Industrial Era.

Within the last month 20 publications have been added to the fair list, as given by the Typographical Journal.

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pledges himself to the platform of the labor party flagrantly violates his promise, we will surely not be to blame, but he by his very act will stand condemned, and his action will give fresh impetus to our movement so that when our time is come the traitor will receive his just deserts, and the cause of the people be materially strengthened. We fully agree with "Spectator" that in the past the laboring classes have been nothing more or less than laboring asses but we are not possessed of any magician's wand for converting them from their paths of darkness. It is only by educating the workers that we can hope to gain our object. No class is so wedded to ancient customs and traditions as is the working class. Many of them are prepared to sell their franchise for a paltry fee, many more vote for Tory or Grit just because father did so before them, and the first object of this branch of the Canadian Labor party will be to educate those men to the real issues at stake, and alienate them from the worship of worn out party ties.

Before we run we must walk, and before we elect candidates we must have electors.—Editor.

"Unions teach men to live upright clean lives, to protect the home and the family, to respect and revere the commandment 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' to champion the cause of the weak, to urge the abolition of child labor and seek the fair remuneration for a fair day's work. Can the opponents of unionism find any flaw in that platform."—Eight Hour Printer.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE REALM does not assume any responsibility for opinions expressed by our correspondents in these columns. In a great many cases we agree with the writers in their views, but not always. In order to be fair and keep the paper on a broad-minded basis, we are glad to publish the articles sent as correspondence, even though they differ widely from our views.

(The Editor, Labor's Realm)

Dear Sir,—In the concluding paragraph of your editorial in last week's Realm you state: "We will, although unable to run our own candidates for parliamentary honors, be able, by the number of our votes, and the solidity of our concerted action, be able to assure the success of whatsoever candidate espousing our platform enters the field."

Regarding the first part of this, there may be reasons, of which I am ignorant, why the newly formed Independent Labor Party may be unable to run its own candidates. If so, what are they? Are they surmountable? I ask as a child in this matter and humbly await an answer.

In the meantime I intend to show you the utter futility of forming a party merely to obtain the return of either of the two parties already in the field.

This plan has already been tried in the old country and has proved a dismal failure. To my mind an Independent Labor Party is independent. That is, independent of either Liberal or Tory, or what does its name mean? What benefit will accrue to the laboring classes through solidifying their vote merely to obtain the return of either Liberal or Tory? I, for one, fail to see it.

Why not go on as at present, and let each man vote for the candidate he thinks the best. Supposing a Liberal presents an alluring program to the executive of the I.L.P. and they decide to support him, and through that support he is returned. Shall we gain anything by it? Will he carry out his program? Will he try? You know he will not, and the reason is not far to seek. The capitalistic and laboring classes are antagonistic, and to send a capitalist to represent us is suicidal. If we sent a labor member to represent us, and instead of advocating a shorter workday he tried to make it longer; instead of fair wage, sweating; instead of the union the open shop, would we again return him? How do you expect Liberals or Tories to return members who are prejudicial to their interests? They will not. Shall we? These are pertinent questions, but a little common sense will clearly show that the only way is to form an Independent Labor Party, and not merely one in name. There is work to be done, let us do it ourselves, or else instead of calling ourselves the laboring classes, shorten the term by two letters and make it what we have been too long—the laboring asses.

SPECTATOR.

In reply to "Spectator" let us first express our extreme pleasure in finding one at any rate of our readers who is more sanguine of our new born power than we were ourselves. In explanation we would like to say that the difficulties of running our own candidate are not insurmountable but they are at present somewhat remote.

Our correspondent no doubt knows just as well as we do ourselves that we as an independent party will be unable to run our own candidates without money. We have yet to enroll the first member of our Labor Party in Regina, and as it will be necessary to deposit \$100 for the provincial and \$200 for the Dominion elections, which will be forfeited in the event of our candidate failing to poll the requisite number of votes which is one-half of the total votes polled by the winning candidate, we must confess that our chances of running a candidate at present are of the meagrest, unless some good philanthropist will be forthcoming with the necessary deposit and campaign funds.

The old familiar platitude "Rome was not built in a day" still stands good, and whilst we are perfecting our organization and marshalling our forces for the ultimate realization of our ideals and hopes, viz.: direct representation for the people by the people, there will be no good purpose served by either refusing to use our privilege of the ballot or voting indiscriminately. If the candidate, whoever he may be, who