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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY

It is quite in the manner of the world's system of working that divergent views should be expressed in the National Industrial Conference. This is why the different thought has been called together, but with no allowance to forget the fact that a general analysis has to be made of presentations with a view to reaching agreement. Argument does not prove correctness, but with the generous array of facts from the workers' representatives on the establishment, legislatively, of the eight-hour work day, die-hards or die-easies must realize the inevitable. Not forgetting to admit that argument from the presenters of labor's viewpoint does not take a secondary place.

Blue-ruin spokesmen were ever in evidence, not only when dealing with beneficial legislation practically affecting the worker, but on each and every occasion when a change in the general laws is proposed. History has given to us pertinent examples from the Mother Country of the strenuous opposition to efforts shortening the work day. What may be placed in the category of recent happenings was the case of the British miners, when spokesmen for the colliery owners as well as the owners themselves foresaw financial ruin to the country through limitation of hours. The passing of the Factory Act, limiting working hours in the coal land, encountered more strenuous opposition than ever show its head today. An example of this is in the extract from Lord Broome's speech, when he said the moment you pass a 10-hour day for England the sun of posterity will sink upon us, and we will go back to the days of barbarism.

It is perhaps better to admit that the 44-hour week can not be made applicable in every instance, but these cases are of the isolated kind and negligible quantity, but general adoption is imperative with the simplest path through legislative channels, also the one method to avoid dislocation of our industrial life.

Whatever decision may be reached, we may not close our eyes to the knowledge that the worker of the Dominion is not only expecting an eight-hour day law, but is bound to force the issue. Firmly convinced that the expending of this period of labor each day is all that is necessary for essentials, those who now enjoy the shorter work day unselfishly will maintain for its establishment. Be it city or hamlet, a unity is evident in the voice of demand, and a too lengthy period elapsing in the passing of the eight-hour law is bound to change the word demand to command.

VARIETY FOR THE COMMISSIONERS

W. F. O'CONNOR, vice-chairman of the Board of Commerce, probing prices, has variety in the daily menu. It must be an exceedingly chilling job when working on the cold storage question. Leaven is, however, introduced when the sweets are probed, with decision as to rate of profit to be made on sale of same. That's the time sugar became sweeter to the user. "Solomon" O'Connor states "workers got the best of it on the decline." There's a man after our own heart.

HONEST JOHN SAYS:

WHEN it comes to keepin' a man awake at night one little worry is worse than fifty bed bugs.

BOL-SHE-VEEK!

(The American Government requests that citizens desist from use of nicknames such as "Wop," "Mickey," "Dago," "Guinea," and so forth.—Recent Associated Press dispatch.)

I mustn't call you "Mickey," and you mustn't call me "Wop." You Uncle Sammy says it's wrong, and hints we ought to stop. But don't you fret, there's still one name that I'm allowed to speak. So when I disagree with you, I'll call you Bol-she-veek!

Bol-she-veek! veek! veek!
 It's a scream and it's a shriek;
 It's a rapid-fire response to any heresy you squeak.

Little white age, at any time I might determine, I didn't like your theories, I called you "pro" and "German." But times are changed and appellations quickly grow antique. So now I have a better name. I call you "Bol-she-veek!"

Bol-she-veek! veek! veek!
 Your brains have sprung a leak.
 Your nose is running, and your eyes are watering.

No, I mustn't call you "nigger," and I mustn't call you "nanny." It's plainly impolite to dub you "dago," "wop," and "guinea." But, whenever I perceive your mental mixtures growing weak, I joyfully arise and I proclaim you Bol-she-veek!

Bol-she-veek! veek! veek!
 It's a classic epithet.
 It says more in a word than you can answer in a week.

You believe in votes for women? Yea, the Bolshevik do. And shorter hours? And last reforms? They're Bolshevik too. The "boom," and other things like that are dangerous to seek; don't tell me you believe 'em, or I'll call you Bol-she-veek!

Bol-she-veek! veek! veek!
 A reformer is a freak.
 But here's a name to stop him, for it's like a lightning streak.

I stand for Bolshevism, and the reason that it stings is because the Bolsheviks do some stupid, wicked things. And so it plain your mental marches run at left oblique.

I can hang a tag on you and call you Bol-she-veek!
 Bol-she-veek! veek! veek!
 It's a bludge on the back!
 I mustn't call you "nigger," or I shall call you Bol-she-veek!

—Edmund Vance Cooke.



Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Calm.

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

Conditions of the past few years have forced thousands of women into the industrial field, with the result that there is not likely to be a return to the old order of things. The women of Canada should demand equal pay for equal work, and the subject of a stirring appeal made at a meeting of the Ottawa Council of Women by Mrs. Ralph Smith, M.L.A., of Vancouver, B.C.

CHURCH URGES FULL USE OF FRANCHISE.

In all the parish churches of the diocese of Quebec east on Sunday last the women were urged to vote in the coming by-election. They were told it was their duty to have their names inscribed on the electoral lists in order that they may exercise the right of franchise given them by a federal act.

WHEN WIVES DEMAND AN EVENING OUT.

By Ross Lindley.

Sooner or later in her married life every woman demands an "evening out"—a dance, theatre, or restaurant, when her husband demands an evening at home.

CLOSER RELATION ADVOCATED.

Profit-sharing as a means of removing to "a considerable degree" the danger menacing American industry was advocated at New York by George W. Perkins in an address before the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation. These dangers, Perkins said, are caused largely by the feeling on the part of the workers that rough justice is done by the employer.

MAYBE.

Here's an article, that said the Chinese attempted a league of nations for two ridings and can hold the "What because of it?"

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

The House of Commons is quite evidently showing lack of leadership this session. Sir Robert Borden has been ill since the early days of the session and may not be able to take his seat for several weeks. Whatever one may think of Sir Robert's policies, it must be admitted that he has fine parliamentary ability and guides his party with skillful handling. In his absence there is a tendency to drift and a lack of driving force on the Government benches. It has been very apparent during the past week in the House, which was a week without much parliamentary business.

Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

LAND FOR THE TROOPS.

By order-in-council, acting Premier Bennett has set aside 100,000 acres of unimproved Manitoba farm lands on the market for returned soldiers. This is the greatest move made by the Manitoba Government up to the present time to re-establishment of returned men.

LET PROFITERS SAVE COUNTRY.

If the country is on the verge of bankruptcy, let the profiteers be called upon to save Canada, the same as the soldiers saved her in Flanders.

BRITISH TROOPS LEAVING RUSSIA.

Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary of War, in a statement issued on Friday denies that there has been any change in the British policy to evacuate Russia.

CANADA LEADS.

Canada continues to lead in the important work of industrial training of disabled members of the forces. Today there are in Canada 11,616 disabled men undergoing industrial retraining under the direction of the vocational branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, while the number of disabled men in training in the United States is 6,677. In each instance the figures have been obtained from official sources.

RETURNING FROM P.A.S.

(By C. R. Leman, D.C.M.)

Tread lightly, close the door, Hold the latch so, Break not the Sergeant's snore, Lest curses flow.

ACTUAL COMPARISON OF DEATH RECORDS

Age	Total Abstainers	Moderate Drinkers	Excess Deaths Among Moderate Drinkers
20-30	4,221	4,617	11%
30-40	4,281	7,941	48%
40-50	4,246	10,861	74%
50-60	13,056	18,524	42%
60-70	29,878	34,568	19%

From tables prepared by R. H. Moore, Actuary of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Insurance Company, based on Records of over 60 years' experience.

NOW FOR FULL SPEED AHEAD.

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To go into the various industries concerned, and find out what the effect of shorter hours on that industry would be.

The resolution of the employers' group was as follows:

"The members of your committee appointed to represent employers in the Royal Commission on industrial relations, and to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, that appropriate Governmental action should be taken to secure equal representation of employers and employees of the various industrial producing and distributing industries, should be appointed to undertake investigations as to the practicability of the hours of labor principles of the peace treaty to the different industries of the country, and to report as early as possible."

Whether or not the United States Senate ratifies the peace treaty, a British delegation will go to Washington in mid-October to attend the international labor congress, according to Seward Dunning, president of the British Trades Union Congress.

FRENCH LABOR ADVISED TO GET TO WORK.

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BIG EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

"Building the nation" is the slogan of a big National Educational Conference to be held in Winnipeg, Oct. 28 to 31, inclusive. Delegates are to attend from all parts of the country to take steps to form a big association for the whole of Canada.

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Are You Willing to Die Before Your Time for Sake of Booze?

THE number of deaths among moderate drinkers averages 35% higher than among abstainers.

"No!"—Four Times—"No!"

Answer every question on the Referendum Ballot with an X under the heading "No," and herein fail not, or your vote is lost to Temperance Progress.

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TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

Following the annual convention of the parent body, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees will assemble at Ottawa on Monday next for their tenth annual convention. Delegates from all parts of Canada will assemble at Ottawa on Monday next for their tenth annual convention. Delegates from all parts of Canada will assemble at Ottawa on Monday next for their tenth annual convention.

SEAMEN'S UNION'S DECISION.

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Ship Stewards, Cooks, Butchers and Bakers has decided that the union should be moved to British ships while British seamen are unemployed.

BRITISH WILL BE REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE.

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