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### AN EFFECTIVE PROTEST

There was nothing of a vacillating nature about the resolution that was adopted by the Alberta Federation of Labor in connection with the declaration of Judge Metcalfe to the effect that sympathetic strikes were illegal in Canada. That a protest was necessary was recognized by the delegates, and the Free Press is of the opinion that no more effective protest could be adopted than the decision of the workers to allow no arbitrary laws to stand in the way of their progress.

Organized Labor was born in defiance of law. For a century trade unionism has forged ahead in the face of opposition such as is being thrown in the way of the organized workers on this continent today. Arbitrary judicial declarations, injunctions or orders-in-council will be impotent to stop the progress of the workers' organizations if they steadfastly set their faces toward the goal ahead and refuse to be lured aside to by-paths that end in the blind alley of bitter disappointment. The decision of the Federation to inform the Government that Labor would not recognize laws that restricted the use of the strike, is one that will commend itself to the rank and file of the organization. In the future as in the past the actions of the workers will be regulated by the necessities that arise in the forward march of progress. The surrender of the right to strike would reduce Labor to a state of servility, and the just cause of the workers will vindicate the defiance of any attempt to interfere with the right of organized Labor to defend itself with the weapons at its disposal.

### NO CLASH IN CANADA

In the United States the American Legion, the organization which should correspond with our own G.W.V.A., is undoubtedly being used as a tool of the big interests in their war against the workers. Such a condition is probably due to the fact that a comparatively small percentage of the American soldiers served in France. It is a well established fact that the soldier who has not experienced the horrors of war can be much more patriotic—in a flag-waving sense—than the man who has stood middle-deep in a muddy trench or spent his lonely, nerve-racking vigil in an advanced listening post. Thus it is much more difficult to stir the emotions of the man who has experienced the hell of no-man's-land, than it is to rouse the passions of the soldier whose bayonet has never come in contact with anything more lifelike than the training dummy.

There is very little likelihood of the G.W.V.A. being used in the same manner as the American Legion. The great majority of the men who go to make up the Canadian organization are the fellows who did the "dirty work." To the man who earned his service chevrons in France and Flanders, the organization that links him up with his comrade of "over there" means something more than the expression of a flag-waving sentiment. The cause of Freedom and Democracy was the driving force in Canada's war effort, and it is not to be expected that the men who suffered for the cause should lend their efforts to persecute a movement whose aspirations are in the interests of Freedom and Democracy. The Provincial President of the G.W.V.A. put the matter very properly when at the Alberta Federation of Labor convention he said, "The G.W.V.A. want to co-operate with the Labor movement because we realize that both bodies are inspired by the same desire—to make a better Canada." There need be no fear of any clash between the Veterans' organization and the Canadian Labor movement while the returned men's association is made up of the serious minded men who now compose its membership.

### DISCRIMINATION SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

There is nothing unreasonable about the desire of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance to establish some security of tenure in their positions, for the teachers of this province. One of the functions of a trade union is to protect its membership from discrimination and many unions have had their hardest fights in exercising that particular function. It was inevitable that the Alliance should find it necessary to direct its attention to the problem of preventing discrimination against any of its members, and organized Labor will be a unit behind the teachers in their desire to secure a contract that will make it impossible to discharge a teacher except for proved inefficiency or misconduct. And what other cause should there be for the removal of a teacher whose efficiency and deportment is unquestionable?

There have been many examples of discrimination against teachers in the country schools, where an influential member of a small school board can very easily succeed in having the teacher removed if he should take a personal dislike to the "school ma'am." We have, in fact, heard of cases where a lady teacher had been removed because she did not favor the attention of some member of the board. In the city the cases of discrimination are more likely to find victims among those who are active in the teachers' militant organizations. In any case the Alliance must be firm in its demand for security of tenure and the prevention of discrimination against its membership.

### CONSOLIDATE THE ADMINISTRATION.

The discussions of laws affecting Labor invariably reveal the necessity of some co-ordination in the administration of Labor legislation in this province. The enforcement of the various measures directly affecting Labor is at present entrusted to several departments of the Alberta Government. The result is lack of proper administration in the majority of cases and consequent dissatisfaction on the part of those who should benefit by the enactment of such legislation.

Labor's request that the administration of Labor legislation should be consolidated is reasonable, and the Government would be acting in the interests of economy and efficiency by the creation of a department of Labor. Until such a department is created it would be wise to adopt the suggestion of the Alberta Federation of Labor to have Labor legislation placed under the administration of the Compensation Board. The proper enforcement of the various measures for the safety of the workers would in any case seem to be the work of the Compensation Commission.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On Monday next the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council will elect officers for the year. It is important, very important, that every delegate should be in his place to take full part in the choice of those who are to be entrusted with the responsibility of performing the duties that devolve upon the executive officers of the Central Labor body.

There is every indication that the year that lies ahead will mark great strides of industrial progress in Edmonton and district, with a consequent increase in the activities of the Trades Council. It is imperative that men of mature judgment, broad outlook and progressive thought should compose the executive board of the council at this time. There must be no disposition to shirk responsibility and it is to be hoped that the "let George do it" policy will be conspicuous by its absence on Monday next.

### EDITOR'S NOTES.

Capt. N. B. Pearson of Calgary, who was a fraternal delegate to the Alberta Federation convention from the Teachers' Alliance, struck the proper note when he said that in reply to the charge that the Alliance was a trade union camouflaged, he would say that the Alliance was a trade union and it wasn't camouflaged.

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And think a part of it is you,  
The thoughts you had, the things you'd do,  
Give it to your growing son;  
Tell him how the game was won;  
Then should there kindle in his face,  
Pride of country—pride of race,  
And in his spirit you should trace  
A keen desire to take your place,  
E'en though I worked in mud and rain  
My task will not have been in vain.

The reader will be well repaid if he sends a dollar to the G.W.V.A., Calgary, for a copy of "Stand To." The tales told in Mr. Palmer's verses are realistic accounts of experiences similar to many of the author's own during his four years in the war zone. Mr. Palmer enlisted in August, 1914 and was discharged in August, 1919.



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