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THE O.B.U. BUBBLE BURSTS

By following the prophets of the O.B.U., Organized Labor of the West today finds itself in the wilderness. The O.B.U. conference at Calgary just held gives no evidence of a way out. This conference was presumed to receive reports from the big organization propaganda and results of the vote to secede from the Internationals. Yet not one word is heard as to what may have been accomplished, what is being done now, or what is proposed. Trades' Unionism throughout the west turned out in true union form when a general strike was called. The conduct of the said general strikes has been largely directed by the O.B.U. disciples. Organized Labor has been led into a most uncomfortable position to say the least, and may have sacrificed some prestige and confidence that required years in the building. The fallacy of the doctrines preached by the O.B.U. prophets was too plainly evidenced at the early stages of the strike. Every day has added new testimony. Today the O.B.U. movement has earned for itself a similar position to the similar or identical movement in the United States designated as the I.W.W.

Trades' Unionism now finds itself in a most precarious position with the Utopian dreams characteristic of youth, and the visions of old age faded into thin air. Unionism discovers that it must extricate itself or sink to oblivion in the mire, sacrificing everything that has been gained by the present and past generation. A severe lesson has been learned. Organized Labor cannot afford to follow every will o' the wisp that appears on the horizon. Solid, sound thinking union men will concede that it is about time to get back on the regular highway and proceed by safe, sane and sound methods to attain the ends desired.

In plain speech Labor has made a mistake. Mistakes for Labor are always costly. This one is no exception. But it cannot be helped now. Regrets buy nothing. Progress is not by looking backwards. Experience is a hard school but thorough. Trades' Unionism will be the stronger and the cause of Labor will advance steadily and surely. The ranks of Labor will become more and more solidified as the orthodox unions continue to grow, continue to form federations and systematically and scientifically vamp the great international trades' union movement to meet new conditions and situations as they arise.

The idea of a portion of the handful of workers of Western Canada dreaming of usurping the Internationals of the entire continent with a membership of over three millions is ludicrous on the face of it. Labor's organization was not built in a day. It has required generations. To supplant it overnight is sheer folly. It is like the proverbial house that was built upon a rock. It is the only way, the only salvation of Labor. And the experience of the last few weeks is sufficient evidence for most people.

WHY NOT SETTLE COAL STRIKE?

All Alberta and British Columbia mines are closed down thousands of wage earners are sacrificing a meal ticket and various enterprises are retarded or checked entirely because of differences over waves affecting a handful of men employed above ground. To the men themselves and to the miners' unions the differences are of grave importance. To the country at large more economic loss is suffered in one week than would pay the entire wages demanded by the men affected for a whole year. Under such circumstances there is no reason why an amicable settlement should not be arrived at. It is up to the mine operators and the employees to get together, and if they cannot get together the Dominion government should take firm steps to assist them over any difficulties that may be blocking the settlement.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGAIN

And now parliamentarians and government officialdom, when pinned down to the direct question of recognizing collective bargaining as an inalienable right of Organized Labor as free citizens of a free country, avoid the issue by disclaiming a definite interpretation of collective bargaining. The triple alliance resort to the same quibbling. Collective bargaining means simply any group or groups of workers negotiating their case through such representatives as they choose. To him who honestly desires to deal collectively with a body of men, it is immaterial as to the personnel of the agents speaking for the men. The workers could object to the personnel of the men representing the employing company. If Labor chose to hire a lawyer to represent it, should that right be denied?

Employers who object to dealing with agents chosen by the men do so not because of principle but because of expediency. Agents are purposely selected by the workers who are in a position to speak freely and fearlessly and whose individual meal ticket is beyond the reach of the employers with whom they are dealing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LIBERALS

If the Liberal Party of Canada is prepared to adopt a platform embracing measures guaranteeing justice to Labor and to the rural communities of the country, and in fact select candidates so constituted that such platform so adopted will in fact be executed, an opportunity offers itself to return that party to power in Parliament and at the same time solve industrial evolution demanded by the hour. Adequate consideration of returned veterans and dependents must also be included in the platform. The Liberal national convention convenes at Ottawa early in August.

ENTIRE CHANGE IMPERATIVE

An entire change in the complexion of the Canadian parliament is imperative. It is evidenced beyond question that the present government is incapable of adjusting economic and industrial differences. Lack of sympathy and understanding are conspicuous. Strong and proper measures at the onset of the present labor difficulties would have averted all the trouble and subsequent hardships suffered. A bill could have been put through parliament within an hour legalizing collective bargaining just as easily as was enacted the amendment for deporting undesirable alien agitators. No good citizen will take exception to deporting an individual whose conduct is contrary to the wellbeing of the community; also he whose conduct seeks to bring about revolution and civil war in a country cannot claim consideration at the hands of the lawabiding community. But let it be clearly understood that this applies to high and low, to unscrupulous employers as well as to unscrupulous employees. There are men in high estate whose utterances and efforts are devoted to urging one section of the community to set upon another. The antecedents of such require to be looked up as much as those of that individual who preaches like doctrines from a soap box. They are of the same stripe and require identical treatment.

The agricultural section of Canada has no faith in the national government, as evidenced by the determination to enter politics independently. Organized Labor certainly recognized the government among the conspirators who have sought its undoing. The ordinary man on the street whether he works for wages or is engaged in a small business of his own would hasten the day for a general election. The returned veterans deserving of first consideration hold no brief for Ottawa as at present constituted.

If Labor, organized and unorganized, would devote the energies and the money and the time to uniting with the farmers and veterans, and rank and file, to elect a parliament representative of the people

instead of the big interests, an effective means of attaining the desired ends would be brought about. With such a parliament the triple alliance would become the Bolsheviks to be deported; the profiteers and hoodlums who waxed fat from the blood of the country would be eliminated.

To seek to bring about such changes by other than constitutional means is a fallacy impossible on this continent, and wholly unnecessary. The ballot is the weapon. If Organized Labor and Labor unorganized is unable to get together politically and by constitutional means attain the desired ends, it is certain that there is not sufficient organization and management to direct a nation if the affairs of the country were turned over to it by any other means. In Russia it was different. There was no constitutional method available, and had there been the unlearned population would have been unable to apply it.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GRATIFYING

When business men of other cities recognized as leaders in their particular lines, open stores in Edmonton in choice locations, corroborative evidence is afforded confidence of Edmonton business concerns in speedy return of normal conditions in this city. This week Tom Campbell who has made "Smile" hats famous, and Riley and McCormick, leather specialties, both from Calgary, join the city's circle of progressive merchants. At the same time Jasper avenue locations are in greater demand day by day. The same applies to First street. To meet this demand new buildings are being erected, others are planned for the immediate future, and still others are being remodeled to provide better business facilities. The outlook is cheerful.

ALL READY, SO LET'S GO

With good baseball again provided regularly at Diamond Park, commercial leagues, lacrosse and soccer running strong, bowling on the green away to a good start and tennis limbering up, Edmonton has "come back" from the sport standpoint this year with the return of the men from overseas. This activity is merely a barometer of all community activities—except real estate perhaps and even that game has given evidence once or twice of returning to life. Building activities are picking up and rents for both business and residence purposes are actively aiding and abetting the combines and profiteers in elevating the high cost of living. Prospects of bumper crops were never better for this time of year and despite industrial interruptions progress is evidenced in all walks of life.

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ed tax on all usable lands above the amount cultivated by the owner with provisions whereby tenant farmers or others may purchase tracts.

Regulations of Corporations.

The report calls for federal licensing with federal supervision over stock and bond issues.

Freedom of Speech

The report asks removal of restrictions on freedom of speech.

Workmen's Compensation

Wiping out employers' liability companies operated for profit is recommended.

Immigration

Barring immigration for at least two years and Americanization of aliens already here asked.

Taxation

Taxes on profits such as not to discourage enterprises and progressively increasing taxes on income, inheritance and unused land recommended.

Education

Development of schools and state colleges, rights of teachers to organize for more pay and labor representation on school boards is asked.

Employment Agencies

Federal, state and municipal employment agencies should replace private agencies.

Housing

Establishment of a governmental system of credits to encourage home building and owning asked, with recommendation that states and cities be allowed to take up housing projects.

Militarism

The reports "insists" that state militia be organized on democratic principles so as to "never be diverted from its true purpose."

Continuing pay of soldiers until they secure employment recommended, also development of land in interest of service men.

The report shows that the membership of the federation is 3,260,068.

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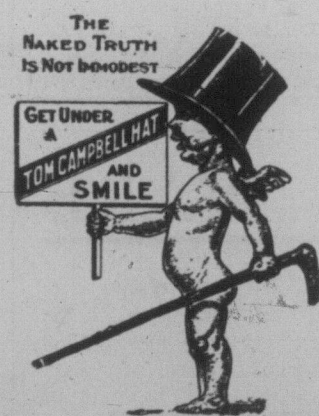
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