

TORONTO RUSSIANS SEND RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT WILSON ALSO PREMIER BORDEN.

Call for Soviet Support.

We, Russian emigrants at a Mass Meeting assembled in the City of Toronto, Canada, on June 30, 1918, including representatives of Russian, Finnish, Lituanian, Polish, Jewish and Ukrainian Organizations hereby resolve to apply to the Government of the United States requesting its recognition of the "Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic", because the Soviets truly express the will of the Russian people.

We emphatically protest against any intervention in Russian affairs—except such, that is desired and acceptable to the Russian People through her Soviets. We have deep respect for American institutions, and your country will be long remembered as the home of the Russian refugee. But we view with apprehension the demands being made by a section of the press against the Soviets — and their mockery of the Russian Workers.

We sincerely request that your good offices may be used to aid the new born Republic in all matters of an Economic nature, and such advice as may be in harmony with the broad principles of Social-Democracy.

We are reminded at this time that your people are joyfully celebrating the "Day of Independence". May we suggest — that it would be a travesty of American spirit and Institutions to pursue a course contrary to this in relation to Russian affairs.

Thanking you in consideration,
I beg to remain,
Signed on behalf of Mass Meeting

SHOULD POLICEMEN JOIN THE UNION.

By J. W. Curry

To the above question we have heard this reply "They should not". Their oath of office and the safety of property and life forbids them to strike. But did their oath and the conditions under which they signed up unmistakably set forth all possible contingencies? Did it foresee the war and the increased cost of living? If it did not, then where is its force today? For this protest is a necessity, self-preservation knows no law.

The fact is that the wages of these men have remained practically the same, but real wages is expressed in food, clothing, etc., since we do not eat paper money, or silver coins, but exchange these for the necessities

of life, and with increased prices, the wages of these men have in reality been reduced nearly 50 per cent. and should they submit to this without a protest?

If our Council represented the average citizen and the producing class instead of property owners and the B. C. Electric there would be no need of Police or Firemen going to strike, because real wages would be adjusted to any rise in the cost of living.

To deny the rights of the workers to cease work as a protest against injustice and poverty means slavery, and it would be interesting to know what our Aldermen and City officials would do if their total incomes were reduced to \$60. or .70. a month on which these Municipal employees are compelled to live. How long would their oath of office serve as a club to compel them to give their whole time in the interests of the City?

Yes, "but the City is so hard up." Positively we cannot afford to pay any more wages." And why is the City hard up? If the Council represented the average citizens instead of property rights there would be revenue apart from taxation and sufficient for all legitimate purposes, without even borrowing from Banks to pay interests on previous loans.

Here is a question — Why should the Corporations and private interests take all the cheese and cream and leave the City with sour milk and wey? If we can only operate the sewers, streets, bridges and Parks, which are an eternal expense without revenue, why cannot we run motor-bus lines to pay the cost? If we can manage jails, insane asylums, orphan homes and schools, why not the gas plant, electric light system, and the telephones, with which to pay for the former? Consider what our Fire Department costs — Why should they be running the interests

of Fire Insurance Companies? The agents of a hundred of these institutions are eternally chasing one another around town and are in fact a nuisance to busy men. If the City ran its own Fire Insurance Department could it not easily pay for fire protection and the Fireman would have a living wage without strikes.

Is there anything very difficult about the City administration managing a fuel yard, except that it would conflict with the interests of our local coal barons and saw mill corporations, or the fact that profits rather than the people, are represented by our City Fathers? The same idea and principle would apply to markets and delivery of goods. Of course they would clash, with Commission Merchants and Cold Storage Trusts.

Consider our Provincial and Federal House of Parliament — What do they represent? Big business, otherwise coal mines, fisheries, banks etc. would be owned and operated for the common good, instead of for a parasitic class of profiteers and war promoters.

But the common people before they are willing or able to rule the world must understand and must organize. After all, it is a matter of understanding, a process of social evolution, and no individual, and no class is in reality to blame for doing what conditions determine they must do. There is no effect without an adequate cause.

It is true that the capitalists have the press, the pulpits and the schools at their command to misinstruct the public mind. Of these the press at least is a conscious hireling agency. Against all these Socialism has a noble army of volunteer workers on its side together with social developments that override all capitalistic arguments

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