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SUGAR FAMINE.

Suppose one man, or group of men, controlled the fruit canning industry of the country, and the same group controlled the sugar refineries. Withhold the sugar supply during the berry and fruit season and the wild berries of the country would go to waste as they are today. The demand for tame fruit and berries would be minimized as far as the housewife is concerned as it is today. The available market to be found by fruit growers would be the canning concerns as is the case today. More canned fruit would be consumed next winter than ever before because of the elimination of home canning as will be the case next winter. Canning concerns would be able to fill their requirements for sugar and can more goods than ever before as is declared to be the case today. What prices the goods will bring is a matter of speculation. If the Dominion Bond Company controls some 78 per cent of the canning industry of the country, and at the same time controls the sugar refineries, a little well directed government action might unearth some combinations in restraint of trade and a big game in profiteering that would make previous revelations sink into insignificance.

It is reported in fruit jobbers' association circles that the sugar shortage promises to be relieved shortly. The fruit season will be over shortly. It is also reported that the B.C. Sugar Refineries declare they have shipped seven million pounds more sugar this year than last. Two million pounds in the course of being exported have been diverted for home consumption. Western refineries are said to have ample raw material while eastern refineries are said to be a bit short on raw material. Seventeen cars containing 300 bags each or 30,000 pounds are enroute west from Fort William. When it is known that the Edmonton district alone will require something like a hundred cars or more to arrive at normal conditions it will be seen how inadequate the supply meets the demand. Also it is evident that the sugar famine will not be relieved until the canning season is over. And the high cost of living does not come down. Can't get sugar at eight pounds for a dollar.

There is a possibility that the sugar situation in the country is a result of conditions over which interests supplying this necessity had no control; and it is possible everything is being done and has been done to meet the supply. But it is worthy of note that the sugar famine arrives just at the time of year when the welfare of the country demands that it be had. With all energies presumed to be focused on the cost of living a situation arises which causes the wild berry crop to rot and prevent the housewife putting up fruits and other things requiring sugar as preserving element.

And when the public has discovered so recently and so forcibly how they have been fleeced by cold storage concerns and combinations of big interests in restraint of trade resulting in such gross profiteering, the ordinary man on the street will be excused for being a wee bit skeptical.

NOT LABOR ORGANIZATION.

Evidence submitted at the preliminary hearing of the leaders in the Winnipeg strike give corroboration to the oft-made statements that many of the O.B.U. leaders are Bolsheviks, pure and simple, that their real purpose is revolution and that their activity in union circles was to use Organized Labor as a cat's paw to bring about a Soviet regime in Canada. Furthermore the evidence shows that the O.B.U. considers orthodox Unionism such a check upon its activities that Trades Unionism must be captured or destroyed. Similar evidence from different points in the United States in respect to other affairs gives color to the statements that the O.B.U. movement was planned on a big scale, that it never was a labor movement, that it is not recognized as a different form of organization to supplant Trades Unionism. It was conceived and propagated merely as a means to an end, the end being revolutionary and not evolutionary.

GET ON THE VOTERS' LIST

Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the expediency of every wage earner in the city seeing that his or her name is on the voters' list to enable participation in the municipal elections this fall. Seventy-five per cent of political ills are due to apathetic citizens in respect to public affairs, whether they be municipal, provincial or national. A community with a citizenry keenly alive to all public problems and attempted solutions—a community with the whole electorate actively interested in and watching all measures at all times will not only give direction to elected representatives, but will leave little room for private interests to be served. There is no elective body that will deliberately stem the tide of public disapproval if directed sufficiently pointed. An elected representative is chosen to execute the mandates of the public, not necessarily follow the dictates of his individual opinion. The difficulty always is to determine accurately the public demand.

Organized Labor formed unions to bring about united action in respect to wage schedules and working conditions. Success to that end has been achieved just in proportion to the completeness of unionization. The same principle applied to the use of the ballot will bring about legislative measures. It is as necessary to get together and work together to secure political reforms as it is to secure industrial fights and there is no reason why it cannot apply the same spirit to political matters. The first essential step is to have every wage earner entitled to franchise on the voters' list, both man and woman.

Registration of voters' will continue throughout this month. While it is more or less of a bother to have to register each year—except in case of ratepayers—some system has to be devised to keep the voters' list up to date. It is to the interest of Labor more than any other element of society that the voters' list contains the names of only legitimate citizens.

The individual who fails to exercise to the fullest extent his constitutional right and seek by the means provided to cure political ailments of the country by the system in vogue, has little room to complain against the system itself. Most any system will give good service if properly and adequately administered. On the other hand there never was a system invented that was fool-proof, automatic, and would prove proper and effective if improperly or inadequately applied.

MAKE IT BIG SUCCESS.

The Trades and Labor Council Executive is planning a proper Labor Day demonstration on Labor Day. Every wage earner, whether he be affiliated with a regularly organized trades' union or not, should give active support in making this day a big success. This is the one day of the year set aside as a recognition of workers. It is up to the workers to make the best of it. The committee having the affair in charge cannot make it a success without the support of all ranks of workers. Do not be a slacker in this event.

THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOU.

The B. C. Federationist, radical Labor paper of Vancouver, in a recent issue make an appeal to Organized Labor to pay heed to the advertisers of that paper and give them their business support. The advertisers are giving business support to Labor and are entitled to reciprocity. This principle is recognized universally by Labor. Labor has always been handicapped most by lack of newspaper support. That condition is due to Labor itself. By Organized Labor supporting those business men who support Labor, then Labor will never be without newspapers of its own. The Edmonton Free Press is Labor's own paper. Its columns, editorial and otherwise, are controlled entirely by the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council.

UNIONISTS URGED TO REJECT O.B.U. SENSATIONALISM

Australian Workers Asked To Consider Solidarity of the Older Organizations

Acting Prime Minister Theodore of Queensland's labor government, who is former president of the Queensland branch of the Australian Workers' Union, calls on trade unionists to continue their orderly progress and reject one big union sensationalism.

"The A. W. U. and other of the older organizations," he says, "have been working upon sound lines of industrial solidarity and have, from time to time, considered and adopted schemes for the effective organization of the workers, and it would be ill-advised for them to adopt half baked ideas in regard to one big unionism. The Australian Workers' Union, since 1913, has been constantly expanding on the lines of closer organization, and amalgamation with weaker unions, in order to consolidate their forces. This has been a gradual process, but a very effective one.

"The promoters of the O.B.U. think that by simply publishing a manifesto they can bring about in one day, the realization of a perfect system of industrial organization. That is a foolish assumption and I am satisfied that the consolidation of union forces in Australia will be brought about by the methods adopted by the A. W. U. and other such modern industrial organizations." The Queensland labor party, which controls this state, is the one Australian labor party that survived the war, the labor party of other Australian states being defeated.

B. KARP & CO. TO MOVE INTO NEW STORE BUILDING

Everybody has been interested in the new store building recently erected at the corner of Rice and 101st street, which is soon to be occupied by B. Karp & Co. under the name of The Hub. This firm of men's outfitters has been in its present location at the corner of Peace avenue and 101st street for the past five years, and have built up a large following of men's wear buyers, who have come to know that this store carries a splendidly varied stock of men's clothing, furnishings, boots and shoes.

The new store at the corner of Rice street and 101st will be a model men's store in every respect, and Mr. Karp is taking every precaution to see that the stock for the new store is as bright, new, clean and desirable as it is possible for money to buy. The new store will be known as The Hub, and will be a complete moderate priced men's store. Splendid window display space has been provided for in the new building, and the store entrance will be on 101st street. The hundreds of friends and customers of B. Karp & Co. will watch with interest the progress of the new store which will be formally opened Monday the 18th of August, 1919.

This new up-to-the-minute men's store will be under the direct management of W. C. Kehoe, until recently with Gilpin & McComb. Mr. Kehoe has a thorough knowledge of the business, having devoted his whole life to the intricate study of supplying best men's merchandise to an exacting public. By his personality he will bring to this new men's furnishing store no small clientele.

The Hub will be open for business Monday, August 18th.

MINNESOTA HAS NEW LABOR PARTY

Thomas Van Lear, former mayor of Minneapolis, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Working People's Non-Partisan Political League of Minnesota. This movement was launched at a conference attended by delegates to the Minnesota State Federation of Labor. It was voted to co-operate with the farmers' non-partisan league of North Dakota and Minnesota.

The purpose of the new league, it was declared, is "to unite members of organized and unorganized labor into movements in sympathy with those of the common people, in order that representatives may be elected to public office who will enact, interpret and enforce laws that will serve the general welfare in accordance with the platform adopted at this conference."

CHINESE COOK AS SUBSTITUTE IN POSTOFFICE

Postmaster General Burleson attempted to solve the mail problem of the nation's capital by sending his Chinese cook to work during his spare time in the city postoffice, said Secretary-Treasurer Thomas F. Fishery of the National Federation of Postal Employees to the committee that is investigating defects in the local mail service.

"Mr. Burleson," said the trade unionist, "evidently thinks he has done his full duty to correct postal conditions by having his cook distribute mail during the rush hours, but an efficient mail force cannot be recruited from Chinese cooks. This can only be obtained by improving postal working conditions so that American young men will enter the service and make it their vocation. At present the postal service is justly termed the national sweatshop."

Are you on the Voters' List?

STOVE MOLDERS ARE WEARY OF NON-UNIONISM

Unionizing of Stove Molders of Great Importance To Southern Stove Industry

"We are weary of attempting to operate on a non-union basis and want to reach an agreement with the International Molders' Union," is the substance of a statement to President Valentine of that organization by a representative of the O.K. Stove and Range Company, Louisville, Ky.

The conference resulted in an understanding and the molding department is now strictly union."

The importance of this voluntary action by the company can be appreciated when it is recalled that this concern is one of the best known stove companies in the South, and since a molders' strike 12 years ago has been non-union and has been pointed to by anti-union manufacturers as justifying their opposition to organized labor.

The company's alleged success was frequently commented on at meetings of southern foundry men and the plant has been the mecca of other employers to secure information on the company's success. But this "success" is now shown to be a sham—the company acknowledges that non-unionism does not pay.

Officers of this international union declare that the incident is of tremendous importance to the southern stove industry.

RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF LABOR HELPS TO ORGANIZE UNIONS

Admiral Kolchak's All-Russian Government Shows Good Progress Toward Production

Good progress toward increased production and improved labor conditions were reported by Leonid Shumilovskiy, Minister of Labor in Admiral Kolchak's all-Russian Government, at the closing session of the State Economic Council Congress.

The Ministry of Labor has established a minimum wage, and aids working men to organize unions, M. Shumilovskiy told the congress.

"All the data we possess shows an increase in the productivity of labor in the various industries," he said. "I am glad to say that in these critical days the working class is doing its duty to the country. The Government sees that the working men are paid enough for their work, and have enough rest and time to participate in healthful life."

Endorsement of the all-Russian Government's policies as given in Admiral Kolchak's note to the allies, is expressed in a declaration of the constitutional democratic party, made public here today.

The declaration says the party welcomes "the allied note promising Russia energetic help in its struggle against the Bolshevik tyranny."

LAW OF AVERAGES ONE THAT CAN NOT BE EVADED

In urging workers to be cautious at their employment Chief Boiler Inspector Hemingway of the California industrial accident commission says it is no excuse to say that an employe has worked around a piece of machinery for many years without an accident.

The law of averages is one law that can be repealed or amended, says this official, and any employe who takes an unnecessary chance is, under this law of averages, probably very short due for a serious mishap.

"The unfortunate part of this law of averages is that it may not affect him personally, but it may affect his fellow workman who may be the victim of the accident that really was coming to the neglectful one.

"Each worker should remember that when an accident happens it is he who must put up with the pain and the suffering and, in many cases, with the disfigurement, or partial or even total disability. He is the one who is robbed by the accident of the 100 per cent earning capacity with which he has been endowed.

"Those in his home are entitled to the benefits to be derived from that 100 per cent earning capacity and his failure to use every possible care to avoid accident is virtually robbing him and those dependent on him."

RIGHT OF MEN TO JOIN UNIONS ASSERTED IN U.S.

"Keep hands off trade unions is the essence of a recent order to officers of the ordnance department of the army at Washington by Brigadier General Pierce, acting chief of ordnance. The order is directed to officers in charge of workers and declares that "it must be clearly understood that there shall be no abridgment of the right of men to join societies, associations or unions of any kind, and no limitations upon conferences between representatives of those bodies and the proper ordnance representatives."

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COMPANY UNIONS CONDEMNED AT I.L.P. MEETING

Claim System Is Intended To Check Growth of Trade Unions

The Rockefeller "union" has not fooled delegates to the International Labor Press of America, which held its annual meeting at Atlantic City, N.J., prior to the A. F. of L. convention. These hard-headed labor editors are well acquainted with every sort of publicity methods and have condemned the Rockefeller "union" theory despite glowing eulogies of press agents.

The labor editors declare that this system is intended to check the growth of trade unions and to weaken the economic power of the workers, that shop and plant committee men elections are conducted unfairly; that the committees are "loaded with bosses," and that instead of encouraging free expression by the workers, the company "union" perpetuates autocratic control of industry.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS MAKE CAPITAL OF INDUSTRIAL UNREST

Writers who discuss new-fangled theories of "industrial democracy" are in clover these days and can sell all sorts of stuff to the daily press.

In last Sunday's New York World a Danville, Va., correspondent "got by" with a whole page, including photographs, devoted to the plan announced by the Riverside and Dan river cotton mills, at Danville, which will "settle" the "capital" labor fuss.

The plan provides for a house of representatives composed of employes, elected by a popular vote of the employes; a senate composed of foremen and administrative officers of the company, and a cabinet composed of nine officers of the company, who have the power to veto any suggestion by the house or senate.

The scheme is an elaboration of similar plans, but the Danville correspondent puts his stuff over in great shape. He says these employes "have virtually taken charge of the company's two big plants in this city, so far as the operation of the plants is concerned, through a system of industrial democracy."

The correspondent will undoubtedly revel in many a juicy steak when he receives his check from the World.

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