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The Woman's Page

MRS. GOODERHAM RESIGNS FROM EXECUTIVE I.O.D.E.

Issues Statement Denying Charges
Made Against Her By Lady
Kingsmill

Mrs. A. E. Gooderham of Toronto, has resigned from the national executive of the Independent Order of the Daughters of the Empire. Mrs. Gooderham was president of the I.O.D.E.

At the last annual meeting charges in connection with the administration of the order made against her by Lady Kingsmill were aired and supposed to have been set at rest, but Mrs. Gooderham states that the charges have been reiterated by Lady Kingsmill. As Lady Kingsmill continues to be a member of the national executive, Mrs. Gooderham states that she cannot continue to hold responsible position in the order.

Mrs. Gooderham has issued a statement which she has forwarded to the secretaries of the various chapters of the I.O.D.E., in which she denies Lady Kingsmill's charges in toto. She says she is content to leave it to the members of the order "whether the administration of the affairs of the order under my presidency were not open, fair and calculated to ensure harmony."

EMPLOYEES SUSPEND WORK TO OBTAIN JOINT BARGAINING

Between 2,000 and 3,000 machinists employed by the United States Machinery company, Beverly, Mass., have suspended work to abolish the individual contract system and to secure the establishment of grievance committees. The company is opposed to unions and wants to adjust grievances with each individual. In defending its position it hawks about "freedom," "the open shop" and "liberty."

CALGARY MAN'FRS FAVOR CHANGES IN COMPENSATION ACT

Opposed to Raising of Industrial
Age Limit and Also the 44
Hour Week.

At a meeting of the Calgary branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' association Monday, recommendations were passed favoring an increase in the indemnities under the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Act. The meeting also supported the Alberta Federation of Labor's proposal that inspectors under the boiler and engineer act be under the jurisdiction of the compensation board, and favored the extension of the Workmen's Compensation Act to provide medical and hospital aid for employees and their families upon a plan similar in principle to that which the C.P.R. and certain other companies have already in some form adopted.

The association opposed the proposal of the Alberta Federation of Labor that the age at which persons shall be allowed to enter industrial employment be raised to 18, and also opposed the 44-hour week.

The Calgary manufacturers recommended that attendance at continuation schools should be made compulsory in this province. They state that they wish to co-operate with Labor in every way possible in efforts which are being made for the advancement of technical education.

The union label is, indeed, the only guarantee that the products of any industry are fit to enter decent and clean homes.

ORGANIZED LABOR FIRST CHAMPIONED RIGHTS OF WOMEN

No Other Force Has Done As
Much For Welfare and Uplift of
Wage-Earning Women.

No other force in existence has ever done as much for the welfare and uplift of wage-earning women as the International Trades Union Movement, declares the Toronto Industrial Banner. Years before either the American Federation of Labor or the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada had come into existence the Trades unions in both the United States and Canada had enthusiastically espoused the cause of women's suffrage and therefore it was only natural that at the time of their inception both these now powerful organizations placed themselves on record as approving of equal political rights for men and women alike.

Long before it was possible to persuade the women workers to organize for their own protection, the labor unions were putting forth strenuous efforts to ameliorate the many hardships in connection with women's work, to force proper sanitary conditions in premises in which they were employed, in securing them a shorter work-day and improvement in working conditions.

It was organized Labor that lone handed fought the battle of exploited women in the best sweatshops in both Canada and the United States also to prevent their being employed in occupations which tended to injure them either morally or physically.

These truths are indeed so well attested, that today no intelligent individual would think of denying them. It was therefore only natural that in course of time the women employed in industry should come to recognize the fact that organized Labor was their greatest friend and the result is to be seen today in the thousands of wage-earning women, who are to be found in the organized Labor movement and the growing numbers that are steadily being enrolled in its ranks. In fact, so much progress has been made during the last half dozen years that women have become an influential factor in the labor movement.

There are thousands of union girls and women in nearly every industrial centre in Canada and the United States, and what is more, the numbers of women enrolled is increasing at a rapid rate and it can be said they are just as enthusiastic in the work as the men. Their numbers are not confined to the workshops or the factories either, for thousands of women, teachers and educationists, have recently organized and secured charters from the American Federation of Labor. Many of the leading actresses and musicians are members of the Trades Unions of their callings and like the male workers they have learned that in unity there is strength and that organization spells power.

The thousands of women now daily being enrolled in the Labor movement is bringing an accession of strength to the cause that should not be underestimated, especially now that Labor is organizing so successfully upon the field of politics and that women have won the right to the ballot, for, it can be banked upon, that in the future the union woman is going to also be a union voter.

TRIAL DELAYED OWING TO ILLNESS OF A JURYMAN

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direct. You gentlemen will decide this case wholly upon the evidence that has been offered and is now in." "Think how applicable they are today," he said, with a shake of his head, after quoting from opinions given in several trials for alleged seditious conspiracy held more than 100 years ago.

"Labor is not downtrodden in this country and much has been received by it. I don't believe that these men can make you believe that Labor is downtrodden. Labor gets good wages while the workers dress better than ever before. I'm proud that there's no other country in the world where the workers get better treatment than right here in this country of ours."

After telling how Labor began publication of the Western Labor News and made it the official organ of the organized workers of Winnipeg, Andrews charged the Rev. William Ivens, one of the accused, who became its editor, with setting "class against class."

"You must consider the times, for peace had not been declared," the lawyer shouted. "These people realized the time was ripe for spreading discontent—after our resources and energies were taxed to the limit, when our nerves were unstrung. Then the boys were coming back from the war. Some of them were unquestionably loyal, but not all. Some of them were coming back with a hatred of discipline. Many of these young men came back here with a distaste of all discipline, a hatred of

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MRS. W. F. SINGER IS WELL KNOWN AS ORGANIZER

The President of the Toronto Federated branches of the I.L.P., Mrs. W. F. Singer, as is well known has done valuable work in the past in addressing meetings and organizing women's branches of the I.L.P. In addition to this work Mrs. Singer, who is International Vice President of the Women's Auxiliaries of the International Association of Machinists, is looked upon as one of the best campaigners of the International Auxiliaries and has organized many branches in both the United States and Canada.

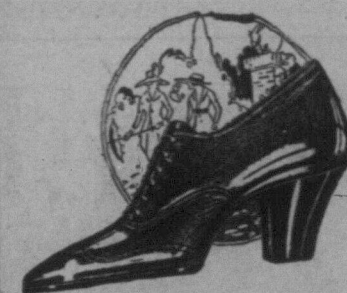
Recently she visited Buffalo, N.Y. and instituted a new lodge in that city, which starts out with a large membership and has received a request to go to Winnipeg and help work up a new lodge in that city. In connection with this work, Mrs. Singer has already conducted successful campaigns in Washington, Philadelphia, Boston and other American cities and contributions from her pen are often to be found in the Official Journal of the International Association.

the whole thing and ripe for any kind of suggestion for disloyal acts. It was on this soil these persons were sowing the seed of discontent, it was among them that they scattered the poisonous weeds of discontent."

"This is a free country and any man can be what he wills in society," the former lawyer for the so-called "Citizens' Committee" which fought organized Labor during the strike continued. "There are no impediments, no classes here."

As he spoke the jury box on the opposite side of the court room from that occupied by the jury was filled with women, young and old, who might be called members of the social set of Winnipeg. Certainly they did not belong to the wage working class for the court attendant who stood guard at the door leading to the court room sees to it that wage working women and men sit back of the railing separating the section reserved for the accused, lawyers, jurors, judge and other officials.

The government lawyer's speech touched on practically every important Labor gathering held in Western Canada during the last few years.



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"Miss Lathrop is employed to look after the welfare of American children, and I am in favor of such work," he said, when he was informed that Miss Lathrop would spend her own money.

Trade unionists suggest that if Senator Smoot is interested in child welfare, he should vote for a living wage to government employees.

Miss Lathrop has repeatedly reported that low wages is the principle cause of death among children.

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