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SECRETARIAL NOTES

Toronto workers are preparing for a great May-Day celebration. Representatives from ten different groups have already decided upon the form of manifesto, and we note a greater degree of unity amongst the different elements than at any time during the last five years. This is not the time to accentuate our differences; we are faced by a common enemy.

The Canadian Forward is tickling the palates of some of our sympathizers. A friend from Vancouver wires for 100 copies of the April 10th issue. Keep pushing We shall get results!

May the 1st.—The Sine-Qua-Uon of the Social Revolution is upon us. Do not be found sleeping at your posts. A martyred democracy calls you to arms! The land of promise beckons you to take possession.

I. BAINBRIDGE,
Secretary.

Editor Bainbridge Defence Fund.

To All Socialists and Sympathizers,—
In view of the charge of seditious libel laid against Comrade Bainbridge by the Crown Attorney of Toronto, we issue a call for his defence. It will cost money to carry this case through, and we do not desire to be deprived of his services for lack of funds. The freedom of the Socialist press is in danger. This is your fight. In view of a resume of his case in another column of this issue, it is not necessary to elaborate here.

Into the breach, Comrades!

Make all cheques payable to I. Bainbridge, Dominion Secretary, at 363 Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

—Ed.

LIEBKNECHT'S SEAT TO BE FOUGHT.

Franz Mehring, of the Socialist Minority, who was recently released from preventive detention, has accepted an invitation to contest the seat rendered vacant by the imprisonment of Karl Liebknecht. German politics are growing more interesting. A Block, consisting of the Centre, Progressive, and Socialist Parties, under Bethmann-Hollweg, is now declared by the Conservative Imperialists to have come into existence, to complete the way to Parliamentarism."

We note, too, that journalists, as well as Trade Union leaders, are to be exempt from the new Civilian War Work Conscription.

"I see no solution for the problem until hunger compels capitulation."—Charles L. Eidlitz, president of New York Building Trades Employers' Association, during the lockout in July, 1903.

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AN ITALIAN SOCIALIST ON THE "BALANCE OF POWER."

From a report in Avanti we learn that, speaking recently in the Peace Debate in the Italian Parliament, our comrade, Claudio Treves, said:

"One of the atrocious idols that has plunged the peoples into war is the 'Balance of Power.' The 'Balance of Power' was born in England, where it was used as a weapon of English Conservative Imperialism, sometimes against France, then against Russia, now against Germany.

"The policy of the 'Balance of Power' has led to the balance of armaments and therefore to the impotence of war to resolve difficulties by this means."

Referring further to the re-constitution of Poland by the Central Powers, Treves said:

"In place of Russian or German autonomy to Poland we suggest Polish autonomy to Poland.

"Small nations are constantly being sacrificed to their protectors, the Entente. Roumania . . . you have succeeded in dragging into the war, and in order to show your gratitude for her help you have agreed to close the avenue of her life and commerce with Europe by consigning the Dardanelles to Russia."

PRESIDENT HOOP REINSTATED, BUT WILL NOT GO BACK.

Pressure of Organized Labor Compels Government to Recede.

What some regard as the closing incident in regard to the operations of the anti-registration committee, which gave rise to such commotion at the beginning of the year, came before the last meeting of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, when the announcement was made that the two suspended Letter Carriers had been reinstated and representatives of the association thanked the council for the manner in which it had sustained them. Delegate W. H. Hoop informed the council that so far as he was concerned, the reinstatement would not be availed of, as he wished to further enjoy the sense of freedom which he had experienced during the period of suspension.

"The public be damned! I'm not running this road for the benefit of the public. I'm running it for my own benefit."—William H. Vanderbilt, of the New York Central Railway.

"The damned fools don't know what is good for them."—J. Pierpont Morgan, speaking of the striking steel workers in September, 1901.

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