

Labor Items of Interest from the Capital City

I. T. U. LOCAL NO. 102.

Ottawa Local No. 102, International Typographical Union, instructed its secretary to notify the Master Printers that unless they named their representatives to adjust the scale of wages for apprentices within one week, that the I. T. U. representative would proceed with the schedule and would submit it to the executive of the Ottawa Local for approval.

The secretary informed the meeting that 15 members of the local were still overseas, or still on military duty, and that the total membership of 102 was in the neighborhood of 45.

Considerable discussion took place as regards the employing of soldiers and sailors in the various offices with a view to making them operators after six or nine months' training. One of the members asked whether being done in the matter.

DELEGATES DOMINION TRADES CONGRESS COVENTION

Allied Trades and Labor Association; Pat. Green, Wm. Lodge and Chas. W. Lewis. International Typographical Union, Local 102; J. M. Draper, Geo. W. Ross, Geo. Duncan, J. A. P. Hayden, M.C., and H. Borthwick.

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RETAIL CLERKS PROTEST

A resolution protesting against certain stores which kept their doors open on Saturday after 11 o'clock last Saturday was adopted at a meeting held on Monday night by the Ottawa Retail Clerks' International Protective Association. The meeting claimed that these stores were going around the city bylaw and defying its purpose by hiding behind a few technicalities or flaws in the wording of the law, which, however, meant very clearly that "every shop in the city of Ottawa for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise, coming under certain classes, such as watches and jewelry, boots and shoes, millinery, furniture, hardware, bicycles and sporting goods, gent's furnishings, men's clothing, and every shop for the carrying on the business of merchant tailors and departmental stores, should be closed before six o'clock of each day."

It was respectfully requested to find a term or a name covering these stores which claim they are not included or affected, as present, in or by the said bylaw (No. 4716), for instance: Dry goods stores, smallware or bric-a-brac stores, usually better known as 5, 10 and 15 cent stores, so that immediate necessary steps could be taken by the O.R.M.A. to have this bylaw completed and amended by the city solicitor, and passed through by the City Council.

The next meeting of the organization will be held on September 22, at 8 p.m., at 113 Sparks street.

LB.P.S. AND P.M.U. JOURNAL

Once again we take the opportunity of addressing another issue of the Journal. We had the pleasure of having our International President, Brother John P. Burke, to assist us and meet the J. R. Booth firm with our committee.

Some of the men made the statement that if they did not get what they wanted, I would like to say to that, that if the men make such statements around the works and the firm, that they are not doing harm to themselves only but to all the men on that class of work. If they are going to quit the Union, and the firm knows it, they are sure they will get no increase for that is what the firm wants them to do; so stick with the Union and the Union will stick to you.

GATINEAU POINTE WORKERS HOLD MASS MEETING

With a view to solidifying their ranks, a mass meeting of the workers of Gatineau Point was held on Sunday last and a very large and enthusiastic gathering of workers was on hand. Mayor Moreau extended greetings and addresses were delivered by Dr. Lafontaine, "The Point," and among the Ottawa labor men who addressed the gathering were: President Pat. Green of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Council; President F. Lafontaine of the Steam and Operating Engineers' Local Union; Business Agent C. W. Lewis of the same organization; and others.

LOCAL NO. 419, I. U. H. & R. E.

President H. Levesque, of the Local Union of Hotel and Restaurant Employees, occupied the chair for the first time on Sunday last, when a regular meeting of the local was held. The chief business before the members was the selecting of a delegate to represent the Local at the 35th annual convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

"PROTEST SUNDAY" UNOBSERVED

"Protest Sunday" as last Sabbath was called by the O. B. U. officials in Western Canada, passed without any notice being paid to it in the Capital City, and rightly so. The workers "protestants" had anticipated that the workers throughout the Dominion would fall in line, but in this they were doomed to disappointment, for the strike, or protest, or whatever you like to call it, did not materialize in Ottawa or elsewhere.

DISTRICT 18 FORMER OFFICIALS SEEK REINSTATEMENT

The question of reinstatement of some of the miners who some time ago were active in O.R.T. propaganda, is engaging the attention of the representatives of the O.R.T. in Calgary. These are not the late officials of District 18, members of the policy committee, but various men in the Lethbridge and Fernie fields who have been more or less prominent in advocating breaking away from the international affiliation.

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU FILLS POSITIONS

Figures of the Saskatchewan Bureau of Labor covering the entire harvest labor movement of this season show that during the month of August 4,234 men were placed out of a total of 8,761 applicants. There were 13,823 vacancies, but of this number 2,722 were cancelled.

The vacancies for the Drumheller mines are being filled gradually but still at a satisfactory rate. There is a vast demand for men for railway construction work in the Fort William district, and returning harvesters are being induced to stop at Drumheller.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Vacancies, Placements. Locations include Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, S. Current, Yorkton, Estevan, Albert, Weyburn, N. Battleford.

Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

EDITH CAVELL'S BETRAYAL CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Georges Gaston Quien, on trial before a court-martial, charged with having had treasonable dealings with the Germans and having betrayed Edith Cavell to them, was this week convicted and condemned to death.

CANTEEN PROFITS TO AID VETERANS

In connection with the disposal of the seven million pounds sterling profits of the Canteens of the Expeditionary Force, it has been decided to allocate a quarter million towards helping British disabled officers and men, another quarter million to widows and dependents, and an equal amount is to be assigned to general welfare work among ex-service men in London, such as in providing clubs.

2,216,042 BRITISH SOLDIERS DEMOBILIZED

The British War Office announces that from the date of the armistice to noon on September 2nd last, the following numbers were discharged or demobilized from the army: Officers—demobilized, 119,575; discharged as medically unfit, 21,272. Other ranks—demobilized, 2,751,272; discharged from reserve classes, 143,433. Total officers and other ranks discharged and demobilized, 3,216,042.

THE FUTURE OF "OLD ORPINGTON"

The Ontario hospital at Orpington closes this week, the last four hundred patients sailing on the Argyra on Sunday last and a very large and enthusiastic gathering of workers was on hand. Mayor Moreau extended greetings and addresses were delivered by Dr. Lafontaine, "The Point," and among the Ottawa labor men who addressed the gathering were: President Pat. Green of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Council; President F. Lafontaine of the Steam and Operating Engineers' Local Union; Business Agent C. W. Lewis of the same organization; and others.

GOOD OLD ST. JOHN.

At a conference between the city commissioners of St. John, N.B., and Major N. P. McLeod, president of the St. John branch of the O.R.T., recently, it was decided to remit all taxes on men discharged from military service this year. Some of the men who returned early in the year have received tax bills and these will be cancelled.

COBALT STRIKE ENDED

After six weeks of idleness, caused by the mine operators' refusal to recognize the men's union, the miners in the Cobalt area have resumed operations. The men held a mass meeting on Sunday last and decided to resume work. During the strike the mine operators issued a statement in which they blamed the Minister of Labor for encouraging the men to strike.

SUGAR WILL NOT ADVANCE

There is plenty of sugar to be had in Canada, and the price is expected to remain steady. The Canadian Sugar Refineries Ltd., at the close of the session of the Dominion Commerce last week at the Windsor hotel, Montreal, has replied in answer to a question by Hon. H. M. Robinson, chairman of the board, who asked: "Is there any justification for domestic hoarding of sugar?"

RAILWAY EMPLOYES AND OFFICIALS MEET

A conference of the railroad Brotherhoods has been held for the purpose of discussing the relationship between capital and labor, and as to whether the Canadian Board of Adjustment No. 1 is to continue, and if so, on what basis.

All the general chairmen of the different railway labor organizations will be present at the gathering. All the presidents of the organizations will also attend, including President Lee of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, President Stone of the Brotherhood of Engineers, President Carter of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen, President Barker of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

It is expected that the session will be engaged in discussing some very important questions affecting the lowering of the cost of living, and it is probable that a definite action will be taken in the matter. The meetings will take place in Montreal on September 11 and 12, and it is likely an adjournment to Ottawa will be made.

SYDNEY CIVIC AUTHORITIES IGNORE MINERS

The Sydney Post says: "Failure of the civic authorities in Sydney to extend any courtesies to the representatives of the United Mine Workers, who met in convention in this city last week, was the subject of much unfavorable comment among the delegates, many of whom were attending their first convention in Sydney."

"Many of our delegates were desirous of the convention being held in Halifax next year, but the Cape Breton officials urged the claims of Sydney as a place of meeting and finally succeeded in bringing the convention to this city," said James MacLachlan, secretary-treasurer of the U. M. W. to the Post today.

There are times when gloves are dangerous. A man working on rails should not wear gloves because a glove might be caught between the rails and his hand pulled in and crushed.

JUST RIGHT FOR HER

"When I get a car I want one which will suit me. Then, my dear, you had better get a runabout."

CITIZENS' LIBERTY LEAGUE ITS AIM AND ITS OBJECT

The Citizens' Liberty League is an organization of representative men and women throughout Ontario, who through necessity have banded themselves together to oppose all legislation (Dominion or Provincial) which tends to curtail the liberties and lawful rights of the citizen. In view of the imminence of the Ontario Referendum the activities of the League will for the present be chiefly directed to

SANE LIQUOR LEGISLATION

The Ontario Temperance Act, adopted by the Government as a war measure—without the vote of the people—is legislation that does curtail personal liberty and one which has brought great dissatisfaction.

Now that a Referendum is about to be taken, the members of the League feel that every citizen should clearly understand the meaning and significance of the questions asked in the Referendum Ballot. In order to accomplish this purpose the Citizens' Liberty League will discuss all phases of this great issue in the public press in the interests of sane, moderate temperance legislation.

The Citizens' Liberty League is absolutely opposed to a return of the open bar as it previously existed in Ontario under the old License Act. The League believes that The Ontario Temperance Act should be repealed and so enable the Government to enact a law in accord with the sentiment of the people, permitting the general sale of non-intoxicating beer and light wines and the sale of pure spirituous liquors only through Government agencies under proper restrictions.

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No person directly or indirectly interested in the liquor business may become a member of the League or contribute to its funds.