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EFFORTS ARE RECOGNIZED

From exchanges of Labor papers from all over the American continent, the Edmonton Free Press has received recognition and commendation which are not only gratifying, but flattering. The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council possesses a weekly newspaper which compares favorably not only with all similar publications in Canada, but with those of the United States, the big metropolitan centers not excepted. News excerpts and editorial comments from the Trades' and Labor Council's publication have been reproduced extensively in Labor papers extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council has been accorded much credit for the big work it is doing hereby in bringing about a clearer understanding of Labor's aims, purposes and ideals in all ranks of society.

Until recent years Labor was looked upon by a too great percentage of the people as being unstable, unsound, seeking merely to extract the maximum pay for minimum exertion. Lately the world is beginning to realize that Organized Labor is a great big important factor in the evolution of social relations, seeking to benefit mankind, and endeavoring to bring into force and effect identical things promoted by churches, humane societies and all similar organizations seeking to make this old world a better, more wholesome and more Godly place in which to live. With this realization Organized Labor has gained a footing on a new plane. Its voice is listened to and in many instances heeded where previously it was accorded a deaf ear.

That Labor organization which directs a publication that receives general commendation and acceptance from the great bulk of the community at home and the Labor press abroad is to be congratulated.

TREAT ALL ALIKE

Of a number of men arrested in Winnipeg under the hurriedly amended Immigration Act, and charged with sedition, four are of foreign birth and have not been naturalized. While arrested and charged under similar circumstances they are denied bail and tried by a special immigration board. Those of Canadian citizenship have been granted bail and are to be tried by a jury of their peers—such being a fundamental principle of British justice and liberty. One wonders why the treatment should not be meted out to those of foreign allegiance. What harm would come by it? To treat all alike, even if some be of alien nationality, would at most be doing unto one's neighbor as is prescribed in the Good Book. To deny bail to some, to grant some privileges denied others, come very near reverting to the period of the Roman Empire, when none were accorded justice save a Roman citizen. Justice should prevail for justice's sake.

THE UNION LABEL

The union label is a little insignia placed upon goods made by shops or firms where Labor is organized, and where what are generally termed "fair conditions" prevail. If every member of Organized Labor looked for and insisted upon the union label on articles purchased there would be fewer strikes and industrial disputes.

The non-union institution would be attacked in the pocket. The most vulnerable spot in the anatomy of any industrial enterprise is the cash register. When the cash register is served best by following the dictates of right and justice, there is no need to appoint a guardian of the morals of that institution. The non-union shops employ non-union help because it can be got a dime cheaper. And the union man buys such goods without the union label because it can be had in some instances a dime cheaper.

BUY GOODS MADE AT HOME.

A bushel of wheat is raised near Edmonton. It is shipped down east to the United States, or to some other place. There it is made into biscuits, cookies, cakes, breakfast foods, or some other palatable form. It is boxed, crated and shipped back to Edmonton, and sold. The cost of transportation, and commissions made by various agents handling the product in the various stages represent more money than the raw material plus labor in manufacture combined. What is true with the illustrative bushel of wheat is true generally of every article manufactured elsewhere instead of the home produced product. Raw wool is grown on this continent, shipped to the old country, manufactured into cloths or clothing, reshipped and sold to the man who actually raised the sheep that produced the wool. Every time a product is moved unnecessarily there is an unnecessary cost added to that commodity. The railroads, steamships and middlemen get the toll. While there are a number of elements that enter into the cost of production and marketing an article, extravagance in distribution is a big factor in the high cost of living. In addition a dollar sent out of the country takes a long time to get back home and become available for circulation whereby the average citizen has a chance to get hold of it. This principle applies to the city, the province and the nation. Buy Edmonton goods, Alberta goods, Canadian goods.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Citizenship in a democratic country is the greatest responsibility imposed upon any individual. It is not a passive state. It is an active condition. He who merely claims rightly allegiance to a country cannot assume good citizenship. He who but abides by the laws of a community does not constitute a good citizen. A democracy is a country governed by the people. Citizenship requires active participation in the affairs of the country. The public official neglecting duties is rightly upbraided. Every citizen failing to function fully deserves censure. That man who earnestly endeavors to understand the civic problems of the hour, who participates, if only by his presence, at public meetings, political primary elections, conventions; who contributes his mite of effort to be it great or small, sound or unsound, to public endeavor, that individual is a good citizen. If every man or woman of the country practiced good citizenship governments would greatly differ. The nation is but the individual writ large. Apathy of the individual, failure of the rank and file to function according to the logic of this responsible government, is after all the chief cause of the majority of national ills.

Organized Labor, as well as other sections of society, has been lamentably lax in active citizenship. With real active citizenship Labor would have representation in legislative bodies of city, province and nation. Just in passing, are you on the municipal voters' list?

CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS RECOGNIZED.

There never can prevail in this country, or any other, laws satisfactory to the masses of the people—the working people—until the masses of the people control the forces that legislate and execute the laws. In short Direct Action by strikes, general and otherwise can avail little in the broad sense, because the forces of state are invoked to repress any demonstration of sufficient magnitude to demand national attention. It is significant that the Western Labor News of Winnipeg, conceded by some to be rather radical—even to the extent that the editor was put in jail on a charge of sedition and is now facing trial—clearly states in a recent issue that constitutional methods are necessary. Since the machinery of the state is utilized to suppress and repress Labor, it is necessary for the masses of the people to control the machinery.

In Great Britain some real effort is being made to cope with industrial readjustment. The same is true in Australia, New Zealand

and in all countries where the masses, through the efforts of Organized Labor, have a substantial voice in the parliaments of the lands. In Canada the reverse is true.

The masses of the people may elect to public office whomsoever they choose, if they choose. It is merely necessary to attend the party primaries, conventions and take an energetic part in the political affairs of each district. Practically every riding in Canada could return a real representative of the common people to parliament if it would merely get on the job.

One of the first requirements to become an active citizen is to get on the voters' list.

DISCRIMINATING, BLACKLISTING.

Discriminating against union men, blacklisting of those who participated in the recent general strikes, are not the way to solve Labor troubles of the country, arrive at a solution of industrial deficiencies and establish a universal peace and goodwill among men at home as among nations of the world. Public and private enterprises are blacklisting men who participated in the Winnipeg strike—particularly those who took a more or less prominent part—according to the Western Labor News, and that publication should know. The Dominion government is refusing employment to postal workers and other government branches where a strike was precipitated. Private employers are also refusing re-employment. And worse still a blacklist has been compiled and an effort, more or less organized, made to starve such individuals. Returned soldiers are no exception. The returned man who went across the sea returns home and is told that because he participated in a labor strike he is a Bolshevist, an agitator, and hence an undesirable citizen in the community. The individual who does the telling is one who stayed at home during the past four years, held down a government job, or engaged in profiteering.

With such things happening, it avails little to preach the Golden Rule, to mouth ideals or indulge in dreams of reconstruction, adjustment of economic conditions or anything else. Such conduct is all wrong, contrary to all concepts of right and justice. It would appear that instead of an effort being made to bring about harmonious relations among men, a studied effort is made to precipitate discord, discontent and general unrest. Winnipeg Citizens' Committee of 1,000 and the interests represented thereby seem to be intoxicated by the failure of the general strike. The strike was lost. The strikers, whether right or wrong at the first instance, ended the struggle. And those who participated are being walked on with hobnails, kicked in the face and otherwise abused figuratively as the savage Indian visited bodily torture upon an overcome adversary. And our own national government leads the way in the modern atrocities.

NEED OF NEWSPAPERS.

The chief reason why Labor has been finding it so difficult throughout the various countries to become a bigger political factor in the community is lack of newspaper facilities. The other fellow has always had the means of getting the newspaper space required for his ends. Labor has gotten the short end of it. It takes money to buy printers' ink. Big interests subsidize newspapers, own them outright, make alliances with those who control others, and in the general play Labor smothered.

There are comparatively few genuine daily Labor newspapers on the North American continent. The Crafts and Union Labor periodicals, and weekly publications generally throughout the country, fail to function with sufficient scope. Oftimes union men themselves fail to give their own publications active support. This weakens the cause of Labor's efforts all along the line. While Labor is quibbling over some minor detail or dividing over some method of procedure, the other fellow is getting away with the bacon.

DEKAN GROTTO TO PICNIC AT PARK

Veiled Prophets Plan High Jinks for Saturday Evening Beginning at 5 o'Clock

Dekan Grotto, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm will hold their annual picnic at Victoria Park (Golf Links) this Saturday evening, July 19th. Each prophet is to wear the fez and smile, and come accompanied by wife and kid, and all his Masonic friends. Do not forget the lunch basket. Never mind about tea or coffee, Prophet Mahaffey is going to attend to that end of it. All Master Masons are especially invited to drop down to the park with the prophets and participate. Five o'clock will be none too early.

SUMMER SCHOOL SETS NEW RECORD

Largest Attendance and Widest Scope of Work Than Any Previous Year

With a record attendance the Alberta Summer School for Teachers at the University buildings is away to a good start this week. All previous records for attendance, for curriculum, number of instructions, and in short in every department, are broken. There are 325 teachers taking courses and nearly half a hundred returned soldiers are receiving training.

REGISTRATION FOR CIVIC VOTING COMES IN SLOWLY

About 3,000 Names Have Been Put on Civic Voters' Lists.

A number, reaching on towards 3,000, have registered for the municipal vote this year; there are many more yet to register and those who have not done so should bear the matter in mind, and not leave it until too late.

City Assessor Walker proposes to keep the registration office open during evenings and Saturday afternoons for the last month of registration, that is, in August.

A large percentage of women have registered this year, and it is probable that much of this is due to a notice that the city assessor has placed in the central accounting department, where the public attend to pay water, light and telephone bills.

If you issue a promissory note, do you pay it when due? If you obligate yourself to comply with the by-laws of your office, are your reports mailed where and when due? One is no worse than the other. A reflection of one is a reflection upon all.

WINNIPEG NOW COMMITTED TO ONE BIG UNION

R. A. Rigg Addresses Meeting in Opposition to the Proposal

A vote to a great extent committing the Winnipeg trades and labor council to the one big union, was passed at the regular meeting of that body Tuesday night. It was not unanimous. Several of the representatives who had not received instructions from their respective unions, refrained from voting. As a result of the decision initial steps were taken to promulgate the policy in government of labor union affairs. Prior to the taking of the vote, R. A. Rigg, recently appointed organizer for Western Canada of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, addressed the body in opposition to the one big union proposal. Mr. Rigg said that while there were changes that were needed in the formation of their economic organization in order to make this more effective in the interest of the worker, in his opinion the best policy to adopt was to advocate these changes inside the organization, and in that way bring the movement along as a whole. Otherwise it was inevitable that a split would take place in the ranks of Organized Labor and the energies of the organizers would be frittered away in strife between themselves.

The mind of the trades union movement was always susceptible to the influence of new ideas. Many changes had taken place in the past and rapid progress was being made in preparing the movement for other changes. He warned them against the danger of over-estimating the power of labor economic organization to accomplish any drastic improvement, and urged upon his hearers to concentrate more of their activity upon the political field.

SHIP LABORERS ENDORSE O.B.U. CONSTITUTION

Only one Vancouver local union so far has taken any action to endorse the constitution drawn up by the one big union leaders at the recent convention in Calgary. The shipyard laborers, riggers and fasteners have held a meeting on the subject and the 75 men who were present voted in favor of endorsing the O.B.U. constitution. As there are more than 2,000 shipyard laborers, the matter is to be reconsidered.

Men seeking work at the local shipyards and presenting one big union card, which they claim they have obtained from Vancouver, are being refused employment because the shipyards have agreements with the unions affiliated with the international organizations.

The ship stewards' strike has been called off and the men are returning to work. They state that they were granted the working conditions they asked for.

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