

TRADES COUNCIL WILL GIVE DANCE EVENING SEPT. 6

Will Hold Special Meeting Monday Evening, August 23

Not content with providing a great entertainment on Civic holiday, Edmonton Labor will again give Edmontonians an opportunity to enjoy a pleasurable and profitable evening on Labor Day, September 6th. It is planned to have a concert and dance on that evening under the auspices of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council and a committee to prepare for the event was appointed at the meeting of the council on Monday evening last. This committee, which is composed of President McCreath, Secretary McCormack and Delegates Thompson, Campbell, Murray, Connors, Geary and Hart, will report to a special meeting of the council on Monday next. It is planned to have an address from a special speaker, and the name of Mr. Alex Ross, M.L.A. of Calgary was mentioned in that connection.

Assistance to Moulders

The council appointed a special committee to interview the employing moulders of the city in an endeavor to effect an equitable agreement between them and the men on strike. This action was taken on the suggestion of Delegate Findlay who stated that the strike might be settled if a body such as the Trades Council put forth an effort to bring about an understanding.

Del. Winsor, of the moulders' union, stated to the council that at the end of eight weeks little had been done towards a settlement, and the men felt that they had made every possible reasonable proposal, with no result. Secretary McCormick, for the special committee of council acting in the administration of the fund for the families of the strikers, stated that so far all needs had been supplied to these families, and the president had expressed satisfaction with the assistance given by the council and the local unions. Circulars had gone to each local union and even before receiving same, a number of locals had responded in a generous manner.

The committee appointed to interview the employers is composed of Delegates Findlay, Neale and Murray.

To See Street Railwaymen

To another special committee was allotted the task of approaching the street railwaymen's union with the object of securing its re-affiliation with the trades council. Del. Findlay suggested that it was no doubt owing to their disconnection with the central body that their arrangements with the city council were not as favorable as they might have been had the union had the support of the Trades Council. The special committee is composed of Delegates Campbell, Findlay, Latham and Murray.

It was reported in connection with the negotiations between the meat cutters and the packing companies that a settlement had not yet been reached in Edmonton. A delegation of the meat cutters had accompanied A. Farnillo to Calgary to interview the head of the P. Burns company in the matter.

President McCreath reported regarding the new policy of the postal authorities in eliminating the lock boxes, that it would be necessary to make some new provision for the reception of mail matter. Del. Latham proposed a set of boxes in the labor hall itself for use of the various unions, but the executive committee was left to handle the situation.

Farnillo to Represent Council

Many of the local unions are sending their own delegates to the convention of the Trades Congress of Canada in Windsor next month. A Farnillo will be in attendance also as representative of the A. F. of L., and it was decided to give him credentials from the council, with instructions in its behalf.

In answer to a complain by Del. Thompson that the Free Press failed to reach a number of subscribers, Del. Roper stated that these complaints had received attention and the addressed papers checked as being delivered in the post office, but no one could understand why the subscribers themselves did not get their papers.

The council's attention was called to the presence on the minute book of the city council of a resolution passed in May, 1919, providing that no civic employe should be allowed to engage in any other employment with remuneration in his own time, without permission of the commissioners. The secretary was authorized to write the city council requesting that this resolution be rescinded.

The council will hold a special meeting on Monday evening next, August 23rd, when resolutions will be presented by the legislative committee for the approval of the council before they are submitted to the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. At this meeting also Delegate Latham will present resolutions on the Polish war situation, in support of British Labor's stand. The same delegate will also bring forward a resolution on the Irish question.

LAW CLERKS IN ENGLAND ASKING WAGE INCREASE

London (By mail via N. Y. Bureau).—Law clerks are putting up a fight for increased wages. They are among the most sweated of the "black-coated" workers. Their demands call for 18 shillings a week for boys of 16 years, and for men at 25 years they ask only 4 pounds 10 shillings a week. The Law Society offers only 5 pounds 5 shillings at 25, and 9 shillings more at 26 years—a wage that utterly precludes marriage. A strike is considered likely.

FOUR IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE PROPOSED

Scandinavian Countries Suggest Amendments For Consideration

Four important amendments to the covenant of the League of Nations have been suggested by Denmark, Norway and Sweden for consideration at the first meeting of the League Assembly on November 15th, according to an announcement made Wednesday at the headquarters of the League of Nations, at London. The four proposed amendments were announced as follows:

- (1)—Providing for a fixed annual meeting of the assembly and proposing that ten members of the league can demand and secure a special meeting at any time at the seat of the league.
- (2)—Seeking to regularize the method of selecting the four non-permanent members of the council. It is proposed to accomplish this by providing that the assembly, after making the first selections of four to serve respectively three, four, five and six years, shall name a new state yearly after the third year to serve four years and not be subject to re-election for the following period. It is suggested that this method would secure successive representation on the council of a large number of states and would maintain continuity in the composition of the council.
- (3)—Making the obligation for arbitration more absolute by omitting the word "generally" from Article XIII in the paragraph beginning "disputed" and ending "submission to arbitration."
- (4)—Permitting the council to authorize a state in the vicinity of a state against which an economic blockade is in force to maintain a degree of intercourse with the latter, provided the council considers this necessary in order to prevent the blockade state from attacking its neighbor.

EXPULSION OF BRIT. DELEGATES AIDS BOLSHIEVIKI

Will Do More Towards Extending Direct Action Than Year's Propaganda

Marcel Cachin, Socialist member of the French Chamber of Deputies, is reported as stating that the expulsion from Paris of William C. Adamson, Labor member of the British parliament, and Harry Gosling, leader of the British transport workers, would do more for establishment of councils of action in France than a year's propaganda. M. Cachin, who has just returned from Moscow, strongly advocates that the French Socialist party join the third Internationale.

Referring to the incident when Adamson and Gosling, who had come to Paris for labor conferences, were requested to leave, M. Cachin said: "It is the entire British working class which has been insulted. Our British friends had come to Paris in accord with the French workers and in order to consider the most efficient means to prevent war and conclude a definite peace with Russia. If our rulers believe that by expelling British delegates, they can prevent us from concerted action, with British labor they are mistaken. Nothing can prevent an international union of proletarians. Decidedly were our ministers in the pay of the Bolsheviki, they could do little better work for them than exasperating the working classes of both France and Great Britain."

DIST. 10 U.M.W. ACCEPT NEW SCALE OF 20% INCREASE

Seattle.—Coal miners of District No. 10 have accepted a new wage scale giving an increase of approximately 20 per cent. The scale was based on recommendations of the federal coal commission for the state of Washington. The scale is to be effective for two years.

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WINNIPEG STRIKE LEADERS' CAUSE TAKEN TO GOV'T

Deputation, Headed By F. J. Dixon, Waits Upon Two Members of Gov't

A deputation, headed by F. J. Dixon, Labor leader in the Manitoba legislature, waited upon two members of the Dominion government Tuesday to plead the cause of the imprisoned Winnipeg strike leaders. The two members of the government to whom the deputation went were Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, solicitor-general. It was stated by the deputation that the recent election in Winnipeg demonstrated the people's confidence in the imprisoned men, and served to show that the bulk of public opinion is behind the attitude of the men in forcing a general strike, also that few people believe the imprisoned men had any seditious intentions.

The above case was laid before the two ministers who said they would discuss it with their cabinet colleagues. It is believed by friends of the imprisoned men that there is every prospect of an early release for the men.

BERTRAND RUSSELL DENOUNCES WILSON'S RUSSIAN POLICY

Says World Must Eventually Trade With Russia

(By The Federated Press)
Washington.—In a special interview given the London office of the Universal Service, Bertrand Russell denounced the Wilson policy on Russia as expressed in the note by Secretary of State Colby to the Italian ambassador here.

"President Wilson is talking nonsense when he says there is anarchy in Russia," declares the famous British pacifist. "It doesn't exist. There is no anarchy in Russia than in the United States. Personally, I would like to see a little more anarchy in Russia, by which I mean a little more liberty." Russell recently toured Russia and lately concluded a series of articles in which he sharply criticized the rigorous discipline which attend the efforts of the Soviet government to resist foreign aggression, and complained of the lack of democracy during the period of transition to peace and communism. Following an unintended outburst of his criticism by Premier Lloyd George and the publication of the Colby note, Russell sent the message to America, in which he says:

"When President Wilson speaks of withdrawing foreign troops from the true boundaries of Russia he is right, but when he speaks of recognizing Bolshevism he is prolonging whatever is objectionable in the Soviet regime. "You cannot cure Russia by these methods. The world must recognize Bolshevism as a form of government. There is no other form of government there. It is the natural result of the chaotic conditions which followed the revolution. Eventually there will be a less dictatorial form of government there, once you have cured the economic ills of Russia by free trade and intercourse and removed the external dangers."

"I am not altogether in sympathy with Bolshevism, but it is the only practicable form of government in the present situation. "I would like to see the Americans attend the London conference if they attend with a view to opening trade and recognizing the Soviets, but if they come here with a view to prolonging the insane, cruel policy of the blockade they may as well keep away."

"Bolshevism cannot be deprived of its appeal to Russia nationalism so long as the leading capitalist powers show their enmity by refusing to recognize and trade with the Russians. The present federation of states established on the basis of nationality is the only logical solution open to Russia."

HUNGARIAN JEWS ASK DEPORTATION FORMER PREMIER

(By The Federated Press)
New York (N. Y. Bureau).—Resolutions asking Secretary of State Colby to investigate the presence here of former Premier Tuszar of Hungary, who is held responsible for the White Terror against Hungarian labor, Socialists and Jews, and asking Colby to co-operate with the Department of Labor in deporting Tuszar as a dangerous enemy alien, having been adopted by the executive board of the Federation of Hungarian Jews in America, meeting here.

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SPECIAL MEETING TRADES COUNCIL MONDAY EVE.

The Trades and Labor Council will hold a special meeting on Monday evening next, August 23rd, when business of very special importance will be dealt with. Every delegate is earnestly requested to be present.

VETERANS CALL MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS UNION

Labor Men, Farmers and the General Public Will Be Invited

The Calgary branch of the Grand Army of United Veterans, at a meeting in the labor temple Monday evening, decided to call a mass meeting at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon inviting all returned men, labor sympathizers, farmer sympathizers and the general public, for discussion of the amalgamation and consolidation of returned soldiers' organizations. A special committee will interview the city authorities with a view to obtaining the use of Victoria park, or Mewata park, with St. George's Island as third choice. It is proposed to have a band and parade to the place of meeting.

G. W. Hincks, president of the Calgary branch of the G. A. U. V., stated that "the other returned soldiers' organizations will be given an opportunity to defend the stand which they have taken on the question of amalgamation, and speakers from the G. W. V. A. and A. N. V. will be invited to address the meeting."

The members of the committee appointed last evening are, G. W. Hincks, A. Davidson, S. Potts and W. Martin.

BELGIAN WORKERS TO PREVENT TRANS- PORTATION TROOPS

The Belgian workers' syndicates have decided to prevent the transportation from or through Belgium of troops or munitions intended for Poland. This decision follows similar action by the Antwerp dockers.

BIG CONVENTION OF LABOR AND UNITED FARMERS

Desire Expressed For Un- derstanding Before Next Federal Election

In compliance with a resolution passed recently by the Provincial Executive of the Independent Labor Party, James Simpson, secretary of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor party, has sent out letters to the secretaries of the Labor parties in each of the nine provinces, asking them if the parties they represent would be willing to send delegates to a national convention of the United Farmers and Laborites, to be held on a date to be fixed later.

The action of the executive of the Independent Labor Party followed a conference with the secretaries of the United Farmers of Ontario, the desire being expressed for a national convention at which a clear understanding could be reached before the next Federal elections. The circular sent out by Mr. Simpson reads as follows:

Dear Sir and Brother:
Following consultation with the leaders of the United Farmers of Ontario, I have been requested to communicate with the secretaries of the Labor Party in the eleven provinces asking them if they are prepared to send delegates to a convention in one of the Canadian cities to be selected later, the purpose of which is to organize a national Farmer-Labor party. There is a strong feeling in Ontario that such a National party should be organized in readiness for the approaching Federal elections and further action with the secretaries of the Labor-Farmer forces in Ontario, Manitoba and Nova Scotia make it all the more necessary that a National party should be organized, with a view to adequately meeting the situations arising from time to time, and solving the big national problems which have to be solved in the future.

An early reply to this letter will be appreciated as it is our desire to organize thoroughly for effective work. Sincerely yours,
James Simpson,
Secretary Ontario Section of the Canadian Labor Party.

America ought to produce a great deal more of everything except discontent and discord.

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BRITISH MINERS PREPARED FOR A STERN FIGHT

On New Wage Demands and On Nationalization of Mines

by Robert Smille and Frank Hodges at the annual meeting of the Northumberland miners indicated that the Miners Federation is prepared for a stern fight on the new wage demands and on nationalization and that the Federation will refuse to work under the Mines Bill, now before Parliament, which is aimed at its destruction. Smille scoffed at reports in the press that nationalization is dead, saying that nationalization might come in another way than through a government elected for that purpose. "The miners of this country may make up their minds to refuse to produce coal any longer for the maintenance of private interests," he said.

Frank Hodges said that unless some great transformation took place the economic well-being of the miners and others dependent upon them would be seriously prejudiced. The determination of the miners that the people of the country should not pay the 14s. 2d increase was, he said the greatest example of their moral relationship to the country. "Ie prepared for the hardest fight in your history," continued Hodges. "Be prepared in your organization; be prepared with your commissariat and your co-operative movements; be prepared financially; be prepared for anything that may happen in the near future. I feel sure that the forces that are at work are such that we are in for the gravest period of our history."

TRAINMEN NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INCREASED RATES

Issue Statement Denying That They Have Been Exploiting the Public

The executive of the Railway Trainmen's Union has issued a statement declaring that certain evidence regarding the five-hour day, as given before the Dominion railway commission, in connection with the application for increases in freight rates, has been misunderstood and used to make it appear that the trainmen, by their demands, have been exploiting the public, and are responsible for the further rate increase. The statement is as follows:

(1)—The basic five-hour day for passenger engineers is not equivalent in any way to the eight-hour day in industrial life. It is a minimum guaranteed day measurement for special occasions, very seldom used. The general rule is that engineers in the passenger service are paid on a mileage basis. Their hours of work are most irregular, often extending from twelve to eighteen hours on a single trip.

(2)—There is not a great deal of overtime in the wages of trainmen. Engineers operating passenger trains do not get time and a half for overtime. The only men who receive this are the trainmen and engineers on the slow freight service which is not the general rule.

(3)—It is true that time as well as mileage is one of the factors that partly determine pay, and that delay is sometimes paid for. But this is only on special occasions and it is untrue to say that there is any inducement for engineers to run slowly or to strive for delays. The inducement is all for operating on time.

(4)—The present salaries for engineers run from \$200 to \$250 a month. Their hours are usually very long and irregular and they are the poorest paid of the highly skilled mechanics according to the men engaged in that kind of work.

STORE OWNERS OF SEATTLE SUPPORT ORGANIZED LABOR

(By The Federated Press)
Seattle.—With a big slump in business at their four Seattle movie theatres where musicians, operators and janitors are on strike, the Jensen and Von Herberg theatrical concerns have taken to flooding the city with passes to give an air of prosperity to its houses. In many cases store proprietors who have been offered generous supplies of free seats in return for giving window space to Jensen and Von Herberg show cards, have flatly refused the proposition as being satisfactory to organized labor.

SOVIET RUSSIA—1920

The concluding installment of Bertrand Russell's splendid article on Soviet Russia will be found on page 4 of this issue.

LABOR WILL OPPOSE NOVA SCOTIA MINISTER

Halifax.—Hon. A. E. Armstrong, commissioner of mines and public works, will be opposed in Shelburne at the coming by-election. Mr. Armstrong was defeated at the general election in his old riding of Yarmouth and will seek a seat in Shelburne. Frank Smith, Liberal member elected, resigned to make room for the minister. According to the statement made last night by J. J. MacNeil, district board member for Inverness, N. S., a U. M. W. of A. and Labor candidate for that country, at the recent Nova Scotia elections, Labor will run a man or support a farmer candidate.

REVOLUTION OF BALLOT BOX IS WHAT IS WANTED

Pres. British Printing Trades Decries Use of the Word "Bolshevism"

Winnipeg, Aug. 16.—"The revolution we want is the revolution of the ballot box," said George A. Isaacs, mayor of Southwark, London, England, speaking this afternoon at Assiniboie park at a luncheon tendered by the city of Winnipeg to the visiting delegates of the Imperial Press conference.

Mr. Isaacs, who is president of the Printing and Kindred Trades' Federation of England, said he had spoken as a labor man and a believer in labor principles. He decried the use of the word "Bolshevism."

"Bolshevism," he said, "is no menace if the press does its duty. If the press sits on the safety valve of public opinion something is bound to happen, and the outlet is in the form of the I. W. W. and O. B. U. and in revolutionary societies. If the press fails to recognize the aspirations and the ideals of the common people, it is playing into the hands of the extremists. The heart of labor in Great Britain and in this country is just as solid for the British empire as in any other class."

Mr. Isaacs appealed for the building of a bridge of understanding over the differences between classes. "We are trying to do this by industrial councils," he went on. "The first attempt will fail, but some of the foundation will remain and eventually there will be no misunderstanding."

The luncheon was attended by representative citizens of Winnipeg. Alderman J. L. Wighton was chairman and Mayor Gray proposed the toast to the guests. W. A. Brennan of Melbourne, was the only other speaker from among the visitors.

FARMERS MAY CONTROL U.S. MARKET SYSTEM

Non-Partisan League Unanimous That Producers Must Control Markets

(By The Federated Press)
 Fargo, N.D.—Dr. E. F. Ladd of this city, Non-partisan League candidate for United States senator who attended the recent meeting in Chicago of the American Farm Bureau Federation, believes that through the efforts of this organization farmers will eventually get control of the marketing system of the country.

"All the delegates at the Chicago conference were unanimous that the producers must secure control of the marketing before there will be any material improvement of conditions on the farms," said Dr. Ladd. "I predict that within a very short time the grain growers of the country will have adopted a plan whereby they will be able to sell their crops themselves."

"Various plans were discussed and it seemed the sentiment of the meeting was that the grain and livestock growers should adopt the same methods as the fruit growers of California, who now sell most of their production co-operatively. North Dakota's plan of state mills and elevators was also given favorable consideration. Grain growers in every part of the country are watching North Dakota's industrial plan and it received a great deal of commendation from the delegates at the conference."

SHOE WORKERS OF LONG ISLAND GONE ON STRIKE

New York (N. Y. Bureau).—The 2,900 stitch-down shoe workers of the Rosenswasser factories, Long Island City, have gone on strike, tying up those shops. Although the Rosenswasser factories were a few years ago closed shops under agreement with the United Shoe Workers of America, the workers have been compelled during the last two years to work under non-union conditions, which were extremely harsh, the men declare.

CIVIC EM. WILL PICNIC AT ALBERTA BEACH

Attractive Sports Program Has Been Arranged For By Committee

All aboard for Alberta Beach, Saturday, August 21st!

The Civic employes will picnic at the above mentioned place on that date, and arrangements have been made for a special train to accommodate the picnicers. About 1,500 persons, it is expected, will enjoy themselves at the beach that day, and those in charge of the sports have seen to it that the youngsters have their things, as well as their elders.

The announcement that the Alberta government employes and those of the parliament buildings would picnic at Alberta Beach on the same day and that they would go out on the same train with the civic employes, threatened to put all parties to considerable inconvenience. However, the former have decided to postpone their picnic until the 28th of August, which will be more satisfactory to all concerned.

The decision was arrived at at a meeting of the various committees, but at the same time the wish was expressed that next year the three parties could get together and make the excursion a joint affair, with about 3,000 attending.

A varied program of sports events has been prepared by the committee in charge. There are 47 events in all, among them being two motor boat races. The races are specified as being for single cylinder, out-board motor boats, and for which valuable prizes have been donated. Twenty-three of the events are for children—ten for boys and girls under ten years of age. Prizes to the value of over \$200 have been donated by Edmonton firms, with more still to come.

In asking for the holiday for August 21, the civic employes took into consideration the fact that they would only take one-half day of the city's time, and Mayor Clarke granted their request, but the holiday only applies to those who actually go to the picnic; any person remaining in the city must be on "the job" during the forenoon. Tickets for the train are being sold by the stewards, one being appointed for every authorized union, and only the tickets used on the morning train will go to the credit of the city against the guarantee to the railway.

The committee in charge of the various arrangements are:

Prizes—H. W. Rattenbury, A. A. Campbell and J. McCool.

Refreshments—J. J. McCormick (chairman), Misses Münn, McAdam, Hartnup, E. Lynn, Messrs. Waite, Kinnear, Huntbach. These eight have power to add to their number.

Transportation—J. J. McCormick and J. McCool.

Welfare—Misses Dohy, Johnson, Carson, Messrs. Gifford and F. Field.

Judges—G. H. McAvoy, Jas. Bowden, J. R. Adshad.

Starters—A. A. Campbell, C. M. Small and C. F. Boehner.

Clerks of the course—H. G. Turner, F. G. Mitchell and H. W. Rattenbury.

Marshal of sports—J. McCool.

Official photographer—Cyril G. Waites.

An attractive program in pamphlet form is being printed, the cover design being done by City Architect J. Martin, in cartoon fashion. No dishes of any kind will be supplied by the committees and all picnicers are requested to bring such dishes as they may require.

NEW ZEALAND RURAL WORKERS AMALGAMATE

(By The Federated Press)
Sydney, N.S.W.—Following a conference lasting a week it was announced that the New Zealand Workers' Union, which takes in the rural workers, shearers, agriculturists, etc., in that country had amalgamated with the timber workers, flax-workers, and railway construction workers, and had also decided to amalgamate with the Australian Workers' Union in Australia, an organization covering all the rural workers of the Australian continent.

SOCIALISTS OF AUSTRALIA WANT TO VISIT RUSSIA

Sydney, N.S.W.—The Socialist Labor Party of Australia has addressed a memorandum to the Australian Commonwealth government asking permission to send a delegation of Socialists to Russia. The purpose of the delegation is to investigate conditions, social and economic, under the regime of the Soviet government. The delegation will consist of trusted members of the Socialist Party and representatives of the working class of Australia. The Australian government has not yet given a reply to the wishes of the Socialist Party of Australia.

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