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NEW YORK SUN UNCONSCIOUSLY PRAISES UNIONISM

The power of trade unionism is unconsciously acknowledged by the editor of the New York Sun and Herald in a lecture to people who are dissatisfied with their jobs. Says this opinion leader: "It is human for a man to want a job at work he likes and at the pay he thinks he is worth; but only a member of a powerful labor union can always demand that happy combination. Others must take the best jobs they can find at the best salaries the employer is willing and able to pay—or else sit around and whine that things are all wrong."

SOME UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ARE DISCLOSED

Business Men Who Condemn Trade Unions Better Watch Their Associates

Niagara Falls, N.Y.—Business men who condemn trade unions can find wide fields for their activity among their own associates, according to a list of "some" unfair trade practices, listed by William B. Colver, member federal trade commission, in a speech to a manufacturers' association in this city.

Specifications Galore

The list includes misbranding of articles, adulteration, bribery of buyers or other employees of customers, bribery of an employee to put foreign substances into the product of a competitor, spying on competitors and procuring trade secrets, enticing valuable employees of competitors in such numbers as to disorganize or hamper the competitor, making false statements respecting competitors' products, false and misleading advertising, widespread threats of suits of patent infringement that are made solely for intimidation purposes, vague and indefinite hints of patent infringement, tampering with and misadjusting machines sold by competitors for the purpose of discrediting them, trade boycotts to prevent certain dealers from producing goods, imitating products or trade names of rivals by misrepresenting their financial standing, misrepresenting the materials in a competitor's products, misrepresentation in the sale of the stock of corporations, rebuilding old articles and selling them for new products, bidding up prices of raw materials to destroy a weak competitor, sales of goods at or below cost as "leaders," coupled with statements misleading the public into the belief that they were sold at a profit by reason of the seller's superior facilities for manufacturing, purchasing, etc.

A young woman forming one of a church wedding party in a Catholic church in Uruguay recently was refused admission to the church because of the scantiness of her dress. It is said that the churches of Paris set the precedent, which is being followed by ecclesiastical authorities in other countries.

TOM MOORE TELLS OF EFFORTS OF LABOR IN CANADA

Immediate Object of Organized Labor Is To Raise Standard of Living

In an interview given on behalf of the Trades Union News, of Philadelphia, Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, regarding trade unionism in Canada, said:

"The immediate objective of organized labor in Canada is to raise the standard of living conditions and to obtain through shorter hours and increased wages some of the benefits that should accrue by the introduction and improvement of modern labor saving machinery.

"Organized labor, today, desires to lift itself from the position of a mere subject in the industrial state to one of a constituent partner. This is being accomplished in other countries, and, to some extent, in Canada through the establishment of shop councils which recognize the representatives of organized workers as the men representing the workers. The duties of these shop councils are, many times, at their inception of a simple character dealing with safety, hygiene and similar matters, but as worker and employer meet together in such councils, their functions broaden out and through this channel lies the greatest hope for the final bringing about of democracy in industry without undue friction.

"The attitude of Canadian employers today is much the same as enumerated in paragraph 54 of the Mathers' Industrial Relations Commission report, which was published together with the report of the National Industrial Conference held in Ottawa last September, and which is as follows:

"Employers may be divided into three classes: (1) those who deny the right of their employees to organize and who actively take steps to prevent such organizations; (2) those who, while not denying that right of their employees, and persist in dealing with them as individuals, or as committees of employees, without regard to their affiliation with the organization; (3) those who not only admit the right to their employees to organize, but recognize and bargain with the organization on behalf of their employees.

"If anything were to be added to that it would simply be to say that the efforts of those who are determined, at all costs, to retard the workers are a little more prominent at this time than at any other time in the history of all parts of the country in the aggressive action taken by certain classes of employers to refuse closed shop or signing of agreements with organized labor.

"On the other hand, it is only fair to say that some other industries, such as the building industry, are showing a far more conciliatory spirit, and, at a meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, a short time ago between representatives of the Employers' Association and representatives of the international unions of the building trades, great progress was made towards bringing about the fuller recognition of each other.

"Organized labor in Canada is in a very conciliatory attitude and is showing a disposition to attempt to settle industrial disputes by negotiation and arbitration. This is particularly noticeable in Western Canada, where a year ago all efforts to bring about meetings between employers and employees were looked upon with considerable suspicion and often repudiated.

"The O.B.U. secured its strength because of the extreme attitude adopted by many employers towards their workers. It is still powerful enough to cause considerable trouble between the employers and employees in many parts of Canada. Wherever employers, however, have shown a disposition to meet with representatives of the genuine trade union movement and to consider in common justice the claims of the workers for an improvement in living conditions to meet the ever-rising cost of living, the O.B.U. has failed to maintain its position.

"In brief, the policies of the O.B.U. generally appeal to those who are driven to desperation by the unreasonableness of employers."

PREACH EFFICIENCY AND IGNORE IT IN THEIR BUSINESS

Preaching efficiency to the workers and ignoring it in their business affairs would seem to be the policy of lumber men judging by a statement by Secretary of Agriculture Meredith.

"Timber depletion," he said, "has not resulted from the use of our forests, but from their destruction. There are 463,000,000 acres of forest lands of all classes in the United States, including burned, culled and cut-over. Of this amount 81,000,000 acres is an unproductive waste. Unless timber growth takes the place of devastation from forest fires and destructive methods of cutting our consumption of lumber must drop to the level of European countries, where wood is an imported luxury."

Secretary Meredith declared that three-fourths of the original timber of the United States is gone, and that this country is using timber four times faster than timber is grown. He said freight costs on lumber are rising steadily and that the concentration of the lumber industry in a few regions increases the effect of car shortages, labor troubles and bad weather, upon lumber stocks and prices.

FRENCH GOV'T PROHIBITS EMPLOYEES AFFILIATING

The decision of the French government prohibits the professional organizations in the public services affiliating with the General Confederation of Labor. The National Council of the postal, telegraphic and telephone prohibition, and has unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that it remains unshakably attached to trade workers in France has considered this unionism and to the confederation, and will resist by all means in its power the attempt of the French government, inspired by reactionary influences, to place civil servants beyond the pale of the common law.

SUGGESTIONS TO RECRUIT TEACHERS IN UNITED STATES

Educational Conference at Washington Suggests Plans To Get More Teachers

At the recent educational conference in Washington, D.C., these suggestions were approved as means to recruit teachers:

Salaries must be raised to a reasonable living wage; qualifications raised and salaries graded on training and experience; better housing conditions for teachers and social recognition of the services; make profession attractive for more men teachers; furnish employment for 12 months in the year; certificates based on training and experience to be issued by the state; security of tenure; graded salaries increasing with successful experience; equalized support assuring amount for each pupil; provision for training of teachers in service; subsidy for teachers taking normal training; teachers participation in school administration; enforcement of compulsory educational laws; widespread publicity for need of trained teachers.

As a means of raising school revenue to meet the present emergency these suggestions were made:

Give 50 per cent. of all fines and forfeitures to support of schools; poll tax to be levied or increased; collect royalties on natural resources and public utilities; tax on banks and corporations; inheritance tax; proceeds or sale of school lands; 50 per cent. of income tax and excess profit tax to support of schools; state to guarantee fixed sum per child to be educated; distribute school money on basis of ability and effort; federal aid for state school systems; state to furnish 50 per cent. of school revenues.

GERMANS APPROVE PRINCIPLES OF SOVIET SYSTEM

Success of Socialists In German Elections Makes Their Program Important

The success of the Independent Socialists in the German elections, where they have nearly quadrupled their representation, makes their election programme important. This programme is a very frank espousal of the Soviet system and dictatorship. They say in the first place that "the proletarian revolution must pass through two stages; the conquest of political power and the exercise of political power by a working-class dictatorship in order to effect the transition from capitalism to socialism." The soviet system, they explain in the following terms:

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