

## BUSY TIME AT MINE WORKERS' CONVENTION

The One Big Union Was the Big Idea and it Was Suggested as Panacea for ALL LABOUR EVILS

Discussion Took a Wide Range and the Chairman Was Kept Busy Controlling Affairs.

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Other questions brought out statements from the international delegates that all the locals had been re-organized before the provisional contract was negotiated. Certain officials of the locals had been reinstated, and there had been no coercion used to get the men to join again. These officials had used their office to again disrupt the organization, and it might have been, as one delegate charged, that the transfer card of Nova Scotia miners presented in a Western local had been thrown in the waste basket.

G. McLeod appealed against the convention wasting time on a one-sided discussion. The delegates should refrain from trying to inflict their opinions and prejudices upon the meeting. Other delegates insisted that the question should never have come up at the convention of the United Mine Workers.

Delegate McNell, closing a speech which reviewed the whole labor and political situation in Western Canada and in which he announced himself having been an I. M. W. and not a member of it, moved that the "convention commend the action of the international in condemning the One Big Union, and resolve in favor of the United Workers of America Mines." Question was taken to the motion on a point of order. The chair ruled the motion in order, as the invitation had been sent to the O. B. U. to send a man to present their case, but they were unable to do so, and had presented it in the form of telegram.

Delegate Livingstone was opposed to the motion which was in effect closure, and intended to end discussion of the question. It was the right of the delegates to be satisfied on the matter that they could perform their duty to the men of District 18. He charged that these men had become beaten in re-joining the U. M. W. in that district, and he had been instructed to vote "One Big Union."

Roach MacKay, Springfield, rose to a point of order, inquired if the discussion was permissible. A believer in the O. B. U., he also believed in loyalty, and his point was that as delegates to a U. M. W. convention, they were paid to talk of matters affecting the men who had sent them and not matters across the continent.

Livingstone interjected that they were railroaded the motion, to which the mover objected. He demanded withdrawal of the statement which Livingstone refused.

Secretary McLachlan, who made the speech of the afternoon, then took the chair. He received a letter from Hon. G. D. Robertson, which he explained while marked "personal" was of general importance, and he had wired the Minister that he refused to keep the letter confidential. "It is the nature of which forced him to use for his own protection."

The Minister's reply denied that any threat was intended, and asked "it be held confidential as usual to promote discord!" In another wire, McLachlan said he refused to "hide the truth about the conspiracy existing." He then read the letter, the purport of which was that the Minister was unalterably opposed to the O. B. U., and condemned the "double-crossing" of the U. M. W. by Christopher Beard and others, stating also that if McLachlan or any officials in Nova Scotia "double crossed" and attempted revolutionary methods the Minister would "be just as emphatic and persistent in upholding the rights of the employers as it would be and have been standing for the rights of the employees."

A letter also contained reference to a letter of Messrs. Christopher Beard and Brown, addressed to the secretary, and Mr. McLachlan insisted that the charge of conspiracy contained in that letter was substantiated by the fact that only two copies of the letter had gone from his office, one to International Delegate S. Ballantyne, at District 13, and the other to Silbey Barrett. Mr. McLachlan pointed out that while the Minister assumed to give advice and condemn the action of Christopher as "double-crossing," he did not hesitate to ask the secretary to "double-cross" his colleagues, keeping the letter to himself and give them all "the dope" contained in it, as coming from himself.

If membership in the United Mine Workers prevented him from assisting new ideas without being subject to the charge of treachery, the speaker would get out. Everything the internationalists had done was not just. It was not so long ago that the miners of this district had protested against "hand-picking" of the delegates to the industrial conference. The condition was that the international and the Labor Department are hand in glove and "hand over the dope to each other." He did not agree with the O. B. U. in everything, but when conditions which crushed the working men were perpetuated by a "rotten" government as ever existed, he would side with the O. B. U. or the I. W. W. and if the Union did not like it, he will get outside and talk. He also read letters to officials of the One Big Union and the international executive, inviting them to send representatives to this convention. The invitations were in the form of a resolution passed by the District Board, and in covering letter to the O. B. U. he had assured them that their representative would find many supporters in this district and urged that they send a "good strong man."

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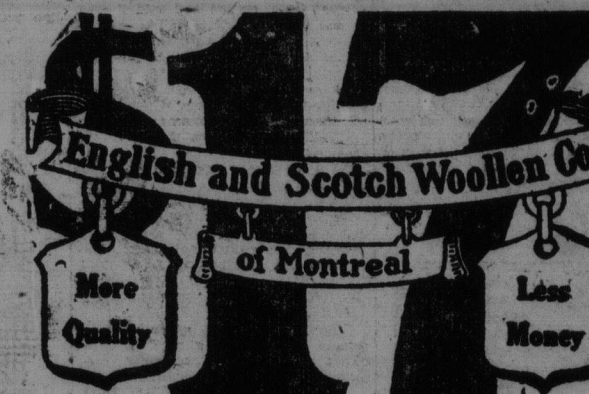


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## MAC INTERVIEWING WITH AN

By Ring W. Lardner.

To the Editor:  
A great many of our readers have probably heard of Geo. Carpentier, that burst a bird name Beckett in London, Eng., last fall and won the world's championship of Europe and now he is over here on U. S. soils to spend his honeymoon and maybe combine a little business with it on the side and I kind of figured that on acct. of him being in the public eye of our readers we might like to know what he is like personally and who could tell them better than myself on acct. of my command of francs and what other reporter was that could talk to him in his native tongue sandwiched between the other day I was down in N. Y. city and dropped into the Baltimore hotel and seen G. L. Rickard, who I



"Wait till you see immediately acknowledged Tex, and took me up to Geo's suite and the valet opened a door and began leading us through different rooms till finally we got to one where he told us to get down and believe me I was ready. If they have any trouble finding a hall to hold the so called fight between Geo and Dempsey in it, why all as they will have to do is hold it in Geo's suite and if they 1/2 fill it, why Geo, widow will have enough to keep her in ease and luxury the rest of her life.

Well I and Tex set down and in a few minutes a door opened a mile away and we could see Geo, coming along in the distance in toe of the valet and I ast Tex if we shouldn't ought to arise and sing the Marsellaise but he told me to shut up and after a while Geo, finely got to where we was at and we was both introduced to each other and now I guess I better explain what he is doing here.

Would Trade Forces With Reservation.



"Tex said to come with him as he wanted to show me something that was 11 yrs. old—"

Well he has got a lot of hair comb college style and it is about the color of a gin fizz as I recall them. His face is one that I would just as soon trade him mine for it only for the nose which looks like he might maybe of done some blocking with it. He had on a shirt the color of sponge cake with a collar to match and a suit made of gray squirrel skin which you couldn't match on U. S. soils and even if you could you wouldn't. He wore a couple (2) bedroom slippers, which I suppose is on acct. of wanting to keep his feet in shape for the big fight though pretty near any one of Dempsey's opps. could tell him that the condition of the feet don't make much difference vs. that bird as as you only use them a minute.

Well the valet also came along and I whispered to Tex why do we half to have the valet as I just got my suit pressed but Tex said the valet was also the interpreter and then the valet says down monsieur aprecien francs and I said, "Ah oui; vring moie. (Oh yes, twenty words.)"

"Well, Monsieur Carpentier," I said in perfect French, "I seen you up to the Proie has right. Comment allez vous les poulets. (How did you like the girls?)"

"No thank you," said Geo, in perfect english.

"I comprends anglais si vous parles slow," says the valet.

"Imagine a Frenchman telling us to talk slow," I says to Tex.

"Avez vous jamaie been in France (Have you ever been in France)?"