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LACKS CREDENTIALS.

It was from the first quite evident that the wise man from the west, Jack Kavanagh, when on his overseas begging mission, would fail to receive official recognition from the British Trade Union Movement, and the longer the stay of the Canadian visitor is prolonged, the more pronounced is the outcast position he is relegated to.

The first attempt at recognition was made at the British Trade Union convention sessions, but further than a seat on the platform as a Canadian visitor, the British Columbian got no further despite the efforts expended.

The real truth of the situation was known by the officials of the British trade unionists as well as many of the rank and file, and any amount of masquerading may not aid in the overseas trade unionists recognizing the reactionary wrecking crew of this Dominion or any of its representatives.

Appeals for assistance are being published in the old land, and in one to hand it is cited that one of the Winnipeg cases will be placed before the Privy Council of Great Britain. It seems ironical with the knowledge that Kavanagh was in charge of the resolutions at the infamous Calgary convention, where the International Trade Union Movement, with its ally, the Trades Congress, were placed in the discard, that appeals of this nature should be addressed to the trade unionists in Great Britain as is done in this instance.

To all orators of the anti-element in Canada, the trade unionist is a corpse waiting interment; yet this mouthpiece of that element, seeking protection in the dividing space of land and water, solicits assistance, financial and otherwise, from the Britishers who are interlinked and work co-operatively with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the progressives of this Dominion and for whom, and its laws, the voice of defiance is ever heard from this same reactionary element.

BUBBLE BLOWERS.

FOR new ideas the so-called effete east casts its eyes and ears to the west at all times, wondering what elixir is about to be produced which will bring along the millennium. One of the latest to hand is the "scientific form of strike."

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Cain.

INTERNATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ALLIANCE.

Miss Mary MacArthur of Great Britain will represent the International Congress of Working Women at the International Woman Suffrage Alliance Congress which is to take place in Geneva on June 6-12, 1920.

MINIMUM WAGE FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN AUSTRALIA.

We have before us the second monthly newsletter issued by the International Congress of Working Women, whose headquarters are located at Washington. It is full of very interesting news pertaining to the progress of working women in all parts of the world.

HALIFAX TO HEAR ROSE HENDERSON.

At the last meeting of the Halifax Labor party a letter was read from Miss Rose Henderson, of Ontario, who has offered to come to Halifax for the purpose of addressing a public meeting.

WOMEN ON THE PLATFORM.

The growth of the art of public speaking among women is one of the most interesting phenomena of the feminist movement.

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POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR.

By J. A. P. H.

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In the above language Senator Lynch-Staunton opposed the bill introduced in the Canadian Senate some days ago by Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor.

This statement was made by a man holding an important position in the Government of Canada, and we cannot allow it to go unchallenged.

Ever since the amendments were made to the Immigration Act in 1919 organized labor has protested and will continue to do so.

Hon. Senator Robertson's bill amending the Immigration Act respects the retroactive provisions which made it possible to deport British citizens found guilty of sedition or attempted conspiracy against the state at any time since 1919.

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Senator Bradbury said he was amazed that the Government had backed up its last year's legislation. It was, he said, another evidence of the weakness of the ministry.

The Winnipeg situation last year, showing the necessity of the act remaining on the statute books as it was.

It is the intention of the Government, said Senator Robertson, to safeguard the interests of these men before negotiations are closed.

During the debate in the Upper Chamber of the purchase of the Grand Trunk Railway, Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, replied to Senator Casgrain, gave a de-

Service Button Workers.

Notes Of Particular Interest To Ex-Service Trade Unions.

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Across the Atlantic.

THE WAGE DISPUTE IN COTTON TRADE.

The wage dispute in the British cotton trade, which involved 400,000 operatives, has been settled. The operatives have been granted an increase of 25 1/2 per cent on the current wage, with a 10 per cent to male card room workers.

The British cotton employers had given notice that they would quit work on Saturday next unless their demands were conceded.

TO FORMULATE PLAN FOR A REDUCTION OF PRICES.

The industrial triple alliance of miners, railway and transport workers of Great Britain decided to call upon labor and other movements to formulate a plan for the reduction of prices and to submit the same to the Government.

RAILWAYMEN'S DEMANDS GO BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

After extended negotiations, the Central Wages Board was unable to come to an agreement on the British railwaymen's demand for increased wages and the claim has now been referred to the Appeal Tribunal of the recently constituted National Wages Board of Great Britain.

It will be remembered that the National Union of Railwaymen has asked for an increase of 11 per cent all round and the Association of Railwaymen, the Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen demand 11 per cent for engineers, whose present rate is 75 s.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONISTS CONVENTION.

Important Conference Held at Ottawa This Week.

During the past week Canadian representatives of all international unions affiliated with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, have been in conference at Ottawa with the Executive Council of the Trades Congress. The sessions were closed to the public and up to the time of writing no statement has been issued.

Organizations and Representatives. Amongst the organizations and representatives in attendance at the conference were the following:

American Federation of Labor, John A. Flett, organizer; Bakery and Confectionery Workers, J. T. Walsh, organizer; Barbers, H. J. Harford, vice-president; Bellmen, J. P. McEvigan, vice-president; Bookbinders, Wm. Glocking, vice-president; Boot and Shoe Workers, E. W. A. O'Dell, organizer; Brewery Workers, J. D. Corcoran, general executive board member; Bricklayers, Tom Inyard, fourth vice-president; Railway Carmen, Frank McKenna, vice-president; Carpenters and Joiners, Jas. Marsh, general organizer; Railway Clerks, A. C. Hay, vice-president; Electrical Workers, E. Ingles, vice-president; Photo Engravers, W. G. Colby; Garment Workers, W. F. Bush, executive board member; Glass Bottle Blowers, J. J. Lanou, executive board member; Letter Carriers, Alex. McFordin, secretary; Machinists, J. A. McClelland, vice-president; Maintenance of Way Employees, Wm. Turnbull, vice-president; Meat Cutters and Butchers, M. E. Aleris, organizer; Sheet Metal Workers, L. H. Kennedy, organizer; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Wm. Davison, executive board member; United Mine Workers, Silby Barrett, board member; District No. 35; Painters, J. P. Hunter, sixth vice-president; Paper Makers, Frank McLeod, vice-president; Pattern Makers, Tom Smith; Paving Cutters, R. E. Williams, Canadian director; Plumbers, J. W. Bruce, general organizer; Steel Plate Printers, K. Eastman, vice-president; Printing Pressmen, A. J. Laiden, vice-president; Pulp and Sulphite Workers, T. J. McMahon, vice-president; Railroad Employees, M. F. Maclean, secretary; Street Railway Employees, Fred Hoover; Stage Employees, Wm. Covert, vice-president; Commercial Telegraphers, J. G. A. Desseilles; Typographical Union, Jas. Drury, organizer; Blacksmiths, W. T. Powlesland, vice-president; Firefighters, J. B. Ralphmond, vice-president; Longshoremen, J. S. Tighe, organizer; Rural Mail Carriers, D. Carmichael, secretary; Maintenance of Way Employees, J. J. O'Grady; Plasterers, W. J. Hamilton, vice-president; Metal Polishers, D. H. Wright.

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