

## DESPITE BLOCKADE CHURCH MAKES REPORT

Failure to Purchase Evidence  
Steel Trust Tries Other  
Methods.

It is not surprising that the Steel Trust made such extraordinary efforts to prevent the publication of a report of a survey of the steel industry made by the Interchurch World Movement. The only surprising thing about the entire incident is that it failed in its efforts. Certainly a more damaging arrangement of the high-handed, autocratic and inhuman methods of the Steel Trust or any other industry has not been printed in many years.

This survey was undertaken during the steel strike last fall. It was made under the most difficult conditions. The officials of the Steel Trust placed every obstruction in the way of an orderly inquiry, and after it had been completely resorted to the methods of house-breaker to prevent its publication. Agents were installed in the offices of the Interchurch World Movement under instructions to steal the report after emissaries had failed to buy it with cold cash. When all its attempts at suppression failed, the Steel Trust resorted to the method of house-breaker to prevent its publication. Agents were installed in the offices of the Interchurch World Movement under instructions to steal the report after emissaries had failed to buy it with cold cash. When all its attempts at suppression failed, the Steel Trust resorted to the method of house-breaker to prevent its publication. Agents were installed in the offices of the Interchurch World Movement under instructions to steal the report after emissaries had failed to buy it with cold cash.

## HEAD MOTHERS' PENSIONS COMMISSION.



REV. PETER BRYCE, a prominent social worker, who has been named by Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labor, as chairman of the newly created commission on mothers' pensions for Ontario.

together and prevent another serious interruption of industry. The report is judicial in tone, comprehensive in scope and startling in its conclusions. It upholds the claim of the steel workers that they were striking against a continuation of intolerable conditions. It proves the charge that Bolshevism or syndicalism had anything to do with that effort is baseless industrial justice. It censures governmental agencies for inaction, when they were not openly or covertly under the control of the Steel Trust. It is charged that the press and public were used for base purposes, and denounces the system of espionage and "under-cover" men and agents provocateur employed by the Steel Trust to suppress the legitimate rights of the workers.

It is demanded that the "proper federal officers be requested to make public two reports on recent investigations of the steel industry, in making which public money was spent, and to explain why these and similar reports have not hitherto been made public, and why reports printed have been limited to extremely small circulations."

A summary of the report appeared in these columns recently.

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## ETERNAL JUSTICE.

Charles Mackay. (Published in 1882.)  
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Or bigot, plotting crime,  
Who, for the advancement of his kind,  
Is wiser than his time.  
For him the hemlock shall distill;  
For him the axe be bared;  
For him the gibbet shall be built;  
For him the stake prepared;  
Him shall the scorn and wrath of men  
Pursue with deadly aim;  
And malice, envy, spite and lies,  
Shall desecrate his name.  
But Truth shall conquer at the last,  
For round and round we run,  
And ever the right comes uppermost,  
And ever is justice done.

And live there NOW such men as these—  
With thoughts like the great of old?  
Many have died in their misery,  
And left their thoughts untold;  
And many may live, and are ranked as mad,  
And placed in the cold world's ban,  
For sending their bright far-seeing souls  
The course of a madman's plan.  
They toll in penury and grief,  
Unknown, if not maligned;  
Forlorn, forlorn, bearing the scorn  
Of the meek and the high of mind;  
But yet the world goes round and round,  
And the genial seasons run,  
And ever the Truth comes uppermost,  
And ever is justice done.

## LESS TIME LOST IN JULY THAN IN JUNE

1,442 Workers Involved in Disputes at End of Month.

The loss of time on account of industrial disputes was less during July than during June, 1920, according to the Labor Gazette. There were in existence at some time or other during the month 49 strikes, involving about 6,734 workpeople, and resulting in a time loss of 56,321 working days, as compared with 69 strikes, 12,496 workpeople and 68,196 working days in June, 1920. On July 1, there were on record 29 strikes, affecting 4,229 workpeople. Twenty strikes were reported as having commenced during July, as compared with 27 in June. Sixteen of the strikes commencing prior to July 14 of those commencing during July were terminated, leaving 19 strikes, involving about 1,442 workpeople, on record at the end of the month.

## LABOR MAY JOIN THE CO-OPERATORS

Affiliation With Trades Unions Almost Certain in Britain.

Before the British Co-operative Annual Congress meets again the co-operative movement will, by means of sectional and district conferences, have fully discussed and it is expected, have made up its mind on the proposed Co-operative and Labor Alliance, this year's congress having decided on this course as a means of getting the full and considered judgment of the movement.

Asked what he thought would be the result of this decision, S. F. Perry, secretary of the Co-operative Party, replied: "Alliance or affiliation with the Labor Party and the trades union movement is practically certain. In fact the issue now before the movement is not whether political representation is desirable—that seems to be pretty generally admitted—but whether the Co-operative Party shall preserve its own identity while working with the trade union and Labor movements, or become directly affiliated with the Labor Party. Personally, I think alliance is preferable to affiliation, and I have no doubt the movement will so decide."

Co-operative Party in House. "Whatever the results of the recent lobbying of the members of the House of Commons on the question of proposed application of the Corporation Profits tax to Co-operative Societies will be, of one thing I feel certain, and that is that the lobbying experience of the 1,000 delegates who represented the whole of the co-operative movement, will have done much to strengthen their conviction that a strong Co-operative Party inside the House is more and more a necessity."

"The proposals of the Royal Commission on Income Tax to tax the surplus funds of co-operative societies has thoroughly roused the movement, and as a result an increased number of societies are subscribing to the Co-operative Party's funds. Our polling strength at Paisley and Stockport has, I believe, also had its good effect on the movement. Paisley proved that had some of our speakers had the oratorical powers of some of the Labor and Socialist speakers, we could have turned Paisley upside down, because our speakers had the facts, figures, and results of 70 years of co-operative distribution and production to offer."

"As for Stockport, although I, as the Co-operative candidate, was unsuccessful the local Co-operative Party has every reason to be encouraged, for we polled 14,000 votes, and this in a borough where a Co-operative candidate had never before been run. Sir Leo Money got 16,000 votes, thus making a total of Co-operative and Labor votes of 30,000—not a bad poll considering the fact that the Coalitionists each with two votes were in supporting a Liberal and a Unionist. Our poll shows that if the Coalitionists fall out before the next election, we stand an excellent chance of victory. In fact the chairman of the Conservative Party told me at the counting of the votes that it was clearly recaptured by the Coalitionists that Liberal and Conservative unity alone would keep Co-operation and Labor out."

"There is certainly a future for the Co-operative Party," continued Mr. Perry, "and I look forward with confidence to the time when the Co-operative movement will be strongly represented at Westminster. We hope to put 20 candidates in the field at the next general election, who will be run on a purely Co-operative ticket, and who will, thanks to the understanding which exists between us and the Labor and trade union movements, stand an excellent chance of securing a majority of the votes in their constituencies."

"While I believe an alliance between the British Trade Unions Congress Parliamentary Committee, the Labor Party and the Co-operative Party to be imperative, I do not want the Co-operative Party to lose its identity by affiliation, as the Co-operative movement is too great and has too distinct a message to deliver."

## WAGE ADJUSTMENT IN NEW ZEALAND

Joint Conference of Labor and Capital to Be Held.

The New Zealand waterside workers recently concluded a new agreement with the employers of water-side labor, and the fact that they secured a substantial increase in wages is reaching on other occupations in the country. Much of the waterside labor is unskilled and scarcely any of it can be regarded as highly skilled. Yet the waterside workers, pursuing militant methods and refusing to negotiate under the industrial arbitration law, have been able to obtain higher wages than are paid in many of the skilled trades. The rates for general cargo work (varying slightly at different ports) are now approximately 3s. 3d. an hour from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 3s. 4d. an hour from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and 3s. 11d. an hour from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Higher rates are allowed for handling coal, frozen meat and other special cargoes. Work on Sundays and holidays is to be paid for at the ordinary rate plus one standard, or 5s. an hour, reducible to 2s. 6d. an hour in certain cases. Work done after midday on Saturdays counts as night overtime.

These rates are paid for casual labor, and a comparison with the wages of men who are assured of regular employment is not fair. But the mere statement of the hourly rates is a challenge to skilled tradesmen, who see unskilled workers brought up to their level, and the waterside agreement is giving a hint to wages generally. The tendency of the wages of unskilled workers to approach closely or even exceed the wages of skilled labor is causing anxiety among employers and also among the more thoughtful workers. Apprenticeship is being discouraged, and the ranks of the most stable sections of workers, who have been content so far to make their claims through the Arbitration Court.

It is becoming clear that wages generally have got to rise in New Zealand, in order to keep pace with new prices and new standards. A large part of the increase in the cost of living must be regarded as permanent, and a corresponding percentage must be added to wages, which must further benefit by the increased wealth and prosperity of the country. The average increase in wages since 1914 has not been far short of 25 per cent., but the cost of living has advanced well over 50 per cent., so that there is a lot of leeway to make up. Whether or not the necessary readjustments can be made without serious industrial trouble remains to be seen. A hopeful move is a proposal for a national conference of employers and workers, to survey the whole field and attempt the framing of a general policy. This proposal came originally from the workers, but has not secured unanimous endorsement, but the conference is not likely to be very long delayed.

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## EMPLOYERS FAVOR ANY PLAN BUT UNIONS

Works Council Plan Same Old Lemon.

"Last week," says Editor Bland of the Union Leader, "the newspapers devoted columns of space to the International Harvester Company's announcement of a profit-sharing plan—60 per cent. to the employees and 40 per cent. to the company—on paper, of course, but the newspapers failed to relate the details of this wonderful plan, so that discerning readers might be able to satisfy themselves whether this 60-40 arrangement is a reality or whether the 60 per cent. is actually made from the employee in belated wage increases or other ways for which the so-called profit-sharing institutions are noted."

Attention is called to the company's works council plan which was recently launched with shouts of approval by the public press. "When all the facts surrounding the works council plan were ascertained and the plan was analyzed," says Editor Bland, "it was found to be the same old lemon for the workers, all one-sided, and wholly in control of the company."

"The national industrial conference board, composed of a score of manufacturers' associations, recently conducted a nation-wide investigation of profit-sharing, wage bonuses, stock selling to employees and other plans, and in its report said this: 'Profit-sharing is no panacea. It is no solution of the wage problem. The report advised employers that efforts along this line would not result in establishing permanent satisfactory relations with the workers and that their efforts might better be turned in other directions. 'Out at the harvesters' work, an employee is free in one respect, and one only. He is free to quit his job. But if he shows any marked activity in agitating a change of the conditions fixed for him by the company, he may be denied this one opportunity. If the boss gets to him he may be removed from the necessity of quitting. In that case he is separated from his job and the profits from his labor stay with the company.'"

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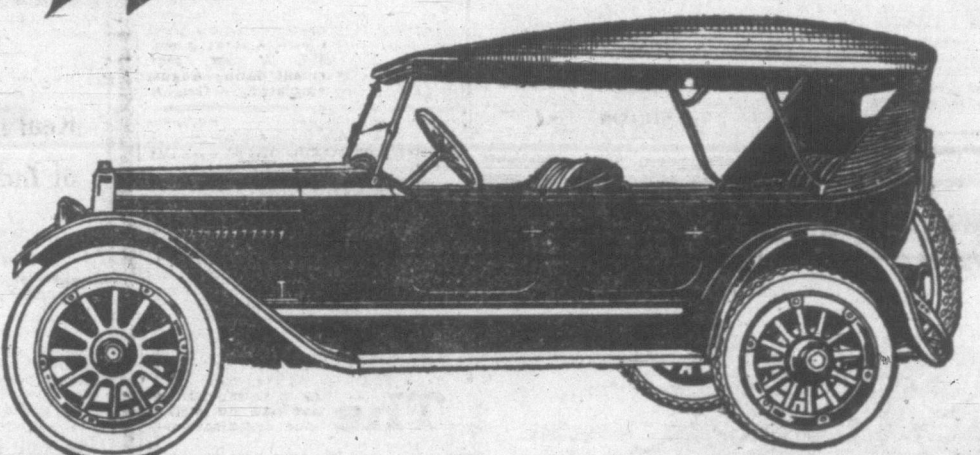
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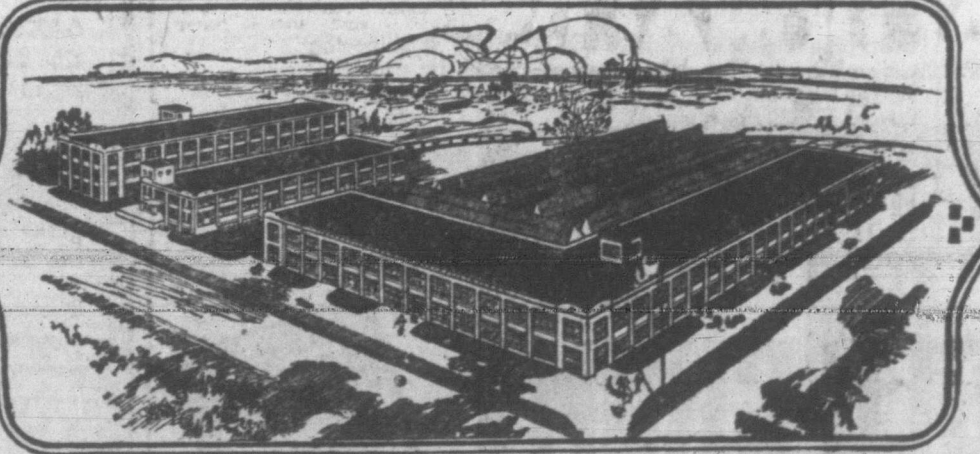


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