

LABOR SUPPLIES MONDAY TREAT

Trades and Labor Council Will Give Financial Aid To the Moulders on Strike

Committee of Council Will Administer Fund for the Benefit of Strikers and Their Families—Appeal to Local Unions

On the recommendation of the executive committee, the Trades and Labor Council on Monday night decided to render financial assistance to the moulders who have been on strike in this city for five weeks.

The Edmonton Free Press will, commencing with the Labor Day edition, be known as the Alberta Labor News, and become the official organ of the Alberta Federation of Labor.

President Wheatley and Secretary Smitten of the Alberta Federation of Labor were present at the meeting and briefly addressed the delegates.

MOULDERS SEE START TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT

Coutts Machinery Co. Have Signed Up For 92 1/2 Cent Minimum

The Coutts' Machinery Company have signed the new agreement asked for by the local Moulders Union No. 373, this being regarded as a start toward the Moulders' demands being granted and a settlement of the strike, which has been on for nearly six weeks, being effected.

Although the strike is not over, the men, actuated by patriotic feelings, have agreed to undertake the work for a bronze war memorial tablet for the G.W.V.A. at Gleichen. The men have stipulated that the pay must be turned over to the G.W.V.A.

On August 17, the memorial tablet will be unveiled, so that the need for immediate work was imperative, in order to get the order filled. After negotiations between the union executive and the Alberta Granite and Marble Co., an agreement was reached and work begun on Tuesday.

Members of local 373 have sent a communication to council, stating that the Coutts Machinery company has signed the agreement, which the city council on July 12th agreed should become operative on August 2nd if it was not accepted by the employers before that time.

The new agreement provides for a minimum rate of 92 1/2 cents an hour. As a result of non-acceptance of this rate by employers, the moulders have been on strike for over five weeks. Their minimum rate last year was 75 cents an hour.

STREET CAR MEN OF SEATTLE WANT 25 CENT INCREASE

(By The Federated Press) Seattle—Fourteen hundred employees of the municipal street railway system are seeking a wage increase of 25 cents a day. Street car fares are now 10 cents or four tickets for 25 cents compared with the old rate of five cents. The men contend they are entitled to a share of the increased receipts in order that they may keep up with living costs.

WAY TO BE RID OF OPPONENTS "LAW AND ORDER"

Burmese Evidently Solved the Problem in Satisfactory Manner

An interesting extract from the life of Lord Randolph Churchill (page 429) by the Hon. Winston Churchill. In 1878 the old King of Burmah died, leaving behind him 30 sons with families on the same generous scale.

A palace intrigue secured the throne to Prince Thibian and the new reign was inaugurated by an indiscriminate massacre of the late king's other sons with their mothers, wives and children. Eight cart loads of butchered princes of the blood were cast, according to custom, into the river.

The executive committee reported progress on the "Edmonton in 1921" campaign in connection with the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The City Council and the Board of Trade had been communicated with and the co-operation of those bodies was practically assured.

INTERNATIONALS AND O. B. U. WILL DEBATE AT W'PEG

Merits of Two Forms of Organization Will Be Subject of the Debate

A joint debate between the Internationals and the O. B. U. will be held in the Industrial Bureau at Winnipeg on Friday, August 6th. F. J. Dixon will be the chairman at the debate and the subject is, "Resolved that the merits of the O. B. U. form of organization, is superior to the International form, as expressed on the American continent."

A committee of the Internationals and one from the O. B. U. met and decided upon the following conditions upon which the debate is to be carried out:

"That the subject be handled by two men from each side, time allowed as follows: A. 1-which will be the first speaker, 25 minutes; B. 1-40 minutes; A. 2-40 minutes; B. 2-40 minutes; A. 1-15 minutes. It is distinctly understood that A. 1 to whom 15 minutes of rebuttal is given be not allowed to introduce any new material.

"A collection will be taken up to defray hall rent, and any surplus will be equally divided by the committee in charge of debate, between the families of the men in gaol. In the event of a deficit, expenses to be borne equally by the Trades and Labor Council and Central Committee of the O.B.U.

The agreement is signed by S. D. Woodward, H. Davis and John Houston, on behalf of the O. B. U., and by H. Kempster and J. Winning for the Internationals.

BRITAIN VOTES ADVANCE TO AID GERMANY

Must Be Helped To Produce Coal in Place of Gold For Debts

The British House of Commons, on Monday, voted £5,000,000 advance to Germany in connection with the Spa coal agreements. Labor members welcomed the proposition which they characterized as a "sensible change in the government's policy toward Germany and a practical revision of the unworkable Versailles treaty."

Lloyd George, in his speech, said that the proposal for securing coal was much better than sending a large army to fight it. He argued that Germany must pay her debts either in gold or goods. She had no gold, he declared, but coal was the equivalent of gold or even more usable. However, he said, Germany is unable to produce sufficient coal, while her population is unit and ill-fed. Hence she must be helped.

"There is no doubt about the condition of Germany. We have impartial representatives there who report the people are not receiving within sixty

WINNIPEG STREET RAILWAYMEN SIGN NEW AGREEMENT

Officers of the street railwaymen's organization at Winnipeg, on Saturday, signed the agreement with the Winnipeg Electric railway company providing for a wage increase of approximately ten per cent, as recommended by the Myers conciliation board. The agreement is for one year. As the award is retroactive to May 1, the men will receive back pay aggregating \$70,000 at the earliest possible moment.

PATRIOTISM AND STRIKERS

By a Moulder

From time immemorial the common class have been regarded as anything but examples of Patriotic impulse or desire. As a matter of fact there is no doubt that the working man has always had to pay for whatever results came from the Patriotic feelings of the real "Patriot," the man higher up.

Under mistaken ideas of Patriotism a lot of trouble has been engendered in this world. The returned soldier of today (and the writer of this wears a button for service in France), is beginning to realize that even with the bountiful treatment accorded him by a beneficent government, that if he wants even an existence for himself and loved ones, he must organize, and that is the reason so many returned soldiers today are enrolled under the banners of unionism. Unionism is a benefit to the world at large; it has preached and worked for a higher education, for greater results from individual toil, and for more of a real feeling for their neighbor, more of a real desire to bring the "Golden Rule" into everyday use, than any other movement. And that is real Patriotism, and men who forget themselves and subvert their best interest for the common good are real Patriots. There are wars which might be termed righteous, but before and since Peter the Hermit preached the crusade, this world war which has lately been ended stands out as justified.

DENVER CARMEN ARE ON STRIKE FOR INCREASE

Denver street car men at 5 o'clock Sunday morning went on strike to enforce their demands for an increase in wages from 24 cents an hour to 75 cents. Eleven hundred carmen are out and it is expected that a settlement will shortly be reached.

CALGARY LABOR WANTS TRANSFER OF FACTORY ACT

Want Administration of Act Taken Away From Hon. J. R. Boyle

It is reported that Calgary Trades and Labor Council are petitioning Premier Stewart to effect the transfer of the administration of the factory act from the attorney-general to some other member of the cabinet. The objection to the administration of Hon. J. R. Boyle, is his failure to put in operation the provisions of the last legislature in respect to the appointment of a commission to investigate conditions and determine a minimum wage for juvenile and women employees.

The Calgary Trades and Labor Council thinks that better administration particularly on this point, would be secured by a change of responsible heads.

The act provides for a commission composed of two nominees, two representatives of the employers, and a fifth member appointed by the attorney-general whose purpose is to act in an advisory capacity to the government in regard to the administration of the factory act.

BUTCHER WORKERS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS PLANNED

(By The Federated Press) Berlin, June 26 (By mail via N. Y. Bureau).—In a notice directed to the executive committee of the various unions affiliated with the International Central Bureau of the Butcher Workers' Union is announced the plan for an international congress of all unions engaged in handling food products to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, the end of August or the beginning of September. The formal call will be sent out from Hamburg by O. Allmann, the international secretary. At the coming congress steps will be taken to unite all the unions whose members handle food products in powerful organizations in each country, so as to make it possible to have a formidable international body.

Join the Labor Party or seventy per cent of the food they consumed before the war." (Continued on Page Four)

P. R. FULFILLED ALL PROPHECIES OF ADVOCATES

Experience of Manitoba Elections Prove Fairness Proportional System

Asked to give an expression of opinion as to the value of Proportional Representation as it worked out in Winnipeg, Mr. Fred J. Dixon, leader of the Manitoba Labor group, writes as follows:

Proportional Representation was tried out in Winnipeg during the recent Manitoba election and fulfilled all the prophecies of its advocates. The voters had a much wider choice in the selection of representatives and the records show that they took full advantage of it. Labor feels that under the old single member constituency system it would have secured larger representation but having for many years, while it was a minority group, advocated Proportional Representation, it has no desire now that it is growing in strength to secure advantage by the use of antiquated election methods. We feel certain that as our cause is better understood that we will secure increased representation under the new system and are prepared to stand by it because we believe it to be fair.

With kind regards to all old friends. Sincerely yours, F. J. DIXON.

GERMAN PRINTERS' APPRENTICES WILL HAVE DIVISION

Berlin, June 25 (By mail, via N. Y. Bureau).—Beginning October 1, the apprentices in the printing trade will have a division of their own in the union of German printers, as the result of a resolution adopted at the tenth convention of the union, which ended in Nuremberg yesterday.

TORONTO LABOR WILL BACK UP JAMES SIMPSON

"Simpson Defence Fund" To Be Raised to Assist Toronto Editor

Organized labor, as represented in the Building Trades Council, Metal Trades Council, and Clothing Trades of Toronto, have decided to get behind James Simpson, managing editor of the Industrial Banner, and have established a "Simpson Defence Fund." The money to be raised towards this fund will be used in the liquidation of the costs of the trials Mr. Simpson recently had to experience in the courts as a result of actions taken against him for libel by A. E. O'Leary and W. J. Hevey, former president and secretary of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council, as an outcome of charges preferred against them.

The delegates were unanimously of the opinion that Mr. Simpson should receive the support of organized labor, and with a view of reaching all the available organizations, it was decided to address a letter to all the unions in the city asking them to send representatives to the next meeting, to be held in the Labor Temple on Monday night, August 2nd.

ABRIDGE RIGHT OF WORKERS TO QUIT ANY WORK

(By The Federated Press) Seattle—Earl J. Rice, local attorney, told the Industrial Code Commission that he had drafted legislation to be presented to the next session of the legislature abridging the right of employees to quit work at will. The moral of the army would be destroyed if soldiers could quit when they so desired, said Rice, and then attempted to draw a parallel in the case of industry—the right to quit destroying the morale of the profit system. A code of industrial relations in this state forbidding strikes is a necessity, said Rice. The commission received Rice's arguments politely but offered him little encouragement.

"Were it not for the labor papers the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure the labor paper is a traitor to the cause."—Samuel Gompers. Mr. Gompers has the happy faculty of expressing a great truth in a few words.

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Everything in Readiness For Great Labor Sports and Concert Civic Holiday

Events on the Program Will Interest Every Member of the Family—Old-timers Will Renew Their Youth

CONCERT IN EVENING

Best Musical Talent in the City Will Provide a Splendid Entertainment in Memorial Hall

We are all set for Monday—Civic Holiday, and the occasion of the Big Picnic and Concert will come and pass just as the events of other days. The difference is that this is going to be something bigger and better than has been accustomed to and that because labor is solidly behind it politically, industrially, and all the other allies that are taking heed of our great movements.

The attractions at the Exhibition grounds from 1:30 to 6 o'clock will be of the bee-hive brand—something doing all the time, and every something worth going all the way to see. The foremost athletes of the city will provide keen competition in the open events. The shining lights of other days will revive within themselves the old time instinct and vie with each other in the events provided for their special benefit and measured paces.

The ladies will also provide the thrills they have made them famous at picnic picnics.

Events for the Young Fry The kiddies have a big slice of the program to themselves and we are always well entertained by the boys and girls on childhood's days as we once knew.

Prizes galore are on view at the store of Joe Driscoll on Jasper, just east of 101st street, and a glimpse at these will be enough to make you talk to yourself and worry about how you can carry off some of them by entering for and winning a few events. Put on your rubber shoes, beat it around the block for a few dozen times and figure it out for yourself. Set the alarm clock and take note of your time lost and how you reduced your weight. After careful preparation fill out your entry form and keep the rest dark. Should the track prove a little fast for you we will provide you with weights.

Concert in Evening Then there is the Big Concert in the evening at the Memorial Hall at 8 o'clock sharp. If it is not possible for you to be with us at the park come along in the evening to the concert and presentation of prizes, and if you cannot be with us at either place by a "week" anyway. Remember this vitally interests you and we look for you taking your little part in the bringing about of a big success. Tickets on sale at Joe Driscoll's, Mike's News Agency, Dominion Cigar Store, and at Labor Hall. Everything on the program for 50 cents.

INTERNATIONALS BRING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

Bricklayers of Edmonton Are Now All Organized in International

All of the bricklayers and masons in the city of Edmonton are now enjoying the wages and working conditions established by the International Union and also are paying their quota towards the maintenance of the local organization.

But two months ago the situation was in a state of chaos, working conditions had been completely surrendered; longer hours were being worked and rates of pay were not uniform. This condition of affairs had created dissension and dissatisfaction, and the possibility of continuation of operations was not present. Both the workmen and the employers recognized this condition contained many dangers and that anything that could correct the existing evils would be beneficial to both parties.

Having had the experience of being called upon to correct similar conditions in the past, and the fact that its form of organization has been planned on lines best calculated to bring results to its members, the International organization was the only one that could cope with the situation and the results achieved have once again demonstrated that organizations founded upon lines which experience has demonstrated are best calculated to bring results, are the ones to command the lasting confidence of those with and for whom they are called upon to do business.

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NEW NATIONAL FARMER-LABOR PARTY ORGANIZE

Successes of Farmer-Labor Forces Make New Party Necessary

At a conference between the Labor representatives and officials of the United Farmers of Ontario, on Saturday, in Toronto, it was decided to organize the National Farmer-Labor party in readiness for the next dominion general elections.

To this end, circular letters are being sent to secretaries of labor parties in the various provinces of the dominion by James Simpson, of Toronto, secretary of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party.

The circular states that "the recent success of the Farmer-Labor 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."

The date and place of meeting have not yet been decided upon.

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WHAT OCCURRED AT MEETING OF FARMER MEMBERS

Did Exactly the Opposite To What the Daily Press Reported

The Western Labor News contains the facts of the meeting of the newly elected Independent Farmer members of the Manitoba legislature, which was held on 27th of July for the purpose of getting together on their program for the institution of a stable and progressive government in that province.

At this meeting the daily press reported the Farmers as pledging themselves to support the Norris government and the formation of a Farmer-Independent group in the house, neither of which took place. Instead, chaotic conditions reigned supreme in the convention, when the statements in the press were made known to them.

W. A. McKinnel, the man who had called the meeting, was given as authority for the statements made by the paper, and upon the reporter's verification of this, the above gentleman was given to understand that if they were his notions he stood absolutely and literally alone.

The Farmers then proceeded to call a further convention for August 12th to which the Labor members will be invited, and at which their program will be proceeded with.

The general opinion appeared to be that the publication of the interview with W. A. McKinnel, whether it was absolutely authentic or not, had done a great deal of good because it had brought out with such startling clearness, and beyond any possibility of camouflage, the absolute betrayal of the constituents who had elected them, which any support of the Norris government would imply.

"As the situation stands, there are 31 members (or 32 if a certain member who has gone home to ruin in silence and alone upon things, past, present and to come be included) out of 53 elected who are at least agreed upon the prime necessity of putting T. C. Norris out of office at the first available opportunity, and among whom there exists a possibility of an understanding sufficient to tide Manitoba through the present crisis in its affairs.

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