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 A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

## FAVORS COMPLETE UNIONIZATION

The following editorial taken from the New York Evening Post treats a big subject in a big way—

Concerning the plan worked out by the Administration for bringing the coal strike to an end we are told only that it involves no form of government control, but that it does look beyond the mere settlement of the present strike to something like the organization of the coal industry on a permanent peace basis. It is this second feature of a settlement that is far the more important. Better a prolonged strike that compels a fundamental treatment of the problem than a patched-up strike good for two more years; that is to say, until the next national election year.

One thing we must assume as essential to any scheme of permanent reorganization. And that is that its scope shall be as wide as the entire coal industry. To the extent that the new plan involves negotiations between operators and employees—as it is bound to do—such negotiations cannot be by districts or by states. That is the basic issue in the present strike, as it was the basic issue last year in the controversies between the railroads and the unions. The carriers then were willing to talk with their employees provided there was no interference from "outsiders" that is to say, from the national railway unions. The unions were willing to talk wage reductions provided the negotiations were on a nation-wide basis.

On this issue the railway unions won out before the Labor Board. On this issue the mine workers deserve to win. It is an essential part of their strength in collective bargaining that they shall be allowed to present a solid front.

An industry wide scheme of negotiation and adjustment is all the more reasonable in coal because it is in the ultimate interests of the operators as well as the workers. Those who have studied the history of coal mining and coal strike know that the fundamental grievance of the operators against the workers is not the union, but, oddly enough, the incompleteness of union organization. It is no paradox to say that union operators are discontented because the workers are not sufficiently unionized. Union mine owners complain that they cannot compete with the non-union mines. The intimation has been frequent that the union workers have been almost guilty of a breach of contract in failing to bring about the complete unionization of the industry. Operators in the Central Competitive Field, for example, would like to see nothing better than the West Virginia mines unionized and cut-throat competition eliminated. They would then gladly negotiate with the United Mine Workers.

We look to see the President's plan, therefore, to do something more than settle the present strike and something more than prevent future strikes in the territory affected. We look to the President to furnish a lead, the effects of which will be felt in West Virginia as well as in Pennsylvania and Ohio. We believe that when something like a constitution for the coal industry has been worked out, we shall be saved the spectacle of chronic civil war in West Virginia, saved the spectacle of hundreds of men tried for "treason" as the result of industrial anarchy.

## DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS

In a recent issue The Toronto Star discussed editorially "The Loss of An Eye" and showed that under the Workmen's Compensation Act in Ontario the man who lost an eye was awarded an inadequate pension of less than a dollar per week. Another view of the value of an eye was taken on Saturday when the brotherhood of railway trainmen in session at Massey Hall decided to pay total and permanent disability to a member for the loss of an eye. It might be well for the workmen's compensation board to reconsider its position.

Still, if you will look about, you will find people who are happy even though they don't know a single one of the new dances.

A feminine writer says ladies are more easily approached than the once were. She isn't talking about the one on the dollar.

An age of specialists simply means that you have to pay ten men to do a little job instead of one.

Some men fall in love with their stenographers, and some get efficient service.

## MINERS PRESENT MINORITY REPORT

(Continued from Page 1.)  
 The majority report states that too great a reduction in the vital rates was made by the Gillen award. "We feel that the smaller the daily revenue of the worker the less any reduction applicable to him should be," it states.

It adds that in considering rates of pay the board has taken into consideration "that the company is supplying coal for domestic use to all miners at \$2.25 per ton, and houses at a rental much below the real value."

**Complaints of Miners.**  
 The majority report deals with the complaints of the miners under a number of heads, the first of which is "miners' houses." It states that the houses supplied to the miners by the company are not in a satisfactory condition, and that many of them are so old and out of repair that they should be abandoned and pulled down. "This however," it is added, "could not be done at present because there is a scarcity of suitable houses now available for the accommodation of the employees." A policy calling for the construction of a definite number of new houses for a stated number of years should be adopted. The report says: "We recommend that new houses of a minimum number equal to five per cent of the company's houses now occupied by employees at each colliery on Cape Breton be built annually for the next five years. As the new houses are constructed these old houses can be destroyed."

Houses should be kept in a habitable condition by the company, and, where possible, a water supply should be piped into them.  
 Referring to company stores, the majority members express the belief that they are a substantial benefit to the men. "Their prices are reasonable and the stock carried is suitable and satisfactory for the employees," says the majority report. The board suggests that an improvement on company stores would be co-operative stores to be established by the men.  
 In regard to stoppage of work, the majority report states that sometimes a trivial dispute between an employee and his superior officer causes a mine to be held up. This is unfair to the other employees. Instead of the employees taking any such action, the matter should be brought to the attention of the superintendent, and reasonable time should be allowed for the settlement of the dispute.

**Wages and Price of Coal.**  
 The wage question is the last dealt with in the majority report. It states that the remuneration to be paid to the employees must necessarily be governed by the price which the company is able to get for its coal. "It would be quite unreasonable, of course, to expect the company to pay so high a rate of wages as would prevent it from at least paying, not only all costs of mining, transportation and selling its coal, but also its overhead expenses and interest," it says. "In the present case, in fixing the highest rate of wage that we think the company can reasonably be expected to pay, we must be guided to a considerable extent by the conditions of the coal market. We feel that we would be doing the miners a grave injustice if we were to fix a rate of wage so high as to prevent the company from being able to market its coal in competition with its competitors and still pay all necessary expenses."

"We have gone carefully over the costs of mining and selling coal, and we are satisfied that the company will not be able to more than pay expenses under present market conditions, if they pay the wages we propose fixing in this report. Any higher rate of pay would mean less work, and, therefore, less money for the men."

## BROADCASTS

From Overseas and Across the Border.

**WAR GRAVES PHOTOGRAPHS**  
 Steps are being taken to arrange a contract for photographing war graves, and they will be sent to the relatives in due course, according to Lieut.-Colonel Stanley, on behalf of the Secretary of State for War.

**DR. JOWETT ON REST CURE**  
 Dr. J. H. Jowett, the world-famous preacher, has been compelled by ill-health to give up his work at the Westminster Congregational Church, and is going to Yorkshire for a rest cure.

**STRIKE OF WOMEN WORKERS**  
 Over 1,000 women operatives in the boot and shoe trade at Leicester, forming part of the women's section of the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, came out on strike against a national agreement for a wage reduction of 2s. per week for day workers.

**SPY'S APPEAL FAILS**  
 Sentenced to death as a spy, Armand Jeanes, the Belgian who betrayed Nurse Cavell to the Germans, has unsuccessfully appealed to the Brussels Court of Cassation, and the Minister of Justice will now decide whether Jeanes shall be executed or sent to prison for life.

**COST NOW LOWEST**  
 The cost of living in Great Britain, fell one point in April. According to the official figures, at May 1 the average level of retail prices of all commodities taken into account in the statistics prepared by the Ministry of Labour (including food, rent, clothing, fuel, light, and miscellaneous items) was about 81 per cent. above that of July, 1914. The corresponding figure for April 1 was 82 per cent. and that for May 1, 1921, was 128 per cent.

**SOMERSET HOUSE MEMORIAL**  
 Mr. Austen Chamberlain unveiled, and the Bishop of Willesden dedicated a memorial in London to 734 members of the Inland Revenue section of the Civil Service Rifles who gave their lives in the war. The memorial comprises five tablets erected within the vestibule at the main entrance to Somerset House.

**LAST OF THE ROYAL IRISH**  
 Bidding farewell at Portsmouth to the Royal Irish Regiment, prior to its disbandment as a British Army unit, Major-General Burton Forster said the King greatly regretted the disbandment of the Irish regiments, and would be pleased to store their colours in Windsor Castle.

**THRILLING ESCAPE**  
 By laboriously loosening bricks in his cell and clambering through a stokehole, Arthur Conny has escaped from Parkhurst Prison, in the Isle of Wight. Scores of police and prison officials have searched throughout the island for him, but up to the present he has not been recaptured.

**"IF WINTER COMES" AS PLAY**  
 Mr. Hutchison's remarkable novel, "If Winter Comes," which has sold to the extent of some 500,000 copies in Great Britain and America, has been dramatized.  
 Mr. Owen Nares will play in it on tour, starting in August, and there is every likelihood that Mr. Du Maurier will put it on in London.

**AN AUSTRALIAN WARNING**  
 I am an immigrant from England, and wish to warn intending emigrants that unless they have work or friends to come to they had better think twice before leaving home. Hundreds of men are looking for work all over Australia. The Government is pretty smart at promising land for new settlers, but Australian returned soldiers with plenty of farming experience can't get any land worth having, so it's a poor look out for a new "chum."—T. E. Melbourne.

**HE KNEW HIS HISTORY**  
 Sir Walter Raleigh, who has just died, was the hero of an amusing incident. When touring in America with a party of professors he was introduced to the mayor of a provincial town. The mayor thought that the name "Sir Walter Raleigh" was a practical joke and with much readiness responded: "Glad to meet, Sir Walter, and how did you leave Queen Elizabeth?"

**A LATE REPENTANCE**  
 Announcing that he wished to give himself up on a 20-year-old charge of embezzling \$800, Frederick James Wilson walked into Bootle, Liverpool, police station. An old warrant for the man's arrest was turned up, but when Wilson appeared before the stipendiary the prosecution stated they were no longer able to prove the theft.—Stipendiary. That is an end to the matter. Wilson was discharged.

**GHOST VISITS HISTORIC HOME**  
 "A tall, gaunt, shrouded figure, with a face much blurred, gliding through the room!"  
 This is the description of an apparition which Miss Walker, of Brillin-cote Hall, Burton-on-Trent, declares she has seen at dead of night in the old home in which she lives with her father, a farmer.  
 This seventeenth century house was formerly occupied by that Earl of Chesterfield who wrote the famous letters to his son. It has always been haunted, by local reports.

**TOM CAT REARS CHICKENS**  
 A tom cat is acting as "foster father" to twenty-four chickens, which belong to a Preston ex-soldier, named Robert Loud.  
 Three days after the chickens had been hatched in an incubator and placed in a box, the cat began to take care of them.  
 He is assiduous in his paternal duties, and allows the chickens to climb over his body and head.

**TRIBUTE TO LLOYD GEORGE**  
 "At Genoa he strove for European peace, and fought his critics with a courage, faith, and optimism that was characteristic of his attitude in the war; and we would like the world to know that not a few of us have not forgotten the services he has rendered his country."  
 These words occur in a joint letter circulated by a number of Parliamentarians on the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's return from Genoa.

**BRITISH M.P.'S DINNER**  
 Parliament has for many years been contributing about £2,000 a year to its kitchen committee to compensate for "breakages." In the economies now being effected the subsidy will be cut off, which means that the M.P.'s whisky will cost him a penny more. The House of Commons whisky is good. The Valentia vat holds a thousand gallons, and the supply is never allowed to get less than four hundred gallons. A dinner now costs 3s. 6d., but one remembers when—introduced for the benefit of Labour and Irish M.P.'s—a very fair dinner was obtained for a shilling.

**PEERS ARE LIMITED COMPANY**  
 Following the example of other great property owners, including Lord Howard de Walden and the Duke of Grafton, Lord Plymouth and the Marquis of Bute have transferred their estates to a company. These transactions are probably due to the extraordinary state of the super-tax law. Companies do not pay super-tax. Consequently, if a man's property is transferred to a company he escapes payment of this tax, except on such sums as he thinks fit to draw out by way of dividend.

**THE KAWARTHA LAKES**  
 The Kawartha Lakes are among the most popular of Ontario's summer playgrounds. The region was long a favored one with the Indians who gave it its musical name, signifying "Bright Waters and Happy Lands." The Kawartha chain comprises Lakes Katchewanooka, Clear, Stoney Buckhorn, Chemung, Pigeon, Bald, Sturgeon, Cameron and Balsam, and they are six hundred feet above the level of Lake Ontario. Every form of outdoor recreation may be indulged in, there being unlimited opportunities for sailing, canoeing and motor-boating, for bathing and for fishing. Bass, maskinonge and salmon trout are caught in the large lakes, while there is good fishing for speckled trout in the smaller lakes in the district. The region is easy of access, has good hotel accommodation and is within 125 miles of Toronto on the Grand Trunk Railway System. Free illustrated booklet with map and list of hotels sent on request. Apply to H. R. Charlton, General Advertising Agent, Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal, P.Q.

**THEATRES FOR SALE**  
 Two theatres and a church were included in the lots offered at the sale of the Covent Garden Estate. Bidding for the church progressed slowly from £2,500 to £3,200, at which figure the lot was withdrawn. The Strand Theatre was next offered. It is one of the most modern of London theatres, and was opened in 1905 as the Waldorf, changing its name four years ago and was withdrawn, the highest bid being £40,000. The other theatre was the Alwyck, leased to the Alwyck Syndicate, Ltd., at a yearly rent of £2,500. Bidding ran to £6,500, but this lot also was withdrawn. Historic premises of the Queen Anne period, known as Garrick House, in Southampton street, once the home of David Garrick, the actor, was also withdrawn. The famous Rules Restaurant, in Maiden-lane, was sold for £2,600.

**LESSON MAY BE LEARNED**  
 The second and last instalment of the elections for the Hungarian National Assembly, which began on Sunday takes place today. It is safe to predict that the coalition supporting the Government of Regent Horthy and Premier Bethlen will win it. Of the eighty-one districts so far heard from which voted on Sunday, the Government carried seventy-four, with the Liberals getting two and the Lib-

eral-Socialist combination five. Let this be a lesson to those who think America has nothing to learn from the Old World. By a careful study of Hungarian methods, disturbing upsets like those in the Indiana and Pennsylvania primaries might be avoided.—New York Times.

Not enough American soldiers to form a full battalion are now stationed at Coblenz. Although the French and the British and even the Germans would like an American force to remain, the order of the War Department to recall the last "dough-boy" by July 1 has not been revoked. Has there even been an occupation of enemy territory like it? It has been equally agreeable to the vanquished and the victor. A motherly American woman who visited headquarters last summer deplored the fate that held so many of her young countrymen on alien soil far away from home. To her General Allen said: "Madam, if it were put to a vote ninety-nine out of a hundred of the American soldiers would elect to stay."

**SOFT FOR THE GRAPERS**  
 Mr. Untermyer's disgust at Justice Alverson's refusal to impose prison sentences upon Hettrick and Witherpoon is comprehensible. Their offense was no merely technical violation of the anti-trust laws. The community was suffering from a shortage of housing which resulted in exorbitant rents for all; for the less well-to-do it resulted in congested living that threatened health and morals. Public education was severely hampered by a lack of schools. Yet the head of the greatest manufacturing house in its line in the United States "deliberately conspired," as Mr. Untermyer puts it, "to force unwilling competitors into an illegal combination to destroy competition and hold the public by the throat." In this conspiracy Hettrick and a ring of grafting labor leaders were used "as pawns." Yet, instead of sending the offenders to jail, Justice Alverson imposed fines of \$500.—New York Times.

**A CANADIAN QUOTATION**  
 The soft grey moss upon a beech  
 Deep in the wildwood shade,  
 Has tones of truer harmony  
 Than artist ever made.

The vastness of the universe—  
 The stars revolving free,  
 The sun, the sky, the sea reveal  
 Infinity to me.

A single blue-eyed violet  
 Beside a purling brook,  
 More surely speaks of God to me  
 Than any human book.

Dr. James L. Hughes, ex-Public School Inspector, of Toronto.

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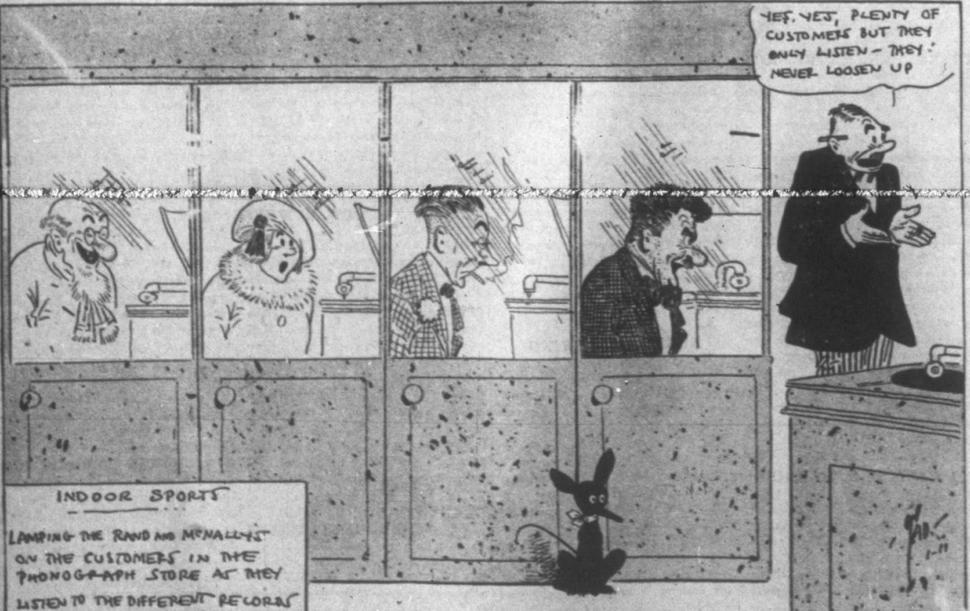
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