

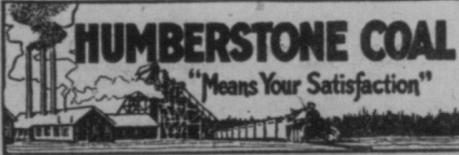
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Minneapolis, Minn.—More than a thousand building laborers in Minneapolis are off the job because of the refusal of contractors to pay a scale of 75 cents an hour. The contractors' organization has refused to meet or negotiate with the laborers in any way, but the strength of the organization has secured the agreement of several industrial contractors to the new scale.

**COMMON PEOPLE WANT NEW WORLD FOUNDED ON TRUTH**

**Labor Party's Aim Is To Bring Forth a New and Better Society**

The common people want a new world, says the Toronto Industrial Banner. They have had enough of the old—with its uncertainty, its wage slavery, its poverty and war. They demand a more stable and more enlightened existence.

The Labor Party is simply the local expression of the great humanitarian movement which is stirring the mind and conscience of the masses throughout the world today. It isn't something to be even ignored by any right thinking member of the community.

We have come to a stage in the development of our civilization, when the machinery seems to be breaking down. The financial system which the capitalists have labored to build up is trembling like a house of cards. The war has shaken the institutions of the world, and only those which are founded on eternal truth and human justice will be able to survive.

The old political parties have been blindly leading us through a wilderness, holding out promises of reconstruction, co-operation, better conditions. They have now arrived at an uncharted region and know not where to turn.

The workers are asking: "Where is the promised land! Where is the new world?" Their cry cannot be answered. They are told to keep quiet, and work harder; but their lot gets worse and worse. Every day it becomes harder to make ends meet. Every day, tomorrow, is more uncertain than yesterday.

At last they have decided to act. They are done with the old politicians and their useless formulae. They have decided to do things for themselves. That is why the Labor Party was formed. It is open to all who labor by hand or by brain. In Great Britain the middle classes, the clerks, the shopkeepers, the teachers, professors, managers, all the hard-hit black coated workers, are swinging in behind the Labor Party, recognizing in its broad fundamental principles the hope of the new and better society that is to be.

Abolishment of the 24-hour day is demanded by municipal fire fighters at Camden, N.J. Fire Chief Carter is quoted as favoring the two-platoon, but it would cost the people a lot of money, and everything.

**THE 'WHEREFORE' OF THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE OF SASK.**

**The League Says To Farmers of Sask.: Organize, Agitate and Educate**

By Geo. F. Stirling, in the Western Labor News

**The "Why"**

Nearly everybody except idiots, and dyed-in-the-wool Tories will admit that there is something rotten in our system of production and distribution, (that is if the chaotic, haphazard, every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost, scheme of things can be called a "system.") Side by side with the amassing of enormous fortunes, we find the growth of poverty amongst the producing classes in society. Indeed they are always found together because the one is the complement of the other. Further, the strange thing is, that it is not the idle classes which suffer poverty, but the producing classes. Those who produce the food of the country can scarcely get enough to eat; those who make all the fine clothes wear overalls and shoddy garments; those who build the fine palaces live in rented shacks, and tenements if they have been fortunate enough not to have any children. Those who build our Pullman sleepers, stretch themselves out in the day coach or the colonist, and on the whole the remuneration for work done seems to decrease in exact proportion as the importance of the work increases.

Eighty per cent of the people live from hand to mouth. If sickness comes upon the family the doctor's bill cannot be paid without such anxiety, and few people have enough money ahead to pay their own funeral expenses. It isn't necessary to prove this, everybody knows it. Now for the remedy of poverty—there is no poverty of remedies. Statisticians have shown that there are 4,789 different remedies, each one of which is claimed by its boosters to be almost as miraculous as "Tanlac."

Some of the most prominent of these remedies are expulsion of aliens, encouragement of immigration, a high tariff, a low tariff, no tariff, high wages, low wages, longer hours, shorter hours, overalls, abolition of underweave, too much money in the country, make Germany pay us more money, the brotherhood movement, greater production, reducing the birthrate, etc., etc.

The farmers of the West have got as near to the root cause of the trouble as anyone in their attacks upon the Big Interests, but not all the farmers have realized the underlying principle of this offensive.

The Nonpartisan League has realized that principle, and has made it the aim and object of all its work.

What was the object of the formation of the Grain Growers' Association? It was the elimination of the Private Capitalist.

What was the object of the demand for Co-operative Elevators? The elimination of the Private Capitalist.

What was the object of the demand for State Ownership of Railroads? Again, the elimination of the Private Capitalist.

What is the object of the growing demand for rural credit? The elimination of the Private Capitalist. Further, it will be found that all the developments of the last fifteen or twenty years along the lines of farmers' exchanges, co-operative trading societies, and all the other ramifications of the principle of co-operation amongst farmers has had one end in view, that the people should own and control their own business, and be freed from the tyranny of Capital.

Now the underlying principle of this movement, whether you call it public ownership, municipalization, co-operation, or what not, is not a new principle. It is only the extension of a principle which has been in vogue for many years in the collective ownership of schools, highroads, electric light plants, waterworks, car lines and post offices.

According to the statement of the minister of finance in his budget speech the other day the country made a profit of twenty-two million dollars last year from the post office. And this

whilst carrying a letter to the ends of the earth for three cents. Figure if you can what it would cost to mail letters if Private Capitalists ran the post office for profit. A letter for points in Saskatchewan would probably cost you 5 cents, to Manitoba 10 cents, all Canada 25 cents, and it would vary with distances to about \$3.00 per letter to Australia. Postal servants would have to work longer hours, pensions would be cut out, wages would be reduced, and there would be no such thing as free rural delivery of mail. The one end and aim of the business would be "Pat Dividends" for the shareholders, as it is now with elevator companies, railroads, banks, implement firms, and the thousand and one businesses that live on the sweat and toil of the producers.

The Nonpartisan League seeks to extend this principle to all the leading enterprises which affect the life and comfort of the inhabitants of the province. The league wants the people to own the banks, elevators, flour mills, packing houses, cold storage plants. It desires these businesses to be kept in the province to cut out all unnecessary transportation charges. It desires that they shall be owned and controlled by the people of Saskatchewan for the benefit of all the people and not as now for the benefit of the few.

That this business can be profitably carried on by the State has been proven over and over again in North Dakota, in New Zealand, in Queensland, and in many other parts of the world.

In Queensland as a result of this control by the people, sugar has been selling all through the war at 7 cents per pound, and it is only now to be raised to 8 cents for the next two years owing to the world shortage. Again, although Swift & Co., and Armour & Co. have packing plants in Australia, they have been controlled by the peoples' government so that beef can be bought at 7 cents and 9 cents per pound in Queensland.

In the face of all these facts the man who tells you that it is too radical a program, or not practical politics, is nothing but a bluffer. What has been done by others we can do in Saskatchewan. But how? We have told you the "Why," we shall now tell you the "How."

**The "How"**

It is safe to say that the great majority of the farmers of the province believe that this system of ownership and control by the people is a good one. The reason it is not in force today is just because the farmers of the province have not been organized to put it into force. They have been kept divided, and have been stimulated to fight against each other in the camps of Grit and Tory. Further, the very people who yell loudly about "class warfare," have been just those people who have been stimulating the farmers to the bitterest, and most useless kind of class warfare, the warfare between people who are in the same class. No government, either Liberal or Conservative has ever come before the people with a programme which was not in the interests of the exploiters. The very suggestion of such a thing is absurd because the Big Interests have paid the election expenses of their henchlings, and consequently they have called the tune.

Disraeli, England's greatest Tory, once said "A Conservative government is an organized hypocrisy." It is, so is a Liberal government, but the Liberals have not yet produced a man great enough and honest enough to admit it. The only difference that we have been able to notice between Grits and Tories is that Liberal governments have chastised us with whips; whilst Tory governments has chastised us with scorpions. "They struggle," says Carlyle, "to get hold of what they call the rudder of State, but what is in reality, the Spigot of Taxation."

And all government hitherto has consisted in robbing the hives in such a manner as to get to unduly disturb the bees.

The Nonpartisan League says to the farmers of Saskatchewan, organize, agitate, educate, and when we take control we can introduce our program for the best welfare of the community.

But, we must organize. This costs money. You can be a member of either of the old parties without ever paying a nickel. There is a reason. The Big Interests are behind them, and they



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Politics is the business of the people. The few dollars given to organize now will save you hundreds of dollars when we put our program into effect. It saves the farmers of North Dakota tens of thousands of dollars every year.

If you are not willing to pay your share then you must stop talking against the abuses which the old party government system has subjected you to. Talking will get us nowhere. We must act, we must organize. There are men willing to help you. Our executive committee have given much of their valuable time to this work and have never received any remuneration. The only paid official of the league apart from the canvassers who receive a commission to cover their travelling and living expenses, is the secretary. Thus the organization is run as economically as possible.

Our plan is to thoroughly canvass a constituency, then when the time of election shall come we shall invite our members to nominate candidates to contest the election, and the one who receives the most support from the membership shall be the official candidate. Thus the matter will be in your hands and under your control. No machine politics will foist a candidate upon you. All that we shall expect will be that the nominees shall be men of honor and

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