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TEACHERS' UNION INCREASED 500 PER CENT IN LAST YEAR

The membership of the American Federation of Teachers has increased more than 500 per cent during the last year, and thousands of teachers throughout the United States have received a material increase in salaries as a result of organization and affiliation with the recognized labor movement of the country, according to a communication received by the San Francisco Labor Council from Charles B. Stillman, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

In his letter to the Labor Council, which is a copy of a circular letter addressed to all central labor bodies in the United States, President Stillman asks the support of labor for the Tower bill, now pending before Congress, which provides for a Federal appropriation of \$100,000,000 to assist States that need financial aid in establishing a minimum salary of \$1,000 per annum for public school teachers.

POLICE UNION IS DEFENDED BY GOMPERS

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Reasons for approving the organization of the union.

The association of policemen that existed previously had been dominated, it is alleged, by the officials of the police department and when these same officials discovered that the new union excluded them and confined its membership to the private of the force, active antagonism immediately developed and resulted in the issuance of the drastic order which brought on the fight.

It is a well-known fact that the policemen of the various cities of the country have been appealing to the A.F. of L. for permission to become members through chartered unions for several years past. Not until the Atlantic City convention was their appeals favorably acted on. Since that date 37 applications for charters have been received and favorably acted upon. These new unions show a membership of approximately 2300, and in some of the cities the membership is 100 per cent. Can it be that the attack on the union in Washington is for the purpose of discouraging and preventing the further growth of policemen's unions in such cities as have not yet taken action? While the decision of the commissioners of that city may not have a sinister motive back of it, there are apparently reasonable grounds for reaching such a conclusion.

Following the conference of President Gompers with the commissioners announcement was made that the order issued by Commissioner Brownlow would be rigidly enforced. Its application made it imperative for all members of the police force (600) to have their resignations in the hands of the police department officials not later than September 1, or consider themselves dismissed, surrendering all their rights in such beneficial features as had resulted by long years of service on the force.

The announcement of that determination following so quickly after President Gompers' conference with the commissioners, the officials of the Police-men's Union determined to seek redress through the courts and had their attorneys prepare a request for a preliminary injunction that would restrain the enforcement of the commissioners order until a full hearing could be had.

CONVENTION OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS HELD

Elect Delegates To Congress Convention and to Railroad Employes Immediately After

The annual convention of sleeping car porters was convened at Crescent Hall, in the city of Montreal, on Thursday, the 28th of August, and remained in session for two days.

The convention was presided over by Mr. A. R. Mosher, the grand president. Delegates from the various lodges of this organization were in attendance, and expect good results from the business transacted.

This organization is in a fairly good condition, although as a young organization it was called upon to assist in the general strike in Winnipeg, and did conduct itself with credit; for which, as the strike was called off without the promised guarantees being obtained, the members were made to suffer by being locked out as an entirety on the C.P.R., C.N.R., and G.T.P., Winnipeg. Ninety-nine were locked out after the strike, and up to the present 23 have been rehired between the Grand Trunk and the C.N.R., but none on the C.P.R. to date.

Regardless of this however, as only one-fifth of its members were affected in the strike, the effectiveness of the organization still remains, and by receiving the Sleeping Car Porters on the Government road out of Halifax as part of the organization at this convention, they thereby brought their enrolled membership up to 592.

Necessary changes were discussed and arranged for, among which are the removal of the head office from Winnipeg to Montreal, in order to come directly in touch with most of its members and to deal more effectively with the matter that may be worthy of consideration.

Delegates were elected to attend the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Convention, commencing September 22nd, and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes immediately thereafter.

NEW ENEMY TO BOLSHEVISM AND L.W.W.-ISM APPEARS

National Labor Digest, Published By Geo. A. Tracy at San Francisco Is New Monthly

A high-class magazine, the National Labor Digest, has made its appearance at San Francisco, published monthly by the Labor Press Association, George A. Tracy, general manager. The new publication has no equal in its particular field as to typographical excellence and make-up. Its editorial contents and general comment on matters of interest in the labor world are of equal excellence. The magazine follows the general style of its well-known namesake, the Literary Digest, and its policy will be to oppose destructive radicalism, bolshevism, the L.W.W., the one big union nightmare and similar "movements." It is intended to advocate the principles of true trade unionism as expounded by the constructive element of the American Federation of Labor.

There is no one on the Pacific coast better qualified than George Tracy for the position of manager of a high-class publication devoted to the best interests of labor.

BRITISH LABOR LEGISLATION RE 48-HOUR WEEK

To provide adequate living wages and to set a limit of 48 hours as a week's work is declared to be the purpose of two important bills which are being prepared for action in the British parliament.

These measures are understood to be the result of an agreement between representatives of employers, of trade unions and of the minister of labor, acting as a national industrial conference.

The wage bill as drawn up provides for an inquiry by a commission to decide what shall be the minimum wages for adults and for young persons, the commission to consider the cost of living. It is also provided that the minimum wage shall be adequate to meet the increased living cost.

HENRY BISHOP GIVES REPORT ON CONFERENCE

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spoke on Whitley Councils. He speedily converted all on our side and the caucus that followed unanimously agreed to advocate such councils modified to suit Canadian conditions.

The keynote to the proceedings that followed was struck in the most of those speeches. They were all in favor of shorter hours, better conditions for the workers, etc., but with due regard to production, which simmered down meant it was a case of men versus money, with money always the first consideration.

In the matter of stating its case, Labor has no reason to be ashamed, rather it has every reason to be proud. It was freely conceded as regards this, that Labor easily had the advantage.

The first resolution dealt with was the unification of all Labor laws which was agreed upon with very little debate. Proportional representation was evidently something new for the employers, but the delegate who handled the resolution in committee made out such a good case that this went through unanimously.

Joint industrial councils were also agreed upon, the points of difference being the men's contention, following the lines as laid down by the Whitley Councils, that only delegates chosen from Organized Labor could represent Labor, a man outside any organization only representing himself.

State insurance against unemployment, sickness, invalidity and old age, and also recommended widow's pensions carried unanimously. Minimum wage laws, as regards women and children agreed. Investigation invited for minimum wage for men and also school teachers.

Land speculation and housing adopted. Equal opportunities in education, adopted; freedom of speech and the press, adopted; employment and unemployment, adopted; hours of labor, absolute deadlock; the right to organize, agreed; recognition of unions and collective bargaining, deadlock.

Application of the findings of the Royal Commission to government employees, three different resolutions. Labor's being as follows: "We concur in the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations that the findings of the commission should be put into effect in all works controlled by all governing bodies where the principles of democratic management can be applied. We further recommend that employees of all governing bodies should be entitled to the right of appeal under the Industrial Disputes Act, so long as that Act remains upon the Statute of Canada.

"We further recommend that the wages and working conditions of employees of government should not be less favorable than that which now exist for similar workers in the employment of private individuals or corporations."

Undoubtedly it was a good thing to get employers and employees together and when two sides of case are presented and debated from all angles, it leaves us in a position to be able to judge of the merits or demerits of a case. The whole congress was conducted in a spirit of harmony. There was undoubtedly a little tension the first two days, but not a vestige of unfriendliness. On the face of our findings it appears that we on the aggregate had agreed fairly well on all resolutions, three going through unanimously.

The three resolutions rejected were the most vital ones and a closer examination of the majority of the rest will show many defections. The lessons of the congress to my mind is: 1st, The necessity of organization. It was freely conceded on both sides that where Labor was well organized, better terms were conceded. 2nd, That more speculation of the different phases of the industrial situation be given. Our industrial system is so large and intricate that it is only by specialization can we hope to thoroughly understand them and with understanding alone can we hope to solve them. 3rd, That Labor must depend upon its own right arm to secure the conditions that it aspires to. 4th, That our present industrial system stands self condemned. That though a little improvement here and there will make it more endurable and on that ground alone would be worth the effort, yet Labor's energies would be best employed in ending our present system altogether and substituting in its place a system that would give to everyone a chance to live a fuller and happier life.

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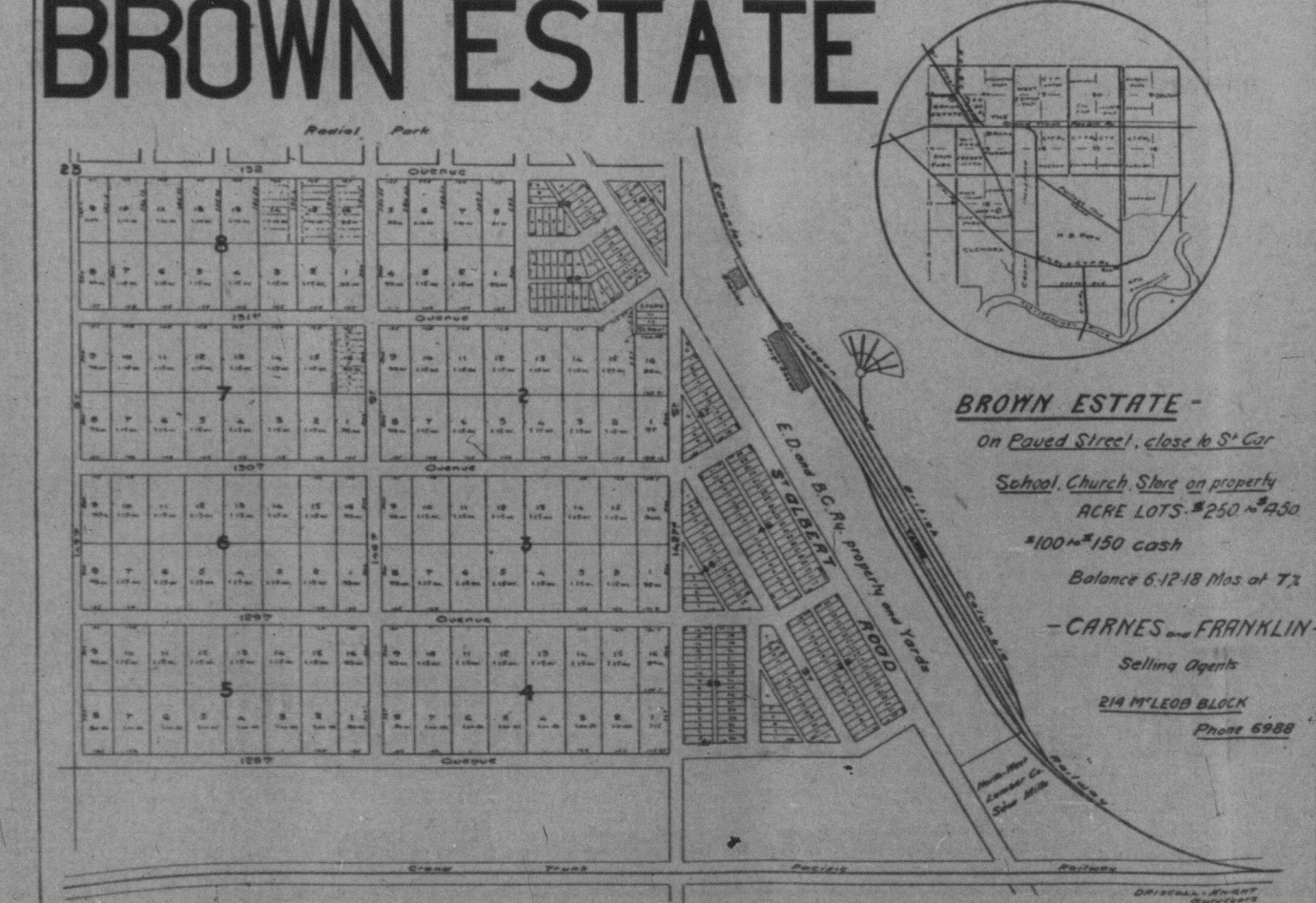
The striking cooks and waiters of Omaha have opened a restaurant and it is now possible for the public to secure an order of roast beef, potatoes, bread and butter for 25 cents, with all other articles of food in proportion. The rush was so great the first day the restaurant was opened that all food had been sold by 1 o'clock. Following this it was announced that a club steak with potatoes, bread and butter will be sold for 40 cents, and pork chops, and pre-war accessories for 30 cents. At the prices mentioned a reasonable profit is being made.

LOCKOUT BRINGS BIRTH OF UNION AT PORTLAND, ORE.

More than a hundred employees of the Portland Cordage Works were locked out by the management recently when they left their work to view the Presidential parade in that city, after the manager had forbidden them that privilege.

At a conference next day, attended by officials of the Central Labor Council Manager Means consented to reinstate all the men. And on the following day most of them signed an application to the A.F. of L. for a charter as a federal union.

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