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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

REALITY VS IMAGINATION

HOW the reactionary element can continue to keep up the loud whistle, proclaiming success, passes unnoted or understanding, in face of the evidence to the contrary in the extraordinary progress that is being made by the international trade union movement, not confined to any section of this North American continent.

The calamity reeds through their verbal and type messages were long shot predictions believed in by the few who have had time to realize that they were dupes of a gold brick game which had for its doctrine the change from substance to shadow.

To say that the anti merely wished for the downfall of the constitutional movement, or predicted same by speech, would leave something to the imagination, but there is the indisputable evidence on the files of their press, showing the efforts to disruption and how prolific their messages were in predicting the end of the international movement, with its banner bearers consigned to oblivion.

With the common knowledge of the positions they have lost in centres where the Calgary false doctrine found a temporary footing, a glance at the situation in regard to the genuine movement gives an entirely different story with progress in every line of endeavor.

This progress march was not confined to any particular international organization, all joining in the added membership class. Records were established—the Painters and Decorators were enabled to state a charter for a new union was issued for each working day in the month, a new record; Carpenters and Joiners adding 10,000 to its membership monthly.

The outlaw situation is best summarized through the evidence produced, that the machinations and intrigues of the chasers of the myth have had no ill-effects on the international movement, but rather aided in allowing comparisons to be made, that the gang of force has shot its bolt and is now in the position of the drowning catching at the straw.

CHANGE THE NAME

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Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

MINERS' PRESIDENT AGAIN ON DUTY.

Robert Smillie was given a rousing reception by the delegates and executive members of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain when he took the chair on June 15 at the special conference at the Memorial Hall, London, England.

Herbert Smith, vice-president of the Federation, warmly welcomed Mr. Smillie back, and expressed the hope that his health had been sufficiently restored to enable him to continue his work on behalf of the Federation.

BALLOT ON FIVE-DAY WEEK.

The Scottish miners' ballot for and against the five-day working week is to be completed by July 15. A Scottish correspondent writes that the coal-owners' pronouncement on the subject is certain to have the opposite effect to that intended.

NEW UNION OFFICIALS.

J. T. Brownlie has been appointed president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, Tom Mann general secretary, A. H. Smethurst assistant secretary trade union section, and C. A. Bamford assistant secretary state insurance section.

BRASSWORKERS' BALLOT.

The figures of the ballot taken by the National Brass and Metal Mechanics' Union on the question of amalgamation with the Amalgamated Engineering Union, have been declared as follows: For amalgamation, 16,594; against, 10,123. Majority for, 6,471.

RESEARCH COUNCIL REPORT IS TABLED IN HOUSE.

The report of the administrative chairman of the Advisory Council on Industrial and Scientific Research for the year ending March 31, 1920, was tabled in the House Saturday by Sir George Foster.

IMPROVED STORE METHODS

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OFFICE WORKERS TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE A. F. OF L.

Campaigns to organize 2,000,000 stenographers and office workers will begin soon in all big cities of the United States and Canada, under authority of the fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which recently met in Montreal.

ONE BIG UNION NO LONGER A MENACE.

The membership of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners is increasing at the rate of 10,000 a month, according to a statement made at the convention of the provincial council of the brotherhood at Peterboro last week by George Lakey, of Indianapolis, a vice-president of the International Brotherhood.

Replying to a question which had been raised by the "One Big Union" as to why Canadian carpenters should send money to the parent organization in the United States, Mr. Lakey stated that whereas Canadian carpenters had paid into the general treasury \$3,862 they had received as strike benefits \$75,818, while organization and other work had cost \$19,258.

E. Ingles, of London, Ont., vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in an address said he was convinced that the "One Big Union" was no longer a menace to the organized trade unions that it appeared to be last year. It was a disruptive organization, he said, and the real purpose of it was revolutionary.

A Philadelphia woman did not approve of the dress of her cook. One day, as the latter, in a particularly stylish frock, showed up after a day off, the mistress said: "Why, Mary, what elegance! It would be hard to distinguish the lady from the cook."

Service Button Workers.

Notes Of Particular Interest To Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

MANITOBA SOLDIERS DEMAND COMMISSION.

A royal commission to investigate the affairs of the Manitoba Soldier Settlement Board is requested by the Manitoba command of the Great War Veterans' Association.

The departmental investigation, which has been under way for more than two weeks, has been concluded, and a full report of the evidence heard is being prepared for submission to the Dominion Government.

STAGE TANK DERBY.

Coinciding with the running of the Grand National Steeplechase, another Derby was being contested near Park Lake, Ont., on July 1, between armored cars and tanks or "Creme de Menthe Derby," as Englishmen called it.

Twenty-seven tanks went over a three-kilometre course of hills and dale, with two obstacles, between Satory Camp and Versailles. One of the obstacles was a steep hill, and the other a wide stone quarry.

"KAMERAD"

How many of you veterans, now safe at home, have heard this cry, have seen the Hun machine gunner, his weapon jammed, put up his hands and cry "Kamerad," only to take a snap shot at you with a pistol, or slash at you with his bayonet when you got near enough to take him prisoner?

You, Mr. Veteran, used a trench knife or a grenade on the Hun who falsely cried "Kamerad." Now, Mr. Veteran, it is up to you to use mental knives and mental grenades on the element who in the same way cried "Comrade."

Do not be misled by their false cries. If you are, you will later realize that you have been drawn within reach of the weapons that mean the wreck of your home and the ideals for which you fought.

The world is crying for reconstruction, not destruction. We must build up, not tear down. A nation and the world needs you to offer a solution for the difficulties of reconstruction, and the solution lies in the proper functioning of constituted government—in law and order, so necessary to modern society.

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This statement is the nucleus of a protest, made by Councillor Donald Clark, of Tonbridge, Kent, after a momentous debate by the Town Council as to whether or not mixed bathing should be permitted in the town's swimming bath.

"I oppose this motion," said the Councillor, "not on Puritanical grounds, for although I am a Scotchman, I recognize the necessity of washing even on a Sunday. But I oppose it as an ardent Imperialist and as a patriot. I have watched mixed bathing for a long time, and have come to the conclusion that it stops more marriages than any other institution."

He thought his listeners to imagine a young man infatuated overnight by the charms of a beautiful Kentish maiden dancing as his partner at one of the dazzling balls for which Tonbridge is famous.

"No woman," he declared, "could stand the test of appearing before the man she had inspired, in the damp and bedraggled condition that was the inevitable consequence of a bath—whether public or private."

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