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NEW ZEALAND COAL MINERS GET INCREASE

(By the Federated Press)
SYDNEY, N.S.W.—Coal miners in New Zealand, after a prolonged fight, have secured increases in wages of 50 per cent on pre-war rates in the case of contract workers, and 60 per cent increase in the case of men paid daily rates of wages.

Extra payments are made for working in wet places, or where work is performed in two-shift collieries. Workers on night shifts are to get 12 cents per shift more than the men on the day shifts.

Tools and lights are to be provided to the workers by the management at cost price, as are also explosives. Extra rates of pay are to apply for work on Sundays and holidays, while a day is to be allowed off in event a miner being killed, also another day off to allow miners to attend his funeral.

MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY NOT ENOUGH

MILWAUKEE—Secretary of Labor Wilson's ruling that membership in the Communist Labor party does not of itself constitute sufficient ground for deportation of aliens was hailed with delight here by radicals and liberals.

Special joy was evinced in the family circles of those victims of Attorney General Palmer's January "red" raids. Nearly 60 men were taken in Milwaukee in that month of terrorism. Secretary Wilson's ruling will mean possibly that they will go free, as fully two-thirds are members of the Communist Labor party. The other third has, since the raids, been released for lack of evidence against them.



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Accident Prevention Regulations

A meeting for the discussion of proposed accident prevention regulations in connection with the Workmen's Compensation Act of Alberta will be held in the City Hall, Edmonton, on Tuesday, May 25th, 1920, at 10 a.m. Employers and employees are invited to attend. The Workmen's Compensation Board.

LABOR'S PROGRESS IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Accomplishments of Labor In Ont.
Legislature Watched With
Interest In Dominion

The Toronto Industrial Banner makes the following comment on accomplishments of Labor in the Ontario Provincial Legislature, which same are being watched with interest all over the Dominion:

"Things are moving at a satisfactory rate so far as labor is concerned in the Provincial Legislature at the present time. The abolition of property qualifications for the holding of municipal office marks the culmination of years of agitation and struggle on the part of organized labor, and it is at least significant to note that just as soon as Labor sent representatives from its own ranks to represent it in the Provincial Legislature and fight its battles on the floor of the House it immediately succeeded in having the obnoxious measure removed from the statute books."

"So with amendments to the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, now before the House. It materially increases the amount of compensation to be paid to injured workers, increase in amount of funeral benefits, larger allowances for the children of killed or incapacitated workers; these will all, undoubtedly, be passed, as outlined above. Pensions for mothers with dependent children, minimum wage laws for women and minors—these and other similar acts beneficial to Labor will be enacted before the present session is ended. All of which goes to show that things move when Labor gets in earnest on the job. Had Labor not elected its thirteen direct representatives to battle for its rights on the floor of the Legislature no such results would have been attained, and the larger number of Labor representatives returned in future elections the more and easier will the enactment of laws for the benefit of the workers become."

"It is better for Labor to have its own representatives on the job, than to send useless deputations to parliament to plead with unsympathetic politicians for legislation that should have been enacted years ago. What has been enacted years ago. What has been accomplished in the interests of Labor during the present session, and its only a start-off, so to say, with more to follow, should be an eye-opener or object lesson for labor men everywhere. If you want to secure better conditions of life and labor you must go about things in the right way. Since the workers have started in to vote for themselves things have begun to happen. Let the workers keep up the new stride and things will keep happening right along."

A FEW PERTINENT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Statesmen and expert economists (?) who are urging personal economy as the cure for the high cost of living and decrying personal extravagance (especially on the part of the wage-earner) to be the cause, should clear up some of the doubtful points of this advice.

Doubtful Point No. 1.—Is the denunciation of extravagance and the exhortation to economy directed toward those who have earned what they spend?

Doubtful Point No. 2.—If they have earned what they spend are they consuming any more than they produce?

Doubtful Point No. 3.—If they consume no more than they produce how can their expenditures contribute toward the high cost of living?

Doubtful Point No. 4.—If, on the other hand, the advice is directed toward those who have not earned what they spend, and are consequently consuming more than they produce, why should we not demand the removal of legalized power of some non-producers to appropriate the earnings of others?

Doubtful Point No. 5.—Would not such a measure have the desired effect of increasing production by compelling non-producers to work or starve 'er out?

Doubtful Point No. 6.—Would it not be easier, or make economy easier, by enabling producers to save what they are now spending in the support of non-producers in luxurious idleness?

Would it not be well to insist that these questions be answered by a certain class of legislators who represent other interests than those of making laws for the people—editors of propaganda sheets, and certain specimens of parlor educators and jazz pulpsters, and our alibi friends, the open-shoppers, who persist in this "work and save" exhortation?—Ex.

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

We are all sorry to hear that Bro. "Jimmy" the cashier is at home sick, and hope he will find his voice again to get out, and boost the co-operative movement, which, we are pleased to say, has increased by leaps and bounds of late.

We are getting no news much from outside members. Wake up, fellows, and make this column a real live one from now on.

Bro. Field is on vacation, and we hope he will be successful with his chicks, etc., and enjoy fine weather.

Assessor Dept. R. L. P. cheers.

Sister "Tovie" has been arriving at the office very early of late, and we suspect she walks all the way over (Not alone).

We are wondering whether "Emma" is going to take a shower bath this Friday evening, and if so, we promise not to make the water too cold.

C.N.R. MACHINISTS

Lodge 817, I.A. of M. meets Friday evening, 12th inst., at 8 o'clock. This is not an invitation to your wives and sweethearts. Come alone!

Let's hear what you have to say about the amalgamation of 559 and 817. Have you any opinion or ideas on the subject? The lodge-room is the place to turn them loose. Personally, I'll—well, I said the lodge room, didn't I?

Are you a supporter of the I. A. of M. (Ladies' Aid, not Lemon Aid)?

Three applicants up for the goat to night. Harry Neale says the better has had his bean massaged nightly, for a week, and that his chag has been lowered fully six inches. (That's about the height of one of the seats, isn't it, Harry?)

FIRE FIGHTERS' LOCAL, 209.

Capt. McLellan, No. 1 station, left for his holidays on 10th inst. The local wishes Mae a good time and that he may return refreshed and invigorated to his arduous duties.

Bro. Cogle, also of No. 1, left to spend his holidays in the country. Bro. Cogle returns in two weeks' time.

It is the opinion of his associates that Bro. Wilson, who has just returned from his holidays has increased considerably in averdupois.

The firemen's football team composed solely of members from No. 2 hall, are having occasional practice and will make a good showing in the intermediate league.

Most of the members, on their time-off, are improving their home surroundings, and are leaders in the clean-up, paint-up, keep-it-up campaign. Horticulture and garden culture are by no means the least consideration.

Bro. Williamson, No. 2, who has been seriously ill, is now convalescent, and his fellow workers are glad to know that he shall soon be able to start work again.

The boys at No. 5 hall have given their station a classic finish, so much so that many mistake it for the Jesuit college.

TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY ARE INDICTED

Twenty-six alleged members of the Communist Labor party went on trial at Chicago, Tuesday, charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government by force. Thirty-nine were indicted, several having fled, it is reported to Mexico and Europe.

Witnesses to be summoned by the state include Ole Hanson, former mayor of Seattle, and an ex-member of the "Central Committee" at Winnipeg during the general strike there last year. His name is not announced. One Communist-Labor pamphlet to be introduced as a state exhibit praises the leaders in the Winnipeg and Seattle general strikes, and Hanson and the Winnipeg man will be called upon to tell of conditions in their cities during the strikes.

MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

The Workmen's Compensation Board is calling a meeting of employers and workpeople on Tuesday, May 25th, to discuss laws for the prevention of accidents.

PICNIC FOR WIDOWS AND DEPENDENTS OF FORTY-NINTH ASSO.

It has been proposed by the Executive of the Forty-ninth Association to hold a picnic for the Widows, Dependents, and Mothers of men deceased in the Battalion, and in order to assure that none be overlooked we would request that they forward their names, addresses, number of dependents, etc., to C. A. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10742 107th street.

EXECUTIVE OF LABOR CONGRESS ISSUE CIRCULAR

Gives Stand of Dominion T. & L.
Congress on Appeal of De-
fense Committee.

The executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has issued a circular letter to the affiliated membership setting forth the stand the Congress takes in regard to the appeal of the Winnipeg defense committee that the case of R. B. Russell be taken to the privy council.

The executive states that they do not feel justified in lending their support to the appeal, and that the indictment, speeches for prosecution and defence, the judge's charge to the jury, the verdict of the jury and the decision of the appeal court in the trial of Russell, and also the indictment, charges and verdict in the trial of Ivens, Armstrong, Heaps and Dunn, have all been carefully examined. In the opinion of the executive any danger that may exist of the cases being used as a precedent to curtail the proper activities of the trade union movement can be most effectively remedied by amendments to the law itself.

The circular states that the policies outlined by the convicted men have been repudiated by the international trade union movement. The executive is not convinced that Russell and the others were indicted simply because they were strike leaders, as most of them held only minor positions on the strike committee and many others being far more responsible for the direction of the strike were not interfered with and are still at liberty.

On the other hand the executive states that they are not convinced that the activities of these men in endeavoring to obtain a change in economic conditions through the medium of a strike, are such as should be punishable by law. In making this statement, however, the executive does not desire to cast any reflection on the fairness of the judge or jury in these trials, as Russell is reported as publicly stating that he had a fair trial.

Though it was the duty of the judge and jury to administer the law as they found it, the executive is of the opinion that the law of seditious conspiracy under which these men were found guilty is too vague in its definition, and possibly of such wide application as to practically make impossible any organized activity for the betterment of social and economic conditions.

According to the circular, the Trades and Labor Congress are proceeding to obtain a full review of the criminal code and other laws as they affect generally recognized trade union rights in this country, and will bring their findings to the attention of the members. Afterwards, they will place the same before proper authorities and the public generally in order to secure such alterations in the law as may be found necessary.

POSTAL SERVICE OF UNITED STATES FACING BREAKDOWN

Unless Congress Passes Law In-
creasing Wages-Postal Clerks
Before July 1

(By the Federated Press)

New York—The postal service of the United States is facing a complete breakdown, unless congress passes a law increasing the wages of postal clerks before July 1, according to P. E. Higgins, seventh vice-president of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, who is touring the country for the union. The total collapse of the country's postal facilities is being gradually brought about by the resignations of large numbers of trained employees from the service because of insufficient pay, said Higgins.

The whole-hearted backing of the Central Federation of Federated Union of New York was given to the postal clerks' drive for increased pay at the last regular meeting. One clause of the resolution unanimously adopted runs as follows:

"The lack of sufficient competent labor to properly man the postal service directly inflicts a great economic loss on the business and commercial interests of the nation that suffer by reason of uncertain mail dispatches and deliveries."

According to estimates of the national officers of the postoffice clerks' organization, the public is heavily penalized by being forced to use telegraph and special delivery facilities for the transmission of mail matter that should go by the usual channels.

"It takes years to train expert mail distributors," said Higgins. "When

HEAPS AND DUNN IN N.S. IN INTEREST OF STRIKE LEADERS

Messrs. Heaps and Dunn of Winnipeg, are touring Nova Scotia for the purpose of placing before the workers the true facts and story of the Winnipeg strike and trial. The following cities are scheduled for a visit from one or both of these men: Moncton, Springfield, Halifax, New Glasgow, Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford.

PEOPLE'S COLLEGE IS PROPOSED FOR DENMARK

Peter Manniche Touring America
To Secure Support for Pro-
posed School

NEW YORK—An international people's college, which will gather working class pupils from all the countries of the earth, will soon be established in Denmark, if the organized tour of Peter Manniche, who is now in this country, is successful. Manniche is warden of the High School and Study Circle Union, a Copenhagen night school. He is appealing to American liberals and laborites for America to contribute its quota to the undertaking.

The People's College, if established, will give prominent space to social subjects. It will apply the English tutorial system, in that the students from different countries will live together in houses accommodating about 20 persons each, presided over by a "housemaster." Instruction will be on an international basis, and various languages will be used in the classes. The teaching in "study circles" will be an important feature of the work.

The proposed school will chiefly receive students who have received a preliminary education in their native countries and who have been sent out with recommendations from, or at the cost of, labor organizations and other working class bodies.

The pupils will be afforded special opportunities for studying Danish agricultural methods.

STRIKE COMMITTEE TAKES ISSUE WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Replying to the Minister of Justice, who turned down requests that he assist in getting the case of R. B. Russell, convicted strike leader placed before the privy council, the Winnipeg defense committee disputes the claim that the judicial committee has no jurisdiction in view of provisions in the Canadian criminal code, and asserts that an imperial act of 1844 prevents the Dominion parliament from denying jurisdiction.

HAMILTON FREIGHT HANDLERS PRESENT NEW WAGE SCALE

Hamilton and Brantford T. H. and B. freight handlers and checkers, members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, submitted their new wage scale to the company last week.

The freight handlers receive 43 cents per hour and the checkers get \$110 per month. The men work eight hours per day. The new scale calls for the following: Junior freight handlers, \$4.50 per day; senior freight handlers, \$120 per month; checkers, \$135 per month, and foreman checkers, \$140 per month. May 1 is the date set for the operation of the new scale.

any number of these postal workers leave the service, as they are now doing, it is reflected in a slowing up of the mails and the large number of mis-sent letters and papers. Unless the present exodus is stopped the service efficiency for many years to come will suffer.

"The postal workers are protesting in the only way open to them—by petition to Congress, which has the power to apply the remedies, and by quitting singly to accept more agreeable employment. Our desire is to get early action from Congress so that the expensive labor turnover will be minimized and the services of skilled, trained men retained to insure a restoration of service efficiency."

"The base maximum pay for post office clerks and city carriers was fixed at \$1,200 in 1907. It has not been permanently changed but the Congress has granted bonuses from time to time, averaging about thirty-five per cent. Postal wages, it can be seen, have lagged far behind advancing living costs. A Commissioner appointed by the 65th Congress is now investigating this subject of postal wages with a view of a readjustment."

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REPORT OF CONFER- ENCE AT OTTAWA

(Continued from Page One)

Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, Detroit; employers, Fulton J. Logan, M.L.C., Musquodoboit Harbor; employees, John A. Gillis, Sydney, N.S.

New Brunswick
Government, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Moncton, Minister without Portfolio; employers, Angus McLean, Bathurst; employees, G. R. Melvin, secretary N. B. Federation of Labor, of St. John.

Quebec
Government, Louis O. Guyon, Deputy Minister of Labor, Montreal; employers, John Lowe, manager Montreal Cottons Limited, Valleyfield; employees, Gustave France, editor Labor World, Montreal.

Ontario
Government, Dr. W. A. Riddell, Deputy Minister of Labor; employees, Samuel Harris, president of Harris Lithographing Company, Ltd., Toronto; employees, H. J. Halford, vice president Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and fifth vice president Journeymen Barbers' International Union, Hamilton.

Manitoba
Government, E. McGrath, secretary Bureau of Labor, Winnipeg; employees, H. B. Lyall, Manitoba Bridge and Iron Works, Winnipeg; employees, E. Robinson, secretary Trades and Labor Council, Winnipeg.

Saskatchewan
Government, T. M. Molloy, secretary Bureau of Labor, Regina; employees, R. K. Lecky, Regina; employees, James Somerville, International Association Machinists, Moose Jaw.

Alberta
Government, John T. Stirling, chairman Workmen's Compensation Board, Edmonton; employees, Walter F. McNeil, commissioner, Western Coal Operators' Association, Calgary; employees, Robert McCreath, Edmonton.

British Columbia
Government, J. D. McNeill, Deputy Minister of Labor, Victoria; employees, John J. Coughlan, Vancouver; employ-

ees, James H. McVety, Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

Official Report

The following statement was handed out:

"At the afternoon session, Dr. W. A. Riddell, chairman of the business committee, which consisted of Messrs. Halford, Merriek, McVety, Harris, Stirling and Riddell, brought in a report, which was adopted, recommending daily sessions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.; that the press be excluded from the sessions, and all reports for the press be given out on approval of a committee representative of the governments, employers and employees; that consideration of unifying labor legislation be taken up in the following order: (a) Workmen's Compensation; (b) Factory Legislation; (c) Regulation of Mines; (d) Minimum Wage Legislation; (e) Industrial Disputes Act; all these questions first to be considered by the committee as a whole, and then, if thought necessary, to be referred to sub-committees for further consideration and report."

The following committees were appointed, after discussion of the broad features of each of the questions:

Committee on Workmen's Compensation—Messrs. Macdonald, Melvin, France, Harris, Lyall, Leckie, McNeill and McVety.

Committee on Factory Legislation—Messrs. Logan, Robinson, Guyon, Riddell, McGrath, Somerville, McCreath, McNeill.

Committee on Mines and Mining Laws—Messrs. Gillis, McLean, Lowe, Halford, E. Robinson, Malloy, Stirling and Coughlan.

Press committee—Messrs. McNeill, McNeill and France.

Mr. Gerald Brown acted as chairman when Mr. Acland was called away by official duties.

The session closed at 5:30 p.m.

Taxes and death are two things that are certain. If you're a working man you cannot evade your taxes, but you can cheat death by keeping your dues paid and "enjoying" the benefits of the Provident Department.