

OUR SHOCKING BOLSHEVIST JUMPERS

By Samuel Gompers in McClure's

America is not merely a name, a land, a country, a continent; America is a symbol. It is an ideal, the hope of the world.

It is the duty of every citizen to stand by his country in times of stress and war, as well as during times of peace. The man who would not fight, or make the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, to save and protect his home and his country, who would not fight for liberty, is undeserving and unworthy of living in a free country.

American organized workers have always endeavored to promote good will among the peoples of the world. The possibility of war has never been regarded by them as the black shadow of an inescapable catastrophe. The interests of the workers are always meant to be promoted, and it is their duty to bear the burdens that follow in its wake. The workers also war with all its frightfulness, horror, bloodshed and mangled flesh, but they realize that there is greater glory in the fight for a principle vital to liberty, justice and democracy than in the fight for a mere peace treaty.

The American labor movement never advocated peace at any price. It never encouraged nor gave support to any movement that would sacrifice the ideals of freedom and justice.

Despite the fact that there are within the membership of the American Federation of Labor men of all nationalities, yet on March 12, 1917, nearly a month prior to the declaration of war on the part of our government, the representatives of the national and international unions of America met in solemn conference and there was declared the position which the workers of America should take, whether we would be permitted to enjoy the priceless privilege of peace or whether we would be thrust or dragged into the maelstrom of war.

That the standards of living of the American people should be maintained or improved and not deteriorated; and

2. That the rights and liberties of the peoples of the United States should be maintained and secured, whether in peace or in war.

We then unanimously declared: "We, the officers of the National and International Unions of America in national conference assembled in the capital of our nation, hereby pledge ourselves in peace or in war, in stress or in ease, unreservedly by the standards of liberty and the safety and preservation of the institutions and ideals of our Republic."

"In this solemn hour of our nation's life. It is our earnest hope that our Republic may be safeguarded in its independence and peace; that our people may be spared the horrors and the burdens of war; that they may have the opportunity to cultivate and enjoy the fruits of peace, human brotherhood and a higher civilization.

"But, despite all our endeavors and hopes, the American people were drawn into the maelstrom of the European conflict, we, with these ideals of liberty and justice herein declared, as well as the standards for national policies, offer our services to our country in every field of activity to defend, safeguard, preserve and improve the institutions of the United States of America against its enemies, whosoever they may be, and we call upon our fellow workers and citizens to join in the holy name of Labor, Justice, Freedom and Humanity to devotedly and patriotically give life service."

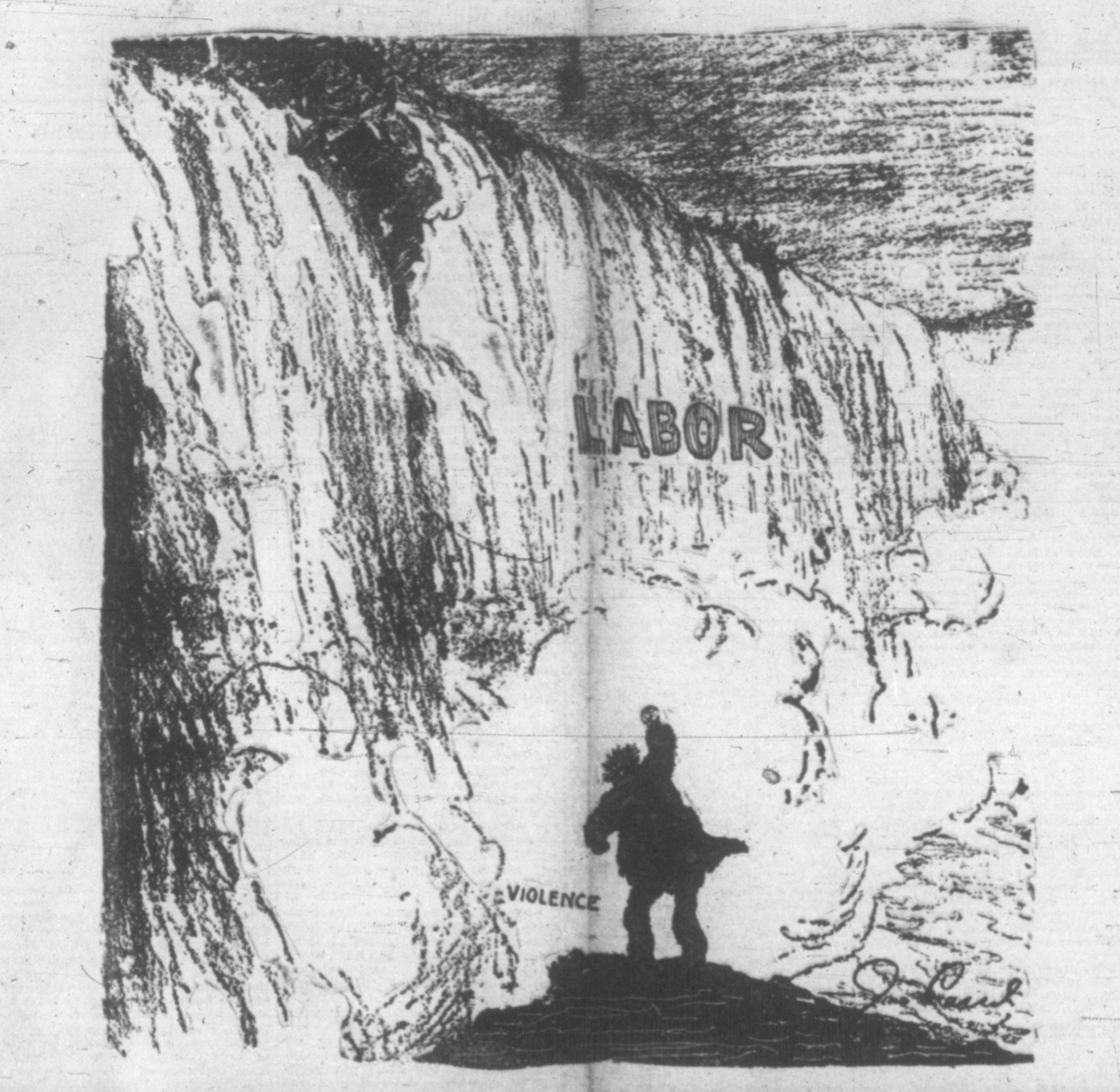
It is true that we have discussed democracy. We have used that term often and often without understanding. It is true that we have discussed freedom, and often without understanding. I have had the opportunity of travel in Germany. I have never heard any people so vociferously and enthusiastically sing and shout the terms of freedom and democracy as did the German people.

Freedom is not a condition, nor is democracy a condition. Freedom is the exercise, the functioning, the practice of democracy. All that society can give, all that government can give, is the opportunity for freedom. It depends upon the people to be intelligent and grow into the feeling, the exercise and practice of the function of freedom. It was because the principles of freedom and democracy were menaced by the system of autocracy and militarism that the people of our country and the people of other countries and of the democracies of the world rallied around their banners and declared, and made good their willingness to make the supreme sacrifice, for the practice of freedom which were threatened to be overwhelmed and crushed.

I thought that Bolshevism was the right road to go, that it meant freedom, justice and the principles of humane society and living conditions in the future. It is because I know that the whole scheme leads to nowhere, that it is destructive in its efforts and in its every activity, that it compels respect and brings about a situation worse than the one it has undertaken to displace, that I oppose and fight it.

The American labor movement is founded upon the historic development of conditions of industry and commerce in our country, based upon the ideas and the ideals of American institutions; it is a movement that is rational, natural, orderly and yet insistent that the rights to which the workers are entitled shall be fully accorded; it is because the American labor movement as represented by the American Federation of Labor and our trade unions is the only force that will finally prevail throughout the world.

"VIOLENCE IS POWERLESS AGAINST ORGANIZED LABOR."



After Chappel in N. Y. World.

FROM COAST TO COAST

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES STILL ON STRIKE.

At the time of going to press, the strike of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees is still on. The committee had a conference with Hon. G. D. Robertson, and they had a further conference with an official of the Railway Department.

H. H. Lawrence of the committee stated that the strike must either be settled very soon or it will extend to take in the employees of the Dominion and Canadian Northern companies running on or working in any way in connection with the Government roads. "Unless there is a speedy settlement, we'll be it up," Mr. Lawrence continued. "It was rumored that the company has a disposition to play fair."

REGINA BRICKLAYERS AND CONTRACTORS MEET.

Members of the Regina Builders' Exchange met a committee representing the striking bricklayers, at their offices, MacKenzie-Brown Block. The matter of settlement by arbitration was discussed. The settlement would possibly be reached and that the bricklayers would go back to work within a short time. Nothing definite has been settled as yet, however, from either of the conflicting parties. Representatives of the bricklayers stated they would accept the terms if they have already laid down.

TORONTO TRADES COUNCIL LABOR DAY COM.

The Trades Council's Labor Day committee, which already has decided to invite provincial labor to join, and may revive the big parade this year, has John Duggan for chairman and other officers as follows: Vice - chairman, Charles O'Donnell; secretary, F. C. Critchfield; treasurer, James Buchanan; demonstration committee chairman, J. Sutherland; secretary, James Simpson; games chairman, Walter Brown; secretary, James Buchanan; printing chairman, Herbert Wright; secretary, W. J. Harvey.

WINNIPEG PRINTING PRESSMEN'S OFFICERS

Officers of the Printing Pressmen's Union were elected at the annual meeting. They are as follows: President, J. Hallitt; vice-president, H. Roberts; secretary-treasurer, T. A. Smart; recording secretary, J. Dafford; organizer, E. R. Hart; committee, J. Wald, T. Shireman, C. Lightfoot.

HAMILTON PAINTERS' STRIKE SETTLED.

After an idleness of nine days, the painters and decorators, members of Local Union No. 205, at a special meeting decided to return to work on the following terms: An eight-hour day and 62½ cents hourly wage scale. This is an increase of 7½ cents per hour. The winning of the eight-hour day, after but a short lay-off, is a great victory for the union. For years the painters have aimed to establish an eight-hour day, as is worked by other city building tradesmen; and now success has attended them. The bosses and men are in accord with the amicable settlement reached, and with one exception, the best of relations exist. The Goodale and Laird-law firm is the exception. On Friday morning, April 11, after the strike has been settled, the firm wanted the journeymen to work eight hours daily, and the non-union men, nine hours. But there was nothing doing; eight hours for everybody, they rightly said. Headstrong, the bosses insisted on their way; the union men, about 20, quit. Up to going to press, they are still out.

LONDON, ONT., SHEET METAL WORKERS' ORGANIZATION

Efforts of Organizer J. H. Kennedy have been fruitful in getting together under the Sheet Metal Workers' banner, the employees of the McCleary Manufacturing Co., at London, Ont. With this additional membership, the local at London is expected to prosper and become one of the leading unions of the city.

STRATFORD TO HAVE I. L. P. BRANCH

The formation of a branch of the Independent Labor Party in Stratford is said to be the next step contemplated in organized labor circles in Stratford. It is asserted that the visit of Joseph Marks, secretary of the Independent Labor Party, was the forerunner in the launching of such a movement. The local Trades and Labor Council has announced that it was backing up the local expression in their strike.

MONTREAL RAILWAY WORKERS DEMAND INCREASES

Montreal railway clerks, freight loaders and station employees are asking for increases with respect to the port of Montreal wage scale. The present scale of wages is 43 cents an hour, and the men demand an increase up to 60 cents an hour. The purpose of the meeting is to get the matter before the Railway War Adjustment Board No. 1.

LONDON, ONT., ALDERMAN VOTES WRONG

The Independent Labor party in a statement reads out of the ranks of the party Ald. John Colbert, president of the Street Railwaymen's Union, the Labor candidate elected at the last municipal election.

KINGSTON COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Killings, fair-wage officer of the Department of Labor, Ottawa, was at Kingston investigating complaints lodged by the Carpenters' and Masons' Unions that the conditions of the local unions were not being observed on certain Government works, the Spychan Hospital and the Barrfield Barracks being particularly mentioned. Some of the conditions ignored are the demand for an eight-hour day and the posting in a prominent place about the work the scale of wages paid, the various crafts, hours of labor, etc.

CALGARY VOTE SHOWS DIVISION.

By a vote of 46 to 25 the Calgary Trades and Labor Council passed the resolution last night declaring in favor of the One Big Union. The meeting was attended by Alex. Ross, M.L.A., who strongly opposed the resolution.

When it is recalled that the convention was held at Calgary, and the support for the new movement practically unanimous, a different light is shed on the proposal in the division of the Calgary Trades Council.

HULL TRADES COUNCIL TO AID FIREMEN

The Hull Trades and Labor Council will continue their efforts on behalf of the Firemen's Union to secure a double platoon system for the Hull Fire Brigade. This was the decision reached at a meeting of the Trades Council in Lafcette Hall last night, and was the initial business of the newly formed council. President C. Paradis was in the chair.

MONTREAL TEAMSTERS ON STRIKE.

More than five hundred carters, employes of four Montreal cartage firms and members of the Carters' Union, went out on strike. The men have quit without consulting their organizations, nearly a week ahead of the general strike of carters, to the number of nearly 4,000, according to plan, was to be called Saturday night of this week. If the demands of the union were not met by the employers.

HAMILTON LINE AND SUB-STATION MEN'S DEMANDS

Over 40 linemen and sub-station men, employes of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, Hamilton, besides wanting more pay, have requested an eight-hour day, time and one-half for overtime, and double-time for night work, Sundays and legal holidays. The sub-station men who work two shifts daily of 12 hours each ask for three shifts daily, instead. The linemen ask 55 cents per hour, and the sub-station men \$100 monthly. The requests will be adjudicated by a conciliation board, granted by the Department of Labor. The company's representative is George S. Kerr, K.C., Hamilton, and Fred Bancroft, Toronto, is the union choice. The two will meet soon to try and decide a chairman. If they can't agree, the Minister of Labor will name the third party.

CALGARY COUNCIL GRANT INCREASES

Increases of 15 cents per hour, bringing the pay up to 65c for motormen-conductors, or an increase of \$500 per day for the railway, were granted by the council. Switchmen and other street railway employes were given 55 cents, and the questions of a revolving spare list, which has been the cause of much contention, was left over until the employes overseas return.

MEDICINE HAT COUNCIL REPUDIATES ACTION.

Trades Council of Medicine Hat strongly condemns the action of the Calgary Convention in their sending of greetings to the Bolshevik. In deference to the wishes of the speakers the matter of the One Big Union action was deferred until the referred vote was sent out, but these heard showed strong views against it. In the connection B. W. Bellamy takes the field, starting a campaign against this movement from Vancouver.

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Western Miners' Leader Knocks One Big Union

Dave Rees, organizer of the United Mine Workers, and vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in an interview at Calgary, showed his strong resentment against the one big union idea. He is quoted as follows:

"As I see it personally in the immediate years leading up to 1914," he said, "at the commencement of the great world war, labor, and particularly international unions, were making great strides. It would not be too much to assume that the world war might have been hastened somewhat with the view to checking the remarkable growth of the labor movement, and endeavors and succeeded in at least maintaining its standards."

"The war is now over," he continued, "and it is a most difficult matter for labor to assert itself as it should. In America we find that the labor movement has been upon one to work absolutely in accord with the Government, and in this respect the American labor movement was in no way injured. The war in labor in many instances giving some remarkable findings, recognizing the rights of labor."

"In Canada—a tremendous country so sparsely populated—the labor movement could not be considered to be just as closely connected as on the other side, but, owing to our international affiliations, our policy was somewhat similar."

"It would appear to me," said Mr. Rees, "that we should take up the fight where we were left off immediately preceding the war. As already stated, the international unions, in particular, were making splendid progress. I have in mind those who were in the forefront of the so-called 'progressive' men in western Canada for years past. We were told that the union had reached the zenith of its power, and that it was the bulwark of the capitalist system, and as a consequence was something that should be taboed."

"We find that the labor movement is merely passive members of the industrial organization. Further, we are told that 'boring from within' was the only policy to be adopted in these days of so-called political action, parliamentary, certainly not industrial unionism."

"As time goes on it would appear that the labor movement is not altogether satisfied with the progress they were making, and so we find a reversal of policy. We find that in recent years the 'boring from within' policy, being adopted by our 'progressive' spokesmen. They enter the industrial organization, take an active interest, and wherever possible capture the offices of the respective organizations."

In continuing his interesting talk, Mr. Rees stated that men cannot be expected to forgo their own opinions. With the marked changes in society in recent years many of their pet opinions have had to go to the wall. His idea of the present situation is that the only policy to be adopted is that of revolutionizing or remodeling the present international and industrial organizations. In this connection Mr. Rees said that he had in mind a combination of the British organization was one that would be well for them to take a note of. They had there, he said, a "triple alliance," representing three great organizations, the C.I.O., the I.W.O., and the possibility of other alliances in the very near future.

"The 'triple alliance,'" said Mr. Rees, "has in the past several years met from time to time recently and have placed their position squarely before the British Government, with the result that a commission was appointed to inquire into the matter, and the possibility of other alliances in the very near future."

"Having in mind the miners' situation especially, it would be well for us to remember that our own international organization at this time have set forth a plan in a policy that is very similar to the policy of the 'triple alliance' mentioned. We are advocating a six-hour day; a substantial increase in wages for all classes of labor in and around mines; and the nationalization of mines."

"In order to follow the policy it has been decided that a special international convention be called. In the meantime the international resident officers will have a bill prepared for presentation to the respective Governments to cover the nationalization of mines. I have in mind that it would have been well for their lot who heartily with support of this policy, organization in gaining the fact that the miners as a whole can reasonably expect to have their policy put into effect."

"Just prior to the time of leaving Indianapolis, said Mr. Rees, the international President, Frank J. Hayes, and Acting-Secretary Robert H. Harlin, were making preparations to sail for Europe, President Wilson having sought an interview with Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Harlin, owing to his knowledge of mines and conditions in Britain, accompanied him. "In speaking to Mr. Hayes personally," said Mr. Rees, "I learned that it was his intention of meeting the veteran Bob Smille, and other labor leaders, especially in the mining world, with a view to having the organizations work to the end of furthering the policies of shorter work days, increased wages, and nationalization of mines and other essential industries. I know Mr. Hayes will do all in his power to see that the world mining congress, for the use Mr. Hayes' own words he stated that there was no

League of Nations than can be better than a League of Labor. "I have in mind," said Mr. Rees, "that if we succeed in rehabilitating the world's mining congress that it will pave the way for the upbuilding of this international organization."

Continuing, Mr. Rees said that the One Big Union, spoken of now in the west, was naturally a venture. Had the experiments of same put the same initiative forward in their respective international organizations with a view of forcing a more revolutionary policy, we could have expected that even the One American Federation of Labor convention to have seen a decided change taking place in the direction of legislation.

"There is no doubt in my mind," he said, "but that the Western conference that was held in Calgary should have done the things that we would have hoped to have had in the eastern labor movement working in conjunction with ourselves in the next Trades Congress at Hamilton in the autumn of 1919."

"But as we have things now," said Mr. Rees, "we have a succession movement, with definite recommendations to have conversations with the international organizations, and I fear that at least there will be some internal division."

"It will be my purpose to make a definite statement on the next day or two, as I find myself in a somewhat unique position, as the so-called 'progressive' elements of the west have been elected as vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. We now find these people in the main preaching success in the work of the union, that inasmuch as only some 40 delegates were at the last congress from west of the Great Lakes, that there are other factors in the picture that inasmuch as it will be my intention to retain the office of vice-president of the congress and to give a report on my stewardship at the next Trades Congress convention."

In reply to a question as to what Mr. Rees thought of the position taken by Robert Livett, the international secretary, Mr. Rees remarked that he sincerely regretted the fact that Mr. Livett had tendered his resignation. "I fully realize that when all matters are weighed up, I question the advisability of his giving the men who never give an opinion of their own, so much satisfaction."

Mr. Rees is shortly leaving for the coast to visit the local union there, of Nova Scotia, and the international officers, will afterwards make a tour of the mining district in Nova Scotia.

WINNIPEG REPORTS ON RAILWAY MACHINISTS

Demands for increased pay and better hours for Canadian railway machinists and helpers have been presented to the various management, as well as the Railway War Board at Ottawa.

RENFREW CARPENTERS SECURE CHARTER

Honor for the first international charter to arrive at Renfrew, Ont., goes to the Brotherhood of Carpenters, with a lively local institution and a membership of the elite of the trade, included among the number being the Mayor of the town. A meeting was held last week for the charter on view, but unfortunately the supplies had not arrived. The secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, Wm. Lodge, was deputed to attend the local in the evening's work, which consisted for a working week of a minimum wage of 65 cents per hour will get a minimum of 55 cents if the new demands are accepted. Helpers will receive 70 cents per hour. The demands have been received by the contractors in attendance.

The officers selected are: President, Albert Lambert; Vice-President, W. A. Moore; Secy., John A. Kippen; F.S., Edward Thayer; Treasurer, M. J. Flood; Conductor, John McGregor; Warden, Robert E. Iretson; Trustees, W. F. Allum, 3 years; Ezra Pappin, 2 years; John Shields, 1 year.

One of the speakers spoke of the appreciation at the meeting was Mr. J. Haydon, a member of the Ottawa Typo, who being amongst his friends expressed himself as being too willing to aid the work of trade unionism in the section that he had a personal interest in, as a movement in the right direction.

In the same town the masons, bricklayers and stonecutters have banded together in a local union, and an agreement of 59 cents an hour and a nine hour day from April 8. This leaves an opportunity for an interval in the working craft if advantage is taken of the opportunity.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER. BEATING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

LABOR is benefiting by the peace adaptation of the Engines of War. In more than one way the Sword is being beaten into Plowshares.

Tanks are being used on the land—from which they sprang. Airplanes are being used in the passenger and mail services.

ORGANIZED Labor is a remarkably constructive force—positive and aggressive in its thoughts and deeds.

Also the men furnishing the money and brains behind our great industrial institutions are a great Constructive Force.

WHAT'S YOURS? LABOR and the electors of Ontario in general are to have the privilege soon of ordering what they are going to drink.

- 1. Are you in favor of the repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act?
2. Are you in favor of the sale of light beer containing not more than 2.51-100 per cent. alcohol...

FROM THE LETTER BOX Editor Canadian Labor Press. Ottawa. Sir—A significant item of news appears in the lead issue of your paper...

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IT sometimes happens that the man who shouts loudest about suppression of free speech and strangulation of the press...

There is less freedom of speech in Russia now than under the Czar. Only Bolshevik papers are allowed. There is no freedom of speech whatever.

How much freedom of expression would there be in true Labor Journalism with this kind of leadership? A cabby was brought before the magistrate for using violent language to a lady.

JACK AND TOM



LABOR'S REPRESENTATIVES. Hon. N. W. Rowell, in the Commons, tabled that order-in-council which defines the scope of the Royal Commission...

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ONTARIO TO HAVE LABOR MINISTER

Sir William Hearst, Premier of Ontario introduced a bill to provide a Minister of Labor. He explained that this decision had been arrived at after careful consideration.

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HALIFAX TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

The April meeting of the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council was held last evening, the attendance being the largest for some time.

NOVA SCOTIA FACTORY ACT RETURNS

A summary of the Factory's Inspectors report for the Province of Nova Scotia dwells particularly on the matters of the safety of employees, sanitation, and child labor.

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A WALKING DELEGATE. Mary—Women are fast leaving their own laws of life, aren't they? Bilsou—Yes, but there is one walk which they will always leave to men.

THE RIGHT KIND OF RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

Labor Items of Interest From the Capital City

FIRE FIGHTERS' NOTES.

Applications are coming fast from the new firemen to become members of the fire fighters' union. It is hoped to have all applications in early so as to deal with by the investigating committee and allow all aspirants to be on hand for the meeting on April 21st, when we hope to have a general initiation with several prominent labor men to address the boys.

The firemen have received the new international button. Although not so distinct as our old button, nevertheless it is a real firemen's emblem.

Two more of our boys have returned home from overseas. Herman Wurtzenburg and Sid Orange. The writer has not yet seen them, but he hopes they will soon be among their old friends, none the worse for their visit to France.

Advice, the word under the city's coat of arms, is truly being lived up to by the chief of the fire dept. in calling for tenders for two motor trucks. Incidentally it might be mentioned that the present chief installed the first piece of motor apparatus in Ottawa.

Already some of the boys are preparing to take advantage of the improved conditions governing the fire dept. by applying for vacant lots.

Most every man has a side hobby with which to spend his leisure time. Capt. R. H. Jacques, No. 10 fire house, in his younger days spent many hours with his dogs, but of late years he has turned his attention to the study of reports he has attracted considerable attention in this respect since going on the two platoons. The captain is a very fine disposition and his command has received several visits from some of Canada's leading citizens.

The deadlock in Quebec between the fire forces and police—and the city over the demand for increased pay continues, and the only solution would appear to be the formation of a fire union. It is understood that the men will ask for arbitration and if it is refused a strike seems inevitable. In the event of the men going out, it is said that they will receive the support of the street railway employees and other unions who would strike out of sympathy.

The City Council of Clarkburg, W.V., binds itself to employ in the fire department those only who belong to the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 48. This would be an advantage to the City Council, as all matters concerning the men's side would be centralized.

JAMESTOWN, N.Y., April 12.—An organized campaign conducted by the central labor council of this city, is meeting with good success. There have been organized localities of fire fighters, wood workers and teamsters, chauffeurs, stablemen and helpers. The next drive, it is announced, will be made to organize sheet metal workers, machinists and blacksmiths. The campaign has also resulted in strengthening practically every local in the city.

The Ottawa Firemen's Benevolent Fund will benefit to the extent of \$125 from four cheques received by the Ottawa Firemen's Association. The Ottawa Firemen's Association is anxious to show their appreciation in a tangible way, of the good work which is being done by the fire ladders. The cheques were from the Ottawa Co., G.W.A., Women's Canadian Club, and J. B. Esson.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 12.—Organized fire fighters are circulating petitions asking that a two-platoon charter amendment be placed on the ballot at the municipal election on May 13.

It is interesting to note the great advance being made by the Fire Fighters of Canada. The latest report from headquarters shows a membership of 30,000. One thousand five hundred of this number are on this side of the boundary line. The force of the two platoons is being felt within our ranks and the continuous duty system will soon be as antiquated as the old pumping engine and mandrill horn reel of the ages of our grandfathers.

BY PROGRESS. The 8 hour day has actually been put into operation. Now we will be in a position to judge for ourselves the benefit, we derive from it, and also if its operation will cost more to the city. We still maintain, that it will be infinitesimal.

The single horse teamsters are to be congratulated upon their "well deserved" increase. This will bring them now about 54 1/2 cents per hour.

We trust that when the superannuation scheme is adopted, that our teamsters are not expecting, that the scheme will be included in this scheme, unless they become members.

By the way, I heard of one teamster who wanted to join the Union. He said: "It seems that everybody is joining up, and I might as well follow suit. But when I was told that the scheme will be included in this scheme, unless they become members, I said, 'I thought it was only a 31 answer. I must talk to Mary about it.'"

It appears there are still a lot of fellows want the labor protection, and all the union can give them for a paltry \$1.

Our next meeting, I am told, will accept a few good fellows as members. Let them see what we are doing.

The good word is going around. We are informed that Mr. W. E. MacDonald, the Water Works Engineer, is going to join the "One Big Union" next month, probably about May 21st.

Some shop talk was overheard regarding the superannuation scheme. The scheme was no good unless the city gave the superannuation to all employes alike. Why should they differentiate between employes who have been in the service of the city for 25 years, and some that have only been a few years in a clerical position, and pay the latter a handsome pension, as has been done lately.

This is what they aptly termed "class legislation."

There is a lot of truth in what is said and should go a far way, to make the city fathers realize the injustice done to the worker, who is an absolute necessity and an asset to the city, as much as any other who was appointed to his position through the by-laws of the time now to have this changed. The

worker contributes his quota towards the maintenance by paying taxes, etc. therefore he should have a fair share on an equal to any other employe disregarding how he was appointed.

The idea brought forward by Controller Plant seems to be feasible. The commission of the city, through some reputable insurance company, insure every one of its workers. Controller Plant mentioned that a certain insurance company would take on the city, why not try to secure data from the company first. Then we would be able to have reliable figures to work upon. It would be far better to have the insurance company, than to have the city, through some coal merchant, not giving the full weight. Take a little salt with this statement until it can be officially verified. However, remember if you have any purchase to make, go to the only store in Ottawa where all the clerks are union hands, Laroche's, on Dalhousie street.

One of our faithful members has said that the city employes of Ottawa now should have a recall for the Labor Day celebration, and that he was going to bring up the question of the recall of time would be spent in choosing the best.

Also a tug-of-war team must be selected from among the crowd that will be plenty of time to give for practice and recreation. Please select two teams.

MOVING PICTURE OPERATORS. Moving Picture Operators' Local 257 held their regular monthly meeting Sunday, April 13, and welcomed back into their midst Bro. Sid LeFevre, who has been doing his bit over there.

The movie operators of Ottawa have good reason to be proud of their service record, having eight members of the organization who answered the call and donned the khaki.

In view of the coming convention of the I. A. T. S. E. and M. P. O., which is to be held here next month, Business Agent Bro. Thibault was nominated, and unanimously elected delegate to represent the Ottawa local.

Committees have been formed to work in conjunction with the stage and the film industry, and are running high and strong. It is hard to make this convention a greater success than any previous one.

CULINARY WORKERS' UNION TO ENTERTAIN. Culinary Workers' Local 419, although but comparatively newcomers, have decided to make their bow into the social and of the work, to get their many friends into their acquaintance. They will entertain at the Astor-Danston, Bank street on Wednesday evening, April 23. The affair will be a grand affair, and V. Leinhardt, Geo. Giesler, H. Picard, H. Marceau, A. Roncari, and M. Pachebot as master of ceremonies.

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Sundays at the Carpenters' Hall, Sparks street, each meeting showing a stronger interest in the organization and, better still, an added membership list. The last meeting was the best on record, including even the initial session, when the local was commenced. To date no requests or demands have been formulated, the members deciding to wait until the union is centralized on the work of getting all the eligibles within the ranks, which climax is expected in the very near future, if reports to date can be a criterion. The clerks in the town are now almost solidly united, and it is apparent that no objection is being taken to having their employes among the organized workers.

The present situation, where the Wage Board has decided to legislate an eight-hour day, has created considerable talk among the members, and was one of the topics that found most favor in the union hall. May it come about, was the general opinion expressed.

A. F. OF L. FEDERAL UNION. M. J. Burke, official of the Electrical Workers' organization, has found time to form the workers at the plant into a solidly organized union, securing a charter from the American Federation of Labor as a Federal Union. This link will place the members into a strong branch of the Federal Union of the A. F. of L., which has at its disposal a large fund for the protection of the affiliations.

Regular meetings are being held and from the inception Bro. Burke has had them to the present satisfactory situation. The officers have been elected, as well as the delegates to the Trades Council, and these will be seated at the next regular meeting. A few years ago these workers had a Federal charter from the Trades Congress, allowing it to go into the discard. Since that time, however, many more employes are available to become members, a situation which was seized upon by Organizer Burke with the satisfactory results noted at the unveiling of the charter. Visitors from the Trades Council will be in attendance at the unveiling, and will be in attendance at the unveiling, and will be in attendance at the unveiling.

DEAL WITH ONE BIG UNION. Several of the local unions have dealt with the proposals emanating from the "One Big Union" executive. Among the number were the Firefighters, who literally turned the hose on it by a unanimous decision to return the correspondence. This was the action taken after two delegates to the Quebec convention, Bro. S. Blackler and D. Dean reported the tactics of some of the leaders in the movement adopted on questions presented at the congress. Journeyman Barbers adopted a similar attitude, they deciding with unanimous voice at a largely attended meeting to file his correspondence in connection with the proposal. The other unions that have taken up the matter to date show a decided lack of sympathy with "any thing that favors the breaking of the international ties. It was stated by



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I. L. P. REPRESENTATIVES. Ottawa branch of the I. L. P. have 20 representatives at the Toronto convention. A good attendance of members was on hand, and the secretary, O. Paquette, reported the following figures: 116 members, 116 dues, and 116 contributions. The following were given the credentials: I. L. P. REPRESENTATIVES.

RETAIL CLERKS' OFFICERS. At the meeting of the local Union of Retail Clerks, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Thomas Marcell; vice-president, W. Howard; 2nd vice-president, M. L. Lajoie; financial secretary, O. Paquette; recording secretary, Emile Richard; guide, L. J. Burnett; trustees, A. E. Walter and J. W. Ingram; auditors, A. J. Parkin and Thomas Stinger; Mr. W. H. Hoop, general organizer, and Mr. P. M. Draper, secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress, addressed the meeting, as well as the local secretary of the Firm and Organizer, Walsh of the Bakers' organization.

RAILROADERS VOTE STRONG TO AID SOLDIERS. Disabled soldiers will now be able to enter the railway engineering shops as apprentices for a three-year term, at a special rate of pay, according to the decision arrived at by the Canadian division of the International Railwaymen's union. A. F. of L. Local 419, which has been in process for five weeks on this question.

Counted in Winnipeg by Chas. Dickie, secretary, and officers of the various branches of the union, the votes amounting to over 35,000 were unanimously in favor of granting this privilege to the boys who had been disabled in the war.

The appeal will commence at 45 cents per hour instead of 25 cents to ordinary apprentices. Increases will be granted semi-annually as to the local unions, instead of the apprenticeship lasting four years, the term granted to the returned men will be three years.

Officers in the local unions will act as judges regarding the ability of the soldier applicant being able to become a mechanic. The week is on a 47-hour basis.

Every disabled soldier qualified to become an apprentice can be placed," Chas. Dickie, secretary of the Dominion branch of the organization announced. "The men, however, will first be recommended by the vocational authorities through Ottawa to us."

Mr. Dickie said that the officers of the union qualified to act as judges, will afterward determine on the applicant's ability to perform the work, and he will be placed at the nearest shops where apprentices are needed," added Mr. Dickie.

District four, or the Canadian branch, has promised to reinstate all its apprentices now out of work, and will have to consider them in apportioning the quota of apprentices to each shop.

This action has been taken by the railway men on request of Major J. P. Oliver, the Winnipeg vocational training officer, and federal vocational authorities.

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NEW MACHINISTS' LODGE. Business Agent "Dick" Riley, district Machinists' union, who smiles when he reached town last Saturday morning. The opening of a new lodge at Niagara Falls, Ont., the night before, presided by Riley. Fifty charter members was the first meeting's bag and Mr. Riley

WILL RETAIN CHARTER. The members of the Policemen's Union of Toronto have decided, by a vote of 125 to 25, to retain their charter and affiliating with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, so a representative of the policeman informed the Royal Commission in its last sitting in connection with the investigation of the policeman's grievances and the question of the right of the police to affiliate with labor organizations.

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I. L. P. MEETING. The members of the Independent Labor Party who packed the labor hall to capacity last Friday night, were afforded the pleasure of hearing a most gifted female speaker, Mrs. F. Alwyn, of Boston, Mass., who has just passed her 75th milestone. And she gave in her delightful, entertaining and instructive discourse, that despite her years, a talk full of "pep" and meaty material. During his remarks, the speaker told her auditors of the rapid advances made by the Labor movement since she retired into labor, nearly sixty years ago.

The great mistake in the past, she said, had been in dividing labor into two classes—those who were "with" and those who were "without" work. She said she had worked with her brain—when, in fact, all workers from the common ditch digger to the great inventor, should be considered as workers. Upon a vote being taken, she said it was a great pride for her to be a member of the aristocracy, not of idleness, but yet of labor, which she said was the only basis of civilization possible, and without which civilization could not exist. Mrs. Alwyn said one of the greatest problems of today was proper education and instruction of the children in the home. She counseled justice, fair play and tolerance as the basis of any sound policy, and more useful race of men and women.

W. R. Rolfe and Aid. Book sponsored a vote of thanks to speaker, which was carried with a hearty hand-clapping and applause.

President Harry Bourne announced from the chair that he had received a letter from Martin Malcolm, barrister, stating that Lieut. Col. A. F. Hatch was about to retire from the hospital board, and suggested that the speaker be named to fill the vacancy. Several speakers avowed it was now opportune for a representative of Labor to be a member of the Board of Hospital Governance. Upon a vote being taken, the communication was deferred to the Executive Board.

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BILL CASSADAY, OF HAMILTON, A "FELT" VICTIM. "Mr. Cassaday's condition is good and he's now out of danger." Thus spoke the Mount Hamilton hospital office lady, when the C. L. P. correspondent enquired about "Bill" Cassaday, past president of the Trades and Labor Council, and president of the Carpenters' and Join-

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ers' union, who last week became a victim of Spanish "flu" and in a critical condition, had to be taken for the hospital. Many laborers throughout the Dominion who know personal and resourceful "Bill" will be happy to learn of his immediate recovery. Kindly enquiries were made by Financial Secretary Cassaday at last Friday's meeting of the Central I. L. P., and the members ordered Secretary Gibbon to send a telegram to the hospital. The hospital, stated he'll soon be setting sail for Canadian soil. Charlie donned khaki soon after the war started, and was in the thick of the battle until the end of the hostilities. The rank of private. For his meritorious work "over there," he was recommended for a commission, but his health was such that he was unable to accept it. He has since had many hardships suffered, and the early signing of the armistice, prevented him from receiving his well-earned promotion.

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ONE OPEN HEARTH SHUT DOWN. Nearly 400 men were indefinitely thrown out of work, when last week the Steel Company of Canada closed its plant. Company officials say that since the armistice was signed on November 11, business has enormously increased. All the open hearths among those laid off.

BRITISH MINERS STRONG FOR REPORT. The vote of the miners on the report of the Sankey Commission regarding improved conditions of labor in the coal mines, which has been completed and shows a very large majority in favor of acceptance. The final vote stood: For acceptance, 95,000; against acceptance, 68,480.

MUSICIANS ELECT CONVENTION DELEGATES. John Pryke and Harry Criel were on Sunday last at the regular monthly meeting of Local No. 293 Musicians' union elected delegates to the International Convention of Laborers in Dayton, Ohio, in May. Controller H. J. Halford, was chosen as alternate delegate. There was a big turnout of members, and the session proved highly interesting.

MT. HAMILTON WOMEN'S I. L. P. MEET. With a large turnout of members present, the Mount Hamilton Women's I. L. P. held its regular business meeting last Monday night. Owing to the illness of Mrs. (Councilor) Fish, Mrs. Inman presided. The following were elected: Messdames Inman, Ingle, and Corbin. The following message was read by the local Council of Women, had addressed the meeting, one of the members remarked that the Ottawa expression of the regular were Labor not Liberal. The question of the branch affiliating with the Local Council of Women was raised over until the next meeting.

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Labor News From the Busy City of Hamilton

With May Day rapidly dawning, one starts to wonder whether industry will continue to "carry-on" devoid of industrial conflict between employers and employes. To date many local unions have made requests for the eight-hour day and more pay from the bosses, in behalf of their members. In every instance, May 1 is the time set for the new schedule to take effect.

But generally, conferences between employers—whether they be manufacturers, foundrymen or building contractors—and their union help, have been few and far between. So rare in fact, that some of the union members view the present situation as ominous, and pessimistically, in some instances ask, "Does the bosses' silence mean a show-down?" The Molders and Coppersmiths, Bakers and Helpers, Machinists, Carpenters and other organized toilers, already have sent in their requests, asking for higher wages and the shorter work day. In fact, the shorter work day, which incidentally, involves nearly 2,000 workers. Its sincerity is hoped that May Day this year, of all times, will be strikeless. But nevertheless, the present situation warrants speedy "get-together" between Capital and Labor and judicious tact, tolerance, give-and-take by both sides, and none the less, the present situation will predominate in a sincere endeavor to reach an amicable understanding, just and fair to employers and employees alike, in both ranks, so there should be little to fear.

I. L. P. REPRESENTATIVES. Ottawa branch of the I. L. P. have 20 representatives at the Toronto convention. A good attendance of members was on hand, and the secretary, O. Paquette, reported the following figures: 116 members, 116 dues, and 116 contributions. The following were given the credentials: I. L. P. REPRESENTATIVES.

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THIS is the Opening Hour of Canada's greatest prosperity---and Labor will get a Square Deal. The modern relation of Labor and Capital is that of Partners. Therefore the Partners will see that no alien interlopers shall throw a Discord into the Harmony of Canadian Industry. The newly appointed Industrial Commission will welcome all suggestions for harmonious co-operation between employees and employers.

IF an Alien Agitator tries to "shoot up" our Industrial Orchestra---put him out---but don't let busy Riveters stop for one second playing the "Grand March of Canadian Industry!"