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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 reds through their verbal and type messages were long shot predictionists 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 antis 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

LABOR forces are always credited for changes in every walk of life, especially during this period of time. It possibly goes out of its element in some instances and one of these isolated cases may have just occurred at the meeting of the British Labor forces.

The Dismal Dean suggests there is no progress. Why are there deans? "If any professors should slip into heaven good-bye to those streets of gold."—Atlanta Constitution. "A law requiring all show to be made of leather might help solve the paper shortage."—Columbia Record.

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.

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.

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Notes Of Particular Interest To Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

MANITOBA SOLDIERS DEMAND COMMISSION. A royal commission to investigate the case of the Manitoba Soldier Settlement Board is requested by the Manitoba command of the Great War Veterans' Association.

STAGE TANK DERBY. Coinciding with the running of the Grand National Steeplechase, another Derby was being contested near Park Lake on July 2.

"KAMERAD". How many of you veterans, who 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?

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LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

HULL TRADES COUNCIL HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

Despite the extreme heat of Sunday last about three hundred trade unionists and sympathizers met in the Hull Trades Council hall and spent a very enjoyable evening at the annual smoker under the auspices of the Hull Trades and Labor Council.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR THROUGH FAIR WAGE OFFICERS HAVE ENDEAVORED TO HAVE THE MILL OWNERS AGREE TO A BOARD OF ARBITRATION IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE DISPUTE.

In the meantime the two weeks' inactivity of the woodworkers has had a detrimental effect upon the building and construction industry.

OTTAWA NEWS BRIEFS.

Business Agent P. J. Green of the Ottawa District Council of Carpenters, was elected as a delegate to the annual convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners in the recent election held by the Ontario Provincial Council.

HAMILTON.

HAMILTON PAINTERS TO BUILD LOCAL STRIKE FUND.

The members of local No. 285, painters and decorators union, at the regular meeting in the Labor Hall last week elected the following officers for the next term: President, Alex. Bonner; vice-president, David Terrio; recording secretary, Frank Dwyer; financial secretary, Matt Price; treasurer, Samuel Taylor.

WOODWORKERS TO BE ASSISTED BY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

The cause of the inside woodworkers of Ottawa, who, to the number of 450, have now been on strike for two weeks for better wages and recognition of their union, has been espoused both morally and financially by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

HAMILTON BUILDING TRADES.

The Hamilton building trades council delegates intend to give further attention to the blanket agreement, which was discussed at the last regular session, in the Labor Hall.

HAMILTON BRICKLAYERS GET OVER \$1 AN HOUR.

Hamilton is said to have the highest paid bricklayer as the result of an award by a board of conciliation of \$1.02 1/2 an hour.

TORONTO.

TORONTO STREET RY. STRIKE OVER.

Toronto's four-day street railway strike came to an end at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, when the cars were again put in commission, manned by the employees of the Toronto Railway Company who had been out since 4:30 last Wednesday morning.

TORONTO NEWS BRIEFS.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Stationary Engineers' Union at the Labor Temple last week: President, C. G. Green; vice-president, Thomas Fielding; recording secretary, W. Robery; financial secretary, C. McDonald; treasurer, E. C. Pace.

FUEL SITUATION WILL BE RELIEVED.

A Mammoth New Fuel Plant Will Be Operating in August—To Provide 200 Tons or More Per Day.

EASTERN CANADA.

RAILWAY TRAINMEN OF LONDON TO PICNIC ON JULY 22.

Over 500 persons are expected to attend the annual picnic of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Lodge No. 240, London, which includes trainmen employed by the Grand Trunk Railway, which is to be held at Springbrook Park on Thursday afternoon, July 22.

NIAGARA FALLS POWER PLANT MEN WANT WAGE INCREASES.

The employees of the Niagara Power Company's plant at Niagara Falls are showing signs of being restless under the present conditions. They issued a statement on Saturday in which they claim that requests for the adjustment of wages, which were inaugurated in March last, have not progressed.

HALIFAX SHIPYARD STRIKES GET STRIKE PAY.

That the shipyard strikers at Halifax are prepared to carry on the strike, is evidenced by the fact that the first contributions towards strikers' pay have been received from headquarters of the Maritime Federation. This amounts to \$10 a week for each member involved.

OWEN SOUND WOODWORKERS OUT ON STRIKE.

The strike of woodworkers, which commenced last Tuesday morning in the factories of the North American Furniture Company, Owen Sound Chair Company and the National Table Company at Owen Sound, is still in progress.

HALIFAX WORKERS CONTRIBUTE ONE DAY'S PAY TO STRIKERS.

At the mass meeting in the market building the Halifax Trades and Labor Council passed unanimously a resolution to support the shipyard strikers and this assistance has assumed the form of each member of the organization contributing one day's pay towards the strike fund.

MANY APPLY FOR FARM WORK AT LONDON OFFICE.

A noticeable increase in the number of men seeking employment on farms is taken as an indication of a big movement landward that economists say is on the way in Ontario and Canada. Within a month the number of applicants at the Government Employment Bureau at London, Ont., has grown until it is double that of any previous month.

MONTREAL INSURANCE EMPLOYEES APPLY FOR BOARD.

The Minister of Labor announces the receipt of a communication from the Insurance Employees' Association, with headquarters at Montreal, intimating a desire on the part of insurance clerks employed by seventy-four companies operating in Montreal to have submitted to arbitration claims which they make for a higher scale of remuneration.

The association has endeavored to have action taken by the companies, but its efforts have not met with success.

LONDON HOD CARRIERS STRIKE.

London hod carriers and building laborers went on strike at noon on Saturday, the members of the union standing firm by their unanimous decision to go out unless their demands were met.

N. S. MOULDERS STRIKE.

Fifty iron moulders employed in Halifax and Dartmouth have gone on strike for increased pay and shorter hours. They had been receiving 53 cents an hour for a nine-hour day.

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