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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND DEMOCRATIC OPERATION OF RAILWAYS DEMANDED

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Special on Labor Press
DENVER, Col., July 1.—Majority and minority reports on railway legislation were submitted to the American Federation of Labor by the committee on Executive Council's report, the division being seven to six. After a lengthy debate the minority report was adopted as the declaration of the convention. The resolution thus adopted is as follows:

WHEREAS, our Government was founded as a democracy, instituted to protect all its citizens in their inherent right to equality of opportunity in their industrial relations with each other, and to that end the Fathers declared the following fundamental principles as controlling every act of the government they had established:

First: Government is instituted for the common good, for the protection, safety, prosperity and happiness of the people and not for the private profit of any man, family or class of men.

Second: No man, corporation, or group of men shall have any other right to receive compensation from the public than that which is measured by the value of the services they render to the public.

Third: The primary purpose of government is to give security to life, liberty and enjoyment by the people of the gains of their own industry.

WHEREAS, as government is now administered, we as a people have departed from these fundamental principles of democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Federation of Labor hereby declares its purpose to secure a return to these principles upon which our government was instituted in order that we may better secure the blessings of liberty and to that end we reaffirm our united

DOCTOR URGES GOVT. CONTROL OF MEDICINE

Nationalization of Medicine Will Bring Higher and Better Civilization.

LONDON, Ont.—Declaring that "we are living in a commercial age, an age of insanity," and that "one of the greatest signs of this insanity is the terrible greed for money that is evident on all sides," Dr. J. G. Hett, of Kitchener, vice-president of the Labor Educational Association, of Ontario, in an address at the Labor Forum recently, urged the nationalization of medicine as one of the factors that would bring about a higher and better civilization.

There are, he said, two great factors which can save the world and bring about a new civilization, broadly speaking. The first is religion, and the second is the medical profession. The doctor contended that the entire medical profession should be centrally controlled, and should be paid by the Government. Among other results, this would entirely eliminate all commercialism from the profession. It would also do away with the danger of charlatans, of which we have so many, said the speaker.

There would be different departments under the plan outlined by the speaker, and one of these would be in charge of education along medical lines. Referring at some length to the need of this, the doctor asserted that the results of the lack of proper medical education are quite apparent in the schools. The children who are not welcomed into the world by their mothers, and there are thousands of these, he declared, are seriously handicapped by the prenatal influence of their mothers' attitude toward them.

Dr. Hett would have the girls and women educated in the divine laws of life to remedy this condition. He would give proper sex instruction to the youth of the country. This is a preferable method of dealing with social problems than giving free treatment for venereal diseases, he thought.

Eliminate Worry.
The speaker further contended that mothers should not have to worry regarding the payment of bills for medical attention at critical periods.

"Every mother should have the best medical attention that is possible for maternity," said he. "And instead of having to pay for this service she should be given a bonus."

The doctor insisted that the great majority of people is on a very low plane at present. Instead of being highly intelligent, the average is low. There are only a few really intelligent people here and there, he declared. The centralization of medicine would eliminate this, and would be a great factor in raising the ideals of the nation to a higher level.

"The aristocracy of blood which ruled Europe for centuries is rapidly passing away," said Dr. Hett, "but the people are going and bowing down to the aristocracy of money throughout the world. Think of the terrible curses of money that are evident. How many people are suffering because some are in such a mad rush to accumulate wealth, and are robbing the farmers and producers. We must have an aristocracy of character, which will bring out unselfishness, love, harmony and everything worth while that is highest and noblest."

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REMARKABLE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEETING

Many Countries Represented at the Gathering.

LONDON, Eng.—Hyde Park was the scene of a remarkable League of Nations mass meeting, last week, the occasion being the second anniversary of the formation of the league.

In addition to more than 50 of the most distinguished speakers in Great Britain, there were in attendance representatives of 12 foreign countries, including Belgium, China, Finland, the Georgian Republic, Holland, Italy, Japan, Persia, Poland, Rumania, and Ukraine.

Besides sending speakers, many countries arranged to have detachments in national costume, walk in procession to the park.

ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION IS A DANGER TO CANADA, SAYS B. C. OFFICIAL.

LONDON, England.—Agent-General Wade of British Columbia writes to the press relative to Oriental immigration into Canada, that unless power is taken to restrict or exclude Japanese labor there will be a great danger of white labor being driven out of other industries than fisheries. Under the present limitation agreement, 7,468 Japanese have entered Canada and since 1911 29,000 Chinese. British Columbia is getting five-sixths of this immigration, says the agent-general, and if Canada does not retain the right to protect herself against the Asiatics the future will be full of danger of a peace penetration, not as horrible as those of war in its accompaniments, but with results often quite as dangerous and effective.

LOCKWOOD COMMITTEE WANTS STOP TO PRICE CONTROL.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The report of the Lockwood committee in New York, submitted by Samuel Untermyer, counsel, recommends the enactment of state and federal laws to punish those who enter into combinations or agreements to control the prices or output of building materials, and to encourage competition in the building industry.

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ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION.

ORIENTAL immigration is giving much concern to the people of the North American continent. The American Federation of Labor, which just concluded its sessions at Denver, passed a resolution requesting the United States Government to exclude all Oriental immigration to that country. The question will also receive consideration at the Winnipeg Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. At the meeting of the Hull Trades and Labor Council this week a resolution was passed calling for the exclusion of all Orientals for a period of five years.

During the recent session of the House of Commons an amendment was made to the Chinese Immigration Act to stop the unusual immigration of Chinese into Canada. The menace of Oriental immigration is recognized to some degree by the Government, and in introducing the amendments to the Chinese Immigration Act the Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, stated that during the past year many Chinese entered Canada, who ought not to have done so, without paying head tax. Under the law Chinese merchants coming to Canada were admitted without paying a head tax provided they produced a certificate of identity which was issued by the officers of the Chinese Government and viced by the British Consular Officers in China. Considerable abuse prevailed during the past year, according to the Minister of Immigration, and many Chinese came to Canada who otherwise could not have entered unless on the payment of a head tax. This is almost parallel to the conditions that prevail in the United States. The United States and Japan have a "gentlemen's agreement" concerning immigration, but the cunning of the Orientals outwitted the intent of the law and the immigration to the United States during recent years has been very abnormal. The Canadian Parliament has amended the Chinese Immigration Act, which requires that all Chinese merchants landing on our western coast must satisfy the controller of immigration there as to the bona fide of his status. This amendment will assist in a small way, but the Winnipeg Convention will decide whether this meets with the requirements of the great producing masses of this country. The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has a clear-cut, definite policy on Oriental immigration. It calls for the admittance of one per thousand of our population. Whether there will be a change in this policy is a question for the workers themselves to decide.

The people of British Columbia are much concerned over the question of Oriental immigration. The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada, is at present in England attending the Imperial Conference of Prime Ministers. One of the subjects under discussion is a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. According to the cable despatches of Mr. Grattan O'Leary, the official press correspondent who accompanied the Prime Minister, many cable messages are being received by the Prime Minister from British Columbia asking that no action be taken with respect to the Anglo-Japanese alliance or the status of Indian subjects which might result in more Orientals entering Canada. Mr. O'Leary states that "British Columbians are not clear as to the real facts." Continuing the writer says:

"The Anglo-Japanese alliance is not concerned with immigration. That subject is exclusively dealt with in the treaty of commerce and navigation, dated April 3, 1911, between the United Kingdom and Japan, which was adhered to by Canada, and which remains in force until January, 1921, and thereafter until terminated by either side on one year's notice. This treaty regulates immigration from Japan subject to the special agreement negotiated in 1907 by Hon. Rodolphe E. Lemieux, at that time Postmaster-General in the Laurier Government. This treaty is entirely separate from the Anglo-Japanese alliance. As far as the Indians are concerned, both Indian delegates to the conference have made it perfectly clear that they have no intention of interfering with the right of Canada to bar Orientals."

The fact that the present treaty of commerce and navigation with Japan expires in January, 1923, should be of sufficient significance to the workers of this country to make themselves heard in no uncertain voice on the question of Oriental immigration. The importance of this question alone, to say nothing of the other aspects of immigration, together with such problems as education, unemployment, the right of workers to organize, collective bargaining, etc., should be an incentive to all labor organizations in Canada to send its full quota of delegates to the Winnipeg Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

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Capital and Labor; New Aspect.

The Idea of Selling Labor is Wrong; It is a Partner.

By Dr. A. Shadwell

In the second of two articles on Capitalism in the Edinburgh Review, Dr. Shadwell gives us a new viewpoint, both of labor and capital. Labor really, he says, puts capital in the form of labor into a partnership, and great gains, he tells us, do not go to the capitalist because he is a capitalist but to the mental capital put into the business. The great defect of capitalism he considers is its failure to consider the personality of the workman.

After speaking of the advances made by labor in securing greater power in bargaining, he continues:—"In the personal side the case is different. There has been a great advance in political and legal freedom; but this, together with the higher standard of living, only throws into deeper relief the subjection imposed by the organization of industry which has rather increased than diminished. A man's personality counts for rather less than it used to be, and is less regarded in the workshop while it has gained recognition in one field after another outside."

The contrast is glaring and is more acutely felt as each generation comes on equipped with better education, and conscious of higher ambitions, with larger opportunities opening before it in public and private life.

"This is the great positive defect of Capitalism. The cry, growing in persistence and urgency, for a 'voice in the management,' is really a demand for the recognition of the several and file as intelligent human beings with some volition of their own. It is not only a legitimate, but a laudable aspiration, and it is perfectly compatible with private enterprise; more compatible, indeed, than with public ownership and control in which the hierarchy is more rigid and crushing. A hierarchy there must be under any system, but it need not be crushing. What is really amiss is a failure to recognize the true character of industrial competition, and the relation of the several contributory factors, of which labor is one."

The root of it lies in the conception of labor as something bought by a capitalist, Ricardo, the evil genius of economics, stereotyped this notion, and Marx made it no better by his great discovery that it is not labor but labor power that is bought and sold. The idea of sale is altogether wrong, and Marx's great discovery is a great man's nest. The essence of a sale is that the thing sold passes entirely out of the possession of the seller into that of the buyer; but labor power is inseparable from his person. He cannot sell it or part with it. If he sells something it is the use of it; and labor power in use, says Marx, is labor. But he does not even sell the use of it; he only can use it; he must apply it himself, and if he chooses to 'can' canny the employer does not get it.

"What he really does is to put his capital into the concern. His capacity is his capital in the proper sense of the word, as explained in the rest of these articles. He is actually a partner in a co-operative undertaking or society, as it was called in the Middle Ages. The position is seen most clearly in the simplest form of combination which is that of a private partnership. Each man puts in his capital; it may be money or experience or particular knowledge or business connections or more labor. They share the proceeds by agreement, though not equally; there are senior and junior partners, but they are all treated personally as partners."

"It is impossible to follow out this idea in the present essay. It must suffice to suggest that the conception of wage earners as actually partners in a co-operative concern and entitled to the treatment of partners entirely alters their status and puts the whole problem in a different light. On the economic side of the problem we have said above that great inequality still remains; it is, indeed, too great; there is something repugnant about it. No one can look around and honestly observe the arena of contract without feeling this. But when one comes to look closely into the mechanism of the creation and distribution of wealth it is very difficult to lay one's finger on an effective remedy can be applied without causing some other

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Justice or damaging the whole structure to the satisfaction of all. Even the principle of inheritance whereby a worthless and noxious person, who does nothing but harm to the community, may draw the greatest material benefits from it is very difficult to deal with. It has its roots in natural affection, which the law cannot touch, and the social virtues, and cannot be antagonized without injuring them. To eliminate it is impossible and so great a loss to society that it will not be attempted. It will, however, evade too drastic repression. Its ill effects are best corrected by taxation.

Apart from this the distribution of wealth goes far more by the value of services rendered. In the estimation of the community, and is therefore less unjust, than appears on the surface.

"The great gains do not go to the capitalist as such. They go to the mental capital thrown into the enterprise and particularly to the planning, organizing and guiding brain at the head of it, which makes all the difference between success and failure. It is this function, about Marx ignored. He makes a few perfunctory references to supervision and inspection, which are subordinate functions, but ignores the supreme faculty which organizes and conducts the whole. It is a creative faculty which cannot work in shackles. To stifle it is to kill life and movement and fall back on routine. That is the direction in which we are moving now; the pendulum is swinging right back."

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HUMAN MISERY EXISTING IN RUSSIA DURING LAST THREE YEARS WITHOUT PARALLEL IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

White Paper Issued by British Government Reveals the Complete
Collapse of Russia and the Utter Misery of its Inhabitants
Under Bolshevism.

The complete collapse of Russia and the utter misery of its inhabitants under Bolshevism are strikingly revealed in a White Paper issued by the British Government, containing a report of the special committee appointed in May last year to collect information on the Russian situation. Conditions in the Northern Empire are now such that the country is in a state of economic collapse. Industry is practically ruined. A special campaign had to be inaugurated to restore the transportation system, routes, and lines, owing to malnutrition and neglect of sanitation. The annual mortality is said to be no less than six per cent. of the population. Rubles of peasants to supply the towns with food has placed the Soviet Government under the necessity of requisitioning agricultural produce. This requisitioning in many cases evoked peasant revolts, upon which the Soviet Government endeavored to suppress by sending punitive expeditions to quell them.

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(8) The shortage of food in the towns owing to the cessation of exchange between town and country was further accentuated by incompetence and corruption on the part of the Soviet Food Administration.

(9) The industrial worker was paid partly in paper money, which fell in purchasing power with each succeeding month, and partly in kind, which it was impossible to support life and partly in small and irregular issues of other commodities.

(10) The worker was thus compelled to devote much of his working time trying to supplement by illegal purchase the insufficient rations which he and those dependent upon him received, and to which by law he was limited. Government shops nominally existed where the worker might make supplementary purchases at moderate prices; but little or nothing could be purchased at these shops, partly owing to the meagre supplies available in them and partly to the fact that such commodities as might be available were mostly reserved for favoured clients.

(11) An organized system of speculation, which the Bolshevik authorities endeavored unsuccessfully to suppress, and in which they ultimately came to participate, grew up side by side with the Soviet Administration, and made it possible for those who possessed the means of purchase and exchange to keep body and soul together.

(12) Since the revolution of October, 1917, disease has been widespread, particularly among the poorer classes, owing to malnutrition and neglected sanitation. The annual mortality of Russia is said to be 6 per cent. of the population at the present time.

(13) Such was the position at the end of 1919. The Soviet Government then realizing the real gravity of the situation proceeded to repudiate its policies of land and industrial nationalization.

The collegiate system, says the British committee, which was established to control the Soviet system in industry, has given place in the majority of cases to individual control, a return to principles of industrial administration which have retarded their fullest development under capitalism.

Restoration of Transport.
A special campaign had to be inaugurated to repair locomotives and rolling stock as an essential step to the restoration of transport. The Soviet Government introduced a policy of demoralizing and demilitarization of labor as the only means of carrying on the industry of the country—industry practically ruined owing to the demoralizing and demilitarizing of labor as a result of malnutrition and the absence of many of the primary necessities of life. "With the Soviet Government's other proceeded:—
"To conduct an energetic propaganda against bureaucracy and red tape which have threatened paralyzing the Soviet Administration."
"To contemplate the possibility of receiving economic assistance from abroad on a resumption of trade relations with western countries."

Imports Necessary.
So far the British Committee has not sufficient information to determine the extent to which the demilitarization of labor has contributed to increase production. It believes that while the measures taken by the Soviet Government have resulted in some improvements, only the importation of locomotives and spare parts from abroad will enable the Soviet Government to make any progress at its present level, and to achieve further improvement. Also, the British committee says: "We have not been able to obtain such information as would allow us to judge how far the policy of labor conscription and militarization of labor has been successful, or otherwise, in solving the problem of the shortage of labor, and to what extent conscripted labor has been utilized in industry, and how far—where used—it has been productive."

Bolshevism a Failure.
With regard to the future, the British Committee says: "The practical efforts of Bolshevism up to the present time, so far as they affect production, have been a disastrous failure. The magnitude of the industrial collapse in Russia and the consequent cessation of exchange of products between town and country are the factors that have forced themselves particularly on our attention. We know of no similar instance of a collapse so complete, so sudden, and so far-reaching. In these circumstances it is clear, if Bolshevism is to have any chance of permanent success, there must be a rapid return to something approaching the old standards of production."
While the British Committee agrees that the period of Soviet Government has been short, and

(14) The peasants ceased bringing their grain to the towns as a result of the fall in production and the great rise in the prices of manufactured goods. Such food as the peasants did bring to the towns was commandeered by the Government at fixed prices, but the price given was such that it did not enable them to purchase the articles of common necessity which they needed.

(15) The disturbance of the balance of exchange between town and country was a general result of the events accompanying and following the February revolution.

Of the Bolshevik revolution and its results up to the end of 1919, the committee says:
Nationalization.
(1) The Soviet Government proceeded to inaugurate a policy of nationalization of industry and to institute an organization for the State collection and distribution of food.

(2) The Soviet Government established the collegiate system of administration in industry, with a view to controlling the hitherto unrestrained actions of the factory Soviets.

(3) The Soviet Government, in a situation calling for the exercise of utmost discrimination and care, carried out the policy of nationalization in haste, without taking account of the disorder already prevailing in Russia, of the complex structure of modern industry, of the absence of expert technical assistance, and of the disabilities resulting from the lack of knowledge and experience under which they themselves labored.

(4) As a result of nationalization, carried out in the above conditions, production continued to fall, and with ever-increasing rapidity.

(5) In the summer of 1918 the outbreak of civil war, accompanied by foreign intervention, caused the Soviet Government to divert to military purposes all its energy and the residue of Russia's industrial capacity. In these circumstances the collapse of all other than war industry became complete.

(6) The uninterrupted fall of production in the towns was accompanied by the further decline in supplies of food received by the towns from the villages, which were able to obtain less and less in exchange for their products. The demoralization of transport also made it impossible to move with speed and regularity to the towns with supplies

TROTSKY PROPHECIES ANGLO-AMERICAN WAR

Pound Sterling Vanquished By Almighty Dollar?

LONDON, Eng.—A naval war between the United States and Great Britain as a result of maritime rivalry will occur in 1924, according to a prediction made by Leon Trotsky, to the Daily Herald, the Labor organ, the Bolshevik Minister of War, in addressing the Third Internationale at Moscow Friday, says a despatch from Moscow.

"A swollen gourmand," was Trotsky's description of the United States. He declared that Great Britain was losing her position of world significance, and that "the pound sterling has been vanquished by the almighty dollar."

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That its opportunities have been restricted, the committee doubts "whether so much human misery as existed in Russia, during the last three years has ever been the lot of any people within so short a time in the history of the modern world. While we are prepared to admit that the European war, the events following the first revolution, the civil war and intervention, are contributing factors, still cannot this misery, it is impossible to dissociate the Soviet Government from a large measure of responsibility for the recent sufferings of the Russian people."

Resumption of Trade.
With regard to the resumption of trade between Russia and other countries, the British Committee is convinced that "there is no possibility of the economic regeneration of Russia in the near future without the assistance of capitalist countries." The committee's conclusions with regard to the rendering of such assistance are guided by the following, amongst other, considerations: "That the credit and capital required for Russia's urgent needs are large, that no Government can give this credit and capital on the scale required, and that such aid only be furnished by individual capitalists or financial groups who are willing to assume the necessary supplies in money or goods."

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