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JOINT COUNCIL IN BLD'G TRADES HAS SPLENDID EFFECT

Bridge and Iron Firms Only Source of Trouble in Building Industry in Toronto

The Industrial Banner reports that there never was time in the city of Toronto when the outlook has been so bright for a busy season in the building industry, undisturbed by strikes or lockouts as at the present moment. The recent formation of the Joint Industrial Council, composed of the representatives of the employers' associations and the labor unions in the building trades has had a splendid effect in bringing the representatives of the employers and employees in closer touch and developing a real desire for both to work in closer co-operation than has ever been the case before.

With but a single exception, every one of the 19 building trades unions and employers' associations in the city have endorsed the Joint Industrial Council. From present indications with the one exception referred to it is now practically certain that every one of the building trades will reach agreements in regard to wage-scales, hours of labor and work conditions through the medium of peaceable negotiations.

In several cases new agreements have already been signed to go into effect on May the first, in others negotiations are now proceeding satisfactorily. It is a fact that on both sides there exists a belief that through the medium of the Joint Industrial Council it is possible to maintain friendly relations and that the best time to settle strikes and lockouts is before they actually take place, and it is this feeling, that through co-operation and a determination to meet the other fellow half way, industrial strife and bickering may largely be averted.

The one "fly in the ointment" and what is the only source that threatens to involve the building industry in strife is the determination of the Bridge and Structural Iron firms to have no dealing with the Structural Iron Workers' Union, or to recognize its representatives in any shape or form. These firms have not had the courtesy to reply to communications from the Structural Iron Workers to confer with them in regard to wage agreements, a policy that is the exact reverse of that which has the sanction of the employers in all the other building trades.

The Bridge and Iron corporations deny the right of collective bargaining and declare they will allow the workers no voice whatever as to what wages they shall receive or the number of hours they shall labor. In other words they believe in the spirit of Prussianism in Canadian industry.

These facts should be made public, says the Industrial Banner, as it is too serious a matter to let drift for it may spell disaster to building operations in that city.

That "Peep into the Future"

By "The Critic"

In one of the excellent editorials of the Free Press of last week, there was a discussion of the make-up of the future cabinets of the country. At the summit of the discussion, after changing the cabinet into an executive, it was declared: "The executive so elected would then proceed to carry on the work of the government, just as the executive board of a union or other organization would do." Now is this really possible? I venture to suggest that the idea is neither reasonable nor commonsense, nor democratic.

The executive of a union or any other organization is elected to carry out the affairs of that single organization. The purposes of the organization are generally well-known and all members of the organization are in agreement with these purposes. It may be wise in the case of an executive of a union to elect a proportional representation of the conservatives and radicals within the organization, but these men or women, after election, all have the same job to do, i.e., to carry out the general policy of the union.

The cabinet or executive of a country has very different work. The interests of a union are simple, the interests of a country are complex. Each member of the cabinet is the head of a very important department of state as well as being a member of the united body. The cabinet must contain specialists in these various departments, whether foreign affairs, the interior, commerce, labor, education, etc., etc. Their joint policy must be dictated by the various influences which come from these very varied spheres of work. They must have a joint policy and at the same time be specialists in departments.

With the statement that the new group system of political parties seems assured, I am in agreement. If in the U.S.A. Finance and Steel are the two really important forces, then the leaders in the realm of finance and steel should be, at least, in the Senate. What is the use of being governed by second raters? Put Pierpont Morgan and Schwab and Gary into their proper places and let the Unsean Hand be seen at last. By all means, if it is true that farming is the basic industry of Canada, then let the farmers form a real group at Ottawa instead of being part of a very mixed sixteen on the cross benches. If it is true that Laborers number about two-fifths of our population, let them also have a group in the parliament and legislature. Let the educationalist group do the same.

But now the editorial suggests, that, having got these various groups fairly represented in parliament by the method of proportional representation, the country would then be pleased to see these members select an executive to carry on the cabinet work of the government by the proportional representation scheme, "thus assuring representation of each group." What would be the result? The Executive might be formed of, one Manufacturer, one Educationalist, two Soldier members, four Farmers, two Laborers. The groups of electing their representatives on to the Executive would choose the strongest men to put forward the policy of the group. When the executive assembled it would be found that there was no one capable or willing to take the department of Foreign Affairs; the Manufacturers' representative might desire the office of "Customs and Commerce" but it would be fatal to the interests of the farming group that he should hold it; the Labor representative might desire the Ministry of Labor but again the policy of the other groups would oppose his selection. As a result of the election by P. R. from the respective groups, the executive would include few experts of any kind in public affairs and would break up immediately over the selection of heads of departments. The executive would have no common policy; it could not even nationalize the Canadian National Railroad.

In the country where "group representation" is in strongest vogue, i.e., in Russia, the cabinet of the country is selected after a long series of electoral colleges. The people elect the local soviet executive, the local soviet executive sends its representative to the District Soviet, the District Soviet elects its representatives to the All Russian Council of Soviets, this All Russian Council elects a smaller executive, and this smaller executive elects the People's Commissars. Therefore it is possible to make sure that each of the People's Commissars is an expert at the work of which he is made chief. He is not made a Commissar because he represents a group but because he is an expert in the opinions of men elected by men, who in their turn were elected by other especially chosen men, to select the best administration. This elaborate system is typically Bolshevik and typically objectionable to democrats but it proves that under a group system of government, the cabinet must be selected from specially skilled managers rather than specially skilled leaders of special interests.

The retirement of Mr. Barnes from

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BILL TO OUTLAW UNION LABOR IN COLO. PROPOSED

Officers of the Colorado State Federation of Labor have notified affiliates to prepare to meet an advertising campaign of anti-union employers who are determined to secure the passage of legislation that would outlaw unions in that state.

The act is known as the Booth-Fincher Bill. It passed the state senate but was defeated in the house. It is the purpose of the employers' association to carry the bill in the shape of an advertisement in all the papers of the state until the fall election with the heading "Do not vote for a member of the legislature not pledged to support this bill."

FIVE CITY OFFICIALS ARE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MOBING

Four city detectives and one policeman at Nashville, Tenn., have been arrested on the charge of kidnaping J. R. Lawson, international representative of the organized street car men. The warrants were sworn out by Lawson, who states that on November 9 last he was forcibly taken by the five officers, under threats of death, in an automobile to Springfield, Tenn., and then forced to buy a ticket to Chicago. He was warned if he returned to Nashville he would be killed.

Sensational disclosures are promised when these mobbers are placed on trial. It is hinted that others will be implicated.

The British cabinet is a sign of the impossibility of agreement between a Churchill and a Hodge. They must be on different sides of the House, because they represent absolutely opposite theories of government. The cabinet of the editorial might abide a cabinet for ever especially if a contrary vote in the House did not affect its stability. But it could do nothing. Between the sessions of the House the country would have the interesting spectacle of the Labor minister working out the nationalization of the mines and railroads, while the Finance Minister, representing the capitalists, would be lending the public wealth to private adventurers. And so on. In the end nothing would be done. And Parliament could not remove the Executive of All Stars. Even in the case of a general election, there would only be a shuffling of stars. The members of the Executive would be seeing stars after their fights between themselves.

If we are to get progress through Parliament, there must be a real party with a programme in power. If the group system comes, the party in power must be formed by union of groups favoring a similar policy; those groups which oppose the policy must oppose the government and not expect seats on the cabinet. There might be some reason to support the All Star idea for city government or even for provincial administration but surely, if there are men thinking of such a system at Ottawa, they are peeping into the past and not into the future.



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P. R. EXPLAINED TO LEGISLATORS BY CALGARY MAN

Commissioner and City Solicitor Explain Working of System in Southern City.

(By our Legislative Correspondent) Calgary's City Solicitor entertained the members of the Legislature the other day to a demonstration of how to count the vote under proportional representation. The meeting was held in the large committee rooms and was well attended. Unfortunately Mr. Ford had only a limited amount of time at his disposal but he demonstrated clearly the simplicity of the scheme. He stated that the Calgary City Council was a more representative council since the city had adopted proportional representation. The system was not so confusing to the elector as the old system. There were fewer spoiled ballots, he contended, since the adoption of this system by the city of Calgary. That counting the vote was comparatively simple, only requiring a little more time than the former method. Mr. Samis, city commissioner, followed Mr. Ford later in the evening at a club where the members of the legislature were well represented. Mr. Samis explained the theory of proportional representation. He also explained the necessity for grouping constituencies, the effect of which would be to minimize gerrymandering.

NEW ORGANIZATION OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS APPEARS

Actual Plans, Policies and Motives of New Union Are Unknown To International Office

The International office of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Operators is being flooded with inquiries concerning a new organization that has adopted the title of "The United Electrical Workers of Chicago and Vicinity." The actual plans, policies and motives of this organization are unknown to the International office, but from all information gathered, it is assumed that those promoting the movement consider that the new organization would be a more satisfactory medium for the organized electrical workers of the United States and Canada to obtain improved wages and working conditions than the International Brotherhood is.

It is understood that the would-be usurper is calling a convention some time in March, which meeting the circular letter states "is to be called with the knowledge and approval of the International Brotherhood." This, the latter states is misleading, as the aforesaid council has never consulted the International in regard to the event. In the "Boomerang" there appears a number of attractive catch phrases setting forth the object of the council to be reduced "to the minimum, jurisdiction disputes, stabilize working conditions, establish universal minimum wage, eliminate czar rule and bring democracy to the organized electrical worker, and to provide a universal working card." It is the opinion of the International office that the above principles furnish no advantage to the membership as the promoters have simply copied in a small way the Brotherhood's principles.

POLICY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LABOR PARTY

The Labor candidate, Mr. Storry, of Sydney, Australia, in an electoral speech recently, in which he outlined the policy of the new South Wales Labor Party, if the party was elected, declared it would abolish the "useless paraphernalia of state government and legislative council." He said it was proposed to impose a larger share of the public burden on unproductive capital, speculative investments and absentees from the country, while the producers' share in the burden would be lightened.

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AUSTRIAN POSTAL EMPLOYEES HAVE FORMED ORGANIZATION

The International Federation of Postal Telegraph and Telephone Employees, at Vienna, Austria, effected its organization at a conference of delegates from Italy, France, Germany, Holland, Norway and other European countries. It was agreed to conduct the struggle for improved conditions mainly on the economic field and to affiliate with the International Federation of Trade Unions. The conference urged affiliates to work against war and everything leading to war. The executive committee consists of representatives from Austria, Holland, France and Italy.

TEAMSTERS' UNION SECURE AGREEMENT CALLING FOR \$6 RATE

The new agreement of Teamsters' union No. 699 at Hoquiam, Wash., calls for a \$6 rate except for milk wagon drivers, employed by dairies. The latter will be paid \$42 a week with butter, milk and eggs at cost.

BIG BIZ RESOURCEFUL AS SHOWN IN TRIAL ARIZ. COPPER OWNERS

The resourcefulness of big business is shown in the trial of copper owners and others on the charge of mobbing 1,200 miners at Bisbee in 1917. The state appears determined to press the case and a so-called tax-payers' association has appeared on the scene and is protesting throughout the state against spending the people's money. It is estimated that 50 per cent of Arizona taxes are paid by the mining companies. A committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements as follows: Harry Pryde, Mrs. A. Corless, W. R. Parkyn, Ald. A. G. Broatch, Miss Couzts, R. Gossett, W. Irvine, Ald. Fred White, Miss Edith Patterson, A. Nicholson, S. Lunnis.

PEOPLE'S CHURCH IS PROPOSED FOR CALGARY WORKERS

Main Object Will Be Education of the Overthrowing the Capitalist System

Calgary is to have a people's church, according to a desire expressed by a number of persons who attended the Sunday evening session of the Forum. Plans for forming the institution were made at the suggestion of Rev. A. E. Smith, pastor of the People's church, Brandon. It will have as its main object the education of the overthrowing the capitalist system and society, have based on fraternity, replace that system with an economic system which will call for production for use instead of for profit. Whether the institution will be called a church, university or some other term was the subject of discussion. "Ministers have absolutely theologized Jesus Christ out of existence," asserted Mr. Smith during his address on "The Uprising of the People." "Now we have a theology built on Milton's Paradise Lost for the most part. Christ was a revolutionist who defied the authorities."

The logical result of the overthrowing of the capitalist system will be that the need of Labor problems will have been reached, Mr. Smith said. The new order will also call for men and women not judging each other by the old anachronisms. For Labor to attain its desires, the capitalist system must be overturned. It cannot get anywhere by having the amelioration of conditions as its only object; it must be radical, said Mr. Smith. The men of today are the workers; those of the future will be the owners.

PAPER CO'S EMPLOYEES LOCKED OUT BECAUSE OF UNION NOTIONS

The agitation against capitalism during the war means nothing to the Crystal Paper company at Middletown, O. The company discharged several workers and notified the others that they would have to abandon all notion of forming a union or "get out." and the petty cars now threaten to evict them from company houses.

WORK HAS BEGUN ON PORTLAND'S FINE NEW LABOR TEMPLE

Work began this week on a new Labor Temple for Portland, Ore., which is to occupy 100 by 150 feet and cost \$250,000. The building will be four stories, exclusive of the mezzanine floor and the basement. It will contain 42 offices, 14 meeting halls, an assembly room, auditorium, women's rest room, library and reading room, card and pool hall and cafeteria space.

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BOSTON STREET CAR MEN ADOPT TWO ORPHANED BOYS

The Boston Street Car Men's union has taken upon itself the care and education of Joseph and Charles Higgins, orphaned by the deaths of their father and mother. The father was president of the union at the time of his death. Both parents died within a week. Joseph is 2 years old and Charles is 3 months old.

ORGANIZED LAWYERS IN SYMPATHY WITH ANTI-TRADE UNIONISTS

Lawyers in San Diego, Cal., have organized, and give their union the high-sounding title of "Lawyers' Institute of San Diego." The lawyers are in sympathy with the anti-trade union campaign of business men, who talk about the "San Diego Policy." This is the so-called "open" shop, under a tissue paper disguise.

SAMUEL GOMPERS' PAPER COMMENTS ON ALBERTA CONVENTION

The American Federationist has the following comment on the recent convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor held in Calgary:

Interesting news comes from Calgary. Recently the Alberta Federation of Labor concluded its annual convention in that city. Reports covering the work of the convention indicate that the element which in the 1919 convention brought forward the "one big union" idea, was conspicuous only by its absence. This passes the spasms which found its climax in the lamentable Winnipeg strike. Reason evidently has re-established itself, as it is always bound to do among men who by virtue of the facts of life's struggle, are bound in the main to be practical. Mistakes are a part of the price men pay for experience, but there are times when the making of mistakes constitutes only the thoughtless repetition of experience which has already been bought and paid for. Such was the case in Alberta. However the experience will not have been entirely on the debit side if it helps make clearer the fallacy of "one big unionism."

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EDMONTON SPRING LIVE STOCK SHOW OPENS MARCH 30TH

Calf Feeding Competition Is Feature Which Is Attracting Greatest Attention

Considerable interest is being taken in the Edmonton Spring Live Stock Show, which will be officially opened on Tuesday evening, March 30th, by Dr. J. H. Griedale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada. The official ceremonies will take place at a little dinner to be held in the Stock Pavilion and to which those usually invited into the ring to hear the addresses will be invited. The public will not be compelled to sit quietly in their seats, as has been the custom in past years, during this period, but the show will be declared officially opened at 8 p.m. sharp (at the close of the dinner) and when the evening program will begin.

Possibly the feature which attracts the greatest attention is the calf-feeding competition for boys and girls over 9 and under 17 years of age. Each year the quality of the exhibits shows vast improvement, the boys and girls are

gaining valuable knowledge which will mean much in the development of the agricultural and live stock interests of this country—and upon which, after all, our prosperity is based here in Alberta. The showing of the calves is very spectacular and embodies much unintended comedy, furnished by the calves themselves.

This year Stampede features will be given by Guy Weadick, who has promoted the Calgary stampede in past years. Accompanied by Miss Flores La Dae, Strawberry Red and other famous riders, and bringing some of his well-known bucking horses, Mr. Weadick will give a half-hour programme every afternoon and evening which cannot fail to please.


Good music, special entertainment features, and the usual excellent horse show programme will undoubtedly draw large crowds each evening of the week, and on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The mornings and afternoons will be devoted to the horse and bull sales and to the judging of the breeding classes.

The tea room will as usual furnish light refreshment which is much appreciated by spectators at the horse show. The meals will this year be furnished by Dad Miller—breakfast, dinner and supper to be supplied to the stock men and their attendants. This will be a separate department from the tea room, having outgrown the equipment and space.

Advertising Section Board of Trade will Cooperate with Management Spring Show

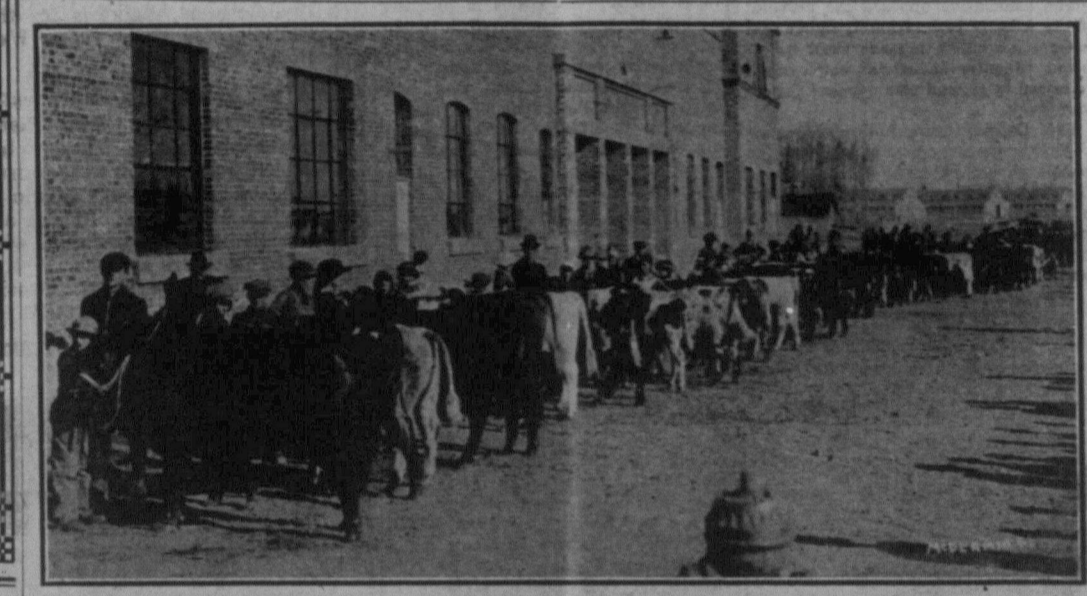
One of the first activities of the recently organized advertising section of the board of trade was to offer active co-operation to the management of the Edmonton spring live stock show which will be held March 29th to April 3rd.

WHERE CITY AND COUNTRY MEET



EDMONTON SPRING LIVE STOCK SHOW
MARCH 29 TO APRIL 3
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The above is the design of a cut the members of the section are asking the various merchants of the city to use in their regular advertising space. This it is felt will assist materially in making Edmonton's spring show for 1920 the most successful yet held, not only from the standpoint of the quality of stock exhibited, but also attendance.



The calves at the Edmonton Spring Live Stock Show of 1919 lined up outside the pavilion to be judged. Each calf is exhibited personally by the boy or girl who has fed and fitted the animal from January 1 until the time of the Spring Show. The Children's Calf Feeding Competition is one of the most popular features of the show, and furnishes much real comedy as well.

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Very high yields by the purebred Holstein cows are shown by records of per-

formance carried out on the Strathmore farm of the C.P.E. during the past year.

The record performance for the year was that of Abbey Lass de Kol, which yielded 22,752 pounds of milk, containing 873.7 pounds of butter fat. Butter Maid Pusie came second with 19,672 pounds of milk and 813.7 pounds butterfat; and among other notable yields were those of De Winton Princess, 19,008 pounds of milk, 753.75 pounds of butterfat; Julip Heugerveld, 18,081 pounds milk, 733.75 lbs. butterfat; Maple Fays Queen, 18,669 pounds milk, 745 pounds butterfat; Zozo Wayne de Kol, two-year-old had a yield of 15,707 pounds milk, 683 pounds butterfat, and won third in the Dominion government competition for two-year-olds by her record performance.

The records given above will be exceeded by 23 cows now under test. Manager Campbell of the Strathmore farm, estimates that Ruth de Kol, now under test, will show a yield of about 24,000 pounds. The highest daily winter production on the farm is that of Beauty Lass, which during the present week has been yielding about 45 pounds a day.

Producing centers will be established.

Next to the co-operative bank program the delegates held that co-operative wholesalers were most important. Duncan McDonald, President of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, declared "jobbers are righting co-operatives now. We need our own wholesale houses to counteract this, and also to

FARMER-LABOR COMBINATION TO REDUCE H.C.L.

Farmer-Labor Congress Unanimous In Effort to Make the Dollar Buy More

Representatives of 1,500,000 farmers and almost as many workers, meeting for three days last week, in Chicago, decided that only the combination of the farmers and consumers to eliminate the middlemen will reduce the high prices.

If co-operation is to be as widespread as unsuccessful in the United States as in Europe the following are necessary, the All-American Farmer-Labor Co-operative Congress decided:

Co-operative banks to back co-operative ventures and prevent other banks from fighting co-operative enterprises.

Standard ways of doing business, including uniform trade labels, auditing and accounting systems and store arrangement.

National wholesale co-operatives selling only to co-operative stores and ultimately buying only co-operative made or grown products.

National ownership of railroads and the establishment of postal motor truck lines to link the farms and the railways.

Widespread educational propaganda, pointing to the government's failure to reduce living cost and the advantages of co-operation.

The Farmer and Labor delegates were unanimous in that the problem was the same for both, viz., to make the dollar buy more. It was shown that in many parts of the country farmers and consumers already were working hand in hand, and had reduced the cost of living. The pressing need of the co-operative movement now, it was agreed, is co-operative banks.

Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Locomotive Engineers, declared that "producers who own or control the banks are now taking the money of both the farmer and the consumer to fight him with. The bank is the natural enemy of the co-operation. We must own our own banks so that the money we deposit can help our enterprises and be loaned to us, and not to profiteers bent on further exploitation."

A special banking committee, appointed at the meeting, will work in conjunction with the engineers, who are establishing a bank in Cleveland that will have initial deposits of more than \$50,000,000. Branch co-operative banks in all large cities and industrial and

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