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CANADIAN BIG BIZ "PUT OVER" SALES TAX TO SHIFT BURDEN

'Big business put over' the Canadian sales tax so it could escape profits and luxury taxes, says the Alberta Labor News, official paper of the Alberta Federation of Labor.

ONTARIO COLLEGE PROFESSOR SAYS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Lecturing at Ottawa under the auspices of the Women Teachers' Association, Dr. J. L. Morrison, professor of History at Queen's University, whose subject was 'The British Labor Party and its programme,' declared that the feeling that Labor when in power in the Old Land, would disrupt the Empire, was without foundation.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW ACROSS THE BORDER

The fixing of wage rates by act of law is a practice that is quite general in a number of countries where men as well as women come within the scope of the laws. In the United States, minimum wage laws are found in twelve States, the District of Columbia and Porto Rico, but they are applicable only to women and minors.

The entire history of this legislation has been marked by attacks on its constitutionality, but the Supreme Court in five States has upheld the laws as valid, with no adverse decision by such a court. There still is evident a disposition to regard the laws as interfering with the "freedom of contract," which of course they do, as does practically every "labor law," notably those fixing the hours of labor, compensation of workmen for injuries, etc., which have been fully vindicated in the courts.

FARMER'S SUN IN LAWYER CLASSIFICATION

Mr. E. G. Long, K.C., tells the Electric Club that lawyers should be to parliament because they know how to formulate laws.

Mr. Long misconceives the function of a legislature, which is to decide the content and not the forms of laws. The putting of a law into proper shape is purely secretarial business. It belongs in the attorney-general's department, where it is done by expert clerks.

RAIL LAW CONDEMNED

Des Moines, Iowa.—The Cummins-Esch railroad law was condemned at a conference of governors and other state officials of middle western states in this city.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVERSEAS

- BIG PROPOSAL: The biggest single scheme yet suggested in connection with the Government's unemployment policy has been submitted to the Government by the Underground Railways Company, which proposes to raise six millions sterling to spend on developing and extending the London tubes. It is claimed that in this undertaking employment could be given to 20,000 men for two years.
- NO OVERTIME: The application of the wool textile employers for permission to work women and young persons overtime was again before the Industrial Council for the trade at Bradford, Yorkshire.
- LABOR COLLEGES: Over 40 delegates attended the conference on Class Co-ordination, convened by the Plebs League, and held at the Club House, Yardley, Birmingham. Representatives were present from the Labor Colleges in London, Glasgow, Edinburgh (and Scottish districts), Sheffield, Liverpool, Wolverhampton, Derby, Manchester, and Newcastle, from the class centres in Rochdale, Birmingham, Halifax, and West Riding, Middlesbrough, Mansfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, London, etc., and from the Plebs League.
- JUDICIAL DECISION: By a series of decisions given by Mr. Justice Roche, a large class of persons was excluded from the benefits of the Unemployment Insurance Act.
- SHIPYARDS BALLOT: The Executive Committee of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation met representatives of the unions of the shipbuilding and engineering trades in Edinburgh, and regarding the men's demand for the withdrawal of the 12 1/2 per cent. bonus, Ministry of Munitions business were resumed.

GENEVA CONFERENCE FINDS DOMINION LABOR DELEGATES PREPARED

Congress Principles To Be Retained In Agenda As anticipated the attempt to clip wings and make effete the work at the Geneva Conference has been early in evidence, the meagre despatches received showing strong evidence in this direction.

The Swiss Government for instance, which by the way was so delighted at the idea that the seat of the Labor Office was to be established in their country, is utterly opposed to the application of the Eight Hours Day, especially in agriculture.

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THE FEMALE WORKER

It is surprisingly small body of opposition to the rulings of the Ontario Minimum Wage Board is a tribute to the caution with which the members have proceeded with their duties. They realize that they are a minimum or living wage board and not a fair wage board.

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MEMBERS JAZZ

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

NOW OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED

In view of the Geneva Conference being now in session, how the International Labor Office came into being is worthy of recall, and none is better able to give the same briefly than J. Ondergeest. In a summary of same he states certain facts leading up to the creation of the International Labor Office.

In July, 1916, a conference of English and French Trade Union representatives was held at Leeds at which a programme for the International Trade Union Movement was drafted. This draft programme contained various demands as regards social legislation, particularly as regards social insurance.

It was subsequently submitted to Karl Legien, the then secretary of the Trade Union International, with a view to securing the co-operation of the organizations of Central Europe as well as those in the neutral countries. Legien elaborated and completed this programme, so that at the Conference of Trade Union representatives held at Berne in October, 1917, this Leeds programme, which had been drafted by organizations from the Entente countries, was also accepted by the organizations of the other European countries.

When President Wilson came to Europe to take part in the work of drafting the Peace Treaty, he was approached by the representatives of the European workers with the demand that, in the reconstruction of the world, this programme should be incorporated in the Treaty and that an institution should be created charged with the execution of this programme. In order that this programme and the organization which would be necessary to put it into execution should also be studied from the point of view of the American Trade Union Movement, Mr. Samuel Gompers was summoned to Paris. This explains the peculiar character of Part XIII. of the Peace Treaty with its commingling of somewhat obsolete theories and modern trade union conceptions.

The Commission charged with the task of drafting Part XIII. comprised some of the most prominent leaders of the Trade Union movement in England, France, Belgium and the United States. While this Commission was holding its session in Paris, a second Trade Union Conference was held at Berne in February, 1919, at which the organizations of most of the European countries and Canada were represented, and at which the Leeds programme was subjected to a fresh revision, with the express purpose of making that document serve as the basis of the International Social Legislation which was to be introduced by the Labor Office of the League of Nations. At the Trade Union Congress held in Amsterdam (1919) the Berne programme was accepted as containing the essential principles of international labor legislation.

ORGANIZED LABOR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Organized labor is raising the standards of workingmen by compelling them to think rapidly and to speak clearly. The trade union movement has developed a company of speakers who are abundantly able to present the cause of the toilers. This is constantly being demonstrated at the national meetings of labor bodies, where statesmanship of the highest order is demanded, and where some of the addresses would easily rank with the best that are delivered in the conferences and conventions of other national bodies.

Organized labor is raising the standards of workingmen by fighting the battles of all the people. It is carrying with it even the lowest and most degraded. Every victory won for the men and women at the top means a higher level for those lower down. While the trade unionist may for a time belong to the aristocracy of labor, he soon makes of that aristocracy a democracy for all.—Contributed.

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ST. JOHN LABOR MEN STANDS BY THEIR RIGHTS

At the preliminary hearing of the twelve members of the St. John, N.B., Trades and Labor Council, charged with being members of an unlawful assembly in connection with the recent labor parade held in this city, the magistrate decided to send up the entire twelve for trial.

the peace on the ground that they were fighting for a principle and that they did not feel they were breaking the law by the holding of the parade.

FAVOR ANTI-LYNCH BILL.

Washington.—The Dyer anti-lynching bill, imposing heavy penalties on persons involved in mob actions resulting in the taking of life, has been favorably reported by the house judiciary committee.

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RAILROADS NOW FIND SHOE ON OTHER FOOT

Chicago.—In their attempt to place their wage-reduction plan on the shoulders of Uncle Sam, the railroads find that the shoe is on the other foot, and they are in the position of being compelled to swallow their own medicine.

When the brotherhoods' strike was announced the railroad labor board ordered that the status quo be maintained until they could consider the question.

The railroads and their retainers were in high glee. "Now," they declared, "a strike means defiance of the government, and we can sit back and let the government fight it out for us."

The situation was short-lived, however, for the railroad labor board orders the railroads to defer the wage reduction plan until it can consider the question.

DEATH RATE RISES

Washington.—The government's annual report on mortality statistics for 1920, soon to be issued, shows a total of 1,142,378 deaths within the death registration area, representing a rate of 13.1 per 1,000, as compared with 12.9 in 1919, the lowest on record.

DENOUNCE GUN MEN

Beekley, W. Va.—At the convention of district No. 29, United Mine Workers, it was declared that "the men working in and around the coal mines of West Virginia, for the past 30 years, have not been allowed to exercise their state and constitutional rights, and have been forced to work under the most brutal and inhuman conditions."

REJECT LOW WAGE OFFER

New York.—Teamsters' union No. 807 rejected the bosses' offer that wages be reduced \$5 a week with a 10-hour day. Present rates are \$29 to \$35 a week for teamsters and \$31 to \$35 for chauffeurs, with a nine-hour day.

LETTUCE CROP WASTED

Trenton, N. J.—A crop of 100,000,000 heads of lettuce is going to waste on New Jersey farms because the public cannot get it at reasonable prices, says the New Jersey department of agriculture.

Growers who are anxious to sell at a little more than the cost of packing and marketing, in order to recover some fraction of the cost of production, find the big city markets blocked, with customers charged "war prices-plus" for this product.

Comparisons of prices paid the farmer and prices paid by the housewife show a maximum spread of from 400 to 600 per cent. Many growers are plowing under the crop heads of lettuce for which the public is hungry.

Lettuce growing is extensive in this state largely because of the educational campaigns of public health agencies for the use of greens containing minerals beneficial to health. The lettuce growers say this campaign is futile because dealers have needlessly put lettuce beyond reach of the average family's pocket book.

BUILDING MATERIAL UP

Philadelphia.—A local newspaper prints the interesting information from Atlanta that some prices for building material "are advancing steadily, and it is generally believed by lumber interests that quotations will be up 10 and 15 per cent after the first of the year with the industry at normal early next spring."

URGENT CONCILIATION

San Jose, Cal.—Those people who are always insisting on "facts" in connection with strikes, can join the state federation of labor in demanding that oil owners confer with 8,000 striking employees. The convention of the state federation has appealed to President Harding to use every means at his command to induce the oil owners to sit in conference with the oil workers and the federal oil board, which was created for the purpose of making peace in this industry possible.

THEATER SIGNS

Tacoma, Wash.—The Bijou theater has signed an agreement with the Motion Picture Operators' Union.

SASKATCHEWAN EXECUTIVE SEEKS CHANGES TO COMPENSATION ACT

Amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act to provide a system of state insurance is the request made to the Provincial Government by the Saskatchewan Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress. They ask that the widow or invalid husband should be allowed a monthly payment of \$45 and \$10 additional for each child, the total not to exceed \$75 a month. They suggest a grading scale for workmen suffering permanent or temporary disability. Other requests include a demand for the proportional representation plan of voting in provincial elections, and the abolition of election deposits.

WANTS SCHOOLS, NOT GUN MEN

Huntington, W. Va.—Citizens of this county are circulating petitions calling on state officials to cut the cessack system and use the money for public schools and road improvements. The petition declares: "On account of the number of unemployed in our county, and because of the long-felt need for better roads, and in order to extend our sympathy, and put the same into action for the 20,000 or more children now deprived of the privileges and benefits of school in our state, we, the undersigned, offer this as our request that the state police be discharged from further service in our county, and the expense of keeping up same be used to employ teachers and building roads, thereby giving employment and education to the needy. We do not believe the services of the state police is needed in this county."

BOLD RAIL PROPAGANDA

Washington.—One of the boldest pieces of propaganda being issued in the interest of railroads is the claim that the government is not guaranteeing income to railroads. This claim is made despite the fact that section 422 of the Cummins-Each act amends the interstate commerce act by permitting the interstate commerce commission to set rates so that the railroads may have a return of 5-1/2 per cent on their aggregate value and one-half of 1 per cent to "make provision in whole or in part for improvements, betterments or equipment."

PORT WILLIAM WORKERS RAISES WAGES

Organized railway clerks and freight handlers employed by the Western Stevedore company have raised wages and retained old working conditions. Rates for truckers and checkers were advanced 4 cents an hour, and loaders and coopers will be paid an additional 5 cents an hour.

TYPO ORGANIZATION HAS THE BANK ROLL TO WIN

In a page advertisement printed in Toronto papers for the benefit of delegates to the convention of the United Typographical Union of America, the International Typographical union presents statistics to refute the claim by some delegates among the employers that the union is financially embarrassed because of efforts to enforce a 44-hour agreement, made two years ago.

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LENINE-TROTSKY FIRM IS OVERMANNED

A Moscow-Soviet report states that the committee charged with making a reduction in the number of government employees in a report just submitted announces that 2,500,000 of the employees are to be discharged.

The entire trade union policy has been changed, by the union's representatives arranging conditions to suit the government's new economic policy. It has been decided to admit the principle of private management, and scales of wages are to be fixed in accordance with the fluctuation of market prices in localities where work is done.

These steps are to be taken in an effort to give a living wage to workers, and thus induce them to cease thievery and also speculative activities which until lately have been necessary in order that they might gain a living.

LAST REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN

A slight increase in the volume of employment was reported by some 5,000 employers during the week period ending September 24, according to a statement to appear in the forthcoming issue of the bulletin of the Employment Service of Canada. At the end of the period under review the index number stood at 90.2 as compared with 89.5 for the fortnight ending September 10. The volume of employment reported by employers during the summer, the bulletin will declare, has never exceeded that of last midwinter, although the index number for the period ending September 24 was higher than for any period since January 15 of this year.

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FORTNIGHT OF 1920, THE BULLETIN WILL SAY: EMPLOYMENT IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY SHOWED MARKED SHRINKAGE.

HAMILTON GATHERING OF LABOR PARTY MAKES FOR CHANGES

According to a Hamilton despatch the "free trade" plank in the platform of the Ontario Labor party was removed at the convention held here behind closed doors, though it is understood that the discussion at times was rather warm. James Simpson and other speakers declared that some of the members of the central branch, Hamilton, were too conservative.

The "Free Trade" plank to which the local branch objected was as follows: "The gradual elimination of import duties on all necessities of life such as food and clothing and tools and machinery used in production, the revenue derived from these sources to be raised by taxation on land values and luxuries." In its place the following was substituted: "The removal of tariffs on necessities of life, taxation of land values and abolition of fiscal legislation that leads to class privileges and that to the end in view, respecting the tariff, a commission of experts be appointed to make a thorough investigation and report its findings and on that basis a commission labor have an adequate representation."

MANITOBA DECIDES FOR A LABOR POLICY

December 6, Dominion election day, will be a public holiday throughout

The situation in Ontario and Quebec was less favorable than in other provinces, due to the fact that manufacturing showed more weakness than any other group. About 9 per cent of the contractions in the manufacturing industries was concentrated in these two provinces. Reports for the fortnight showed 678,954 persons employed as against 674,110 for the previous fortnight.

CALGARY CIVIC WORKERS INVITED TO REDUCTION

Calgary civic employees are asked to accept a reduction in wages

Manitoba, Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong, provincial secretary and municipal commissioner, announced, following a meeting of the provincial cabinet. That election day be a public holiday has had staunch advocacy in the trade union ranks for many months and the friction of persistency is seen now in the action of the Manitoba Cabinet.

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THEATER SIGNS Tacoma, Wash.—The Bijou theater has signed an agreement with the Motion Picture Operators' Union. SASKATCHEWAN EXECUTIVE SEEKS CHANGES TO COMPENSATION ACT Amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act to provide a system of state insurance is the request made to the Provincial Government by the Saskatchewan Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress. They ask that the widow or invalid husband should be allowed a monthly payment of \$45 and \$10 additional for each child, the total not to exceed \$75 a month. They suggest a grading scale for workmen suffering permanent or temporary disability. Other requests include a demand for the proportional representation plan of voting in provincial elections, and the abolition of election deposits.

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HOLY COAL OWNERS FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

Charleston, W. Va.—The secret of why the benevolent coal barons of the Logan, Mingo and McDowell coal fields fight unionism has been discovered," says Editor Snyder of the West Virginia Federationist.
"They are not opposed to unionism, as such—that is, 'the right kind of unionism.' They are willing to take unionism to their manly bosoms, but for one thing—it interferes with the miner's individual right to contract."
"While the coal masters are not adverse to making a few pignies out of the miners, occasionally, above all, far above all—they seek to preserve inviolate the great fundamental liberties guaranteed by the constitution."
"There is no danger to our civilization so long as this noble and patriotic body of men are willing to lay down their lives—we almost said their profits—for those glorious rights for which our ancestors fought, bled and some of whom died."
"Here is how this gallant band of devoted patriots fight for freedom. No man, woman or child can get a job, or stay on a job they already have, unless they use their individual right to sign a contract that says: 'God helping me, I will not join the United Mine Workers of America or any other such union, so long as—oh, benevolent boss—thou permittest me to work in your mines.' And to further protect these sacred individual rights of contract, the kind-hearted coal owners provide a private standing army of deputies with high-powered rifles and machine guns to guard against these sacred rights being encroached upon."
"Of course, the miner gets no 'say' in any of these holy proceedings, but it isn't necessary. Let him be content with having his 'rights' protected. Let him be thankful that there are such generous, whole-souled patriots to look after his interests. It saves the miner the trouble."

ONARIO GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ITS ONE-THIRD PROPOSITION

The Drury Government gave a deputation from the city of Toronto definite assurance that it would bear one-third of the excess cost of carrying on municipal public works during the winter months as measures of unemployment relief. The deputation stated that there was about \$15,000,000 worth of work that could be done.

BIG BUSINESS FAILS IN WAGE-SLASH POT

Washington.—Big business came to the unemployment conference called by President Harding all primed to put over drastic recommendations for:
1—Wage reductions everywhere.
2—Repeal of the Adamson Act.
3—Unqualified gift of \$500,000,000 to the railroads.
They have been fought to a standstill on these issues up to the present.
What will happen when the conference reconvenes to work out permanent relief and remedial measures remains to be seen. In the emergency program announced after the first series of meetings big business got none of the big pickings for which it came to Washington.
The men and women who did not represent organized greed were in the majority and they persistently refused to view the problem as one solely of smoothing the pathway of dividends. They were convinced of

LEAVING INJUNCTION JAIL, UNIONISTS ARE DEFIANT

Hoboken, N. J.—Eight machinists who served a year's imprisonment for violating an injunction, have been released and are more strongly opposed to the injunction writ than when they entered jail.
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STANDING BY UNION.

Chicago.—More than 8,000 organized meat cutters and butcher workers attended a mass meeting in this city to protest against the anti-union stand of the meat barons who have organized company "unions," which they call the "American plan."
The workers are alert to the purpose of the packers, who say employees have the right to join unions—and then nullify this right by refusing to treat with the unions and pit a manufactured institution against the bona-fide labor organizations.
The butcher workmen declare the company "union" is a farce. This travesty upon justice has been designated as "industrial democracy" by philanthropists.

PRICES GOING UP?

New York.—While the country is discussing methods to end the "buyers' strike," Wall street is discussing higher prices. Crude oil has jumped 25 cents a barrel, and the steel trust is praised for not getting panicky and slashing prices during the past several months. It is whispered that small steel manufacturers will be glad if the steel trust jacks up the market, and that one automobile company, manufacturing a medium priced car, will make a profit of \$35,000,000 this year.
Profits in other lines will be increased, it is predicted, because wages have been "deflated."

INDIANAPOLIS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROTECT MINERS

Indianapolis.—Under instructions of the United Mine Workers' convention, President Lewis appointed a committee to call on President Harding in the interest of the safety of miners confined in West Virginia jails. These miners have been arrested by the wholesale by the coal owners' gunmen and public officials under control of the coal owners. Information from West Virginia received by delegates to the miners' convention indicate that vigilance is necessary to block another "frame up" against workers.
In appointing the committee to wait on the chief executive, President Lewis said:
"There is ample reason to believe the lives of President Keeney and Secretary Mooney, of the West Virginia district, and others, are in jeopardy."
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