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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER. FALSE PROPAGANDA.

LABOR is now losing the vantage, or disadvantage, point from many isolated positions it formerly occupied, when it was considered in the class of interloper in forging its way to have a voice in the legislative law making. One pronounced charge against advanced workers' policy was that by representation legislation only of a class nature could be the outcome, therefore detrimental to interests of all.

Formerly the worker was the only target, but now right at hand our friend, the farmer, is being made to walk this same plank, with the arrows of class legislation being directed through previous attitude and anticipated movement. Whether the mind of public representation is so permeated with this selfish thought or it is used for the purpose of personal ends, cannot be accurately estimated, but in any event clearing away this class legislation propaganda, whilst a difficult task, is a necessity, that public service can be estimated at its true worth, and the aspirations of permanent sections enlisted in the army of advancement for common good.

Labor and the trade union movement has struggled against the opposition cry in this respect, and fought it successfully in the only way, by results that today, especially in the trade union movement, the purpose of the organization of the workers is conceded to be in the country's interest, in the interest of each unit, benefiting those not directly affiliated through a standardization of conditions and values. The period of time of existence, the continued increase to its numerical strength, is self-evident that class legislation is an unknown system in the Labor movement, as a programme with sectional plank would have been the germ for self destruction.

Labor is not class legislative. Its fundamental principles are to a betterment of the entire community, and although its mission may be at times misunderstood, it well understands the point of objective the benefit of all as against the enrichment of the few.

PLACED ON THE MAP.

CANADA came right along in telling stride at the Washington conference, when selected to a position on the governing body of the International Labor office. First appearances were again deceitful, as the possibility of the Dominion securing a coveted position in this regard, seemed almost of a hopeless nature, and a forlorn task to accomplish. Happily the unexpected has happened and we find Canada taken into partnership in one of the biggest moves even in these modern times of great happenings.

This position was not secured by what is often termed a fluke, but by a strong majority vote of conceded right, and an analysis of the vote taken clearly bears out this contention. The ballot for the four vacancies shows the following: Spain, 29; Argentine, 26; Canada, 20; Poland, 16; Denmark and Rumania, each obtaining 9 votes; Norway, 4; India, 3; Cuba and Sweden 1 each.

And yet another success came to the Dominion when Secretary-Treasurer Draper, of the Dominion Trades Congress, was selected as representative on the governing body of twenty-four, of which number six directly represent the workers.

Behind all this evidence of success must lie expended energy of the Dominion's representatives, directed into a correct channel, that has proven of such telling effect to produce results, from which this country must take a great degree of pleasure and satisfaction. The balloting took place in open forum, but we can well imagine that President Tom Moore and Secretary-Treasurer Draper, with their loyal assistants, laid the foundation for the ultimate results, and the workers of this Dominion must have the faith in their choice of leaders strongly fortified by this latest achievement.

"THERE'S A REASON."

PURITAN voices of the reactionary element of our western clime, were in strong evidence when Sam Gompers spoke with his usual courage of conviction and stated that harsh prohibition measures were to some extent responsible for the Bolshevik tendencies in isolated evidence on this continent. "Holier Than Thou," was the trend of remarks to Gompers' statement by these westerners, who never lose an opportunity to attack the leaders in progress in the trade union movement.

There is apparently a reason for all this prohibition goodness on the coast, as the Attorney-General in public statements claims "that the condition has become intolerable," through the ease with which two-quart corks could be filled. Not the eight-hour law, but an eight-ounce law is now mentioned and this may bring back to reason the reactionaries.

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

By Special Correspondent. With the return of Sir Robert Borden from holiday in the South, and of Hon. C. W. Bennett from the Washington Labor Conference, things political are beginning to warm up at the Capital. The Government announced that the next session will be called early in the year, and the next few weeks will have to be occupied by the Cabinet in preparation of legislation.

The coming session promises to be a vital one. There will be such controversial and important legislation, while with the growth of a substantial cross-bench group led by Hon. T. A. Crerar, who has now definitely assumed the leadership of the Third Party in the House, the Government will be far from rosy. During the past two years, the Ministry has always been able to depend on a certain number of members, but since it trends cautiously, anything might happen in the coming session.

The three most important legislative measures in sight at present are the Franchise Act, bills growing out of the recent labor movement in Ottawa, and the later one at Washington; and the Government's shipbuilding and naval programme. The Franchise Act, which is a particularly controversial measure with a decided difference of opinion as to its merits, is being introduced by the Government. It is a matter of fact that the Government itself has not yet reached a decision, and may even have difficulty in framing an act which will be satisfactory to the divergent elements in the Cabinet. There is a strong sentiment in the Cabinet, which apparently has the backing of most of its members, that all alien-born men who are disfranchised under the War Times Election Act, should continue to suffer the penalty. In this position they will evidently be largely supported by the O.W.V.A. On the other hand, the Liberals are strongly in favor of retaining the franchise to every man who lost his franchise in 1917. The western agriculturalists have expressed themselves about similarly. There will also be the question as to whether Provincial or Dominion lists are to be used. One argument is that under the Dominion statutes all women now have the vote; while in the Provincial lists they are still not under the provincial franchise. So far as the women are concerned, new Dominion lists would seem to be the better plan.

Labor legislation promises to be much to the fore. The Government has already promised that it will introduce a bill to effect the recommendations made at the Ottawa Joint Conference of Employers and Employees in October. This time the International Conference has been held at Washington, which, among other things, has recommended the eight-hour day for all workers in the industry on behalf of the Canadian Government, strongly supported the resolution, so that it is presumed that the Cabinet will endeavor to crystallize their views so expressed into legislation.

From the standpoint of Labor, this coming session of Parliament should be one of the most important in its history. Before the next session assembles, it is very possible that Labor will have a representative on the cross-benches. There is a by-election in Toronto, and the seat of the late Hon. Frank Cochrane, Labor is proposing to put a candidate in the field, and the chances are very good. At present there are two members of Parliament representing themselves in the Parliamentary Guide as Labor representatives. One is Alphons Verville, of Montreal, but he is not a member of the House, and has voted pretty consistently with the present Opposition. The other is Charles R. Harrison, of Ottawa, who was elected in 1917 as a Labor-Unionist. He is a passenger conductor on the C.P.R., and is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. So far, he has always sat on the Government benches, and has not taken a cross-bench position.

The present outlook is that the Government will introduce a policy for the placing of the shipbuilding industry on a permanent basis. The Government's naval policy will also, in all probability, be laid before Parliament. It is not yet clear whether both these questions will prove highly controversial. Both the shipbuilding and naval policies will be subject to the criticism of the opposition. Since the war Canada has built up a large public-owned mercantile marine, and it is now proposed to build or are under construction for the Government and the question now arises as to the continuation of this policy. The feeling is strong here, that it is impossible for the Government to continue to build or are under construction for the Government and the question now arises as to the continuation of this policy. The feeling is strong here, that it is impossible for the Government to continue to build or are under construction for the Government and the question now arises as to the continuation of this policy.

Across the Atlantic. What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing. ACCEPT GOVT. OFFER. The Railwaymen's Union has accepted the Government's proposal giving the union a share in the management of the roads. The proposal, announced recently by J. H. Thomas, head of the union, as having been made to him by the Hon. Lloyd George, provides for a joint board of control representing the managers, the Government, and the unions. Disputes are to be referred to a similar joint board.

UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES STOPPED. The British House of Commons has voted in favor of stopping unemployment allowances. The motion of John R. Clynes, Laborite, for a reduction of the appropriation, was defeated, 217 to 153. The debate was characterized by strong protests from the Laborites against stopping the dole on the approach of winter, because many unemployed would be subjected to great hardships. Arthur Henderson, Laborite, contended that to throw thousands of persons on the poor law relief would be worse than the continuance of the dole. Andrew Bonar Law, winding up the debate for the Government, contended that the only satisfactory solution for the difficulty, and the one at which the Government was aiming was some scheme of universal compulsory insurance against unemployment, which the workmen themselves would largely contribute.

Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unions. "GOOD-BYE 'SMOKES'" When the old Sgt.-Major brought me back to the old "smokes" I was glad to see them again. I had been away for some time, but I was glad to see them again. I had been away for some time, but I was glad to see them again.

MUNITION WORKERS THANKED The thanks of His Majesty King George to overseas workers who volunteered during the war to work in British munition factories and shipyards is voiced in the following message by His Excellency the Governor-General from Lord Milner, Secretary-General for the Colonies: "Now that the repatriation of overseas workers who volunteered their services for the production of ships and munitions during the war is completed, I am commanded by the King to request you to give publicity to His Majesty's appreciation of the services rendered by the men who volunteered from Canada. He understands that the excellent behavior of these volunteers, and the fact that they have earned by their work the highest praise."

MOST ENEMY ALIENS HAVE LEFT CANADA. The deportation of enemy aliens held prisoners of war in Canadian camps is almost complete. Over 2,000 Germans and Austrians have already been sent home via Holland and other neutral countries. A small batch of about 250 still remain to be sent to their fatherlands. These for the most part are at Kapuskasing. Most of them take away a comfortable sum of money. They are allowed to take with them up to 25 cents a day while employed in the camps. They will have behind several well-cleared and well-kept farms in Ontario and New Brunswick, and will be used for experimental farm purposes and as a nucleus for further settlement in these regions.

SOLDIERS REPLACE STRIKERS? Delegates from the Iron Moulders' Union to the Hamilton Trades Council reported at last Friday's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council that 15 returned soldiers have been taking a course of vocational training, had started to work in several Hamilton foundries, thus taking the place of the moulders on strike for seven months. It was further stated that the Government was paying the men and had not the foundries. After Hon. W. R. Rollo had counselled the delegates, it was decided to instruct the Secretary to write to the various War Veterans' organizations, drawing their attention to what was going on. The Soldiers' Re-employment branch will also be notified.

NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS. R. J. Deachman addressed the Canada Forward Club at the first meeting of the season held in the University of Toronto. He contended that nationalization would be justifiable if it produced greater efficiency in the administration of railways, if it checked the tendency of railway corporations in the political and economic life of the country; or if the vesting of the means of transportation in the hands of a single authority would be for the life and welfare of the community.

TORONTO NURSES WILL STAND BEHIND DEMANDS. Special nurses on duty in Toronto hospitals are willing to compromise with hospital boards on a ten-hour day, but they will stand behind the demand for a ten-hour day in the hospital. The nurses held their meeting at St. Michael's Hospital, which has expressed a willingness to compromise with them. On inquiry at the various hospitals in the city, it was found that the superintendents will give no opinion on the subject, preferring to "sit tight" waiting for the nurses to take a definite stand.

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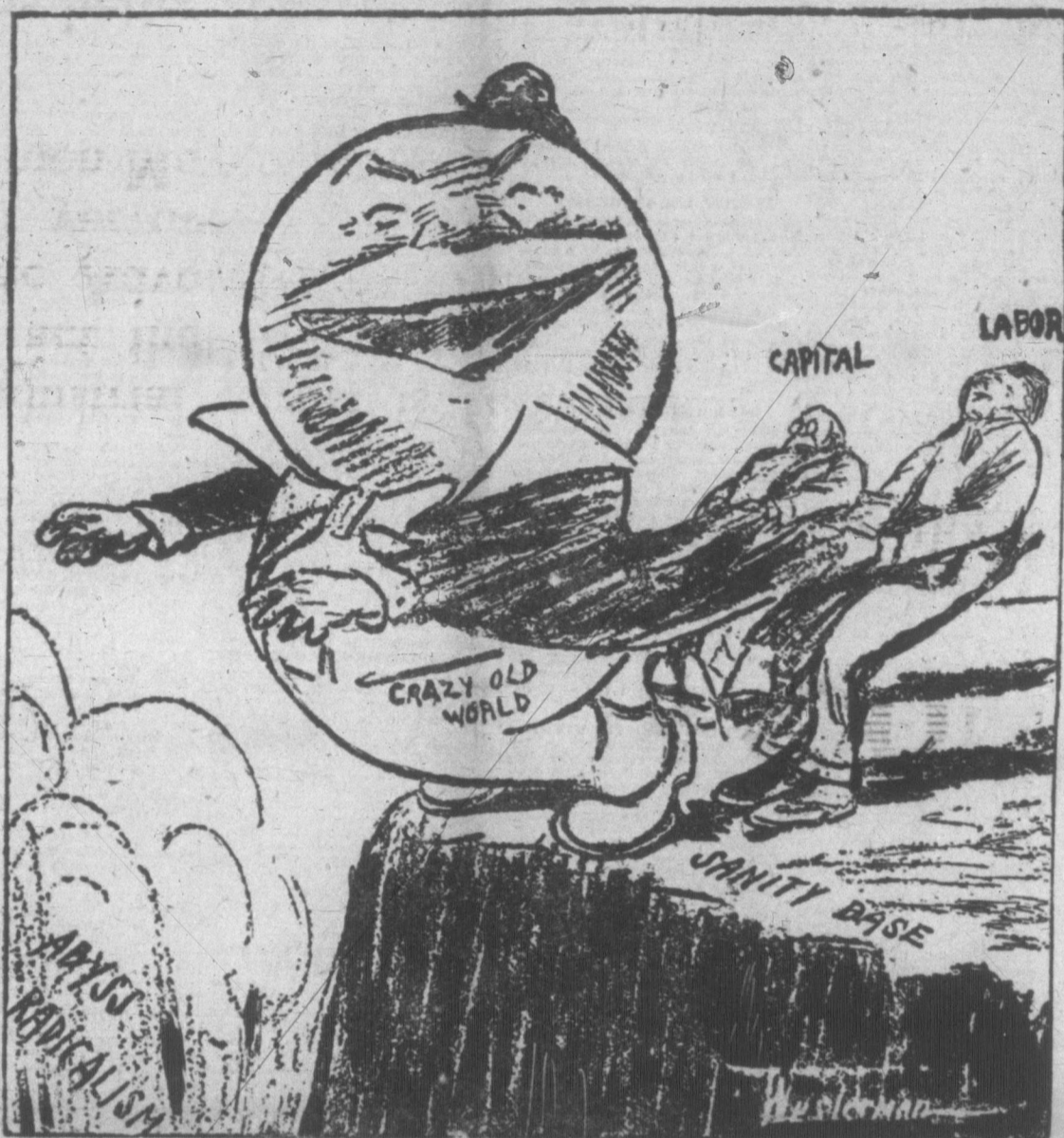
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THE OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE The aim of the League is to secure more liberal Legislation in opposition to Prohibition Measures. It advocates the Sale of Beer, Wine, and Spirituous Liquors under proper restrictions. It is opposed to a return of the open bar as previously existing in Ontario. It advocates the Right of Organized Citizens to vote, which at present restrains Citizens from innocent recreations and Intellectual Improvement. The League stands for and is at all times prepared to fight for the liberties and the rights of the people. The League is non-partisan and non-sectarian. Committee President, Admiral Sir Charles Kingsmill; Vice-President, J. P. Crerar; Honorary Treasurer, C. T. de la Plante; Honorary Secretary, John W. F. Ritchie. EXECUTIVE: Sir-Maj. S. G. Alexander F. H. Leamy C. W. Lewis Ernest A. Le Sueur Brig.-Gen. C. H. MacLennan D.S.O. William H. McLaughlin Col. H. C. Osborne Guy S. Onda Col. A. Z. Palmer Esq.-Alb. Sam. Rosenthal A. Schlegel James F. Smetham Lt.-Col. D. R. Street Guy N. Toller



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Fortunately industrial unrest is fast passing in Canada, due in no small measure to the fact that Labor and Capital have co-operated against the Bolsheviki and the Advocates of the Red Flag. However, the battle against Radicalism is not yet over. We must continue the fight and support the Straight Trade Union Movement which has ever been conducted by a safe and sane policy.

Co-operation is better than conflict and should Labor and Capital not pull together over will go the old globe into the Abyss of Radicalism.