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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

BUSY PEOPLE VERSUS BUSYBODIES.

It is a good thing that the powers that be are bestirring themselves to find work for the workless. Busy people promote harmony and prosperity; they have no time for bickerings and the smaller, trivial things of life. On the other hand, "busybodies," with too much time on their hands, foster strife. Keep the people busy, and professional doctrinaires, mischief-makers, dreamers and prophets of violence will have to go to work, or starve.

The "busybodies" are parasites that attach themselves to the healthy growth of organized labor. They do not speak for the true trades unionist. It is of vital importance that the most earnest efforts should be put forth to deal quickly and effectively with an employment situation that must be met for the welfare of Canada from coast to coast.

PREVENT FIRE WASTE.

EVERYBODY should aid Tom Moore in his movement to prevent loss of property and life by fire. Canada's fire losses have achieved the reproachful distinction of being the greatest in the world. The Commission of Conservation, in its last report on "Fire Waste in Canada," showed that the average per capita loss exceeded that of every other country.

LABOR POLICY.

A VERY concise statement of the principles set forth by the Independent Labor Party is given in a recent statement by Mayor MacBride, of Brantford. Says this capable leader among the head men of the I. L. P.: "We are unalterably opposed to the revolutionary outbursts of certain individuals who represent themselves as labor men."

PREACHERS' UNION.

THERE is said to be an effort in the Old Country to form a preachers' union. It might not be a bad idea for the underpaid pastors of Canada to unionize. They might join Pat Greg's Ottawa local of carpenters by declaring themselves as "joiners."

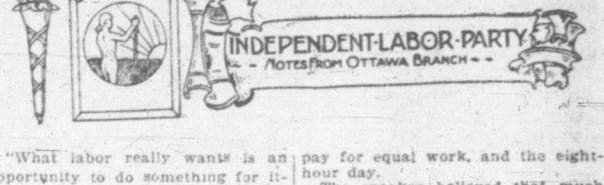
"PADDY" DRAPER IS BACK.

WELCOME to "Paddy" Draper—back from the Peace Conference overseas. Paddy Draper and Gus France were Canada's capable labor representatives at international labor conclaves in Great Britain and France. When Paddy's ship pulled into home waters and docked, there were many of our war heroes on board.

JUSTICE FOR ALL CLASSES.

Recently in England James Henry Thomas, Labor member of Parliament for Derby, former Minister and General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "The next three weeks may determine whether our country, after emerging successfully from the world war, can avoid an industrial dispute whose consequences may be as dangerous as defeat by Germany. It is essential that we should understand the situation and, without class prejudice or bias, recognize their responsibility, which they cannot escape."

Ottawa "Celebrities"



No. 10, that's his number, he being secretary of the Ottawa Local of the International Firefighters. His name is somewhat confusing. Some of his associates call him, "Donal," but there is no animal about Donald, although he's game, whether in fighting fires or in his work for the organization.

No Mob Law to Ruin Unions, Says J. Havelock Wilson, M.P.

The British Seaman's official, J. Havelock Wilson, states that employers cannot bargain with a mob nor yet can any Government do so. It was for that reason principally that the workmen found it expedient to organize in their trade unions, so that they may select from their ranks the most gifted-headed men and those most fitted with business aptitude.

WAR CHECKS LIBERTY.

WASHINGTON—In upholding the conviction of two persons charged with the violation of the Espionage Act, the Supreme Court has granted the government a victory in its effort to maintain the Espionage Act as constitutional.

COSSACKS NOT NEEDED.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Science threatens to junk the cossack system, which is being urged by large employing interests throughout the country. The cossacks were first established in this state, but according to a statement by Colonel Roy Bacon in an address before the Pittsburg chamber of commerce, the cossacks are doomed.

FOREIGN COMPETITION.

Manchester, England.—The old proverb, "The more you trade, the more you lose," cannot reduce hours in face of foreign competition, is losing its force, according to the Cotton Factory Times. This paper says: "This means we must always have our working conditions regulated by the worst conditions in other parts of the world."

GOIN' OUT.

It was in the front row, and William and Willie were having a bit of something "ot." Willie was doing the cooking, and suddenly he said, "Got a match?" "Hi, William, yer blinkin' patent stove's gone ah!" "Light it again, then, stupid!" called back William. "Got a match?" "No. A match ain't no use. It's gone out through the roof of the bicomin' dug out!"

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION

Sixty accredited delegates representing organized labor throughout Nova Scotia were in session all day yesterday and up to 11 o'clock last night. The meeting was held at the Board of Trade rooms, with President Ralph Elmer in the chair. At the afternoon session W. B. MacCoy extended an invitation to the delegates to attend the opening of the House which they did.

ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL.

MADISON, Wis.—An anti-injunction bill has been introduced in the State Assembly. The bill declares: "The labor of a human being shall be held and treated as a commodity or article of commerce. The right to enter into the relation of employer and employee, or to change that relation, or to work and labor as an employee, shall be held and treated as a personal and not a property right."

MUST DEFEND ON UNION.

BOSTON.—If bakery workers secure a right for entering into or carrying on a business, they must defend on this state it must be done through their trade union, as Attorney-General Attwell has ruled that legislative action on this line is unconstitutional.

"MAME" WAS SOME WORKER.

When Cornelius Husk's daughter Mame presented her future husband to the old man, Corn Husk sighed and said: "Take her, son, but take good care of her, for the little lass has been in tender-like. Four acres a day is all I ever set her to plow, and two acres of corn is all she's been used to the 'twixt sun-up and sun-down. It's hard for the old man to give his little sunshine up. He'll have to split his own wood, and 'fond his own stock now." "Kinsman."

How Labor and Science Have Built Up Canadian Industry.

The industrial evolution hastened by the war has opened up the possibilities of the next decade, says a writer in the Toronto Globe. No country in the world can face the future with more assurance than Canada. Her natural resources are almost beyond computation.

Home Methods of Manufacture.

Home methods were much worn by the people of Ontario and Quebec. The wool was taken by the farmers to the local carding mill, and was then spun by the housewives. Weaving was done either at home or more often, at the custom weaving shop, where one was available.

Evolution of Production.

From spinning, the man's work extended by the process of evolution to manufacturing. The laundries did an active business with plentiful sources of raw material, and the process of production was done on a custom basis. Such was the state of industry in the quarter-century preceding Confederation.

Chances During the War.

Much water has flowed under the bridge since August 1914. The war had as one of its by-products, an industrial awakening in Canada. The beginning of this effort is seen in the plans for construction of roads, public buildings, and general improvements everywhere in Canada.

Steel-producing Capacity of Canada.

The steel-producing capacity of Canada has been very materially increased. Shipbuilding enterprises have been established, and the industry has launched suddenly into extreme activity. The Dominion is producing more fully realized in Canada during the war, at a cost of \$1,200,000,000.

Canadian Shipbuilding Industry.

The Canadian shipbuilding industry was in a flourishing condition. The Maritime Provinces were pre-eminent in this department. Canadian vessels of wooden construction were much more prominent on the high seas in the sixties than they became a generation later, when steel ships began to displace wooden craft as carriers of merchandise.

Steady Expansion of Industries.

Steady expansion of industries and the growing need of larger markets had brought about, in 1854, a period of considerable increase in the United States, which was later terminated by that country. Trade with Great Britain expanded considerably, a period of depression occurred during the seventies, and the national policy of protection was brought into effect in 1878.

Railway Extension.

The construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway was carried out actively in the early eighties, and the west experienced its first boom. The trek to the west forced farm implements, machinery, and other goods to be shipped to the west, and every nerve to keep up the demand for their products.

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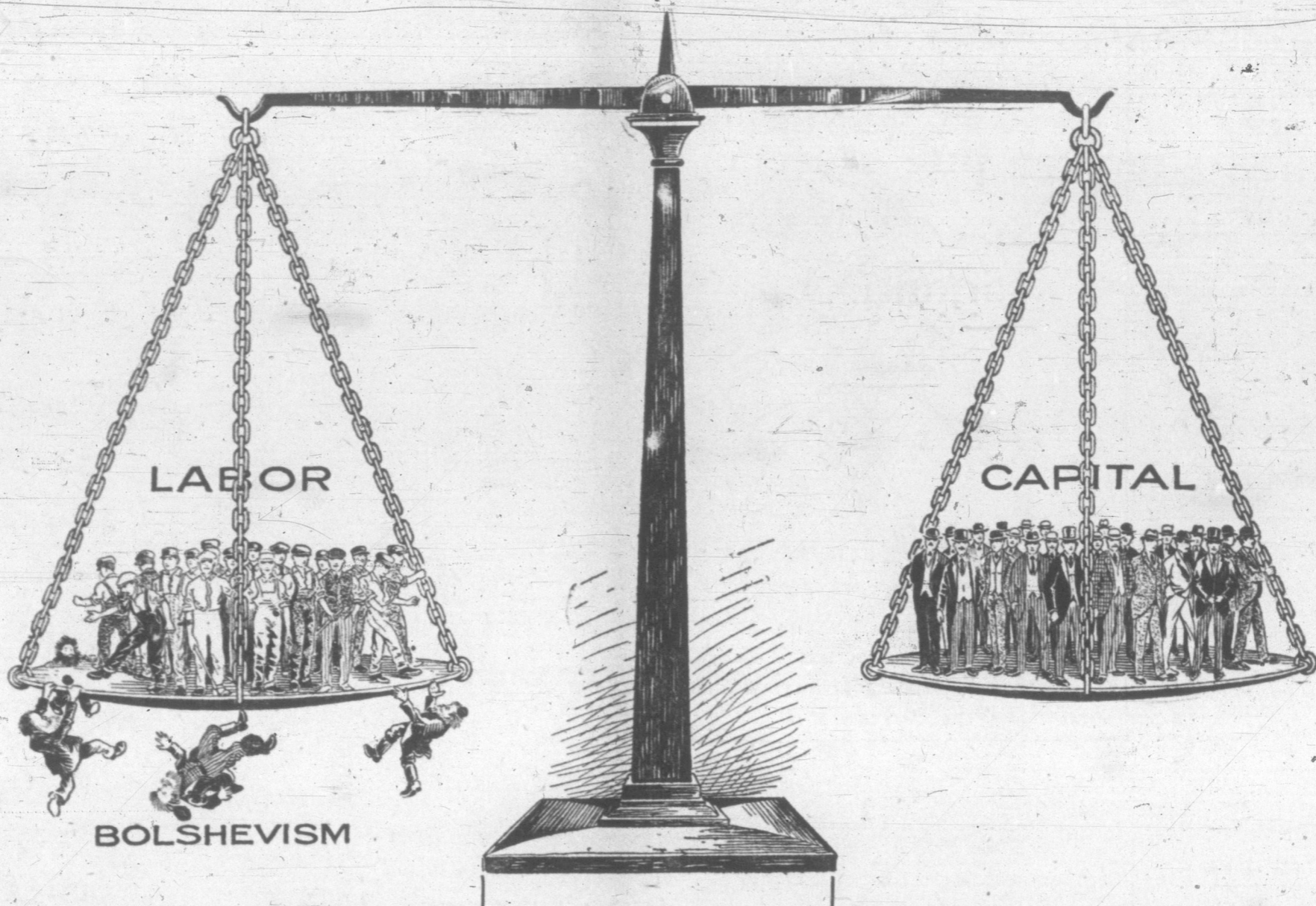
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An Even Balance

LABOR is rising in the Scales. An uplift has been given Labor by Education, Experience, Fairness, Calm Judgment, Toleration and Co-operation.

TO make room for these true friends of Labor there have been ejected from the Scale Pan, Enemies of Labor---Prejudice, Ignorance, Hatred, Violence, Envy and Unsound Theories.

LABOR is giving Capital an object lesson in Harmony by casting overboard fallacies and foes of the past. In all fairness Capital must respond by removing all differences that disturb the Even Balance.

THE Organized Labor Movement is a sound, reasonable, rational movement, led by men who have the interest of all Canada at heart. True Democracy gives fair play to all classes. The future of Canada hangs in the balance--depending upon the even poise of Labor and Capital. Both are needed for the advancement of Industry. There must be equal opportunities for all---special favors for none. For the good of all classes and all Canadians, let us cast hindering prejudices overboard---and strive together to maintain an Even Balance.