

Labor Joining Up With the Progressives

MONTREAL'S CRITICAL SITUATION IN EVIDENCE

"Only about 25 per cent of the number of men taken last year will be required from Montreal when the lumber camps open up, which will be in the course of a week or so," stated A. E. Ibbotson, head of the Montreal labor bureau which concerns itself chiefly with supplying out of town labor. "Over 15,000 men were taken last winter," Mr. Ibbotson pointed out, but this year does not expect a demand for more than three to four thousand. Wages offered, too, are much lower. Whereas \$60 was formerly offered, remuneration is now as low as \$20.

According to Mr. Ibbotson, Montreal is faced with an appalling amount of unemployment this winter. Over 25,000 men, he estimates, are now out of a job, and he prophesies that before the snow falls, the number will have risen to 40,000. "I am usually placed only about five," he said, and out of these a man usually places only about five. "A little oasis in what is literally a desert of unemployment has been found in the case of the request for 20 men per week from Montreal for the work of putting in sewer pipes for a township on the lake shore, 30 miles from Montreal. The work is to last for two months and the pay is 30 cents an hour, one dollar per day being deducted for board. The critical nature of the unemployment situation may be gauged by the way in which this work

is eagerly snapped up, the necessary quota for the week being supplied in a few minutes, leaving only disappointed for those who follow after. "If it is not in the eager reply in every case, and the men turn up punctually to the minute at the time appointed for the signing of the contract, fearful lest the precious job shall be lost to them.

Not a few of the applicants are ex-servicemen. One of the men who eagerly closed with the offer described above, a young man, and showing the marks of privation, told that he had served three years and four months in France, having enlisted in Winnipeg in the Royal Canadian Regiment. He had been in the fighting at Amiens, Ypres, on the Somme and at Vimy Ridge, but his war record had not helped him to find a job and but for the help contributed by his wife who went out working daily he could not have managed. A miner by trade, he had no money to travel to the mining districts in search of work. The scarcity of employment has its effect on wages, contractors offering 75 cents an hour for a first class bricklayer for whom he would have been obliged to pay \$1.25 a year ago.

Mr. Ibbotson fed 1,100 men at his office during last winter, but is afraid that unless help is forthcoming the task will be too great this year. He has received a promise of assistance from Mayor Martin.

PRESENT PLAN TO AID UNEMPLOYED

A new proposal in connection with the unemployment problem was presented before Premier Drury, at Toronto, by a deputation from Hamilton comprising Mayor G. C. Copley, the Board of Control, and other citizens.

The suggestion made was that the city should undertake extensive public works during the winter in order to give additional work, provided that the Government would shoulder the difference in cost arising from the result of employing unskilled laborers, and of prosecuting the undertakings under unfavorable weather conditions.

The Premier was prepared to agree that the system of direct grants used last winter was far from being a desirable arrangement, and he promised that he would discuss the Hamilton proposal with his Cabinet.

ACTIVITIES DOMINION WIDE OF FARMER AND LABOR FUSION

From every section of the Dominion a get-together for Federal elections is in evidence of the Labor and Progressive forces. From Toronto it is stated a move toward co-operation of the United Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor party for the general election was made when J. J. Morrison notified James Simpson, that the U.F.O. had named W. C. Wood, Paris, and M. H. Staples, Toronto, as members of the executive committee of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor party.

Simpson made this announcement. He added that Mr. Morrison would make an appointment with Hon. Mr. Crerar when he came to Toronto for President John Bruce of the C.L.P. and himself to give them an opportunity to place before Hon. Mr. Crerar the decision of the C.L.P. made in Winnipeg to co-operate with the Progressive party.

Mr. Simpson believed it was possible that an announcement of an arrangement between the Farmer and Labor organization for the federal election might be made from Winnipeg. F. J. Dixon, M.L.A., of Winnipeg, would appear, he said, before the Canadian Council of Agriculture to lay before the council the attitude of labor toward the progressive movement.

The Labor candidates whom the Labor representation committee proposes to run in the coming general election in four of Toronto constituencies will espouse the platform of the Canadian Labor party. That decision was reached at a meeting of the campaign committee with three of the four nominees in attendance at the Labor Temple.

The platform includes among its planks: State employment insurance, public ownership of public utilities, the proportional representation system of voting, old age pensions and health disability provisions, abolition of non-elective legislative bodies, international disarmament, direct legislation, referendum and recall, the enactment of the recommendations of the Washington Labor Conference, especially the eight-hour day, nationalization of the banking systems, and a capital levy for the reduction of the war debt.

The Trades and Labor Council of Kingston has approved the action of the Legislative Committee of the Council in placing a candidate in the field for the coming Federal election, and the committee was empowered to select a candidate.

United Farmers of Alberta political association for East and West Calgary Federal riding, will convene on October 7 to discuss nominations for one of the Calgary ridings. An agreement exists at present with the Labor party that the U.F.A. shall nominate in West Calgary and the Labor party in East Calgary. But this agreement is yet to be ratified by the rank and file.

That a broadening out policy may be adopted by the Independent Labor Party in Ottawa for the selection of local candidates in the next Dominion election was forecast by one of the leading officials of the party. Such a policy would be almost inclusive in character. Consumers returned soldiers, and other citizens who are not connected with any labor organizations or who have not subscribed to all the tenets of other political parties would, if such a policy were adopted, be eligible to attend and vote at the convention called by the I.L.P., for the selection of "Labor" candidates.

There is already considerable pre-election activity in Labor circles. A get-together meeting, at which the political situation was thoroughly discussed, was held this week by executive officers of the I.L.P. It is understood that the main topic of discussion at the meeting was the question of joint action in the selection and support of Labor candidates.

The Executive Committee of the Independent Labor Party is now arranging for a conference with the chief officers of all the labor organizations in the city. If present plans materialize, this meeting will be held within a few days. If a broadening out policy is decided upon steps will be taken to call a convention immediately.

Mr. J. W. Patterson, president of the I.L.P., Ottawa Branch, stated that there is no scarcity of men or women in the ranks of the party from which to choose candidates. But the convention would have to decide upon the candidates. "Our party is desirous of uniting all the forces of constructive democracy under its banner," Mr. Patterson stated. "The people have been clamoring for a change from the old beaten paths and policies of the two dominant parties in Canada and they now have the opportunity to give full expression to their desire."

Organized labor will contest every constituency in New Brunswick in which a labor organization exists during the coming federal elections, according to F. A. Campbell, president of the St. John's Labor and Trades Council. This will include the seats in St. John-Albert, York, Westmoreland and Charlotte and the North Shore counties. It is intended to start the campaign as soon as the official proclamation of the election is made.

While no definite announcement has been made it is rumored in labor circles that Mr. Campbell and George Maxwell will be the candidates in this constituency.

COST OF LIVING GOING UP

The cost of living for August in the United Kingdom, was three points higher than in July, according to official advices received here. Average increases since July 1916 were, for all items, 122 per cent, and for food, 156 per cent. The average increase in rent over seven years ago was between 50 and 55 per cent. The average increase in retail prices of coal since July 1914 was over 100 per cent.

Increases in the retail prices of food in August, as compared with July, were shown in statistics for a number of United States cities, made public by the Department of Labor at Washington.

In Rochester, N.Y., there was an increase of 8 per cent in Buffalo 7, and in Baltimore and New York 6. Minneapolis had an increase of 1 per cent.

BUILDING OPERATIONS FOR THE PAST MONTH

The value of contracts for all of Canada during the month of August, the report shows, was \$36,307,200 as compared with \$17,741,400 in July, being an increase of \$18,565,800 or 104 per cent. Included in the August total were: \$5,272,300 or 16.1 per cent for residential building; \$10,049,000 or 27.6 per cent for business building; \$7,935,900 or 21.8 per cent for industrial building and \$12,430,000 or 34.5 per cent for public works and utilities.

Ontario continued to lead the provinces, in the value of building undertaken, hanging up the magnificent total for the month of August of \$20,527,700, as compared with \$9,828,600 for the same month in 1920, and as against \$5,374,600 in 1918. This year's August building in Ontario is the greatest since 1918. Quebec ranked second in the individual provinces with \$4,923,800 as compared with \$4,797,000 for the same month a year ago.

Building in the Western Provinces totaled \$9,616,000, and in the Maritime Provinces \$1,401,700.

For the first eight months of 1921 Ontario leads all the provinces with a total of \$76,928,200, which is \$5,997,400 less than for the first eight months of last year. Quebec is second with \$42,799,700, about two million ahead of last year and the Western Provinces third with \$40,828,200, between eleven and twelve million behind 1920.

For the whole Dominion the total of \$165,312,100 is less than for the first eight months of 1920 by \$20,658,100. Residential building in August was valued at \$5,872,000; business building at \$10,049,000; industrial building \$7,935,900, and engineering \$12,430,000.

So far the year Ontario leads all in the matter of residential building, there being 6,336 contracts let for work having an estimated valuation of \$29,497,000. Residential building of Ontario's biggest city so far this year, business buildings rank next, having an estimated valuation of \$25,014,000.

INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DURING THE MONTH JUST PAST

The increase in construction activity during the month just past is by far the largest monthly aggregate since August, 1914, and is contributed to by the provinces as follows:

Province	No. of Projects	Value
Ontario	908	\$20,527,700
Quebec	382	4,923,800
Manitoba	174	6,907,600
British Columbia	210	1,320,800
Nova Scotia	42	302,000
Saskatchewan	70	703,300
Alberta	71	884,300
New Brunswick	23	477,700
Prince Ed. Island	7	32,000
Total for Dominion 1886	1886	\$36,307,200

Work was started on new factories and industrial plants generally to the value of \$7,935,900, whereas for the previous year the same amount of industrial work started amounted to only \$4,430,000. In other words the work started on August on factories was nearly 100 per cent more than the previous year's. This is a record for seven months. That this is an indication of better times cannot be disputed because industrial expansion in times like these is conservative planned and carried out.

It is gratifying to note that in spite of reports to the contrary the provincial and municipal authorities are undertaking public works and utilities to an ever increasing extent. Contracts awarded for the first eight months for work of this nature amount to \$40,750,000 as compared with \$29,900,000 for the same period in 1920 and \$20,016,200 for the first eight months of 1919 and \$14,890,400 for the corresponding period of 1918.

For the year to date work has been started on 10,482 houses costing \$49,334,500, being an increase of 18 per cent over 1920, when work was started on 10,000 houses costing \$41,835,400. For 1919 the total was only \$29,950,000 for the same period and \$9,923,100 in 1918.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Development of a permanent and constructive national employment policy, systematic organization of public employment offices on a national scale, organization of industry to develop a greater degree of regularity in employment, and increased public works activity were recommended to meet the present unemployment situation, in resolutions adopted by the International Association of Public Employment Services, which closed a three-day convention at Buffalo.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and to the Minister of Labor at Ottawa.

Officers elected were Bryce M. Stewart, of Ottawa, Ont., president; John M. Sullivan, Washington, D.C., and Miss Marion C. Flaherty, of Toronto, vice-presidents; Richard A. Flynn, of Brooklyn, secretary and treasurer; Charles J. Boyd, of Chicago, Robert J. Peters, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Thomas M. Malloy, of Regina, Sask., were elected to the executive board. Washington was chosen as the place for the 1922 convention.

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CHICAGO BUILDING TRADES DISPUTE

Two constructions were being placed on the unanimous vote of the Chicago Building Trades Council declaring the Landis wage award "unjustifiable," and expressing the "universal dissatisfaction" of the workers over the decision of Judge Landis as arbitrator in the building trades controversy.

Wage cuts of 10 to 33 per cent, were made in the Landis decision. Builders and contractors held labor's verdict and demand for a recharter with no intention to accept the award. Others asserted labor had not broken its pledge to abide by the decision and termed the action "an acceptance under protest."

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SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR VICTORIES

The Government of General Smuts has sustained a blow in the form of two seats for General and Lesbeek, Capetown, in the recent by-elections for the House of Assembly of the British Union of South Africa, according to Reuters correspondent at Capetown. Both constituencies, which were formerly held by the South African party and were rechartered, have been won by the Labor party on the unemployment and recharter platform.

The results at Garden of Eros, Labor, 1,604; Fuller, South African, 1,550. Lesbeek, Labor, 2,212; Laite, South African, 2,048.

Reports recently arriving from Capetown indicate that these by-elections were looked upon as a preliminary general election. Party meetings were addressed by General Smuts, Sir Thomas Smart, South African high commissioner in London, and Rt. Hon. F. S. Mallan, Minister of Education. These meetings were marked by considerable disturbance from the Socialist Labor supporters, who raised questions regarding the situation of the unemployed, and in regard to Government economy.

Reuter cables from Capetown says the overwhelming labor victory in the parliamentary by-elections of Garden and Lesbeek, surprised the Government and the Labor party. These labor successes are attributed to the efficiency with which Boycott and the Labor party conducted the house of assembly election campaign and the willingness of the voluntary workers who assisted him, also the fact that wages had been reduced and the people retrenched, there has been no corresponding decrease in the cost of living.

The leading newspapers attribute the turnover of votes to economic distress for which they declare the government has been made the scapegoat.

The Cape Times says the electors would be puzzled to explain what they hope to gain by the election since neither of the labor candidates offered a practicable alternative to the government's policy.

PETERBORO REPORTS ON LABOR CONDITIONS

Reports from Peterboro hearing on the employment situation show they are fairly typical of conditions in communities of similar size throughout the province. The metal industries are dormant, but other lines of manufacturing are fairly good. Textile mills are working well. Canadian Woollen Limited have increased the number of their employees and are approaching almost to capacity. Colonial Weaving Company and Albion Knitting Company are busy, and night shifts have been put on recently to take care of rush orders. Milling is active and the working force of local cereal plants has been increased. The demand for unskilled labor is not as great as is desired.

UNCLE TOM IN REAL LIFE

Boston.—The auction block for men who are without work and seeking it, was resumed on Boston Common. A woman auctioneer, Miss Viola Roche, held the hammer on the men who were stripped to the waist, told of their several abilities to labor, and called for bids.

The crowd, which thronged around the bandstand, contained many women who took an active part in the bidding. Work for a week or more at wages that bidding carried as high as \$25 a week was obtained by several men.

The party of unemployed went to their West End headquarters to the Common through the noon-day crowds in the business district gathering a considerable audience as they went. The first of the men to be put up found jobs among the bidders, two getting two weeks with board, clothing and pay at the rate of \$25 per week from a retail store, and another getting \$25 a month with food, clothing, and lodging for unskilled labor.

One man who took part in the bidding contributed towards feeding the workless men.

The collapse of Edward Dixon, of Philadelphia, apparently from malnutrition, just after his services had been sold to the highest bidder, brought the second day of the auction block to a close after 13 men had been promised work.

Dixon, a war veteran, had prepared an appeal which Urban LeDoux, leader of the unemployed group, read to the thousands of persons gathered around the bandstand. As LeDoux was reading an account of the death of Dixon's father in the war which had left the young man alone, Dixon wept and collapsed. One meal a day and sometimes not that had been his portion, he said. "Physicians said tonight that this experience and excruciating from sleeping on the common made a modern industrial enterprise can hope to achieve success in relations with workers on a principle of a document as completely automatic as the contract by which the Moore Drop Forging Company seeks to enslave its employees. Every man who may be outraged by such a document. The entire concept of **remuneration in industry** is made void by its use. Industry is planned back to a central day of the tyrant and serf forever-workmen are compelled to work and live under the terms of a contract of this character. These contracts are not signed freely by workmen. They are signed only under duress and thus, even at the very outset, they constitute a denial of freedom of action. No worker signs away his rights freely. It is done so only under compulsion. It is a principle that a contract signed under duress or compulsion is void in law and in fact. It is reprehensible to compel workers to recognize their industrial franchise, their right to exercise a voice in co-operation with their fellow workers."

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recharge for any expenditure subsequently considered excessively lavish by the government auditors. A sharp reminder of their predicament was conveyed to the Islington Board of Guardians by the refusal of the ministry of health to sanction an unemployment dole of 7s 6d and sixpence weekly per family of man, wife and six children. This ruling, that the Islington scale is illegal, is bound to materially affect the agitation now spreading in the country owing to the discontent of the workless, with their relief as compared with the Islington terms.

Several of the unemployed marched through the streets of Dundee, smashing windows as they passed through the streets. Many of the demonstrators were driven off by the police. They then attempted to rush the building but the gates were closed just in the nick of time. A scuffle ensued, banners were broken and a red flag was captured by the police. Suddenly the gates opened and a large body of police made a baton charge and dispersed the disturbers who smashed a hundred shop windows in their flight.

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BRITISH UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Agitation for relief measures on a larger scale is troubling the local councils and boards of guardians all over the country. The daily demonstrations of unemployed in various towns are for the most part orderly, but in Liverpool today a crowd of demonstrators, being refused the use of St. George's Hall, attempted to take possession of the Walker Art Gallery. A considerable number gained entrance, but were expelled after a brief encounter with the police. Many were slightly injured in the police baton charges, and more than a hundred were arrested.

The cabinet some time ago appointed a special committee to deal with the problem of unemployment. The members were Sir Robert S. Horne, T. J. MacNamara, Robert Munro, Sir Alfred Mond and Stanley Baldwin. They have been busy inquiring into the whole situation by inquiries through the local bodies and guardians. The committee will hold its first formal meeting in London and it is expected to recommend certain public works, such as road making, with a small government subsidy.

CONTRACT USED TO STRANGLE FREEDOM

Washington.—James O'Connell, president of the metal trades representative of the A. F. of L., has received this form of "individual contract" issue by the Moore Drop Forging Company at its plants in Springfield and Chicopee, Mass.

"I apply to Moore Drop Forging Company for employment as (blank), and if employed agree that such employment will be upon the following terms and conditions: Wages (blank). Hours of labor: to be arranged as employer may deem expedient, not exceeding (blank) hours in any one week (blank). To be optional, for which time and a half will be paid. Factory conditions are accepted as satisfactory and will not be the subject of controversy during my employment, though suggestions for improvement will be welcomed by employer. I understand that employment is upon a strictly non-union basis and I agree that while retained in employment I will not be or become a member of any trade union. That if I recharter apply for membership in any trade union I will at once resign my membership with Moore Drop Forging Company, and will not interfere with the business, customers or employees of said employer."

In the September number of the American Federationist, President Goppers deals a body blow to the "individual wage contract in general, and especially analyzes the Moore contract in particular.

"It is difficult to understand," he writes, "how any employer attempting to operate a modern industrial enterprise can hope to achieve success in relations with workers on a principle of a document as completely automatic as the contract by which the Moore Drop Forging Company seeks to enslave its employees. Every man who may be outraged by such a document. The entire concept of **remuneration in industry** is made void by its use. Industry is planned back to a central day of the tyrant and serf forever-workmen are compelled to work and live under the terms of a contract of this character. These contracts are not signed freely by workmen. They are signed only under duress and thus, even at the very outset, they constitute a denial of freedom of action. No worker signs away his rights freely. It is done so only under compulsion. It is a principle that a contract signed under duress or compulsion is void in law and in fact. It is reprehensible to compel workers to recognize their industrial franchise, their right to exercise a voice in co-operation with their fellow workers."

CO-OPS. GOING BIG

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Southern Pacific Co-operative Association is undertaking a very promising program and one that is destined to be productive of great benefit to the workers of this city. Delegates to the central labor union, representatives of the railroad brotherhoods and affiliated labor bodies recently met in the Labor Temple and laid plans for the establishment of wholesale and retail co-operative stores, a grocery store, a co-operative barber, and other services. The board will lose no time in getting down to work.

WONNIEG MAN TO REPRESENT RAILWAYS

Mr. Isaac Pittblado, K.C., Winnipeg, has been appointed by the Minister of Labor to set for the railway companies in the board of conciliation which is to settle the dispute with regard to wages. Mr. Pittblado will confer with Mr. David Campbell, barrister, also of Winnipeg, the nominee for the employees with a view to agreeing upon a chairman. If the decision is not made within five days, the appointment will be made by the Minister of Labor.

On August 27 the large railway companies concerned in the application for a board of conciliation made by the employees in train and telegraph services, advised the Department of Labor that they were unable to agree upon anyone to represent the employing companies on the board, and proposed that the board should not be proceeded with until further direct negotiations had occurred, for the reason that the employing companies did not anticipate the breaking off of negotiations at

ONE-MAN CAR, 14 HURT

Baltimore.—A trolley misadventure and conducted by a single human got wild on a slight grade and crashed into a regular car. Result, 14 persons severely injured. Women bore the brunt of the bruises. This type of car is called "the safety car," so named probably because it keeps down the overhead of the company in economy of operation. It really doesn't matter much if life is endangered by the use of these cars so long as the company is enabled to save money by doing away with "useless" workers.

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MOTHERED BY SOME CANADIAN EMPLOYERS

Certain employers are pushing campaigns to forbid workers having a voice in fixing the conditions under which they shall work.

These employers assert that they alone have the right of naming the terms of work, the wages and the hours of labor of the persons whom they employ.

These employers seek to hide their real design to break down American standards of living by naming their scheme to do it "the American plan."

In furthering the purposes of this autocratic and falsely-named plan these employers have caused workmen who refused to be bound to be locked out of shops and have enlisted the aid of the courts by suing out writs of injunction against the workers forbidding them from doing acts which they have a lawful right to do.

This so-called "American plan" attacks the principles of American liberty by denying to workers the right of free association. Its plain purpose is to shatter wages and to increase the hours of labor and thus break up the homes of the workers, taking the children from the schools and putting them to work in the factories.

This so-called "American plan" cuts deep when it assaults the home-life of the American worker, which is the guarantee of national security and the fount of social progress.

By whose authority do the organizers of this plan use the name American? Upon whose authority do they claim a place for it on American soil? America, in its very nature is opposed to everything for which this plan is sponsor—low wages and long hours which mean child labor, ignorance, misery, poverty, squalor and hovel-homes.

America has declared to all the world that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce. This means that workers are human with the rights of humans.

America stands for justice and equal rights to all mankind. America, above everything else, stands for human liberty. The so-called "American plan," if put into use, would strangle justice, would destroy equal rights, would smother human liberty.

SEEN FROM BRITISH SPECTACLES

Says a writer in the Labor Monthly: It is not only in Europe that Labour is being driven on to the defensive. The real centre of the capitalists' offensive is America. The concerted attack on Trade Union organization and standards has reached a pitch in the United States of America not yet equalled here.

LUMBER TRUSTS' PROFIT 2,000 PER CENT IN WASH. Seattle, Wash.—The company union of the lumber trust is a fine institution—for the lumber trust. But despite the sly tricks of the company union, and regardless of the efforts of the trust to drive out of the lumber industry every member of the International Union of Timber Workers, the spirit of those workers to stand by the principles of legitimate organized labor is stronger than ever.

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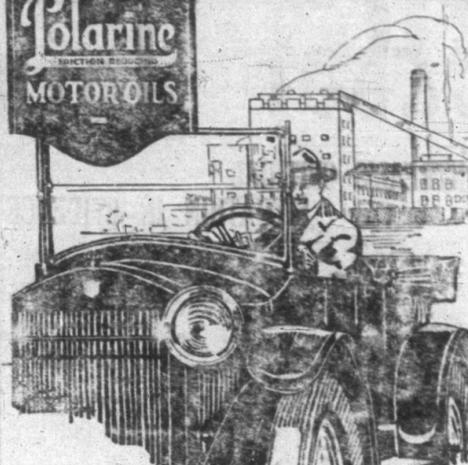


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Same and adequate education of the rising generation and of the public mind of today provides the only sure panacea for Bolshevism and other radical tendencies, Mr. Peter Wright, secretary of the British Seamen's Union, declared in addressing a meeting.

Mr. Wright asserted his conviction that the British Empire, though struggling with the most staggering problems that ever confronted a nation, would emerge from the present crisis as still the greatest factor in the world's civilization and most powerful of the upholders of democracy.

"The majority of people are afraid to say what is on their mind because it is unpopular," declared Mr. Wright. "I am not here to gain favor. I have a mission to fulfil, a message to deliver, and I intend to deliver it."

"It may sound peculiar to hear a workman speak in terms of praise of the British Empire," said Mr. Wright. "I believe, however, that no land under the canopy of the heavens gives the same possibility of freedom of thought and action and the same opportunity to work out our destinies as the British Empire."

"I have been about a great deal, and I am not talking idly. I am keenly interested in the welfare of the Empire, and I am confident about it, even though Uncle Sam seems to think that Britain is down and out. We have been playing with hell with the lid off for the last six years, but we are not down and out. Uncle Sam should remember that no one was ever killed by diversity, but that some have died through prosperity. If I were to give advice right now to Uncle Sam, I would ask him to be careful and on guard, and remind him that wealth killed Rome, Persia and Greece, to cite just a few great nations that were the victims of affluence."

"To the people of the Empire I would say to be courageous and strong-hearted. This is no time for pessimism and dull spirits. There is a great soul in Britain, and it extends right down as far as you can go. There is a resurrection coming when Britain will step forward as the greatest force for civilization that the world has ever seen."

"But in our courage we cannot afford to blind ourselves to the fact that no nation was ever beset with such intense difficulties as are now facing Britain. In 1914 the Empire set out to kill German militarism and keep intact liberty and freedom, the right to work out individual salvation and other ideals for which we have always stood sponsor."

"We have won the war, but there is still a fight to be made. The Bolshevik philosophy is not dead. You may think that you are secure in Victoria; that you have nothing to fear respecting Bolshevism and the other forces of revolution and disintegration. Make no mistake about it, the next few years will decide whether Bolshevism will rule the world. Today the issue is not clear; there has been no decision—no final fight."

"You need not draw the sword to kill Bolshevism. If you would kill it, I would say that your duty is to pay more attention to your civic and national duties. Our future depends on you. In the past you have been too willing to submit your duties to representatives and politicians. Just because you elect a mayor, you must not think he is a Superman, capable of solving the problems of your city without the help and guidance of those who elected him. Don't imagine that after election day he can get in and run the whole bally show to suit you. To make him strong you have got to get behind him and inspire him; make him feel that you are with him and helping him. Otherwise, he will be simply a round peg in a square hole, running around as mayor in name only and serving no utility."

"Remember this: Whatever you are today is due to your mother and home life. The child is the only real asset of the nation and the only asset of the Empire. Many men wear the flag and talk about their wealth, but they neglect the child and everything that is worth while. The whole Empire, we in Great Britain, you in Canada and Australia and the other Dominions, should be ashamed with what has been done for the child. Talk of civilization! We are barbarians. No nation can be civilized unless it properly cares for its child life."

"You hard-headed business men, realize if you can that the child is the citizen of tomorrow, and that within the child is innate, hidden potentiality, lying dormant. What are you doing to draw it out? You herd fifty or sixty children into a classroom and give them as teacher a man or woman who perhaps is incompetent, who cannot control them or teach them anything worth while. Then you wonder that some children take the wrong road when they grow up."

"I have eight children of my own. On Sunday I used to try to look after them at home while my wife went to church. I couldn't begin to do it properly. How can you expect a man or woman to look after fifty or sixty someone else's children during the most important period of their lives? How can you expect the teacher to establish sympathy with them, to understand their individuality and personality, to create an atmosphere in the school suitable for every child? Unless you can do these things you are wasting money in your appropriations for education."

"I am for an Empire of cooperation, a commonwealth based on equality for every child. Some people are able to pay for special facilities for their children, and are able to buy for them all that culture under the most favorable conditions can provide. We can never have a lasting Empire, an Empire based on solid, sensitive foundations, until there is equal opportunity for the child of the slums and the child of the millionaire. Some people will tell you that we have that condition already. I say it is a lie and a damned lie. Equality in education doesn't exist."

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are murdered by ignorance and little more cautious, a little more farsighted, your representatives in parliaments would be the same. They must keep pace with the people who elected them. They cannot afford to be behind them or too far ahead.

"The people of the Empire must realize, too, that man is something more than a mere money-making machine. If you make all the money in the world, you can't take any of the damned stuff along with you when you go. The men who have done the great things for the world, the pilots of civilization, were not men of enormous wealth. They were men who died in poverty, but whose names and works still live.

"I have found out here in British Columbia traces of Bolshevism and anarchism. That is the result of ignorance. There is no good in liberty unless in the schools you inculcate a knowledge of what true liberty is and of its relationship to the welfare of Canada. The books on the soap box preaching class war is sure to get a following so long as he has ignorance for an audience. The men individually and collectively be just a who will listen to and be convinced

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"I know I am a dreamer, but it takes a wise man to be a fool. I may be ahead of my time, but I believe the time is coming when the Empire will stand on one commonwealth where there is true liberty and equality, where the spirit of altruism and love will be pre-eminent, where every man will be afforded the opportunity of attaining the highest in culture; where the aim of man will be to uplift his fellow rather than continue the damnable competitive system. I know the commercial fabric from top to bottom. It is based on barbarism. It can be altered and it will be altered, but not along the lines advocated by Nikolai Lenine. It will be altered by evolution and enlightenment, and not by physical means."

"In Stockholm in 1917 I talked with Lenine. He told me that it was impossible to alter the present system without a struggle, a clash of arms. I differed with him. He was too tied up with the doctrine of Karl Marx to understand the spirit that is dominant in the Anglo-Saxons. I told him that so far as Britain was concerned the revolution which he said was inevitable would never come off. Ramsey Macdonald had much the same view as Lenine. He asked Premier Asquith for a passport to go to a conference with the Bolsheviks. I begged Asquith not to do it, but politicians are funny animals. They always sit on the fence. Macdonald got his passport, but at Aberdeen he was prevented from boarding his ship by a sailor. The sailor's opinion would not let him go. I mention the incident because it is interesting to know that Ramsey Macdonald only six weeks ago damned Lenine in every way he could, and said he had been to Russia and he had found out."

"When I left England I was informed that I would be shot within a month. I don't mind that, but it shows that hidden forces of revolution are still with us. They are fed here by gold and they are not making the noise they once did. They may be quiet, but they are not ignorant. Intellectual leaders are behind them."

"It is your duty to combat them not by force, but by education by the light of knowledge and public opinion. Public opinion can kill any movement like Bolshevism, but I know nothing else that can do it. Public opinion is the result of education. Communism, Bolshevism, anarchism and the Sinn Fein are sinister movements, and they still are strong. It is your duty to confront them. It is your duty to create the atmosphere for a healthy and happy nation. Unless you start with the child and get your foundations there, teach the fundamentals of democracy and citizenship to your growing men and women from infancy, you cannot prevent the growth of radicalism."

"Teach your children what their forefathers did not—eliminate the bumbing that is in the text books of today. President Harding talks of universal peace. I wonder if Harding knows that in the textbooks of American schools there is material that urges children to hate the British. How can we have universal peace when children passing through the most impressionable age are taught that sort of thing? Get at the child before he is fourteen and you can make him anything."

Mr. Wright urged the calling together of an international conference on education for the purpose of standardizing textbooks, largely with a view to break down the prejudices being sown by partisan history books.

"The war killed 20,000,000 men, the flower of their countries," he proceeded. "The war left an army of widows, of cripples, of orphans and war millionaires. No wonder we have great, staggering problems to face. We should try to settle our differences at a round table conference. I never knew a mother who wanted war, nor a father for that matter. A great co-operative world movement to lay the groundwork for lasting peace through education of the rising generation is the only way we can prevent future wars. It is the only foundation on which to rest a superstructure that will realize the Kingdom of God on earth."

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STRIKING BAKERS HELD IN BAIL OF \$840,000

Chicago.—Forty-two members of Bakery and Confectionery Workers' local union No. 2 of this city have been held in \$840,000 bail on charges of conspiracy in carrying on a strike against a reduction of wages. The original bail fixed by the district attorney and grand jury made a total of more than \$7,000,000.
The judge of the court in which the case was docketed, evidently realizing the exorbitant sum demanded as bail to be in violation of the constitution of the United States, reduced the original amount. But the reduction in bail will have little influence in getting the arrested men their liberty. The main purpose served will be that the smaller amount looks better in print and gives it the appearance of "justice tempered with mercy." The bail must be provided in real property without encumbrance. Commenting on the strike out of which the charges of conspiracy have been made, the Bakers' Journal says "that when the full history of the crimes committed during the bakers' strike will be written it will be found that the responsibility will have to be laid at the doors of the Chicago bakers employers' association. The bakers' union disclaims all responsibility." "Confessions" made by employers of the conspiracy charges. These spies, spies in the union are the basis of expelled from the union, are said to be living at first-class hotels at the expense of the taxpayers of Cook County.

"STAMPEDE" STRIKES HARMFUL TO LABOR

Indianapolis.—"Unauthorized or stamped-strikes," says the United Mine Workers' Journal, "cast discredit upon the union and prevent its progress. There are men within the ranks of the union who are even trying to destroy the labor organizations from the inside. These men must be made to conform to the discipline of the trade union movement by carrying out trade agreements." The "stamped" strike is a basis for providing evidence to legislative committees on which to hang compulsory arbitration laws, "can't strike" legislation and other legal methods to enslave labor. The persons usually responsible for them know the purposes of which they are hired, and they are on the job to deliver the goods.

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FOUR-MONTH STRIKE WON

Racine, Wis.—The United Garment Workers of America have scored a

victory in the settlement of the strike at the Alschuler Manufacturing company's plant in this city. The management four months ago declared its intention to run a non-union shop. Four months of that sort of labor seems to have been more than sufficient to convince the management of the fallacy of the "siren call" of the union busters and their press agents.

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Winnipeg.—The Canadian Department of immigration reports that during the year 1920, 23, 218 settlers entered Canada from the United States via ports in western Canada and that 75 per cent of these were from the states. Health certificates at \$7,759,683 and effects valued at \$2,322,745 were brought in with them.

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