

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.

Excitingly in fact 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 place only about five," a little usual in what is literally a desert of unemployment has been furnished in the hope of a 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 activities 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.

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.

CHICAGO BUILDING TRADES DISPUTE

Two construction 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 arbiter in the building trades controversy.

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 considered as "safe" for the "Prohibitionists," have been won by the Labor party on the unemployment and retrenchment issues.

UNEMPLOYMENT DEMONSTRATION IN THE OLD LAND

Unemployment demonstration in the provinces were characterized in several cases by considerable display of temper. The demonstrators generally demanded increased allowances of free coal similar to the London allowances.

Exciting scenes were also witnessed at Liverpool. After an encounter with the police, the workless presented to the council a ten minute ultimatum, threatening that after the expiration of that time they would be responsible for consequences. The lord mayor subsequently emerged and satisfied the leaders with an assurance that a scheme would be proposed to deal with the situation.

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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.

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.

WINNIPEG MAN TO REPRESENT RAILWAYS

Mr. Isaac Pitblado, K.C., Winnipeg, has been appointed by the Minister of Labor to act for the railway companies in the board of conciliation which is to settle the dispute with regard to wages. Mr. Pitblado 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

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. It is expected to recommend certain public works, such as road building, with a small government subsidy.

BRITISH TRADE CONGRESS IN SESSION

The Trade Union Congress of Cardiff dealt with three resolutions fraught with most far-reaching consequences to Labor's future. Firstly came the question of the appointment of a full time chairman to the new general council, which is endowed with wide powers for the co-ordination of Labor action. The motion was withdrawn after a number of speakers urged postponement of action until the new organization shall have definitely settled down.

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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.

This so-called "American plan" attacks the principles of American liberty by denying to workers the right of free association.

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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.

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...

ARE "BIG FIVE" AFTER CONTROL OF ALL FOOD?

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PETER WRIGHT SAYS EDUCATION IS THE NEED

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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"In Stockholm in 1917 I talked with Lenin. 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 Lenin. 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 Lenin 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 breaking 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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