



Le chômage continue et la pénurie officielle aussi

Depuis assez longtemps, chacun conçoit que le chômage, en l'état où il est parvenu, est une calamité économique sans précédent dans les annales de notre jeune nation.

Faut-il qualifier d'impuissance ou de stérilité ceux qui gouvernent notre esquif politique ou peut-on supposer que nos "grands hommes", curassés d'une épaisse couche d'indifférence ou de malignité, se contentent dans un jemenfichisme aussi opiniâtre que consensuel, prémédité? Il est assez difficile, dans les circonstances présentes, de dire exactement ce qui conviendrait sur l'inactivité pour le moins coupable de nos docteurs en politique.

Il faudrait, à notre avis, chercher les premiers coupables parmi la banque, la haute finance industrielle et commerciale, ainsi que parmi le groupe de politiciens qui sont plus ou moins directement portés à protéger les "intérêts" des chevaliers servants de notre ploutocratie.

Les banques regorgent d'argent. Les détenteurs de cet argent, soucieux de mettre à couvert leurs immenses trésors, dont l'origine est généralement douteuse, l'y laissent en attendant ce qu'ils appellent, par une ironie étrangement cruelle, "de meilleurs jours".

Que font les autorités compétentes, pendant ce temps, pour conjurer cette crise atroce du chômage, c'est-à-dire pour forcer les banques à remettre en circulation cet argent odieusement immobilisé par la compléxité criminelle de nos maîtres? Rien, absolument rien.

Et voilà dans quel cercle vicieux nous tournons: ceux qui pourraient, de par leur situation sociale, améliorer le sort de ceux qui souffrent, c'est-à-dire du plus grand nombre, sont ceux qui, précisément, ont "intérêt" à ne rien changer du tout à l'ordre actuel des choses.

Et voilà où nous en sommes. N'est-il pas pour le moins malheureux de voir cette duplicité de sentiments inspirer tous ceux qui, forts d'une supériorité pourtant fictive — parce qu'elle est surtout faite de la confiance qu'on lui témoigne et de l'importance qu'on lui prête — ne trouvent rien de mieux que des discours ampoules pour apaiser le mécontentement de notre population.

Si cette crise de chômage est le résultat d'un complot de capitalistes contre l'élément laborieux, qu'on le dénonce et que les coupables soient cloués au pilori de l'opinion publique. Dans le cas contraire, qu'on en cherche les causes, qu'on étudie les moyens d'y remédier, mais, de grâce, qu'on fasse quelque chose.

Il serait imprudent d'attendre que notre Champ-de-Mars soit un de ces jours envahi par une multitude clamant: "Du travail ou du pain!" Il vaut mieux, beaucoup mieux que nous n'attendions pas ce cri-là, car il est généralement le précurseur d'événements graves et de nature à troubler profondément les esprits, pour ne pas dire plus.

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DE PARTOUT UN PEU

Le parti ouvrier italien, à une assemblée tenue à Rome, a décidé unanimement que lors d'une grève générale, le personnel des hôpitaux et celui de l'industrie de la papeterie, les boulangers, doivent rester au travail.

Le ministre des chemins de fer belge vient de faire un rajustement des salaires du personnel des chemins de fer, postes et télégraphes sous sa juridiction. L'augmentation varie de 100 à 500 francs par année.

Les représentants du Parti Ouvrier de onze différents pays réunis à Copenhague, pour fêter l'anniversaire de la formation du Parti démocratique danois, ont adopté une résolution recommandant l'affiliation à la deuxième Internationale, tel que recommandé dans une résolution adoptée par le congrès de Brighton par le Parti Ouvrier anglais.

Le 8 août dernier, a été ouvert, à Lucerne, Suisse, le congrès international des travailleurs en fer, pour étudier des nouveaux statuts à adopter. La Fédération des métallurgistes compte 3,347,188 membres.

Les ouvriers mineurs de la Moravie, en Bohême, en grève depuis quelque temps, viennent d'avertir les propriétaires de mines que leur syndicat est prêt à signer une convention collective et à reprendre le travail.

Les marins belges, licenciés dans les ports anglais, se plaignent du peu de liberté qui leur est accordée dans ces ports. Les autorités les expédient immédiatement dans leurs ports d'origine, tandis que les marins anglais licenciés dans les ports belges ont toute liberté d'évoluer dans le port et de trouver un engagement sur un autre navire.

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aiderait beaucoup à faire comprendre aux propriétaires de magasins que le jour de la Fête du Travail devrait être regardé comme le vrai jour de fête des ouvriers.

—Nos grands journaux ayant annoncé que bientôt il y aurait un changement dans le ministère de la province de Québec, et principalement au Conseil Législatif, serait-il imprudent d'attirer l'attention des autorités sur le fait que ce corps ne comprend aucun ouvrier? Cependant, il ne serait pas difficile de trouver dans les rangs du travail organisé un ou deux conseillers législatifs qui pourraient représenter avec dignité la classe ouvrière qui compose une grande majorité de la population de la province.

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club augmente et à la prochaine assemblée, qui aura lieu le 25 août prochain, on étudiera l'opportunité de participer aux prochaines élections municipales.

—Le maire Martin déclare qu'il y a du travail pour tous ceux qui veulent travailler. Donc, suivant le maire, ceux qui parcourent la ville en tous sens sont les paresseux. Aux ouvriers de se souvenir de la déclaration du maire à la première occasion.

—A la dernière assemblée du local 116 de l'Union des Peintres-Ouvriers, le camarade J. A. Belland, délégué du local à la convention de l'Union Internationale, tenue à Saint-Paul, Minn., a fait rapport de cette convention. Des discussions importantes intéressant le local ont eu lieu et d'importantes résolutions ont été adoptées.

—Samedi, le 27 août prochain, à 8 p.m., il y aura une belle fête organisée par le Conseil de District de l'Union Internationale des Cordonniers, dans sa salle, au No 1215 rue Sainte-Catherine Est.

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SHIPOWNERS DEFEAT THEMSELVES

It is reported that the majority of the unions on the Pacific Coast have gone back to work having won few if any of their demands from the shipowners. This appears to be a victory for the employers, but it is likely to prove an empty victory.

Senator LaFollette, speaking in the United States Senate on the question said recently:

"I start this discussion with the proposition, which will not be controverted by anyone at all familiar with the subject, that we can never have an American merchant marine unless we can attract to the marine service and retain in it genuine American seamen and officers to man and operate the ships. I am not going to take the time to elaborate that proposition. Not only does the history of every maritime power in the world prove its truth, but the manifest purpose of every country in the world to-day except the United States, with any maritime pretensions, to man its merchant ships with its own citizens shows how universally the truth of the proposition I have just stated is recognized by the maritime nations of the world.

"For a hundred years we have had the money; we have had the business; we could easily have had the ships. The reason we did not have a merchant marine was because we had not attracted American seamen to the service."

The seaman's life is a hard one. The United States is not an island but a continental country. Its sons are not forced to take to the sea to make a living. The recent victory of the owners therefore is likely to injure the owners themselves by driving the seaborne commerce of the United States to British, Japanese and the recently instituted Chinese shipping lines.

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Sea power, says Furuseth, both in trade and in navy strength depends on having native seamen to man the ships. The Dutch lost their sea power to the English not because of lack of ships but because harsh treatment drove Dutch citizens from sea-faring employments. The old Hansa league lost its power in the same way. Spain, once a sea power, was unable to man her ships which fought the English at Trafalgar. After the French revolution the French fleet was equal in size to the English but French people had long before forsaken the sea and men trained hastily in harbors could not do the work needed. America had more than its share of the ocean-carrying trade up to the late '50s, but the retention of all the harsh laws providing practical slavery at sea drove American boys out of that calling.

The result of the strike is having another effect. It is causing the rank and file to turn to industrial unionism as against craft unionism. The men are demanding more radical action and are replacing the old leaders with new men of different ideas. At a mass meeting of 1,200 seamen in San Fran-

cisco, on July 11th, resolutions were passed declaring that the old policies of the union had benefited the shipowners and injured the workers and an immediate attempt should be made, through a committee, to form an alliance with the longshoremen and all other transport workers.

The first indication of the present development in one of the most conservative labor organizations in the country was the defeat of Paul Scharrenberg by J. Vance Thompson, some months ago, as editor of the Seamen's Journal, organ of the International Seamen's Union of America. Scharrenberg is secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, a member of several state commissions, and a veteran in the active work of the union. His defeat was a surprise to labor and political leaders on the entire Pacific Coast.

Next came the defeat of T. N. Hylen, for over 20 years secretary of the Alaska Fishermen's union, which is another constituent body in the International Seamen's union.

Union tactics are ever changing, and are bound to change with the increased attacks upon labor by the various sections of the employing class. Had fair conditions been granted to the sea workers, the old methods of conferences and agreements with the employers would have been continued. But when the employers declare for low wages, harsh conditions and no unions, the workers must alter their tactics to suit the conditions that face them in industry.

The New South Wales Labor Government is drawing up a scheme of national insurance against droughts in that country. This will take the form of water conservation, fodder conservation, the use of the state railways in carrying fodder to starving stock, and advances to necessitous farmers to tide them over difficult times.

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WISCONSIN LABOR TAKES ADVANCED STAND

Manitowoc, Wis.—(By the Federated Press.)—A demand that congress and the president recognize soviet Russia and resume full trade relations with that country featured the third day's session of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor convention here.

A resolution adopted unanimously declared "cruel and inhuman" the blockade against Russia, commended the accomplishments in the spread of free education and just distribution of human toil and called attention to the action of the soviet government in recognizing the American labor movement by attempting to purchase only union made goods.

The general trend of the federation's policies towards Socialism, as expressed in its preamble, was strengthened by the adoption of a resolution pledging the membership to do all in its power to change the present competitive system and establish a co-operative commonwealth.

An attempt to weaken the Socialist stand of the federation was unanimously defeated. The convention turned down a resolution asking for the elimination from the preamble and platform a demand for the collective ownership by the people of all means of production and distribution. This resolution also sought to substitute the non-partisan political policy of the A. F. of L. in place of the present one, which urges the membership of all affiliated bodies to actively support with their ballots and otherwise the political party whose platform is nearest to the demands of the federation.

An interesting feature of the opening session of the convention was the absence of representatives of organized capital to welcome the delegates, and in the place of men of this type who so often feature in labor conventions, were working class city officials. Mayor Martin Georgensen, elected on the Socialist ticket, was present in his every day costume of blue shirt and made a powerful speech. His appeal that the workers organize with their kind throughout the world to prevent future wars brought forth cheers.

AUSTRALIAN LABOR URGE NEW SYSTEM OF WAGES

Melbourne, Australia.—(Federated Press.)—The Union leaders in Australia are demanding a new principle in the fixation of wages. It is held that under the present system the only just method of fixing wages is by the payment of a minimum rate to all adult workers based on the standard of the requirements of a family of five—husband, wife and three children under the age of 18 years—plus margin for skill and responsibility.

It is urged that a sound and necessary principle is that wages should be fixed on a child endowment basis, according to a reasonable standard of comfort for a man and wife, such rate to be for all adult workers plus margin for skill and responsibility, and that for each child under the age of 18 an endowment should be made sufficient to amply cover the maintenance and education of each child. This endowment, it is proposed, should be raised by a tax upon employers in respect to each employe, and paid to the mothers—leaving the basic wage paid to all workers the same, whether married or single.

Union leaders are agreed that no satisfaction has been achieved to the workers in their endeavors to increase wages to keep pace with the decreased purchasing power of the sovereign, nor have attempts to decrease prices to increase the purchasing power of wages met with satisfactory results. Some other method of stabilization is urged—preferably by the standardizing of the sovereign. It is urged that increases or decreases in the cost of living should be prevented by increasing or decreasing, as prices fluctuate, the weight of the sovereign.

It is suggested that the Australian government should appoint a commission to inquire into the practicability of stabilizing the sovereign to bring about the desired effect.

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TAILORS' UNION AMALGAMATED WITH CLOTHING WORKERS

Chicago.—(Federated Press.)—The Journeymen Tailors of America, at the closing session of their annual convention here Saturday, voted to amalgamate with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Resolutions to that end, which were presented by Delegate Albert Brilliant, were adopted by a large majority of the hundred delegates present.

The resolutions instruct the general secretary and the executive board to take up with officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers immediately the proposal that the Journeymen Tailors amalgamate with them on a departmental basis. In other words, the Journeymen Tailors would become a department within the Amalgamated.

Another resolution which was adopted at the final session and which is of vital significance to the movement in general, provides for a committee which shall get in touch with the needle trades throughout the country, with a view to one organization, also to be on the departmental plan.

The committee which will have charge of the matter is composed of Albert Brilliant, chairman, Max Sallinsky, C. M. Bolander, E. Jacobs and Thomas Sweeney. Messrs Brilliant, Bolander and Jacobs are general organizers, while Mr. Sweeney is the general secretary of the organization.

The convention elected Messrs Sweeney and Sallinsky and Arthur Keep delegates to the next convention of the American Federation of Labor, while John Hussey was chosen fraternal delegate to the Canadian Federation of Labor.

IMPERIAL NOTES

Robert Stewart, national organizer for the Communist party in Great Britain, serving a three months imprisonment under the emergency powers act for a "seditious" speech, will contest the parliamentary vacancy at Caerphilly created by the death of the Labor member, Onions. Stewart is at present in jail about nine miles from the center of the constituency.

British agriculture has been decontrolled. There is no great outcry among the farmers, for very obvious reasons. In the first place a compromise is effected in their interests, and they are going to get some \$15,000,000, with decontrol is abolished the machinery for regulating the wages of the land workers. The farmers, therefore, besides their getting rid of the irksome conditions of the late Agricultural Act, are freed from the restrictions on the movement of wages. By this they know that they will gain more than they will lose by the Government's repudiation of their guarantees.

The annual meeting of the British Trades Union Congress will be held in Cardiff, Wales, commencing September 5. Resolutions presented refer to the functioning of the triple alliance of miners, railway men and dockers; the repeal of the emergency powers act; a war measure which unions claim is being used against strikers; and a plan for the congress to take over all trade union colleges. It is also proposed that the congress, through all trade union channels, shall immediately link up with all co-operative societies for the purpose of feeding workers during strike periods. This resolution will have many friends, especially among the miners, because of their favorable experience with the co-ops during their recent strike.

Over 1,000 tenants on the Well Hall estate—a southeastern suburb of London—are refusing to pay the increase of rent recently sanctioned by law. The rent strikers include a labor member of parliament. The "Daily Herald" gives an account of the present state of affairs: "When two collectors issued from their office with money bags and lists one morning they were met by women pickets, who followed them round the houses, noting anyone who attempted to break the agreement to refrain from paying. 'What are you going to pay,' asked the collectors. 'The old rent,' came the invariable reply."

In some cases, holders of wools and hides in Australia are burning them rather than send them to market because of low prices. This is being carried out to try and keep up prices. Up till a year ago the workers were asked to speed up and increase production. They have done so. But instead of the low prices promised by the employers, they now find the latter resorting to sabotage to prevent a return to the low prices of previous days.

It is hinted that the attack of Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners' Federation, against extremists is the forerunner for the resignation of that official. Throughout the recent strike, which ended so disastrously to the miners, Hodges was subjected to much criticism from within the miners' ranks. During the strike he offered to resign, but it was not accepted. It is stated that Hodges will quit rather than be in continual turmoil over impossible proposals. Moreover, by the death of Mr. Alfred Onions, Labor M.P., a vacancy arises in the Caerphilly Division. Mr. Onions was a miners' representative, and a report has appeared to the effect that probably Mr. Hodges would be the candidate for the Labor party. But as long as Mr. Hodges holds the secretaryship of the Federation, he is precluded from entering Parliament. At the time of his appointment the Federation laid it down that neither the president nor the secretary should enter Parliament, but should devote their whole time to their Federation duties.

MINNESOTA LABOR RESOLUTIONS

Brainerd, Minn.—(A. P. Chew of the Federated Press.)—Resolutions asking the President Harding to invite soviet Russia to participate in the forthcoming disarmament conference and declaring the object of labor organization is the elimination of the profit system, were rejected by the Minnesota Federation of Labor at the closing sessions of its convention here. A resolution declaring for Irish freedom was carried unanimously, as also were pronouncements condemning alleged efforts started in Washington to emasculate the department of agriculture, directing officials of the federation to call conferences of workers and farmers to organize commissaries for unemployment relief, and urging congress to ban immigration for two years without, however, refusing asylum to political refugees.

The stand taken by the convention on industrial unionism was in advance of any former declaration on that subject by the state federation and was said to reflect a growing conviction that greater solidarity of unions is required to resist employers' attacks. J. F. Emme of St. Paul, who sponsored the resolution, which was carried unanimously, asserted the growing specialization of industry and subdivision of labor are creating a multitude of crafts within each industry that cannot be organized except on an industrial basis.

Emme pointed out that the resolution, which calls for an investigation of industrial unionism with a view to facilitating the transition from the craft of the industrial form of organization, does not contemplate the speedy destruction of existing labor organizations. It is not intended, he maintained, with the utopianism which in former years brought about the rejection of "I.W.W." and "One Big Union" notions, but accurately reflects a transition stage in economic development which labor will have to go through.

A resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority providing for creation of statewide councils in the building, metal, provision and transportation trades.

By a vote of 201 to 120 the convention rejected a resolution to send greetings to the trade union international now meeting in Moscow and calling for affiliation of the American Federation of Labor with that body.

NOW IT IS SETTLED

A United News despatch from Paris says: "The question of who won the war has been decided finally, according to the newspaper 'Eclair'."

Printing what purported to be an interview with former Premier Clemenceau, the paper quotes him as saying: "America does not understand by what terrific efforts I won the war."

"I had to fight three battles, the first against the Boches, the second against the divided allies, and the third against the French chamber, which had lost hope."

"But I won."

—Aldermen of London, Ont., are endeavoring to have a juvenile court established in that city.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP CONFERENCE

The third biennial conference of the Public Ownership League and cooperating organizations, representing many millions of members, will be held in Chicago, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 19, 20 and 21st. This was definitely decided by the Executive Committee of the League at its meeting in Chicago last week and the Secretary and his staff was instructed to proceed with the arrangements.

A formal call and invitation is being prepared and all progressive bodies of labor and farmers' organizations, civic and religious bodies, women's clubs as well as the managers of successful public plants and institutions, utility experts and specialists in utility problems will be asked to join in the call and take part in the conference.

Public ownership of Railroads

The railroad problem is to be taken up again and prominent members of Congress will be asked to discuss the "Repeal of the Esch Cummins Law as the first step towards the Public Ownership and Democratic Control of the Railroads." Warren S. Stone of the Engineers, Timothy Shea of the Firemen, Glenn E. Plumb and Edward S. Keating of the Plumb Plan League, and others will be asked to discuss the subject. The larger part of one whole day will be devoted to this problem.

Nationalization of Mines

One day of the conference this year is to be designated as Miners' Day. At that time the program of the miners for the nationalization of the mines will be taken up. John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America; John Brophy, president of District No. 2, of the United Mine Workers of America; Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas District, and others will be invited to present the miners' program. It is even possible that Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, who is leading the thought and action of English miners in this respect, and has recently published a most excellent book on the subject, may be secured for an address.

Hydro-Electric Development

The greatest hydro-electric plant in the world is now publicly owned—the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. A representative of that plant addressed the convention in 1919 and this time an effort will be made to get Sir Adam Beck himself, who is the moving spirit in that great enterprise. Invitations have also been sent to Christiania, Norway, where the state has a wonderful hydro-electric development under way; also to the League of Municipalities of California, which has recently started a movement for hydro-electric development in that state.

People's Banks and Banking

A unique feature of the conference this time will be a discussion of public banks, banking, credit and capital. An invitation will be extended to Louis D. Brandeis, now of the United States Supreme Court, to address the conference on "Other People's Money and How the Bankers Use it," which is the title of one of his books.

Mr. F. W. Cathro, Director General of the now famous Bank of North Dakota, the only state-owned bank in America, will present the story of that institution, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be asked to send a speaker to tell the story of their co-operative bank.

Telegraph and Telephone

E. J. Manion and others, of the Railroad and Commercial Telegraphers, will

be asked to present the case for the public ownership of the wire systems; George A. Watson, of the Canadian Government Wire Systems, will be asked to present the story of their achievement, and David J. Lewis, the argument for the Postalization of the systems in the United States.

The Church and Public Ownership

Another new feature of the conference will be a presentation of the awakening among religious people to the importance of these great social problems. The heroic stand of the Commission of Inquiry of the Interchurch World Movement on the Steel Strike and similar incidents indicate that there is an element in the church today that is to be reckoned with in the struggle for social and industrial justice. Rev. Samuel D. Batten, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Social Service Commission of the Baptist World Alliance and Editor of the Social Service Series, has already agreed to address the convention. The Rev. Francis J. McConnell, Chairman of the famous committee of the Interchurch Movement on the Steel Strike and others, will also be invited.

The Farmers' Program

The program of the farmers of the Northwest will be presented by United States Senator E. F. Ladd, Governor Lynn J. Frazier and William Lemke, Attorney General of North Dakota. Equally prominent members of the Farmers' Union, the American Society of Equity, the Grange and other farm movements will be invited.

People's Reconstruction League and Legislative Service Bureau

Recent organizations formed for constructive work in connection with efforts to secure better legislation in Congress, will be asked to send representatives to acquaint the conference with their plans and program.

Housing

State action in connection with the housing problem will be taken up by representatives of the North Dakota State Home Building Association, the Milwaukee Municipal Housing plan and the Canadian National Housing plan. Efforts will be made to secure George W. Adams, the Canadian expert on this subject.

Municipal Ownership

Municipal Ownership in all its various phases, the recent progress and reports of successful enterprises, will be presented by authorities in each line. M. M. O'Shaughnessy will be asked to present the story of the success of the San Francisco Municipal Street Car Lines; R. B. Howell, the Omaha Municipal Water Works; Willis J. Spaulding, the Electric Light and Power Plants, Edward Bemis, Municipal Gas Plants, etc.

Special Railway Rates

It is quite likely that special railroad rates of one and one half fare can be secured for this conference for the first time. So that a big and successful gathering is assured. All sessions of the conference will be open and a general invitation is extended to the public.

—Mr. Ghandi, the Indian reformer whose policy of non-cooperation has recently won from Lord Reading, the new Viceroy a promise of radical reforms, first sprang into prominence as a lawyer defending the rights of the Hindoo laborers in Natal. Imported there as coolies under contract, they were, as elsewhere, treated very much as slaves, and excluded from civil rights.

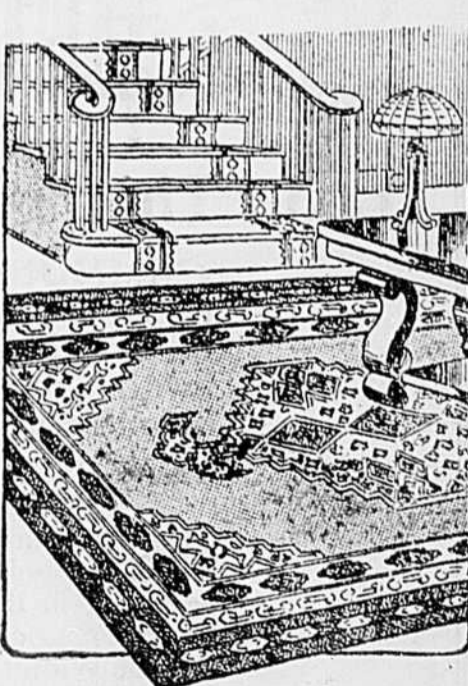
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CANADIAN NOTES

—A canvass of Winnipeg apartment blocks reveals the fact that only in the very cheapest, are children allowed by the landlords. In a great many more cases, one child is the limit for tenants. Citizens with two or more youngsters as a result are finding it a serious problem to find winter quarters, in spite of their willingness to pay exorbitant rental demands made.

—Neither of the old political parties will get very much encouragement from the recent elections held in the various provinces. In all the Legislatures, comprising 531 seats, there are only 70 Conservatives. The Liberals fare better with 280, largely as a result of 74 in Quebec and 45 in Saskatchewan. The Farmers have 109 seats and are coming strong. Labor has 34, while there are 38 Independents. The next election will probably see heavy inroads on the number of Liberals in Parliament.

—Practically all the old officers of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council were re-elected at the regular meeting held in the Labor Hall recently. Fred Welsh was returned as president; C. E. Herriot, vice-president; P. R. Bengough, secretary; Birt Showler, secretary-treasurer; J. Poole, sergeant-at-arms.

—Reimbursement of all teachers who lost part of their income by participation in authorized strikes during the last few months will be undertaken by means of an assessment of one dollar on each member. It was unanimously resolved at the Canadian Teachers' Federation held recently in Toronto.

—The vote in New Brunswick on the importation of liquor, so long expected, will take place on the tenth of October next.

—The Canadian Exporter, which left Vancouver with a non-union crew, landed on the sands of Wallapa Bar and is a complete wreck. She carried two million feet of lumber and 250 tons of general merchandise, all of which is reported lost. She was the first of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine ships to leave that port with a non-union crew. The officials tried various means to get a crew together, but the pickets and union officials were always on the job, with the result that the ship was finally forced to sail with unqualified seaman and firemen.

—At Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, in the building trades, and at Edmonton also in the printing trade, committees of employees and employers have been appointed and are now drafting constitutions for their respective localities. Each constitution when drafted is to be submitted to each union and each employers' association in the jurisdiction to be amended and finally ratified.

—An audit of the cost of construction of ships at the Dominion Shipbuilding yards is being asked for by the Toronto Trades and Labor Council, and the matter will be sent on to the Trades Congress Convention. This is being done to show that the construction of these ships by non-union labor was an expensive rather than an economical one. One delegate declared that workers brought in to do this work had engaged in burglary and other nefarious pursuits in addition to that of seafaring on the job.

—The Vancouver seamen's union has asked for a conciliation board to settle the trouble in connection with the Canadian Government merchant marine. It is expected that the Department of Labor will grant the men's request.

—Returned soldiers will eventually replace all married women who occupy positions in the Manitoba Government Telephone Department that as readily could be filled by men. John E. Lowery, commissioner, has announced. "So far this year six married women have left the department and in every case their positions

have been filled by former soldiers. It is not the intention of the department to discharge married women now employed. Changes will be made when the women decide to leave and no more married women will be accepted for telephone positions," the Commissioner said.

—To ward off serious unemployment throughout British Columbia next winter Attorney-General J. W. de Parris has sent out a call to fifty leading employers of labor, financial men, Mayors and Reeves to meet the Government in conference in Vancouver.

AMERICAN NOTES

—One out of every four men in the American army and navy are illiterate. In the "barbarous" German army, only one in 5,000 was illiterate.

—Release of Eugene V. Debs and all other political prisoners is to be demanded through the churches of the United States, if a movement initiated by the Rev. Geo. S. Lackland of Grace Community church, of Denver, succeeds. Dr. Lackland is one of the best known liberal Methodist preachers in the west. He was given a spontaneous rising vote of thanks at the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor for an address in defense of the rights of the wage workers as against the anti-union employers.

—Warning to moving picture censors throughout the country to look out for "radical" captions in films shown to the public has been issued by the industrial relations committee of the Philadelphia chamber of commerce. These anti-union propagandists discover that a small but increasing percentage of the films dealing with industrial life contain statements which might possibly cause workingmen to think. That must be stopped.

—A labor union bank is being organized under the direction of the Kansas Federation of Labor, according to an announcement made by W. E. Freeman, federation president. Capitalization is to be for not less than \$100,000. The first issue of the state labor weekly is expected from the presses soon.

—Senator Borah recently got up in the Senate and told his colleagues, in his best style, that the swiftest method for forcing disarmament upon Europe, pending whatever results there might be achieved by the disarmament conference in Washington next winter, would be for the United States to insist that the nations promptly meet their debts, with interest, to America and keep down their vast expenditures for armament.

—Low prices and no market compelled the cotton and rice farmers to sabotage this year's crop. The United States department of agriculture says that a 15 per cent reduction in cotton acreage is rare, but this year the cotton acreage in the 10 leading cotton states was cut 10, 194,000 acres, or 28 per cent. The rice acreage was cut 450,000 acres, or 39 per cent. While these farmers are forced to slow down production, they can not dispose of last year's holdings, with people everywhere in sore need of cotton and rice, and farmers in need of other necessities.

—"Permit me to impress upon you the necessity for greater activity against the convict contract labor system," says President Gompers, in a letter to the executives of national and international unions on a resolution passed by the last American Federation of Labor convention which approves the national and state fights against the vicious prison contract system.

—The Pennsylvania state supreme court has ruled that the public service commission has no right to inquire into the reasonableness of annual rents, approximately \$10,000,000, which the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company pays to underlying companies. The commission insisted that it has the right to know what the company does with its money but the court held that what a public utility does with the money it receives by way of "reasonable return for the service it furnishes" is no concern of the public service commission or the public.

—The International Association of Oil Field, Pipe Line and Refinery Workers threaten a strike on September 1 if the

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oil operators refuse to meet with their representatives and the federal mediators this year. The district council of the oil workers, meeting in San Francisco, has telegraphed the president and the secretaries of labor, the navy and commerce, asking their offices in persuading the oil operators to attend the meeting, according to the so-called "California plan", instituted by the federal authorities during the Wilson administration. Federal Mediators Marsh and O'Connell went to San Francisco from Washington for the meeting and the oil workers sent their representatives, but the operators suddenly refused to participate and instead ordered a wage cut of \$1 a day in the oil fields. A strike would involve 20,000 men.

—Just how much the big industrial and financial interests fear labor's political power is indicated by an address delivered before the New York Rotary Club by Sir George Croyden Marks, member of the British parliament from Northeast Cornwall. "Let me say to you," said Sir George, "never permit the trade unions in America to become a political party (cheers). Stop that at any cost (more cheers). The trend in America is the trend from which we have suffered in England. Take warning from what we have undergone."

—President Harding has investigated the kidnapping and deportation from Arkansas of three international officers of railroad brotherhoods who were in charge of a strike on the Missouri & North Arkansas railroad. The strike was called to enforce a railroad labor board award against the federal receiver who was also manager of the road. Harding, after talking with the victims in Washington, simply sent an inquiry to the receiver, who organized the mob which committed the crime. Getting the expected denial, he smilingly remarked to a friend that he had gotten the facts direct from headquarters and that the railroad boys were just mistaken!

RUSSIAN NOTES

By official decree in Moscow, 20 national industrial enterprises employing a hundred thousand workers went on a collective remuneration system on August 1. The basic feature of this system consists in the state paying wages in money and kind to the factory collective in accordance with its general efficiency. This remuneration is distributed by the factory committee to the workers and employees on the average of individual earnings with special awards for individual efficiency.

—The people's commissariat of communications has placed at the disposal of the commissariat of health special sanitary trains for removing children and aged from the famine districts. The people's commissariat of food has been entrusted with the great task of delivering 180,000,000 pounds of seed within the next 25 days. All the state theaters will donate the entire month to benefit performances for famine relief. Relief campaigners will address the audiences during the performances. Stock companies will travel through the countryside in the prosperous regions. The following poster is a specimen of the methods by which the Russian dramatic artists are appealing for famine relief — "Brotherhood peasants, pause and read! The artists give you spiritual enjoyment and you pay for it with bread for your hungry brothers. Admission prices, first row, three pounds of grain seeds or four pounds peas or fifteen pounds potatoes. Second row, etc."

—A \$25,000,000 relief fund for famine sufferers in Russia is proposed by the labor organizations of New York City, including the Central Trades and Labor Council, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the United Hebrew Trades and the Cloth Hat and Cap Makers' union. Ways and means to start such a fund were discussed at an open meeting addressed by representatives of these organizations at which it was decided to undertake meetings and other ways and means to raise the fund.

—The state banks announce that, according to the recent government decree, they are now receiving savings and current interest-bearing deposits subject to unrestricted withdrawal on demand.

—The first agricultural propaganda train, after a most fruitful educational campaign of lectures throughout the famine provinces, visited the collective farms and reports the comparative prosperity of collective scientific farming even in the regions where the individualistic farmers are suffering from famine. The famine stricken peasants are eager to adopt modern methods and the experts on the agricultural train were overwhelmed with requests for return visits with instruction in scientific cultivation and artificial irrigation.

—Norway and Denmark will soon sign trade treaties with Soviet Russia, it is confidently expected in Stockholm. The big business press is at this moment demanding recognition of the Russian government along the lines of the Russo-German treaty of two months ago. If recognition is not accorded contracts now placed here for 250,000,000 kronen (about \$53,000,000) worth of goods will be diverted to German and British manufacturers, says Russia. Just to dramatize this threat Russia has in fact for two months been diverting contracts,

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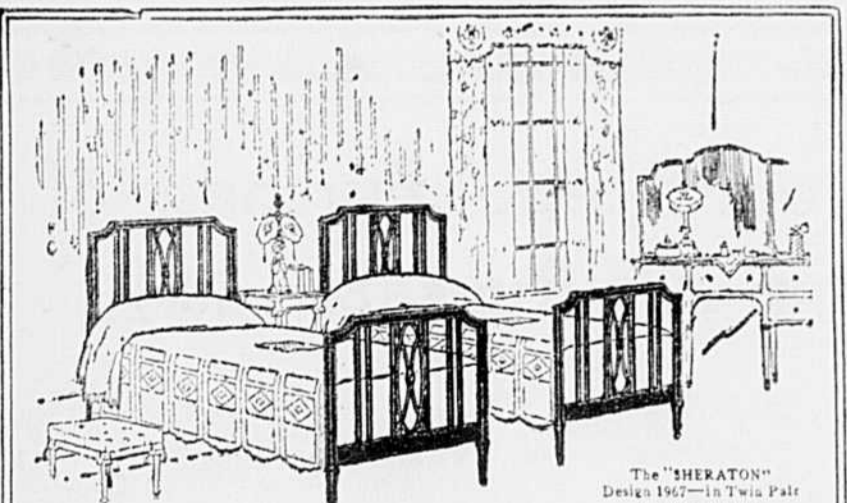
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—The Central States Co-operative Wholesale Society of East St. Louis, Ill., has established an educational department and plans to open a school for the training of managers of co-

—The Petrograd Trades Council, acting upon an appeal from the executive committee, has urged the workers to accelerate production for the famine provinces and to organize collections, etc. The council has also decided to appeal to the workers of the world for assistance for the Volga peasants.

—The Russian labor movement consists of 23 industrial unions, as follows: Medical and sanitary workers; transport workers (railroad men, sailors, longshoremen, etc.); miners; carpenters and joiners; agricultural and forest workers; theatrical employees; provisioning and housing workers; leather workers; metal workers; municipal employees; teachers; communication workers (telephone, post, telegraph); printers; paper makers; food workers; building trades; sugar workers; employees of cooperatives; tobacco workers; textile workers; chemical workers; clothing trades, and employees in taxation, finance and central departments.

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