

LABOR IN INDIA NOW WAKING UP

Trade Unions Are Being Formed and the Labor Leader Has Appeared.

WESTERN IDEAS ARE ADOPTED

Employees Seek Shorter Hours and Better Conditions of Work as Well as Higher Wages—Efforts to Avoid Spurious Antagonism Between Employer and Employee.

Indian labor, like that in most other countries, has been very restless and unsettled since the war. To a large extent this has been due to the purely economic cause of the great increase in the price of living; foodstuffs, clothing, rents, have all gone up, and the old wages are no longer sufficient to live upon, according to a letter from Calcutta in the Christian Science Monitor. The demand for higher wages does not seem to have been inspired by any feeling that the workers should share in the prosperity of the industry, but at the same time there are unmistakable signs that labor in the East is developing along the lines which have already been followed in the West. The war has spread western thought to eastern lands, and the exchange of ideas occasioned by the movement of so many people seems to have had its effect on India.

The chief signs of awakening consciousness with regard to Indian labor are the advent of the labor leader, the formation of trade unions, and the growth of feeling that labor requires more than a mere increase in pay. This progress has been extremely rapid. Not many years ago the restriction of working hours in India was opposed on the genuine grounds that the workers preferred long hours, because then they could do the work in their own leisurely way; and when shorter hours were imposed by law there were several cases in which the workers revolted against the change. Now the demands are becoming more concerned with shorter hours, conditions of service and leave benefits.

The recent petition of the employees of the government printing presses is typical of the new expectations which the labor classes in India are beginning to feel. The employees ask that overtime work should be reduced as far as possible, that piece workers should be granted leave according to the civil service rules, that 20 years should qualify for a pension, and that fines for absence or bad work should be abolished. It seems, too, as if the wish of abolishing piece work and substituting a fixed wage was showing itself, but in any case the demands are a most significant innovation in India.

Trade unions have tended to create so much strife and antagonism in Europe that it is doubtful if they would be any real boon to India, where there would be the added danger of racial feeling being imported into labor disputes. For this reason opinion, in government circles and among employers, is more in favor of the formation of committees representing both workers and employers, and if these can be successfully worked they may, to a large extent, avoid that spurious antagonism between employer and employee which trade unions in the West sometimes foster.

Decrease in Payroll Shown.
Ten out of a total of fourteen representative industries showed a decrease in the number of employees on the payroll in August as compared with July, the department of labor's bureau of labor statistics reported in an industrial survey. Figures on which the comparison was made were obtained from identical establishments. The number of employees in the automobile manufacturing industry decreased ten per cent in August as compared with July. Other large decreases were six per cent in the wool-

en industry and five per cent in the leather, hosiery and underwear industries. Increases of 8.5 per cent and 1.5 per cent were shown in car building and repairing, and in paper making.

As compared with July, the payrolls in August showed decreases in nine industries and increases in five.

Radicals Lose; Lewis Renamed.
The radical element in the United Mine Workers of America has failed to win the majority of nominations for national offices, it was announced at the offices of the union in Indianapolis. The tellers announced that President John L. Lewis, conservative, had been renominated by a vote of 928 to 484 over Robert H. Harlan of Washington. Vice-President Phillip Murray of Pennsylvania defeated Alexander Howat of Kansas for vice-president, 740 to 667. William Green, international secretary and treasurer, was renominated without opposition.

The fight on Lewis and Murray was bitter, it was stated, and especially that in behalf of Howat.

Convict Labor Restricted.
Coal mining companies in Alabama working state convicts in the operation of their mines have been forbidden by Gov. Thomas E. Kilby to use convict labor in digging coal for export purposes, and it is intimated that he may later forbid the shipment of convict-mined coal out of Alabama.

Divide Farmers Want A State Farm Bureau

Agricultural College, N. D.—In the first referendum vote to be taken in North Dakota on the proposal to organize a State Federation of Farm Bureaus, members of the Divide County Farm Bureau cast a unanimous vote favoring the proposition. The men cast 92 ballots and the women 60, all in favor of the work with 8 not voting. The members of the Divide County organization also voted unanimously to send a delegate to the state meeting to be held at the North Dakota Agricultural College, at which the proposition or organizing a State Federation will be decided. Also whether or not to affiliate with the American Farm Bureau Federation. It is expected that delegates from 15 farm bureaus of the state will attend this meeting and that the American Farm Bureau Federation will have a representative there.

Thanksgiving Ball Planned To Occur On Turkey Night

The Eleventh annual ball to be given by the Machinists' union Number 2 of Devils Lake is scheduled to take place on Thanksgiving night, November 25, according to announcements already made public. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Lake Region orchestra. The affair will take place in the Grand theater roller rink.

Couldn't Find Any.
"I got one good laugh out of the tour, anyhow," said Yorick Hamm, "and that was when a tank town sheriff tried to attach our box office receipts."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HALF MILLION NEW SETTLERS TO NORTHWEST IN 10 YEARS; INFLEX PROMISED FOR 1921

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Immigration already has been materially renewed with the return of the railways to private operation and the year 1921 promises a greater influx of homeseekers than ever, according to Mr. E. C. Leedy, General Agricultural Development Director of the Great Northern Railway, who has just completed a survey of farming conditions in Illinois, Iowa and other Central States. In the ten years of his regime Mr. Leedy and his corps of immigration agents have settled more than half a million homeseekers in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana—to be more exact 195,315 in Minnesota, 135,750 in Montana, 64,135 in North Dakota, 108,000 in Washington and 46,000 in Oregon. It took 25,346 box cars to carry the household effects of these people from the middle western states to their new homes in the Northwest. A large bulk of these emigrant movables passed through Chicago.

The lure which attracted these people to the Northwest, Mr. Leedy says, was the lower priced lands on which is produced just as many dollars and cents worth of farm products as are raised on the \$300. and \$400. acre lands of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska and other middle western states. "This is just as true today as it was ten years ago," he declares, and it is because of this outstanding fact that Leedy looks for a big movement of homeseekers into the northwestern states next year.

The old established agricultural development policy of the late James J. Hill again is in full swing on the Great Northern since the Government let go of the roads. In addition to the immigration work which goes on constantly, the task of carrying on educational work with the settlers al-

ready on the ground continues as before. Putting a homeseeker on the land is only the first step. He also is helped with the expert knowledge of the agricultural department until he is sufficiently acquainted with his new conditions to insure his farming success. Mr. Leedy, himself born on an Indiana farm, has a complete grasp of farming conditions from St. Paul to the Pacific Coast, and with the organization he has at his command, he makes it his duty to see that no homeseeker is left to haphazard resources. For each new settler means about \$400. in revenue annually to the railroad. Consequently, the sole aim is to see that he makes a successful farmer. Locating each farmer in that part of the country best adapted to his ability and financial resources, are important factors in this agricultural immigration work.

The Department also devotes special attention to the development work in the irrigated districts in the state of Washington. The importance of this work is shown in the fact that in 1920 the first carloads of commercial apples were shipped out of the Wenatchee Valley. Last year the commercial apple shipments from this district amounted to 12,500 carloads, a greater production by 150,000 boxes than the entire state of New York, and more apples than were grown in any state of the Union outside of Washington. In addition to this there were shipped several thousand cars of soft fruits and by-products. Forty million feet of lumber were required to manufacture the boxes for this fruit crop. The development of the fruit industry, as well as kindred products of the irrigated districts, such as alfalfa, livestock, etc., is increasing vastly each year, owing to the rapid development of the new irrigation projects.

DEBS RELEASE HAS BEEN ASKED

President Wilson Said To Oppose Pardon For Socialist

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—President Wilson is strongly opposed to pardoning Eugene V. Debs, who was a Socialist candidate for president and who is serving a term in the Atlanta prison for violating the Espionage act. It was learned from high authority today. It is very unlikely it was said, that Debs will be pardoned during the Wilson administration altho the attorney general, it was stated, has urged Debs' release.

Alaska Votes For G. O. P. And Harding

JUNEAU, ALASKA, Nov. 10.—Incomplete returns representing the larger portion of the vote in the First, Third and Fourth divisions of Alaska, indicate a Republican landslide.

Chicago Cafe Is Sold To New Men—Big Property Price

The Chicago Cafe on Fourth street has changed ownership, Nash Mar and Jak Kee, purchasing the entire interests of the former owner. Considerable remodeling and redecorating is to be done at once, the new owners declare.

In addition to purchasing the cafe, Mr. Marr and Mr. Kee have bought the property, formerly known as the Fox building, paying a reported price of \$19,500 to R. C. McKay, proprietor of the Unique theater, who recently purchased the holdings from Mrs. Fox. Reports believed to be authentic declare the last sale of the property showed an increased valuation of over \$3,000.

Helpful Charlie.
Little 4-year-old Charlie was missing one day. His mother going in search of him finally found him in the library sprinkling a valuable book that was on the table. "Why, my boy, what are you doing spilling that nice book of dad's?" "I was just wetting it for him because he said it was too awfully dry," he replied.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR "Y" BROT TO CLOSE

J. A. Haig Issues An Appeal For Higher Ideals

Ramsey county's Y. M. C. A. under direction of a local board of administration headed by J. A. Haig and directed by Secretary Conrad has been brot to the termination of a successful year, according to a statement issued by Chairman Haig.

The statement: The first of November completed first fiscal year of the organization and activities of the Young Men's

Christian association in Ramsey county.

Altho it is needless to say that the result would have been more gratifying had it not been for the abnormal conditions, affecting the entire foundation of our very existence. The past year has been most trying on all people endeavoring to function as a unit in organization work. Now that the cloud of doubt and disturbance has cleared away, let us get "down to earth" again, and unite in functioning as a unit in bringing to pass the great ideal of Brotherhood and Friendliness.

Space will not permit the writer to mention the many and fundamental developments in the character building programs the Ramsey county Y. M. C. A. has been able to develop during the past year. Our monthly magazine will be issued this month, giving this valuable information.

Let us as citizens of this great and wealthy county support this movement to the fullest extent of our ability, so the association can function in its greatest capacity with its valua-

ble program in establishing the character building program for the lives of our boys and young men, thru the schools, homes, churches and community activities throughout Ramsey county.

Let us strive for a higher ideal in our community life. "If you are going to do anything permanent for the average man, you must begin while he is a boy," for the boy today is a man tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,
J. A. HAIG, Chairman of the Ramsey County Y. M. C. A.

Lutheran Aid Has Successful Luncheon

The Norwegian Lutheran Church Aid luncheon held Thursday afternoon was one of the most successful of past weeks. A large attendance at the business session in the afternoon followed by the serving of a hot tho modest supper netted the treasury of the organization approximately \$50.

Thanksgiving DANCE

Thanksgiving Night -- November 25th
ELEVENTH ANNUAL BALL

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