

PEACE IN ONE WAY AND THAT MUST BE CONSTITUTIONAL

Winnipeg Tribune Defends Industrial Board as Medium to End Strike.

LABOR'S CASE VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED BY ITS PAPER

Leaders Are Not Aliens But Men Who Seek Reform By Way of the Ballot.

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WINNIPEG (via Thief River Falls), May 28.—The Western Labor News says:—

"If a denial is needed to the ridiculous stories going the rounds relative to revolution and alien influences, proof is near at hand.

"The leaders, Velitch, Winning, Ivens, Robinson, etc., etc., belong to the Dominion Labor Party and belong to no revolutionary party of any sort or condition. Not one of them has made a single statement that was even tinged with revolution. Not one of them believes in the emancipation of workers by Soviet rule. They all believe that that which cannot be won by the ballot cannot be won by the bull. And there is not the slightest foundation for assertions being made that they are revolutionists. They are not revolutionists, they are parliamentary reformers. There are revolutionists in every part of the world today. The spirit of the times breeds revolution. Yet Winnipeg is not controlled by men with revolutionary tendencies. Their number in this city is decidedly limited, and in the Trades and Labor Council control is in the hands of the moderate Winning as its president. Those who know him best know that he is a sane, straight forward man, and controlled wholly by common sense.

Heart Aflame But Sane.

Ald. Robinson is secretary. He is younger and his heart is aflame with a very passion for justice. But he believes only in parliamentary action. Take his actions in the City Council. No one dreams that these have been revolutionary, and so it is with man after man of those who are classed as anarchists and revolutionists. He is claimed to be the self-appointed dictator; the man who proclaimed the Soviet.

"It is safe to say that those who think thus of Ald. Robinson have never met him or heard him speak. He hates all that is unjust or untrue or selfish wherever it may be found. He opposes violence with

the whole strength of his being. He has given himself without reserve to the championship of the rights of the masses.

"But no man living gives less attention to self than does Ivens. He has no desires whatever in the direction of the dictatorship. Russell is a thinker of the first water. He has studied economy. He understands the meaning of solidarity of workers and the class struggle. He believes that final emancipation of the workers will be through political action, when their industrial organizations have been perfected to point where production for profit can be replaced by production for use.

"But Russell is no visionary. He knows that the are days when workers must deal in one way, and one way only. That is through the formation of industrial organizations and the acceptance of an advantageous schedule. There are those who are afraid of the One Big Union movements. They believe that it means revolution. The hard-earned savings of a lifetime would be lost if this should come into effect. How idle such fears are. How utterly beside the mark. The One Big Union is intended to unite the worker by industries instead of by crafts. It is the normal and the inevitable next step in the industrial field. But it is not everything. Alongside of it the workers must build up a strong political organization so that they may better their position year by year until they get the full product of the labor.

"In view of the foregoing resume, what is the solution? There is but one solution namely: Labor must have: First the unrestricted right to collective bargaining; second, a living wage. The way to get a settlement is to get a committee of say eight to 10 persons from each side into conference. Let the workers appoint their delegates, let employers do the same, and an

approach can be made. No greater
hindrance is in the way than the
committee of 1,000. It has taken
the matter out of the hands of the
employees and the readers of the
whole paper. It is not without
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of the ~~North~~. Then a solution is possible.

The alternative of the above is a Dominion-wide struggle, the final ramifications of which are wholly beyond prediction. There would be bitterness and ruin for men in every direction, and there may well be bloodshed and chaos without a parallel in our history.