

# Says Labor Troubles Are Due To Hun Intrigues

## Shut Down of Coal Mines in Alberta and Kootenays is Caused by Alien Enemies.

### MAGNITUDE OF GERMAN MENACE NOT REALIZED

#### Mr. O'Farrell Deplores Apathy in Regard to Grave Danger.

"I am thoroughly convinced that but few Americans and Canadians yet realize the magnitude of this titanic conflict now being waged by civilization against Prussian barbarism," remarked Mr. P. A. O'Farrell, the well-known writer, to a World representative in the course of an interview at the Hotel Vancouver.

During the last three eventful weeks, he said, he had been in Ottawa, Montreal, Boston, New York and Washington, and from his observations there had come to the above conclusion.

He went on to say there was deplorable apathy in many great centres of population. Only the few knew the extent and greatness of the danger overshadowing the civilized world. Germany had her spies and her secret agents everywhere. They were active in every corner of Russia and were paralyzing the energies of that great nation. They were creating revolution in China and anarchy in Mexico. In every province of Canada German spies and secret agents were hard at work fomenting labor troubles, and stirring up race and religious strife.

#### Hun Spies Foment Strikes.

In Alberta and the Kootenays all the coal mines were shut down, and a coal famine was threatened because of the intrigues of alien enemies in the miners' organizations. It was reliably stated that 72 per cent of the miners were of alien enemy origin. The best miners were in the trenches in France or Flanders and they had died to save the world from German barbarism, and the weaklings left behind lacked the good sense to resist the treachery of the Huns working in the mines. The owners could not pay the wages asked by the miners. It was far better to close the mines and let the coal and coke needed in the Kootenays be imported from Pennsylvania than submit to the blackmail organized by German spies. Hun Socialists were preaching anarchy, confiscation and rebellion in Canada, while in Germany itself those same Socialists were as thoroughly organized for conquest and plunder as the junkers.

The kaiser and his war lords had made use of the Socialist propaganda to sap and destroy in the United

States and Canada the very foundations of democratic equality and liberty.

#### Behind Sinn Feiners Rebellion.

German Socialists were fomenting strikes in the coal mines and factories and were inspiring confiscatory legislation and anarchy in British Columbia, in Ireland, in Mexico and in the United States. The kaiser made the Orangemen of Ulster a present of 10,000 rifles, and the very time his government was supplying funds to anarchists labor societies in Dublin. It was Germany's secret agents and money that caused the Sinn Feiners' rebellion. The Sinn Feiners, like the coal miners of the Kootenays, were made catspaws for the kaiser. It was German intrigue that induced Carranza to confiscate all the property and all the money of all the banks in Mexico except the money in the German banks. This unhappy country was now hopelessly bankrupt; the whole population was without employment and starvation was facing fifteen million people in a land flowing with milk and honey.

#### Cannot Realize Danger.

German Socialists, labor leaders, schoolmasters, Catholics, Protestants, atheists, Jews and Gentile had all been banded together for conquest and plunder. The people of Great Britain and the overseas dominions could not be persuaded of the evil designs and the gigantic ambition of Germany. The people of the United States laughed at the idea that Germany could dream of the conquest and enslavement of the free nations of the earth. They could not understand the dread and terror of Germany that reigned in France. They could not believe that Germany was at the bottom of all the race and creed hatred in Ireland, and in Canada and in Mexico, and that the whole Socialist and anarchist campaign in America against capital and law and order and freedom was manufactured in Berlin.

#### Free People Must Organize.

There was only one way to combat Germany's atrocious schemes for world plunder and conquest and that was through the mobilization and organization of all the free democracies of the world and of all their resources. If these free democracies did not unite and co-operate to crush out disunion and all conspiracies aimed at paralyzing their energies Prussian militarism would enslave the world.

It had taken the statesmen of Canada nearly three years to discover that only through a united national government could Canada fulfil her destiny in aiding to save the world and civilization. It had taken nearly three years to rouse the great republic of the west to a realization of the appalling cataclysm.

Germany's success would mean anarchy and slavery and overwhelming woe for all the nations of the earth, including the common people of Germany itself.