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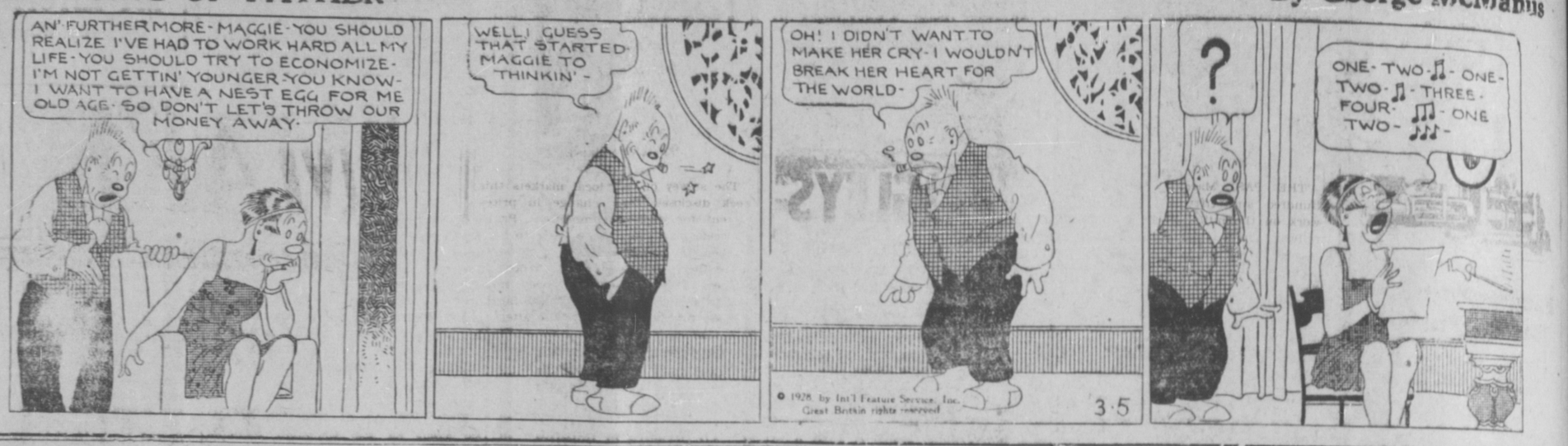

STORY OF PARROT THAT SPOKE MANY LANGUAGES IS TOLD

Grain Ship King James Carries Away Vagrant Bird of Ill-repute that Scandalized Rooming House

The story of the parrot is often heard around a local boarding-house and it invariably raises a smile, if not laughter from those listening to it.

It seems that when the grain ship King James was here last fall Captain Rich of that vessel promised J. R. McIntyre a parrot whenever he should come this way again. The ship sailed and Mr. McIntyre forgot all about it, doubting if the ship would be back this season and, if it did come, never expecting the captain to remember his promise.

The King James came back last week and after docking and straightening up everything with the customs and immigration officers, the Skipper set out to find Mr. McIntyre, carrying with him a parrot. Mac had gone to bed at his room in the St. Elmo and was sleeping peacefully when he heard unholy noises outside. There was a knock at the door accompanied by squawks and curious sounds and muttered oaths. The visitor was admitted and sure enough he had with him a parrot, an educated parrot, one that knew several languages, according to Mac.

THREE LANGUAGES

After receiving the gift and thanking the captain Mr. McIntyre retired and everything went well until the morning. Very early the fun began. The parrot had a splendid repertoire. As Mac explained, he spoke three languages fluently. There was English, profane and obscene. In order to stop the disgraceful noise in the room, Mac threw his shirt over the cage, but when later he wanted to put on the shirt he found it had been pulled through the bars and was not fit to use.

When Mac went to work he left the parrot with Mrs. Crosby to look after until his return. Mrs. Crosby was properly shocked by the language used by the bird and Mr. Crosby venturing too near the cage in an attempted conversation with the bird got his ear pinched until it bled freely.

This sort of thing would never do. The respectability of the St. Elmo and the reputation of Mac and his friends all depended upon getting rid of that disreputable bird with despatch. It was returned to the ship and there it is still polishing up its vocabulary in the fo'c'sle of the King James and Mr. McIntyre has given up the idea of keeping a parrot, at anyrate until he has a home of his own and can get a young one and teach it to talk respectable English.

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ALL - CANADIAN CONGRESS ASKS RECOGNITION

(continued from page one)

ization now known as the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, for the Canadian membership of American Federation of Labor unions. The Congress is therefore essentially a lobby for the promotion of legislation on behalf of the members of branch unions of United States labor organizations operating in Canada. It is not allowed to accept affiliation or make representations on behalf of any organized body of Canadian workers except those affiliated with or not dual to A.F. of L. organizations in Canada. Following the adoption of a resolution at the 1902 convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, by which the Congress excluded from affiliation all national unions which were dual to international organizations, various national and independent unions thus excluded from the Congress established the Canadian Federation of Labor. Subsequently, other Canadian unions were organize, and these, with the Canadian Federation of Labor, established in March, 1927, the All Canadian Congress of Labor. This organization has grown steadily since its formation, and it now represents all the independent labor groups in Canada, with the exception of the national Catholic unions and one or two others.

BASIS OF ORGANIZATION

The All-Canadian Congress of Labor is organized on the same basis as the British Trades Union Congress, and other national trades union federations, having jurisdiction over both economic and legislative matters. It not only endeavors to promote legislation in matters of interest to labor, but also to further the organization of Canadian workers in autonomous national unions.

In contrast with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada (by which, in accordance with its constitutional provisions, affiliation is refused to Canadian organizations which are dual to United States unions) the All-Canadian Congress of Labor accepts the affiliation of any independent organized body of Canadian workers. The policy of the Trades and Labor Congress leaves control of the Canadian movement with the American unions; the policy of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor keeps control within our own boundaries, and provides for the representation of every independent body of organized workers in Canada.

Among the organizations which are affiliated with the All-Canadian Congress of Labor are groups of workers in the following industries: railroads, mines, lumbering, building trades, communication, shipping, as well as other classes of trades and occupations. The Congress maintains an office in Ottawa, with a full-time executive officer, and publishes a monthly journal, "The Canadian Unionist."

During the last few years, there has been a steady development of national sentiment in Canada. The support which the Government has received in its successful endeavors to obtain for Canada a more independent status within the Empire indicates the feeling of the Canadian people in this matter. The formation of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor is a further indication of this desire for independence, and the members of the national unions which compose it feel that the Government, in giving almost exclusive recognition to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, which depends for its financial support upon unions controlled by membership in the United States, is encouraging the perpetuation of a principle which it has repudiated in the matter of Canada's political relationship with other parts of the Empire.

It may be said that Canada is the only country in the world where the Labor movement is not in undisputed control of its own policy and administration. Since it is rightly felt that Canada is entitled to be politically independent, so far at least as her domestic affairs are concerned, of any other part of the Empire, the subjection of the Canadian labor movement to the will of United States labor officials with the recognition of the Government, is subversive of the self-respect of Canadian workers, and we feel that the Government should therefore recognize the right of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor to consultation in respect of social and labor legislation, and to representation in all matters in which the workers of Canada are concerned.

TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS

This delegation does not wish to belittle the work done in the past by United States unions and their legislative lobby, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. It is felt, however, that some facts should be presented to you with respect to their representations. In introducing the Congress delegation to the government in January last, President Tom Moore stated that "the large majority of those composing it hold membership in international unions, though several thousands of them are organized in national, provincial and local organizations, where it is considered their interest can be better served in that way." Since, however, the Congress reported to the Department of Labor a membership of 103,037 for the year 1926 it is evident that the "several thousands" referred to by Mr Moore are insignificant in comparison with the membership of the United States unions affiliated with the Congress.

The term "international" is wholly a misnomer in its application to United States unions. It properly applies to federations of independent national groups which unite for common purposes, much as the nations of the world unite in the League of Nations, which is a purely international body. But the membership of United States unions consists only of American and Canadian workers, the former of whom have absolute control of labor policy. The Canadian members pay their dues to the American headquarters of their unions, and the latter maintain the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada by paying into its treasury a per-capita fee for each Canadian member.

CONGRESS CONVENTIONS

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada claims that its representations to the Government are based upon the decisions made at its annual conventions, and thus are expressions of Canadian opinion. It may be pointed out, however, that the delegates to these conventions comprise a large number who are on the pay of, and under instructions from the headquarters of their respective organizations in the United States, 41 of such delegates being credentialled to the last convention, while delegates were also sent from district councils and provincial federations, thus duplicating the representation of the United States union branches. Out of 1207 local branches of the A.F. of L. unions in Canada for which a per-capita fee is paid to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada by their respective headquarters, credentials were received for only one hundred and eighty five delegates, that is, less than 15 per cent. of the Canadian workers whom the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada claims to represent, had delegates at its last convention.

Mr. Moore also stated to the Government that an effort was being made to leave the impression that the members of the United States unions were "less responsible or desirable Canadian citizens" and the Congress, therefore, felt it necessary to depart from its usual procedure and submit a statement in its defence. The all-Canadian Congress of Labor has never used these terms in referring to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and the only reason why they are imputed to us by Mr. Moore would appear to be a feeling on his part that they are not unjustified. Whether or not a Canadian citizen who supports and is subject to the dictation of a foreign labor union is "less responsible or desirable" on that account is a matter for the citizen himself to decide. There is now no excuse, however, for any Canadian citizen to give his allegiance to a foreign union on the ground that no Canadian union is available, or that his interests cannot be protected by such a union. The Canadian labor movement has now reached a stage of development in which provision is made for the organization of every class of Canadian worker, so that the existence of branches of American unions, and their legislative lobby, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada is no longer required in this country.

OBJECT OF DELEGATION

It is not our purpose to make any suggestions to the Government at the present time with respect to legislation, as we believe that any representations from the Congress should be taken up, in the first instance, with the minister of the department concerned.

We do however, request that the recognition now given to the Trades & Labor Congress of Canada, and, in some measure, to the National Catholic unions, and the American Railway Brotherhoods be extended to the All-Canadian Congress of Labor. We feel that, in view of the facts set forth herein, the almost exclusive recognition of the Trades and Labor Congress as the "mouthpiece" of organized labor in Canada is no longer justified, and that the Government should take into consideration the recent developments in the Canadian labor movement as a result of which the All-Canadian Congress of Labor has been formed, as the representative of a large group of autonomous Canadian unions. In all matters of special concern to Canadian workers, therefore, the Congress wishes to cooperate with the Government and requests for its representations such consideration as is justified by its status, its membership, and its character as the only independent federation of national and autonomous unions in Canada.

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	20:33 p.m.	3.2 "
THURSDAY, MARCH 8		
High	2:44 a.m.	20.9 ft.
	14:52 p.m.	20.4 "
Low	8:58 a.m.	4.5 "
	21:04 p.m.	3.9 "
FRIDAY, MARCH 9		
High	3:14 a.m.	20.8 ft.
	15:27 p.m.	19.77 "
Low	9:31 a.m.	4.6 "
	21:34 p.m.	5.0 "
SATURDAY, MARCH 10		
High	3:43 a.m.	20.5 ft.
	16:03 p.m.	18.5 "
Low	10:05 a.m.	5.1 "
	22:05 p.m.	6.2 "
SUNDAY, MARCH 11		
High	4:13 a.m.	19.9 ft.
	16:42 p.m.	17.3 "
Low	10:41 a.m.	5.8 "
	22:39 p.m.	7.6 "
MONDAY, MARCH 12		
High	4:46 a.m.	19.1 ft.
	17:32 p.m.	16.0 "
Low	11:24 a.m.	6.7 "
	23:17 p.m.	9.0 "
TUESDAY, MARCH 13		
High	5:24 a.m.	18.2 ft.
	18:46 p.m.	14.9 "
Low	12:16 p.m.	7.5 "

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Saturday—ss. Venture ..... 9 a.m.
" —ss. Princess Beatrice 11 a.m.
March 15.—ss. Princess Mary....p.m.
March 25.—ss. Princess Mary....p.m.
From Vancouver—
Sunday—ss. Camosun .....5.30 p.m.
Wednesday—ss. Pr. Rupert 10.30 a.m.
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Saturday—ss. Princess Beatrice ..a.m.
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Tuesdays .....a.m.
Fridays ..... 6 a.m.
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Sundays .....7 p.m.
From Naas River Points—
Tuesday .....mail due a.m.
To Alaska Points—
March 11, 21 and 31.
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