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BRITISH TRADE UNIONS ARE FAR BEHIND AMERICA

BY J. W. T. MASON
(Written for the United Press)

NEW YORK, May 13.—British trade unionism is a generation behind American and British relationship between capital and labor has not yet emerged from the antiquated notion that these two forces are necessarily antagonistic. Until the British workmen and capitalists alike evolve out of their present stage of enmity into the Great American stage of co-operation Great Britain will never be free from the disturbances and unnecessary losses of strikes.

The most pronounced economic change in conceptions of industrial relations in modern times is well on its way to fulfillment in the United States and in this respect America is setting a new pace for the world. The strike is coming to be regarded in the United States as an inefficient and old style weapon which once served a valuable purpose but which is rapidly being replaced by an informal partnership between capital and labor. Great Britain has not yet reached this new condition of industrial cooperation and the bigger the strike the better the British workmen consider the effect.

The British industrial situation is further complicated by the fact that workmen in Great Britain believe they can raise their standard of living satisfactorily only by political power. They think that if there were a workman government in power in the House of Commons, laws could be passed which would redistribute wealth and permit wages to be regulated so as to put more money in the workers' pockets. American workmen have never adopted this argument, in any large numbers. The American trade unions keep out of politics. There is no labor party in Congress.

By a subconscious intuition, American workmen have followed the rule that it is only by increasing production that increasing wages can be made permanent, in terms of increased purchasing power. This is the major difference between American and trans-Atlantic economic viewpoints. Economic democracy is far more prevalent in the United States than in Europe. That is to say, capital and labor work together more freely and naturally in America. The American principle of increasing production resulting in increasing wages is regarded suspiciously in Great Britain because as a matter of fact, British capitalists in large numbers are reluctant to divide with their workmen a fair share of the return from increased production.

Both sides in Great Britain,

therefore, must shoulder part of the blame for the present condition of industrial unrest which will not disappear, whatever be the settlements of recurrent strikes. All the settlements are temporary because the fundamental cause of the trouble has not been removed.

COAST LEAGUE HAS GOOD 3RD BASEMEN

SEATTLE, Wash., May 14.—(UP)—Third base, the hottest corner on the diamond, seems to be well taken care of in the Pacific Coast league this year.

Some close followers of the game go so far as to say the eight far-western minor clubs present the classiest all-round array of third base talent outside of the majors.

Portland's spectacular infielder, "Doc" Prothro, has shown up well to date. The Beavers' feat of obtaining him in exchange for Emmett McCann is considered a mighty stroke of good luck, or good business. While not an extraordinary hitter, he is good with the bat, and is fast and generally smart.

Seattle has a stellar third-sack-

er in Ted Baldwin. He is as good a fielder as the bag as could be found any place. He is a steady performer and has raised the reputation of being able to deliver in the pinch.

Eddie Mulligan, San Francisco Seal third plate man, has been drawing "good" shares of applause.

Sacramento has Henry McLaughlin, considered the best young prospect on the squad. He is filled with enthusiasm and is wicket with the bat.

Frank Brasili of the Angels is generally considered weak as an infielder, but he makes up for it with terrific punch.

Hollywood has found Howard Lindmore so good that he is taking third sack honors away from Oscar Vitt, dean of third plate artists.

Bobby Jones, playing with the San Francisco Missions after a ten year service in big league ball, is hailed by San Franciscans as the best of his profession since Willie Kamm.

Glen McNally Oakland third baseman, is still somewhat of an unknown quantity.

Clatskanie—Odd Fellows lodge will build two-story, 25,000 foot hall.

Klamath Falls—Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company plans \$2,000,000 mill here.

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This fact was proved by a Rocksbury, Cal., poultry grower, who obtained \$200 from the crops of a few hens whose pens were near the gold mines.

A Fallon, Nev., hunter reared 247 pennies, eggs, in the crops of wild ducks and turkeys. Many turkey, chicken and duck raisers have found nuggets ranging from bead-size to marble size in the gullets of their birds.

Now the farmers in some mining regions won't sell their live birds, for they say it is like parting with the hen that lays the golden egg.

Medford—Directors of Oak Grove School voted for \$20,000 building annex.

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