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Editor B. C. Federationist—Sir:
The summer, with its out-of-doors allure, is gone; already the evenings have lengthened, and the time has come when the working class should be putting their organizations into shape for another assault upon the citadel of capitalism, or at least making preparation for the final assault; therefore, as the executive of the Federated Labor Party we will endeavor to point out the necessity for a greater activity on the part of the membership.

Theoretically at least, this country is governed by the Federal parliament, Provincial legislature, city and municipal councils, and it is imperative at this time that we should direct our efforts to electing members of the working class to represent us upon these bodies. At present we have two representatives in the Provincial legislature, one on the city council, and another on the school board, which is a beginning, but still not a very creditable showing for this Province, and this raises the question of what the party is doing between election campaigns.

We have no salaried officials, and all work in the interest of the party is performed by comrades, who must also earn their own livelihood, and while we realize that some sacrifice must be made before anything can be accomplished, nevertheless we maintain that it is unfair to allow a few to make the sacrifice, when all will participate in the benefits. Since the last civic election, the routine work has been carried on by a very few members, who have worked faithfully, without wages or reward, to keep the organization intact; but if the membership do not manifest more interest in the work of the party, it must of necessity be abandoned, for no election can be contested absolutely free from expense. Hall rent, printing and distribution of literature, as well as other expenditures are incidental to any campaign, and some of the expense incurred in connection with the last Federal election is not yet liquidated, and the same is true of the civic elections.

With these facts before you, it will be apparent that something must be done if the Federated Labor Party is to remain a factor in the political field. You will observe that we have said "remain a factor," which implies that we are of the opinion that it is a factor at present, and not only that, we believe that it is the only working class political party in this province that has any hope of attaining representation either now or in the near future.

The Vancouver elections for aldermen, school board and park commissioners will take place very soon, and we should be able to elect at least two aldermen this year, which would double our present representation.

Three members of the school board must seek re-election this time, and it should be quite possible for us to place another member on the board.

There is also a vacancy in the Provincial legislature for the city of Vancouver.

If we are prepared to take advantage of these openings to spread our ideas, and should our candidates be elected, it would give us further opportunities to expose the purpose of political government to the many, who still have faith in it as a benevolent institution designed to protect them from the winds of adversity.

We would suggest, that as a member, you could promote the growth and influence of the party, by

(a) Paying your dues promptly, if you have not already done so;

(b) Attending as many of our meetings, propaganda, educational and business, as you possibly can;

(c) Taking an active part in the work of the party. We need chairmen, speakers, pamphlet writers, and workers; men and women who will plan and carry on social evenings which are necessary to lighten and enliven the general routine of work.

The time for action is here—the field for action unlimited, and the result will demonstrate the labor, intelligence and sincerity of our efforts, therefore, it is with confidence that we expect you to engage in this fight and ask your friends who are members of the working class to join the party and share in the work, to the end that the great-

to which each of the ten sections elects three additional members. The executive committee elects a chairman and the members of the whole union elect a special union president.

The resources of the union are derived from the current contributions of the members. At the time of a strike, special collections are taken which serve to procure pro-

Western Imp Loses in

[By William F. Dunne]

STRIPPED of all such hysteria as that which results in reports that the Turks burnt Smyrna (after they had captured it) the story of the Greek debacle in the Near East, followed by the frantic and futile efforts of the English imperialists to rally their late allies for a new world war, means just one thing, and that is the end of Western imperialism in Asia Minor, and in all probability in Asia itself.

The Turkish Nationalists will get Constantinople, not because France has backed the Turks as against the Greek proteges of Great Britain and finds herself committed to their further support, but because the whole Mohammedan world is aflame—French and British possessions alike.

Back of all stand the power of Soviet Russia—the greatest power in the world today—looked upon by all the eastern peoples as their saviour and protector from the oppression of the capitalist nations of Western Europe. The map of Europe and of Asia has been redrawn by the victorious march of the Turkish Nationalists, and never again will a western power dictate to the brown and yellow men of that continent. Soviet Russia has her outlet to the warm waters of the Mediterranean by her treaty with the Turks, and their victory has plugged the hole in her frontier through which a hostile army might drive. The little Balkan nations, hostile to Soviet Russia by reason of Anglo-French persuasion, know better now than to attempt to wage a war which would be nothing less than national suicide in view of the events of the last few weeks.

Great Britain is driven to bluster when she thinks of seething India, but she can only bluster. The full extent of her strength was shown when her colonies remained cold in the face of the peril the empire faced as voiced by Downing street. France and Italy refused their aid, and once more the eternal rivalries between capitalist nations, (pointed out time and time again by the Third International) have worked for the destruction of what effectiveness is left in the dying body of European imperialism.

For those who for one reason or another pride themselves on the arrogance with which imperialism as represented by Great Britain, has dealt with the subject nations and second-class powers, it must come as a severe shock to witness the humbling of the imperial pride of the Churchills and Georges. The working masses of the world can be deceived no longer by the futile phrases of diplomats and Britain's diplomacy (once the greatest in the world) is found to be what all capitalist diplomacy is when not backed by bayonets—a miserable display of senile weakness.

It is from the military men and not from the diplomats that we get the truth about the Turkish victory and its far-reaching consequences. Let us listen to General Townshend—the hero of Kut-el-Amara, who was captured by the Turks during the world war, and who knows them as few Europeans do.

"We had better make peace with Mustapha Kemal while you can," says this soldier of British imperi-

er the number of workers, the lighter the task for each one to perform, until at last, by the force of our numbers directed by intelligence, we are able to wrench the means of life from the grasp of privilege, and bring about that day so devoutly to be desired; that day when the emancipation of the working class, and man at last shall indeed be free in a classless world.—Yours,

The Federated Labor Party.