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B.C. SUGAR REFINERY KILLS, MAIMS AND WORKS EMPLOYEES TO DEATH

BOSSES ARE TOO WELL ORGANIZED TO RUN OR BE STAMPEDED BY NOISE

Best Way to "Scare the Boss" Is to Doggedly and Persistently Build Up Organization.

"The older men get, the more they know," applies to trade unionists as well as to those in other walks of life, says the Union Leader.

And the one big, powerful lesson we learn—one that overshadows all others—is the knowledge that employers don't stampede—don't get alarmed—when we loudly declare we will do this or that.

The time has passed when we can "scare" the capitalist and force him to give us concessions.

Today the employer is organized. He has alert and trained men on his pay roll and in our midst who know "the game" as well as we do. These men keep the employer in close touch with our movements—acquaint him with actual conditions.

And when one of us makes a passionate speech, or introduces a hotly worded resolution, or declares for new systems of organization that favor striking every other day, the boss is "dead next." He knows there is a lot of buncombe connected with the move. So he analyzes it. He gets reports, and finds just what we, as individuals, THINK—he separates the noise from the firm determination of men to back up their views. He also knows that when men are determined they don't talk much. So he acts accordingly, and does not allow the incident to interfere with his trip abroad, even though his workers think they are "throwing a scare."

Another thing the employer knows and we don't, is this: That men may, by a sudden strike or a flank movement, secure large concessions, but if these men are not disciplined and educated, they can't hold their position. That's what some unionists call "paper" organizations.

So if you want to "scare the boss" into giving you better conditions, the best way is to stick your nose to the grindstone and doggedly and persistently build up your organization. Always remember you will only GET what you can TAKE, and can only TAKE what you can HOLD indefinitely, and use as a foundation to make the next step.

We know this tedious plan is not favored by the limelight boys, but it's the time-tried doctrine of your old weather-beaten unions that are less interested in advancing the fortunes of lecturers and circulation boomers, but are more interested in the men in shop, mill and mine.

SOME PROVISION MADE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IN CITY DURING WINTER

The Vancouver Park Board has under consideration a number of plans for the development of Stanley Park, and which ever one is finally passed upon means the employment of a considerable number of men during the next year. The city council, too, has been endeavoring to make provision for the employment of the unemployed along in January and February next. It is well, for the prospects are anything but bright for the man who has nothing to sell but his ability to slave for others.

Pus Overflow of Industrial Hell-hole Breaks Out, But Is Soon Hushed.

One slave killed and another will die. Such was the record of the B. C. Sugar Refinery works last week. A faulty elevator; employees who dare not call their souls their own as witnesses before the coroner's jury; admission of no inspection for three weeks; and a verdict of "no one to blame." What more need be done? The employees are unorganized, Boss Rogers goes about like the king of a cannibal island, and the men and women are individually powerless to help themselves. Any effort to organize, or even agitate or protest is sufficient cause for instant dismissal. The front office clerks and other lackies nearer the big noise are well drilled and would go to hell if Rogers told them to. If there is any other sugar on the market—be it Chinese or no—no union man, woman or sympathizer, with a desire to see such miserable slavery abolished, should be guilty of using the product of the B. C. Sugar Refinery. The plant was bonused by the city; it has swiped water from the city; it employs no Orientals; it does worse—it employs white men at less wages and longer hours' work than any Chinaman would stand for. The "industry" is a disgrace to Vancouver. Its employee victims are but offerings on the altar of Profit. The "accident" of last week was but adding incense to Rogers' hellhole.

Armories Are For This

There is a strike of street railroad employes. The strikers offer to arbitrate their grievances. The company declines. The government calls out the Cossacks, who surround the plant of the company with a dead line.

In a few minutes two men that have nothing to do with the strike appear in a conveyance they are driving, and unwittingly cross the dead line. The Cossacks riddle one with bullets, and perilously wound the other.

Another man comes along in an automobile, and the soldiers shoot him through the lungs. Next they shoot at a man that with his wife and baby is driving down the road in an automobile, and he narrowly escapes with his life. Then they shoot at some other persons.

This, you think, happened in Russia. No, it happened in the city of ARugusta, Ga., last week. I don't suppose it could happen in Russia, contrary to our cherished belief in such matters. But it could very easily happen in Augusta, or in any other American city where the state militia is the ready, irresponsible and ungoverned instrument of the master class to drive back to their work and slaughter citizens upon the highway.

That is what we have the militia for. Usually their delicate attentions are bestowed upon working men trying to secure better conditions. Now that automobile owners have come within the range of their guns we shall probably have some attention to the anomalous existence of such a power in a country that has any vestige of free institutions.—Coming Nation.

The old parties fused in Milwaukee to beat the Socialist administration. That was a sure sign that the old parties did not want the Socialists in power. If the old parties say we should not go into municipal politics, it is a good reason why we should.

H. A. JONES
Business Agent Vancouver Electrical Workers' Union, No. 213, with Headquarters at Labor Temple.

Ontario Carpenters.

The Ontario Federation of Carpenters' Union of the United Brotherhood will convene in London on Thanksgiving day. Organizer Tom Moore and A. F. of L. Organizer J. A. Flett assisted in the establishment of a local of the brotherhood in Brantford last week.—Phil Obermeyer.

Workers to Prevent War.

In order to bind closer together the two great rivals, England and Germany, 110 Socialist members of the Reichstag and 41 Socialists of the House of Commons have signed a manifesto pledging themselves to work for friendly relations between the two great powers.

Letter Carriers to Smoke

Vancouver branch of the Letter Carriers' Association will hold a smoker in the Labor Temple this evening.

"So long as we maintain a system of slavery—wage slavery for men and white slavery for women—just so long will we have young men and young women meet each other on a cash basis in the redlight district."

Municipal election bells are tolling.

B. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR TO MEET SUNDAY, NOV. 3.

President J. W. Wilkinson has called a full meeting of the Executive Board of the B. C. Federation of Labor, to take place in Room 206, Labor Temple, Vancouver, B.C., on Sunday, November 3rd, at 9 a.m.

Business of importance to the Federation will be taken up, and amongst other things the date of the next convention will be decided upon.

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Plasterers Will Be One of the Unions Represented at Next Meeting, Monday, Oct. 21.

The Building Trades committee, entrusted with the task of visiting unions for the purpose of effecting a thorough re-organization, have been active during the past week, and report splendid progress.

The Plasterers' union has decided to inquire into the merits of the proposal, and will have two delegates, Messrs. Still and Cornish, at the next meeting of the Building Trades Council. That the Plasterers may also consider the question of affiliation with the Trades and Labor Council in the near future is more than probable.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters' District Council will also have five delegates present at the re-organization meeting.

The forces making for a new line-up all round in the local trade union movement are materializing rapidly, and the benefits accruing from the new Labor Temple are becoming more and more apparent from day to day.

Some Election.

After taking fifty ballots on the city where the next carpenters' convention is to be held, Indianapolis, Ind., won over San Francisco by 198 against 197 votes.

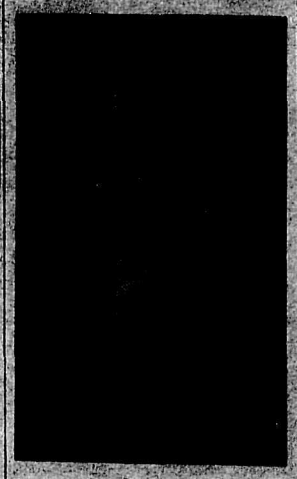
New Teamsters' Union.

A branch of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters was formed in London, Ont., last week, with a charter list of 150 members. President Basteal, of London Trades and Labor Council, and Harry Archer, of the Typographical union, were the moving spirits in the organization work.—Hamilton Herald labor page.

Tailors' A. F. of L. Delegates.

The votes in the referendum election for three delegates to the American Federation of Labor from the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America have been tabulated, and show the election of General Secretary E. J. Brais, 4315; D. G. Biggs, 2924, and Hugh Robinson, of Hamilton, Ont., 2409. Ex-Secretary John B. Lennon was fourth with 2276 votes. George Sangster, of Toronto, got 457.

V. I. MINE OWNERS FAIL TO STARVE COAL MINERS INTO SUBMISSION



JOHN A. FLETT
General Organizer of the American Federation of Labor, Now Doing Effective Work in Province of Ontario.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE SETTLED ON THURSDAY

The Longshoremen's strike which started last Sunday morning has been settled on terms which are satisfactory to both parties. Any matters in dispute in future are to be settled between the ship owners and the Longshoremen's union. This reflects credit on both parties. The basis of settlement is that the notorious non-union man who was the original cause of the trouble has been dispensed with and preference will in future be given to union men.

Among Local Types.

Mr. Harry Fletcher, printer-miner-Whidby Island rancher, arrived from Dawson this week. Old-time members of 226 will remember "Fletch" as one of the old guard on the P.-I. in Seattle. On the advent of the "iron compositor" he took to raising strawberries on his ranch on Whidby Island, later taking a trip to Honolulu and Central America. Mr. Fletcher is renewing old friendships and making new ones, and will probably locate in this city for an extended stay.

"Judge" C. S. Clarke, an old-time printer-editor-foreman on the Pacific Coast, who has been "subbing" in the proof-room of The Sun and News-Advertiser for the past few weeks, has taken out his card from Typo. Union No. 226 and hied him hence to Lapwai, Idaho, where he has just purchased a newspaper.

The "Judge" recalled many pleasant memories of the old hand-set days in Seattle, where he at one time wielded the "lowa" rule on the Telegraph, since absorbed by the P.-I.

International Will Render Financial Assistance and Locked Out Unionists Will Win.

From a correspondent in Cumberland comes a touching story of the frantic efforts being made by the "pit bosses" to get the mines started again. For the benefit of the lay mind it may be explained that a "pit boss" is not a very alarming quantity. He is a kind of "superior person" who gets about $3.75 1-2 per day for knowing just enough of mining to make his limited intelligence useful to the mine owner for the purpose of slave-driving. In return for this, nine out of ten "pit bosses" are prepared to lick the boots of a mine manager.

Four of these purblind perishers recently called a "mass meeting" at Cumberland. The chairman said in his opening remarks that he had been requested by two "respectable citizens," meaning thereby two of the four "pit bosses," to call a meeting. That only left one of the four little nigger boys, so he got up and made a motion that they appoint a committee to go to Mr. Lockhart, the superintendent, to ask him to find them some work.

For the purpose of ensuring complete harmony during the meeting the door was guarded by four legitimate constables and a number of company thugs and detectives. Their chief work was to prevent the organiser of the United Mine Workers of America, the recording secretary of the local union, and a checkweighman from one of the mines, from entering the meeting. However, the miners who were already inside refused to allow the meeting to proceed until these were admitted, so they came in, then all was calm and bright.

The company is using all the usual tactics of their kind, and have served writs on 15 active members of the union to appear in the supreme court at Victoria.

The owners as yet have failed utterly to get the mines going. In addition, the engineers are standing with the miners, and have refused to work any machinery which the owners may want to use for the purpose of taking non-unionists into the mines.

"Undesirables."

Mayor Findlay and the city council are holding secret sessions to discuss what they will do with "undesirables" during the coming winter, meaning, of course, the poor devils who have worked all summer at wages that leave them broke when they get canned between now and the New Year. Whether it is to be chloroform or a repetition of last January's police clubs and batons deponeth sayeth not. When saw mill owners shut down their mills they always make provision for their mules till needed again. Not so, however, with the modern wage slave. As soon as the boss can no longer make a profit out of his thick hide he is fired. A week after he is fired he is broke and an "undesirable." To help matters out, Col. Lamb will soon ship another 20,000 of Britain's disgrace—unemployed—to Western Canada, to further intensify the competition for jobs.

To Do What?

Col. Lamb of the Salvation Army said England had a standing army of half a million partially unemployed people. Of these, twenty thousand could advantageously be sent as immigrants to the Dominion right away. —Daily press, October 17.

Fort William Street Railwaymen.

The Fort William street railwaymen made formal application for a board of investigation to consider certain grievances they allege they are suffering from. The application was considered by the Minister of Labor, who decided that there was cause for investigation by granting the request of the men. Ald. F. Ury, editor of the Wage Earner, had been named by the men to represent them on the board if same should be granted, and early this week he received intimation from the department that he was appointed to act for the men.—Hamilton Labor News.

Spokaner Visits Brother Here.

Mr. George W. Armstrong, of Spokane, visited his brother, Mr. W. S. Armstrong, president of Typo. Union No. 226, this week. Mr. Armstrong represents a large paving contracting firm of Chicago and Spokane.

NANAIMO COAL MINES OPERATING CONTRARY TO B. C. COAL MINES ACT

Miners Themselves are Parties to the Very Dangerous Conditions and Lack Organization.

NANAIMO, V.I., Oct. 14.—Being in Nanaimo recently, I made it my business to visit what is known as the Jingle Pot mine. It is situated three miles from Nanaimo and derives its name from the pitch of the slope or declivity by which the mine is entered. The pitch of this slope is 70 degrees, and one only retains his footing by exercising great care while walking down it. The task of coming up is somewhat different. For this purpose a couple of cars are sent down the mine for the accommodation of the pit-bosses and fire-bosses who are thus enabled to ride up. Attached to the back of these cars is a long hemp rope and the miners are permitted to grasp this rope and thus be dragged out of the pit. Many of the men carry short pieces of rope or leather with which they tie their bodies to the rope and thus save the strain of grasping it, and as I stood and watched I wondered what would happen to those men if the engineer made a mistake or the rope were to break.

The men in the mines of Nanaimo are working under conditions which could not be much worse. The Coal Mines Regulation Act is being wilfully violated by the owners for the purpose of reducing their working expenses, and in at least one of the mines fires are burning all the time the men are at work.

Yet in spite of those conditions the miners of Nanaimo have declined to come out on strike along with the miners of Cumberland and Ladysmith for the purpose of forcing the owners to apply the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act of British Columbia.

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL COMPANY IGNORES ITS "SACRED" AGREEMENT

Officials of District 18 Compelled to Apply for Still Another Federal Board.

Once more there is industrial trouble brewing in the Crows Nest Pass coal fields.

This time it is at Michel, B.C.

The Crows Nest Pass Coal Co. has deliberately broken the joint agreement entered into with the Miners' Union, and the officials of District 18 have already applied to the Federal Department of Labor for a board under the Industrial Disputes and Investigation Act.

All of which may prove to be a mere formality preceding another tie-up of the mines.

Some 2,000 miners are directly affected, while over 5,000 will be indirectly concerned.

The miners are of the opinion that the mine owners are determined to keep up the fight until the union is put out of business, but they will have none of it.

This situation, with the coal miners at Cumberland and Ladysmith still locked out, not to mention the motive recently served on the metalliferous mine owners by the W. F. of M., gives promise of interesting times ahead in the mining world of B. C.

Price of Political Stupidity.

According to United States government statistics, compiled for 1909, each wage-worker produced wealth on an average of $1290. He received in return, in the form of wages, the sum, on the average, of $580. The difference between these two amounts, $710, is what each worker paid during 1909 for the privilege of earning his own wages, $580.

Labor Its Own Savior.

The trade union movement was called into existence by the capitalist system, and will only cease to exist when the capitalist system ceases to exist. Every advance by the union movement has been won by strikes or else by the fear of strikes by the employers. Nothing has been done for labor except what labor has done for itself.—J. Keir Hardie.

THE MOLDERS HOLD THREE WEEKS' SESSION IN OLD MILWAUKEE

J. Lanigan, Vancouver's Delegate, Elected International Delegate to A. F. of L. Convention.

J. Lanigan, delegate from Local No. 281, Vancouver, to the recent convention of the International Molders Union, at Milwaukee, returned to the coast on Thursday.

There were 486 delegates at the big session of "sand rats," representing a total membership of some 80,000.

Del. Lanigan, Vancouver, was honored by being elected as an International delegate to the forthcoming convention of the American Federation of Labor at Rochester.

J. H. Barnet, Toronto, was also elected as fifth vice-president, there now being seven vice-presidents instead of four.

The question of a closer affiliation and federation of the metal trades was referred to the executive board with instructions to get busy.

A motion to prohibit officers of the Molders' International holding office in the Civic Federation was voted down by a narrow majority, but the discussion made it apparent tothe officers what might be expected within another year or two.

The Boy Scout movement came in for a good slamming.

The "socialist" resolution, whatever that is ,was "laid on the table," after the desired discussion for educational purposes.

All the old officers were re-elected.

PRINT IT IN VANCOUVER. COMMITTEE DOING THINGS.

The Print-it-in-Vancouver Committee of Typographical Union No. 226, named by President Armstrong three months ago, is busy these days. This committee was named to devise ways and means whereby printing that is now going out of the city may be kept at home. As soon as the committee finds out that an individual or firm is sending away for printed matter of any kind they call on such individual or firm and endeavour by clean-cut business facts and arguments to show that it is to their advantage to patronize home industry.

The Allied Printing Trades have a purchasing power of approximately $1,500 a day for every working day in the year, and that purchasing power can be increased to $2,250 a day if the 33 1-3 per cent. of printing be kept at home that, by conservative estimate, is going outside.

Other organization in manufacturing industries may take a leaf out of the Typos' book, and get busy along these same lines. The constant cry is for more manufactures in this city. Now, let the merchants and others get in and loyally support those they now have.

The committee is composed of L. E. Dennison (chairman), W. W. Stickney, and Ray Fleming, and they deserve the co-operation of every member of 226 to the end that more men be at work in job offices of this city.

ROSSLAND MINERS SEEK CHANGE IN B. C. COMPENSATION ACT

Favor an Insurance Plan, Ensuring Compensation and Making Technicalities Less Possible.

Rossland Miners' Union, No. 38, W. F. of M., is anxious to have some amendments made to the B. C. Workmen's Compensation Act, and with this in view has circularized, through its executive committee, local unions of the province and the B. C. Federation of Labor, asking for their co operation. The resolution drafted on the subject has also been mailed to the Provincial Government executive council, and to the sitting member for Rossland Riding, Lorne A. Campbell, and reads:

"Whereas under the present operation of the Workmen's Compensation Act we find that only those relatives depending on the deceased are eligible to receive the compensation allowed, and

"Whereas we find that under this system it is to the advantage of all companies employing labor to give a preference to those whom they may know would not come under the Act, in order to avoid paying the same, consequently discriminating against the men with families.

"Therefore be it resolved: That we, the members of Rossland Miners' Union, in regular meeting assembled, petition the Provincial Government to amend the Act so that it would come in the form of an insurance, the same to be left to the next of kin, or whomsoever he may see fit."

Brotherhood Convention.

Geo. Armstrong, who has been attending the biennial conventiol of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters at Washington, D.C., has arrived back in Winnipeg, says The Voice. The business of the convention kept the delegates at work for three weeks. About 420 representatives from all parts of the North American continent were present. Mr. Armstrong was elected to attend the next convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to be held in Montreal next September as fraternal delegate from the International union. The following important resolution was adopted by the convention, which indicates the rapidly growing sentiment among trades unions in favor of socialism:

"Resolved, that it should be one of the objects of our organization to propagate among our members the abolishment of the present wage system and the establishment of a co-operative commonwealth, where the problem of unemployment, with all accompanying misery, will be banished from the human race, and further resolved that we recommend to our members the study of social questions at the meetings of their respective local unions."

There is much charity that would be missing if there were no newspapers to publish the names of its promiters.—Judge.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF B. C. F. OF LABOR MEET NOVEMBER 3RD

Important Measures Up for Consideration, Including Fixing Next Convention Date

A full meeting of the executive board of the B. C. Federation of Labor has been summoned to meet at Vancouver on Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

The personel of the board is as follows: J. W. Wilkinson, president; V. R. Midgley, secretary-treasurer. Vice-presidents: B. D. Grant, New Washington; Jas. Roberts, Moyie; J. J. Taylor, Ladysmith; Clem Stubbs, Fernie; Christian Siverts, Victoria; J. H. McVety and R. P. Pettipiece, Vancouver.

Fixing the date for the third annual convention at Victoria, the collection of data relative to the Workmen's Compensation Act, the consideration of disputes arising out of infractions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, extending the scope of the B. C. Federationist, in which the Federation of Labor now owns a half interest, and the various questions referred by last convention by the executive, will be up for consideration.

For the first time in the history of the Federation, District 18 of the U. M. W. of A. will be represented, as a result of its recent affiliation.

Reverse Side of Dollar Mark

Industrial accidents figures for September, compiled by the Federal Labor Gazette, for the Dominion, show that 89 workmen were killed and 419 injured, a total of 508. Compared with the record for August, this is an increase of one fatal accident and 114 non-fatal accidents.

At Wrong End of Telescope

Sammy Landers, who presides over the destiny of the Hamilton Labor Snooze, feels called upon to play the part of a guardian angel, in conserving all the recognizable portions of the Dominion Labor Congress of old. Seems like 'tis not as it used to be, and the thought almost gives Sammy the chills. Blue ruin is to be the fate of the Congress, sure. And all this sad end merely because the membership will stand for no more old-party political contortionists of the "Sammy" type. S. L. L. is a poor imitation and apologist for the real Samuel.

Iron Workers' Organizer Here.

W. H. Blow, general organizer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, with head quarters at Winnipeg, is a visitor in Vancouver this week. He reports trade conditions in splendid shape throughout Western Canada. Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver have strong organizations and the trade is nearing the 100 per cent. stage. Vancouver will receive Organiser Blow's attention for a few days.

A. G. Dentler, Seattle, organizer for the same union, is also in Vancouver to assist in the local work.

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Is your name on the voters' list?

The bosses' open shop is the unions' open grave.

Detectives always go in pairs—one to lie and the other to swear to it.

A good deal of the difference between a hobo and a slave at work is a clean shave and a bath.

"A man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder; a waif, a nothing, a no man."—Carlyle.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor convened at *Washington, D.C., yesterday.*

Los Angeles, Cal., unionists claim to have the "handsomest home of labor in the world."

A merchant in the Middle West advertises: "Outing shirts—soft as a Government job and not so hard to get."—Judge.

It's an even break which of the two are the more desirable class in British Columbia, namely, the English blue-blooded lords or Oriental coolies.

It just simply had to come! Roosevelt's attempted assassin has been adjudged a "socialist" by the Associated Press.

"Perhaps you cannot hear tonight, but you'll get your hearing in the morning," observed the magistrate as he scanned the motor cycle speed fiend who had just landed at the patrol wagon destination.

In an address in 1872, Wendell Phillips said: *"I hail the Labor movement* for the reason that it is my only hope of democracy. Unless there is a power in your movement, industrially and politically, the last knell of democratic liberty in this nation is struck."

There is said to be a move on, in certain political quarters in British Columbia, not far from Vancouver, to breathe the breath of life into a sort of Bull Frog party, a la Rusevelt. Naturally enough it is destined to croak.

The poll-tax collector is as active as ever. There is no getting away from his clutches. He is still on his well-beaten trail, collecting the $3 toll of the wage-earners of Vancouver's shops and factories. Last week a case was reported where a 14-year-old lad had his $6-cheque, which was his weekly pay, cut in two.

As is always the case with men who have nothing constructive to write about—can only tear down and give nothing instead—Bob Edwards of the Calgary Eye-Opener has shown a yellow streak as wide as Lowery's upper stope. As an abject apologist he will soon be eligible for Jack McConnell's class.

It is the plain duty of every union man to see that the man who works next to him is also contributing something towards the organization that has made his working conditions what they are. If the non-unionist is right he will gladly receive an invitation to join a union. If he persists in remaining a non-unionist let him go to a locality where non-union conditions prevail.

The same daily press that tells us of how *shiftless men would become* were the bread and butter question solved are always and forever extolling the activities of captains of other people's industry, who have accumulated fortunes. If good food would make the working class lazy, why are horses well fed and stabled?

"Socialism would destroy incentive," said the member of the Mountain Climbers' Club as he returned from a four days' tramp to a peak 30 miles distant, during which time he lived on sow-belly and beans, and packed a roll of blankets and a frying pan. Sure thing. Food also destroy's one's appetite.

In the nation's last generation of childhood, 32,000 children were made orphans by coal mine explosions alone, and three-fourths of these explosions might have been prevented by the use of safety appliances such as the governments require in Germany, Belgium and other European countries.—Ben F. Lindsay.

"No, I don't want to join the union; it would interfere with my liberty," croaked the building tradesman who had just worked two months in a row, but was canned the previous evening for being late in the morning. And with that he hit out for the corner grocer to see what the chances of a stand-off were till he chased round and found a job for himself.

If the union did nothing more than spare its membership the humiliation of hunting up the foreman or contractor and, with hat in hand, asking for a job, it would have justified itself. A union man drops into the union secretary's office, in a union labor temple, is freely informed of the condition of *the labor market, escapes having to* be fleeced by an employment agent shark, and goes like a man direct to the job, under no obligation to any one.

The Fed.'s Convention Number, to be issued about the New Year, previous to the third annual meet of the B.C. Federation of Labor, will be some paper—16 pages, containing special articles by many of the active union officers of Canada. We want the co-operation of every union in B.C., to make it a success. If you can use a few sample copies to good advantage write for them.

Almost daily the B. C. press announces than another thousand or hundred thousand acres of land has been purchased by Old Country landlords, from the provincial government, with the proceeds of swag filched from land tenants in the old land. Later on the same pernicious thievery will be very much in evidence in Western Canada. The thousands of emigrants who have been starved out of England and sought Canada as a refuge will be made to sweat profit just as they did at 'ome.

Mourns the Vancouver News-Advertiser: "An admirer left Mr. Kier Hardie thirty thousand dollars. What will he do with this unearned increment?" Happily the amount is forty thousand dollars. And it has already been invested in the Daily Citizen, a paper that will champion the cause of the international working class as fearlessly and as thoroughly as has the old war horse, Kier Hardie, for many years after the hack editorial writer on the News-Ad. has been retired to Hardie's *Old Age Pension list.*

With this month's issue of the "Common Cause" the anti-socialist magazine, Peter W. Collins, the discredited Electrical Workers' union official, who beat the membership to his resignation recently, has started in to "earn" the money. He will have charge of a "labor department" in a publication that reeks with falsehood and misrepresentation of a section of the world-wide working class that is growing rapidly enough to compel the bosses to hire more than one Judas. Peter, however, will not even have the decency to go and hang himself.

Old Smithers is still bellyaching about his railway contractors being unable to secure slaves for construction work at their own terms, and he threatens all kinds of dire calamities and visitations upon any one or any thing that puts restrictions upon his mad scramble for docility and cheapness. Smithers' ravings are so coarse that even the Vancouver Sun was obliged to call him to order, a castigation *more damning than anything the strikers* could pull off. The blatant old stiff should be tarred and feathered—either that or compelled to live in some of his own construction camp bunk-houses or hospitals.

When shingles drop in price because of a glutted market, the shingle mill owner shuts down his plant. When the market cleans up its surplus shingles rise to a new price level, the manufacturer starts up full capacity and makes back the money lost by reason of the closedown. That's the law of supply and demand. When the mill closes down the shingle weaver eats up what little he has laid aside and generally runs in debt a little. When the mill starts up again he goes back to work at the same old rate of pay he received before the shutdown. That isn't the law of supply and demand. That's hell.—Everett Labor Journal.

Every Trades and Labor Council on the American continent, over 1000, has been circularized by Vancouver's Central Labor Body, asking for their co-operation in developing the Industrial Union idea to existent trade unions, by a process of amalgamation and federation into fewer and larger unions, covering their respective industries. Judging from the replies now being received by the score, Vancouver has received a good deal of publicity and Industrial Unionism has been discussed as never before. The answers are varied, most of them declaring in the affirmative, and when tabulated will make interesting reading in the labor world.

The workers of Australia, like the workers of Canada, object to the government making labor-power the only commodity amenable to government regulation. If the principle is good for labor-power it should be equally applicable to other commodities. For instance: When the mills of B. C. shut down—go on a general strike—there is no governmental machinery provided to prevent it, nor is there any question of the "right" of the mill owners to do as they like with what the electorate have legally voted into their *hands. What a difference, though,* when the workers choose to "shut down" or withdraw their commodity from the market. Yes, it merely means that the lumber kings are in politics. The workers are not. It resolves itself into a simple question of who does the law-making.

Shortly before the last provincial elections there was a bt of an outbreak of smallpox at Rossland. One of the hotels, at which Andy Shilland, secretary-treasurer of District 6, W. F. of M., was stopping for the day was quarantined. But somehow or other Andy made a getaway. A week or two later the writer happened to be in Silverton, along with Percy Johnson and other members of the Socialist party campaign committee for the Slocan riding. We met Andy at one of the joy-water hostelries shortly after his arrival from some god-forsaken bunk-house upon the mountain peak as joyful as a robin. He was advised by the committee that he would be expected to speak that evening. This seemed to be too much for Andy. As he drew himself together and invited the bunch to adjourn, he was heard to soliloquise: "My God, why didn't I stay quarantined at Rossland?" Andy was the candidate.

A union card in the pocket of an old party politician, seeking office on an old party ticket, spells nothing—to the working class. A man can be no better than the party he represents. A party is no better than the principles upon which that party is founded. The "principles" of both the old parties have their taproot in the present form of property ownership and the wage system. The robbery of labor of about four-fifths of its product is unclean. Unclean principles beget unclean men. There may be well intentioned union men allied with the old parties; but it is surely a case of the right men in the wrong party. Sooner or later the international working class movement, which demands the collective ownership of things used collectively, production of wealth for *use, and to the worker the full product* of his toil, will triumph.

A social system that requires a "creche" to care for the children of "working class mothers," while the latter are engaged in one of the donor's factories for ten hours a day at $7 a week, is nothing to be proud of, let alone made the subject of a Sunday morning illustrated page in a daily paper. A Widows' Pension, provided monthly by the federal government, along similar lines to that of the Old Age Pension in other countries, would at least be more humane. It would *permit the mother to remain* home, where her children need her, and "keep the family together." If there is any thing in the value of homes to a nation it's a wonder capitalist apologists wouldn't encourage the making of homes. Truth to tell, all the employer can see is an opportunity to get cheap, docile labor that will bring grist to his mill. Certainly, *let's* have some one to mind the babies, while mothers pile up profit for the bosses who run the creche. Let young girls be exploited until they have to resort to means of earning a living that makes a creche a necessity. Great is capitalism. Shame, News-Ad., shame!

The coal miners at Cumberland and Ladysmith are still idle. The coal company got sore because two union men kicked about too much gas in the mine workings, and proved their contention by calling in the provincial mine inspector to corroborate their findings, and fired them. The miners want the laws relating to coal mines enforced. The coal company wants no *interference with its power to rule* and rob at will, nor will it permit union men to work in "our" mines. And there the lockout stands. The coal company has the bankroll and the government behind it. The miners have empty stomachs but a determination to act like men. The U. M. W. of A. will come to the assistance of the miners. The selling agents are already out of coal in Vancouver and the trouble gives promise of spreading unless there is a settlement. Meantime the mine owners are having a sweet-scented time trying to "run their own business" without the assistance of the real coal-diggers.

DISCONTENT MOTHER OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

There are certain erring ones who regard discontent as an evil genius. I beg to differ. Discontent is the daughter of Ambition and the mother of heavenly twins, Endeavor and Progress. She, and she alone, makes the wheel of human striving go round. The ideal of content is the dumb ox, placidly chewing his grassy cud beneath the spreading shades of a tree in the middle of the pasture. He has tormenting flies, but no ambitions. Mayhap, from the bovine point of view, this is a distinction without a difference, but—give me the ambitions; Mr. Ox may keep the flies. Ambitions that lead to disappointments are better than flies and gnats and mosquitoes, and other winged things annoying.

Then there is the claim; he hasn't even flies to bother him, and if he had, he would never know. Yes, on the whole, I prefer the ambitions, be they ever so frequently and deeply tinged with disappointment.

Content is the mortal foe of success —it is the moth that corrodes Endeavor, the rust that clogs the wheel of Progress; but to the inert it is sweeter than any morsel ever rolled beneath the human tongue. He who is ambitious must pay the price. He who overcomes has yet more to overcome. There is no rest for the ambitious one this side the grave. Aye, and for him there is no "success" for so long as ambition lasts and rules, both endeavor and deeds accomplished are swallowed up by Mother Earth. The star of ambition illumines ten times ten million million graves. And yet—ambition is the tabasco-sauce of life and makes it worth the living.—Doctor G. Frank Lydston.

The New Conscience.

The hope of human progress without violent revolution lies in the growth of a new conscience on the part of the masses.

There was a time when the victor slaughtered the prisoners he took in war. But a new conscience came to him. He discovered that it was wrong to *kill* human beings, so he enslaved them and let them live.

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After another interval of time, another new conscience grew up in men's minds. They say that it was not enough to emancipate their fellows, but that they must enfranchise them—allow them to have a part in making the laws under which they lived.

Today a new and nobler conscience is taking possession of the people. They are beginning to realise that precisely as it is wrong to permit the physical bully to knock down and rob his fellow men, so it is wrong to permit the intellectual, the financial, or *the economic bully to exploit* his fellow men by taking advantage of their necessities.

The big idea of this new twentieth century conscience is to establish economic justice for all those who labor; to give to toilers the full social value of their products and to end the private ownership of jobs.

The new conscience will emancipate the race. The new conscience is Socialism.—Chicago World.

The Silent Member.

You have him in your local union. He is an indispensable adjunct to nearly all locals. He couldn't make a speech to save his life, but he is always ready and willing to pick up the *heavy end of the work.* Many times he has jeopardized his job because he had the nerve to be one of a committee to demand the rights of labor when the brother who could talk well would refuse to serve.

When you are telling some one about the grand speech that some brother made at one of your meetings, don't fail to say a good word for the silent man; don't characterize him as a stick because he is not all the time telling how this or that should be done. We have known men who are excellent talkers who were not worth the powder to blow them up when put up against actual committee work. While we must have talkers, we must also have the silent member.—Zanesville Labor Journal.

Municipal Plant a Success.

A Calgary dispatch states that the municipal paving plant, a local experiment, has laid its first block of street paving at a cost of $2.01 per square yard, which is 84 cents lower than the highest and 14 cents cheaper than the lowest paving contract extant. The information is contained in a report of the municipal plant's operations to the Calgary city council which was made public on Monday. The average price of Calgary paving, as paid to contractors this year, is about $2.86, and the success of the city's plant will probably result in extensive operations next year.

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By WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER.

The suffrage movement is no longer a small group of eccentric bachelor maids. It is a world-wide movement of women from every walk in life, demanding in no uncertain terms political rights equal with men. In Asia, where for centries women have been *dominated by men to the extent that* even their faces might not be seen by others than their husbands and immediate family, women are throwing off their veils, and with the light of day shining full in their faces, they stand erect and demand political equality.

Our *English sisters, chafing under* the continued discrimination and bigotry of their lords in the home, in industry, in property, and in politics, have adopted so warlike a campaign that the entire world watches with bated breath, wondering what next *these British Amazons may attempt.*

In France, Italy, Germany and America, the sentiment is gathering like storm centres in some places, while in others it is sweeping the country, obscuring every other issue.

In America, during the past year, two new states have been added to the suffrage list, Washington and California; these with Corlorado, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah, give the United States 1,158,478 women voters for the presidential candidate. The political parties dare not disregard this new element in politics, especially in a presidential campaign, neither dare they meet the demand for universal suffrage with their usual vacillating flattery.

Roosevelt and his managers, with their accustomed foresight, are attempting to swing this new voting element their way. It is a pretty safe guess that the campaign of 1916 will see the Democrat and Republican parties competing for first place in the suffrage campaign.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Party, true to its principle of universal suffrage, has not only endorsed but is actively assisting everywhere with the campaign.

Union organizations, realizing at last that disfranchised woman workers are used against them in their struggle for a higher wage, shorter hours and better working conditions, are demanding that the ballot shall be granted to their sister workers.

In Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Oregon, and Arizona, the issue is the paramount one of the campaign. Voters are fairly bombarded with suffrage literature. Political meetings are captured by suffrage speakers whose logical arguments hold them spellbound for hours. Young women and old women, cross women and pleasant women, serious women and witty women, old maids and married women, teachers and scrub women, garment workers and society belles, debutantes and laundry workers, are working side by side, pleading the cause of oppressed womenhood.

ARE BACHELOR GIRLS HAPPY

A pert young miss with a sharp pencil writes a Western editor as follows: "Your editorial deploring the fact that so many young women are taking men's places in office and shop, is amusing. Why don't the men marry us and keep business for themselves? If you have the notion that women prefer banging typewriters, or selling goods over the counter, to making homes for loving husbands and prattling kiddies, why then you are a goose of an editor, and a very unobserving man. All this talk about the modern desire of women to be independent of man is absurd. The pictures you see in the magazines of happy bachelor girls are lying documents—there isn't any such thing as a HAPPY bachelor girl, though there might be such a thing as a "merry widow."

Her argument that if men would marry off working girls the positions they hold would be open to men is sound. We also know that the American boy is not marrying as early as his father and his grandfather did, and we also know that there has been a decline in the marriage rate in several states.

Here again we held the present system responsible. Every city has its tens of thousands of young men, working in shops and mills, who receive in wages less than $10 a week. Of course it is utterly impossible for them to marry under those circumstances.

The statement that there is no such thing as a happy bachelor girl will shock many men readers, but few women. The statement that there "might be such a thing as a 'merry widow'" will shock no one.

Despite all this talk we hear of woman's desire to be free, we each and every one of us know that no woman can approach happiness and live unnaturally, that the truly happy woman of our acquaintance is not made so by independence of man, but *is so because of companionship with* man. Together they stand for each other and their own. Both are dependent, as a matter of fact, but when hearts are true such dependenncy makes for happiness—the most sublime and most perfect happiness *which comes to us in life.*—Chicago Daily World.

Types Bowl.

Thursday afternoon the gentlemanly "ops" of the News-Advertiser defeated the "ad. artists" and "floormen" of the same office in a game of bowls on the Reliance Alleys, Granville street, by 167 pins. "Bill" Metzger had high score and high average. The features of the game included Ole's "speed ball," Archie's "wrong-font" delivery, and others too numerous to mention. McLean sent in several "loose lines," and as a consequence, had several bad "splits." "Kolonel" Dennison was on hand with the prizes, and the contestants "pulled out" "Mets" of the "key pounders;" Eddie Mason of the "hump-back rule," with Frank Farrell, of the "type jugglers," won the prizes—big red apples ("foreman bait"). The score:

Operators—	1	2	3	Total
Miller	159	106	145	410
Robinson	176	129	134	439
McLean	11.	119	163	393
Proule	155	138	160	448
Metzger (Capt.)	178	148	181	507
	778	635	783	2196
Floormen—				
Mason	146	147	155	448
Farrell	145	154	149	448
Archibald	117	111	138	366
Trumper (Capt.)	115	138	114	367
Olson	140	137	123	400
	663	687	679	2029

J. W. WILKINSON
Elected General Secretary of Vancouver Trades and Labor Council to Succeed R. P. Pettipiece, Resigned.

VANCOUVER TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL OFFICIAL MINUTES

Ex-President Wilkinson Elected as Successor to Secretary Pettipiece, Resigned.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 17.—Regular meeting Trades and Labor Council convened this evening, President Kavanagh in the chair and other officers present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Credentials.

Bakers—Leonard J. Sprigel and W. Sellings, vice Davidson and Buchan.

Electrical Workers, 213—H. A. Jones, vice Philpot.

Civic Employees—Edward Trainer, vice John Galletti.

Bricklayers and Masons—S. P. Gow, vice Anderson.

Longshoremen—G. Thomas, P. Sinclair, J. McLaren, H. Mortimer.

Horseshoers—Application for affiliation, with fee of $5.

Application for affiliation accepted and delegates obligated and seated.

Sheet Metal Workers—Bro. Hansberry.

Pattern Makers—Thos. Smith and Thos. Saxsby.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Executive.

Executive committee convened in regular session October 16, 8 p.m., Vice-President McMillan presiding.

Present: Dels. McMillan, Campbell, Beasley, Pipes, McVety, Wilkinson, Kavanagh and the secretary.

F. S. Faulkner of the local Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' union appeared before the executive and asked for the Council's co-operation in urging the Teamsters' International Union to provide for an organizer in Vancouver, to assist in completing the work of organization. Your committee recommends that the secretary be instructed to comply with the request. Concurrence.

Communication from Victoria Trades and Labor Council, endorsing resolution of this Council in favor of industrial unionism. Received. Concurrence.

From San Francisco Labor Council. Resolutions filed. Received.

From Grays Harbor Trades and Labor Council. Resolution unanimously endorsed. Received. Concurrence. Secretary to compile result when all letters on the subject have been received.

From W. S. Rawlings, secretary Board of Park Commissioners, advising Council of meeting to discuss development of Coal Harbor, on October 14. Covered by verbal report of Executive Board Member McVety. Received.

Trainer-Burgess: That this Council endorse plan No. 3, submitted by the Park Commissioners. Carried—40-31.

Amendment: That plan No. 2 be endorsed. Lost—31-30.

Amendment: That plan No. 1 be endorsed. Lost.

From Leon W. Marshall, chairman of Carnival Committee, Loyal Order of Moose, asking Council to send representative to preliminary meeting. Covered by verbal report of Executive Board Member Wilkinson.

Pettipiece-Beattie: That action of executive be approved and Delegate Wilkinson continued on the general committee as this Council's representative. Carried.

Following accounts recommended for payment: J. Freckelton, stamps for circulars, $8.50; J. W. Wilkinson, balance account as delegate to Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, $53.85; R. P. Pettipiece, two 100 watt, Tungsten lamps, $2.80; E. T. Kingsley, 500 circulars, $4.30. Concurrence.

Mass Meeting, October 25.

Your committee recommends that a mass meeting be held in Labor Temple, on Friday, October 25th, under the auspices of the Council, and that a committee of three be appointed to arrange details. Concurrence.

A general discussion took place covering the *necessity of the Central* Labor Body taking the initiative in assisting local unions, and keeping in closer touch with semi-public bodies, such as the city council, park commissioners, school board, etc. After a thorough review of the local situation in the organized labor world, and the receipt of General Secretary Pettipiece's resignation (owing to The Federationist requiring his whole attention) your committee recommends Executive Board Member Wilkinson for the position, on a partial time basis, at $30 per week.

Trainer-Britcon—That the resignation of General Secretary Pettipiece be accepted. Carried.

Lanigan-Beattie—That a general secretary be elected, on a partial time basis, at $30 per week.

Burgess-Mattison—That we non-concur.

Substitute for the whole: Pettipiece-Hurst—That we now proceed with the election of a secretary. Carried.

Election of Secretary.

Del. Wilkinson—Placed in nomination by Del. Berrie.

Del. Jones—Placed in nomination by Del. Durant.

Del. Burgess—Placed in nomination by Del. Knight.

Result of vote—Wilkinson, 43; Jones, 15; Burgess, 12.

Del. Wilkinson declared elected and duly obligated.

Wilkinson-Pipes—That we non-concur in the report of the executive and that the duties and remuneration remain the same.

Amendment: Gould-Hurst — That secretary be placed in field upon full time basis, at a wage commensurate with the duties.

Amendment to amendment: Blumberg-Langley—That scope of the secretary's duties be enlarged and that he be paid 62½ cents per hour, and that the minimum per week be fixed at 32 hours.

Substitute for the whole: Mattison-Pettipiece—That the duties of the secretary be enlarged, and that the question of remuneration be referred to executive for report at next meeting. Carried, 42-13.

Delegates Manson, Amalgamated Carpenters; Gow, Bricklayers; Sinclair, Longshoremen; asked that under section 16 of the by-laws, the question be referred, by circular, to affiliated unions, for approval, returns to be in not later than November 21.

Roll Call.

Statistician Beasley reported 79 *delegates present.*

The hour being late, 11:25 p.m., a motion to adjourn carried.

A FARM MEANS A JOB.

"When a man buys a farm, he buys a job." Too many of the "back to the farm" fellows from the city size up the situation from their viewpoint, and imagine that they are buying an established business, which will practically run itself and yield a profitable income. They are merely "buying a job," and it's a mighty sure job at that; they will never find a time when there is nothing to do in the farm factory. The city man, out of employment, goes to the man who has jobs to give out, and applies for a position—an opportunity to work for a daily or a monthly wage. He enters the employ of the man who controls the jobs in that particular plant, and so long as there is work to be done, and his work is satisfactory, he receives his wage, and the job is his. But he doesn't own the job; the employer owns all of the jobs all of the time, and that is the reason why we have a "labor market." The city man who buys a farm buys a job as well as a business. True, he controls or owns his own job, but at the same time he must make the business of farming pay, or his job will get away from hit.

We hear much these days about profitable farming. The press talks learnedly about farm profits; the independent life the farmer leads; how, through the use of modern machinery, the labor upon the farm has been minimised, etc., and the city man begins to sit up and take notice. He subscribes for some high-class agricultural journals, and reads about the wonderful transformation that has been made on an abandoned farm down in Jersey; he views the reconstructed house, looks longingly at the shady bowers and winding lanes, as they appear in the half-tone engravings which illustrate the article. And he buys a farm; it is "back to the farm" for this gentleman of the city.

He moves to his newly acquired possession, and soon learns that he has "bought a job." He finds that the pictures in the articles he reads were true to life all right, but that the improvements made were paid for with money made in other channels than farming. He soon realizes that he must work on the job every day; that he must master both the scientific and the business end of farming. The moment he turns his face toward the fields he faces the problems of the farm. He finds a thousand elements to contend with. Viewed from any angle, our city friend finds he has "bought a job." His living, his profit, his success alone, depend upon the energy, labor and business ability displayed in handling the "job" he has purchased.

Statistics gathered since the "back to the farm" movement began, show that about 90 per cent. of those who leave the city for the farm remain less than three years. No man can hire all his work done and make farming pay. The personal element is absolutely necessary if success is desired. From the best statistics available, the average profits upon the farms of this country are less than 5 per cent. on the money invested. These statistics prove that the business of farming is run on altogether too small a margin for the inexperienced to make a success of the business. The fields look inviting from a distance, and the pas*tures are green, but the city man* who buys a farm burns his bridges behind him, and expects to make a livelihood, as a farmer, is sure to find that he "bought a job," and not an established business with a sure income.—The Gleamer.

A British soldier was ordered to be flogged. During the flogging he laughed continually. The lash was laid on all the harder, but the rain of blows only seemed to increase his delight.

"What are you laughing at?" the sergeant finally asked.

"Why," the soldier chuckled, "I'm the wrong man."

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THE BUM ON THE RODS AND THE BUM OF THE PLUSH

One rides on the rods beneath the car
And one on a cushioned chair;
The one is clad in poverty's rags,
The other doth broadcloth wear.
One eats a back-door charity lunch,
For lack of the price to pay,
The other is served by a waiter skilled
In an up-to-date cafe.

The one sneaks into a concert dive
For an hour's cheap fun and laughter,
The other a box at the opera has,
With wine and women after;
One sleeps in the hay, or as best one may
Who has no place to dwell,
The other has a suite of rooms
In the city's best hotel.
The bum on the rods is hunted down
As an enemy of mankind,
The other is driven around to the club
And feted and wined and dined.
And those who curse the bum on the rods
As the essence of all that's bad,
Meet the bum on the plush with a sycophant's smile,
And extend the hand so glad.

The bum on the rods is a social flea
That gets an occasional bite,
The bum on the plush is a social leech,
Blood-sucking by day and night;
The bum on the rods is a load so light
That his weight we scarcely feel;
But it takes the labor of dozens of men
To furnish the other a meal.

So long as you sanction the bum on the plush,
The other will always be there;
But rid yourself of the bum on the plush
And the other will disappear.
Then make an intelligent, organized kick,
And throw off the weights that crush;
Don't worry about the bum on the rods,
Get rid of the bum on the plush.
—Miners' Magazine.

"Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel."

We have often bumped up against the union man who will buy scabmade clothes and eat in non-union restaurants. We have met those who never think to ask for a label of any kind—but these boys are put in the shade when a union comes along and issues printing without a label on it—*especially a union paying out good money to* boost the same label that they leave off their own stationery. This is the case with Vancouver Printing Pressmen's Union, No. 69, which is using envelopes that do not bear the union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council of Vancouver—an organization that they pay dues into every month for the sole purpose of boosting the allied label. Where the fault lies we do not know.—A. H. E.

A "Western" Easterner.

Phil Obermeyer (Hamilton Herald) twits R. P. P. (Vancouver World) regarding his geography. And this because he classifies Delegates Bancroft, McLennan, Glenn, Francq, and others as "westerners." Truth is, Brer. Obermeyer, the Guelph convention has made it plain that there is no "east" in the organized labor world. It's much like the lady garment worker who was "the best man of the bunch." In fact the breezy page conducted by Mr. Obermeyer, makes him, too, eligible as a "westerner" in the adjective sense.

Wage-Worker and Peace.

It is, of course, a historical platitude that in every great social movement such as the one for which this conference stands, there are two equally important periods. The first, usually a long and frequently a more or less discouraging one, must be given over to agitation or education—call it whichever you will—during which the energy of the propagandist has to expend itself either in awakening a dormant or apathetic public sentiment, or what is still harder, in breaking down an adverse sentiment and building up in its place a sympathetic one.

In the second period the task is to crystallize the sentiment thus built up in a vast group of individuals, and through some effective form of organization render it articulate, and give it direction and concrete force.

The movement for international arbitration has emerged from the first of these periods; but it now confronted by the entirely different kind of problem that the second period presents. It is plain that the movement for the arbitration of international disputes has less than half succeeded, in spite of the fact that probably a majority of the citizens of the most important nations have been mentally converted to that principle.

It remains to transform these converts from passive philosophers to aggressive propagandists, who shall see to it that their theory is translated into an institution.

What is now wanted is organized effort that will convert war into a blessed memory and arbitration into a living practice.—Hon. Chas. P. Neill.

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