

LIBERAL SPIDER WOULD WOO THE FEMININE FLY

Are Manitoba Liberals Who Promised Women Votes Backing Down

Women's Help is Needed To Rouse Election Enthusiasm

[By Miss Helena Gutteridge.] The women who are responsible for the organization of the Liberal Women's Club as a branch of the Liberal party, during the coming election in return for a woman's suffrage plank in the party platform, were no doubt influenced by the fact that the electors of the province of Manitoba have recently returned a woman's suffrage pledged Liberal government to power.

Norma Must Treat the Straight. "In reply to the delegation which waited upon him in regard to Votes for Women, Premier Norris said that he was always in favor of giving the women the provincial vote on the same basis as they now had the municipal vote. This, of course, is his personal opinion. It is to be hoped that it is not the personal opinion of a majority of the Liberal members of parliament, otherwise there are breakers ahead. The basis of the municipal vote is a property qualification, and such a basis would not be satisfactory to those who are advocating equal suffrage. Nor would it conform with the suffrage plank of the Liberal platform, which reads: 'The Liberal party, believing that there are no just grounds for debarring women from the right to vote, will enact a measure providing for equal suffrage, upon it being established by petition that this is desired by the adult women to a number equivalent to fifteen percent of the vote cast at the preceding general election in this province.'

A Bill is Not an Act. It is easily seen that the fulfillment of the pledge depends, not on the Liberal party or the government, but on the women of the province themselves, and even were the women so well organized as to meet the requirements as above stated, the introduction of a woman's suffrage bill will not of a necessity mean votes for women, especially when the government has only a bare majority.

Women's suffrage measures have been introduced in the House of Commons of Britain by Liberals again and again, some have passed, the second reading with a greater majority than any other measure received during the session, but only to be killed by some of the usual parliamentary procedure methods that are so very effective and about which so many people are ignorant.

Saskatchewan Looks Likely. As a matter of fact it looks as though the Province of Saskatchewan would be the first to enfranchise its women, not because there is a Liberal government in power there, but by reason of the superior organization of its men and women in regard to suffrage, as seen by the following excerpt from the Daily Province: 'The Premier of Saskatchewan, the Hon. Walter Scott, has declared his belief in the right of women as well as men to the vote, and the matter will be taken up by the legislature, which, at a former session, showed a leaning towards equal suffrage. The women of Saskatchewan, in their campaign for the franchise, have the support of influential organizations of men, and a delegation that waited on Premier Scott and his cabinet a short time ago was accompanied by a representative of the Grain Growers and the Trades and Labor Congress. To have the backing of the Grain Growers' association, the largest organization in the province, where agriculture, particularly the growing of grain, is the leading industry, speaks for the strength of suffrage sentiment in Saskatchewan. The delegation was headed by the president of the Franchise Board of the province, whose only son is fighting for the empire and who could therefore speak with authority of the share the mothers of the Dominion have in this time of national crisis and their claim to a share with their men in the political direction of the affairs of the country.'

Little Hope in B. C. Just what the Liberal party of B. C. can do for the women during the next year is difficult to see. Perhaps the leading suffragist women, are such good Liberals that they prefer a bare possibility of votes for women in the dim and distant future from a Liberal government, to enfranchisement from a Conservative within a reasonable time.

Mr. McGeer Shows 'Em. The motive of the Liberal party, it is easily seen, is not a burning desire to see women politically equal with men, but the emancipation of women, but to get ardent and enthusiastic workers for the party. In fact it is reported in the 'Sun' of June 10th that Mr. Gerald McGeer, Liberal candidate for the riding of Richmond, addressing a meeting of the newly formed branch of the Greater Vancouver Liberal Women's Association, 'explained to them the political situation throughout the province, joining out the many and various ways in which active women could make themselves useful to the party in a political campaign.

Look Up Liberal Candidates. Just as! Heaven help the women of B. C. if they depend on Mr. Gerald McGeer and his kind to give them the vote. He is an extreme anti-suffragist. The members of the various suffrage societies think of pledging their support to the Liberal party, they would be well advised to find out how many Liberal candidates are suffragists, as to read the reports of Liberal conventions and to note the speeches of Liberal candidates at campaign meetings during the last few months. Very little will be found to show that they have, in spite of the suffrage plank in their platform, the woman's cause in their thoughts at all, and to pretend that it is a live issue with them is absurd. However, time and the women themselves will decide.

THE BRITISH LABOR PROBLEM AND THE WAR

Investigator Says Trouble Will Come When The Conflict Is Over

Employers Will Benefit And Workers Will Have To Bear The Burden

"Dislocation of labor is the biggest problem England has on her hands next to a successful conclusion of the war, and even now the labor situation is receiving nearly as much attention from the newspapers and thoughtful public of England as the war." This sentence is the summary of a long interview with Bruno Lasker, York, England, author of several works on labor problems, who is now in America making a study of the questions of industrial efficiency and public works for B. Seeborn Rowntree.

Trouble After the War. As a result of the recommendations made by this commission the government was engaged in drafting legislation which it was about to submit to parliament when the war broke out, and which, Lasker said, likely will be presented as soon as possible at the conclusion of the war.

But while looking to those measures for substantial improvements, those gentlemen see the increased complication of the labor problem which will immediately be felt when the war is over, and they are far-sighted enough to begin now to study the question of what shall be done in England when peace has been declared.

As to Prohibition. Asked about the prohibition question in England, Lasker said: "There is not the slightest chance of compulsory total prohibition. There is nothing like the amount of prohibition sentiment at home that I find in your country, and what is more to the point, the British workers certainly resent the idea of prohibition as being aimed directly against their freedom of action."

War Draining Banks. "The war is rapidly draining labor, and especially skilled labor, from the country. Why, things have come to such a pass that the big manufacturers are going about trying to bribe workmen away from the plants of small concerns. Rather than drunkenness, the scarcity of war materials, and of all other supplies for that matter, is due to the fact that England to-day is forced to run her plants with unskilled labor, and not enough of that."

Death of J. McCall. The members of the Pattern Makers' union, along with the Masonic order, paid their last respects to J. McCall, 1042 Beach avenue, last Saturday, who died of paralysis. The late Mr. McCall was an old-time Vancouverite and a consistent union man, well liked by his associates.

With the Culinary Crafts. At the regular meeting of local No. 28, Cooks, Waiters & Waitresses union, held in room 200, Labor Temple, last Friday evening, June 11th, the principal item of business was the installation of officers for the ensuing six months. The new officers are as follows: President, W. J. Lines; vice-president, John Cumming; business agent, A. Graham; chaplain, Thos. G. Crombie; inspector, Wm. McWhirter; executive board, W. J. Lines, Ed. Cosgrove, John Cumming, Herb. Forshee, Wm. McWhirter; local joint board, A. Graham, W. G. Johnston, Blanche Cosgrove; press agent, John Cumming. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Chas. Davis, the retiring president, also to Business Agent Graham for his services during the past six months.

By-law Mass Meeting in Labor Temple Next Thursday Night. Mass meeting will be held under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council in the large hall of the Labor Temple next Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Speakers will address the gathering on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council, and it is hoped that Mayor Taylor and Alderman McBeath, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, will also speak. An invitation to this effect is being extended to them by the Trades and Labor Council.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LATE MINERS STRIKE

Prominent Ottawa Journal Presents A Damning Retrospect

Exposes Way Austrians and German Strikebreakers Were Useful

The late miners' strike on Vancouver Island has not received much attention at the hands of the Canadian press. In most of the few cases where comment has been made, it has usually been viciously biased against the miners. The Ottawa Evening Citizen is an exception to this almost general rule, as will be seen from the following, taken from its editorial columns of last Friday: "From the tragedy of scores of Canadian coal miners being threatened by machine guns and hurled into gaol, on Vancouver Island two years ago, has evolved a new farce in which the British Columbia provincial authorities are still playing the leading part. The story of the strike, as it started around Nanaimo in September, 1912, is told in a sentence. Coal interests with a monopoly of the land refused to allow miners to establish a monopoly of their labor."

'Jim' Grier in Town. An Old-Time 'Print' Hits the Trail as a Tourist for the Coast. James W. Grier, editor Slooan Record, New Denver, B. C., "blew into town" on Tuesday and left for Victoria to return to Vancouver in a few days. It has been many moons since he visited the coast, and things seem to look strange to him. Mr. Grier is a well-known old-time printer-editor of the province, having arrived here in the early eighties, and in 1887 was a charter member of Vancouver Typographical Union, No. 226. "Jim" is quite a philosopher when it comes to running a newspaper. The Record owes no allegiance, he says, to graft, man or devil. It recognizes things just as they actually are, leaving the far-away future to look after its own. "Jim's" politics is a Slooan fetish. Nevertheless, the Record is a welcome change to our table. Just before leaving the "Lucerne of America" on his four to the coast, Jim's old pals gathered round him and handed out buckets of dope about the dangers and vicissitudes of life in Vancouver. "Beware of motor-cycles!" they ejaculated. "Look out for jitneys!" and "When near a car track, stop, look and listen!" "Don't try to count the stores on high buildings or see German flying machines. You're liable to catch cold and get the italic neck!" "Steer clear of the wharves. You might fall in the water!" "Keep away from faro banks. You'll get stung!" "Get Parm. Pettipiece to fix you right with the police!" and "Do not miss a lotion of the Essence of Crime!" Although "Jim" is no cheebaco or "tenderfoot," he says he prefers the Slooan to the skid roads and paved streets of the Terminal City. And we "put in" with him at that. G. B.

Letter Carriers to Celebrate. The letter carriers of Greater Vancouver will celebrate the inauguration of the weekly half holiday by a picnic at Bowen Island on the afternoon of July 8. A comprehensive programme of sports is being arranged.

Smoke Local Made Cigars. Union Men! Be loyal and show your consistency by smoking local made cigars. You will thereby be helping your own unemployed. The local brands are as follows: Kurtz's "Pioneers," Kurtz's "Royal Honor," "Terminus," "Booth Bouquet," "British Lion," "Mainland," "P. and R.," "Lovella."

Where the Labor Movement Stands. The American labor movement stands committed for equality of opportunity, for equal work, whether performed by men or women. It also stands for equal rights before the law, and that implies equal suffrage in the selection of those who shall administer and execute the law.—Samuel Gompers.

Saskatchewan Typo's New Agreement. Negotiations between the employing printers of Saskatoon, Alberta, and the local branch of the Typographical union, have resulted in the signing up of the old agreement for a further period of one year. A few minor changes were made regarding overtime and apprentices.

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WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT LEAGUE IS NOW A PART OF THE CIVIC RELIEF DEPARTMENT

At the meeting of the Women's Employment League, held on Monday, reports were received showing the excellent work done by the organization during the last eight months to assist unemployed women. The most useful branch of the work has undoubtedly been the establishing of a free employment bureau, more than 1,400 women and girls having registered during its existence. Realizing the need for the permanent establishment of such a bureau, the committee approached the city council asking that they take over and operate it as a civic women's employment bureau, pointing out that in many of the cities of the Dominion that such a course had been followed with excellent results. The matter was referred to a committee, who later recommended to the council that the bureau be taken over and the services of Miss Davidson, who has been in charge of it and done such excellent work during the past months, be retained. The city council, concurring in the recommendation, the free employment bureau is now a part of the relief department under the control of Mr. G. Ireland, with Miss Davidson in charge. The ladies of the Women's Employment League, expressing their satisfaction at the result, promised to do all in their power to assist in the work by obtaining and urging their friends to obtain any domestic, or other help they may need, through the new civic department, and to make, if possible, the carrying on of the bureau under Mr. Ireland, even more successful in the helping of unemployed women than when it was a department of the Women's Employment League. The financial report showing a balance on hand, being received, the meeting adjourned till October 1, when the unemployment of women will, no doubt, be again a vital subject.

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Executive Committee Report. The Musicians' union wrote protesting against the D. O. K. K. band and orchestra, which is a non-union organization, connected with the Knights of Pythias. The D. O. K. K. band members had several times been requested to become members of the Musicians' union, but they had refused. Some members of the band were stated to be members of various unions in the city.

Next Meeting, Friday, July 2. Owing to July 1st falling on Thursday, the next regular meeting of the council will be held Friday, July 2nd.

Congress Committee Report. The committee reported that New Westminster Trades and Labor Council had sent one member to join them. That body had been invited to increase its representation by two members. The next meeting will be held June 30th at 7 p.m.

Parliamentary Committee Report. A mass meeting to advocate the passing of money by-laws by the city aldermen will be held next Thursday evening in the Labor Temple. Further details of this matter appear in another column. A letter will be sent to the city council protesting against the reduction of city laborers' wages. The speakers on behalf of the council at the by-law meeting will be President McVety and R. P. Pettipiece.

The President's Report. The president reported that the question of some Austrian and German members of the Brewers' union who had been discharged on account of their nationality had been settled by the Brewery workers in their own union, and thus the council would not be requested to intervene in this matter. The Attorney-General had again been approached on the subject of relieving the unemployed, and he had now admitted that a sum of \$1,000,000 was available if the unemployed situation in Vancouver during the next year or two to be dealt with effectually. It has been called to the minister's attention that Austrians and Germans are being fed and housed in internment camps, while thousands of British workmen were starving in various parts of the province.

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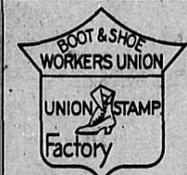
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Writer Wonders What The Heathen Think Of World To-day

Here is something of interest to workers, unionist and non-unionist alike! It was published in a recent issue of the "Daily Telegraph."

"The prospectus has just come to hand of the United Kingdom Employers' Defence Union, which, it is stated, is formed for the public welfare... so that the vital interest of all may be defended against unreasonable or oppressive attacks... It will protect the right work of free workers against tyranny and coercion on the part of trade unionists... To enable the union to do this it is proposed to raise a guarantee fund of \$50,000,000 sterling."

"You see, Mr. Workingman, that despite the contentions of socialists, anarchists and other agitators, the employers do look after your interests—especially your 'right to work!' However, if you are a trades unionist, mind your 'tyranny and coercion!' I don't think the Canadian unemployed would object much at the present time to an organization of this description, if they would only handle 'the right to work' end of the proposition with the necessary vigor. Unions are alright, and good for the public welfare—so long as they are not workers' unions!"

The Champion Sponger.

The cheap skate meandering round on the face of this sphere is the non-unionist who has a special liking for working in organized, or partially organized, camps. He likes the higher wages, the shorter hours, and the better working conditions found in these camps; but he hates like the dickens to help foot the bill. He will neither contribute money nor work to the movement; and more often is found fighting against it. He accepts the improved conditions found as either something which has existed for all time, or else is the gift of a generous and disinterested employer. He either forgets, or never knew, that anything from 10 to 14 hours was considered a working day not so very long ago; and is still in many industries. He seems to think that the 8-hour day is one of the ten commandments. An individual of this description is a load on organized labor; a cheap skate who is always looking for something for nothing; a spineless nonentity, who is neither fish, flesh nor good red herring. He would take candy from a kid and rob his own grandmothers of the last crust in the cupboard.

Wao Gets the \$2,000.

The United States federal statistics state that "labor produces a social value of nearly \$2,500 per annum net individual and receives in return less than \$500." Of course, there is no such thing as wage slavery, and exploitation is a pipe-dream of a few long-haired fanatics! Religious ideals, and especially those of the Christian religion, are on trial

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these days. It must be somewhat of a puzzle to the "heathen" to see professing Christian nations tearing at each other's vitals, and each clamoring for victory to the same Jehovah. The chief privilege enjoyed by Christians these days seems to be that of breaking all of the ten commandments with impunity. To "Thou shalt not kill," must be added "Except in regimental uniform: for it seems that killing in uniform is now quite Christian and civilized. Many professing Christians claim that it is a lack of Christianity which has enabled the present carnage to occur. But this claim has little foundation in fact. The Bible, the inspired exponent and history of their faith, is full of the records of blood-thirsty tribal wars, wherein the chosen few are ever wading through blood to victory, in the name of Jehovah.

Drill these ideas into the plastic minds of the young for generation after generation and wars and rumors of war will ever ensue. While containing a few sound social principles and moral codes of life, chiefly borrowed from other and older religions, it is fundamentally wrong. It encourages wrongdoing in that it offers a full and free pardon to wrong-doers, when the wine of life is at the lees. Slay, slander, cheat, exploit your fellow man all your life long; so long as you turn to Heaven with your last gasp, then all will be well, and a golden crown is yours.

In its present form it is a fitting reparation for a society of slaves and masters, of exploited and exploiters. Born in slavery, of a slave, it still retains its slavish ideals. As a factor in present day life, let us hope that the present crisis may help purify it of many of its false ideals and superstitions. If not, then the sooner it is assigned to the regions of the limberlost, and replaced by a healthier ideal and moral code of life, the better it will be for all concerned.

Kaiser Bill's New Anthem.

The Emperor William has been investing much money in foreign securities of late. This sounds like the "Watch on the Rhine!"

Tentacles of the Octopus.

That there exist great armament trusts, with their international directors, their inter-linked capitals, their spies, ambassadors, press controls, and cabinet shareholders, no one with eyes and ears can deny. For example, the Harvey United Steel company has on its directorate Italians, British, Germans, Americans and French, all of them directors of munition factories in their respective countries. Further than this, many of the subsidiary companies organized under the Harvey United Steel company have their branches in other countries. Thus, Vickers, Sons & Maxim, Ltd., of Britain, are connected with Vickers-Terni in Italy; Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd., of Britain, are connected with Armstrong-Puzzioli, Ltd., and Ausaldo-Armstrong & Co., Ltd., of Genoa, Italy; and this latter British company also hold many shares in Whitehead & Co., Ltd., in Hungary. Thus we see the intricacy of interest which constituted the armor industry as represented in the structure of the Harvey Trust. Every leading company is knit together by representative directors, shares, co-operation. A share-holder in one is a shareholder in all of them.

The Omnipresent Power.

Here is another international combination, the Steel Manufacturers' Nickel Syndicate, Ltd. Among the shareholders we find:—Vickers, Sons, & Maxim, Ltd., of Britain; Schneider & Co., of France; Krupp and Dilligen Steel Co. of Germany; Societa di Terni, of Italy; Witzkowitzer Coal and Iron Co., of Austria and so on. And still another. The Chilworth Gunpowder Co., Ltd., own the powder works at Chilworth, Britain. Joint bosses of the concern, the two well-known British patriots, Max and Karl Duettenhofer, of the Rhenish and Dueneberg powder mills; and the Armstrong firm.

Future of Kruppition.

Krupps of Germany, had \$200,000 of armament shares in the country when war broke out, when they, and the other "enemy" share-holders and directors, retired for the time being, their alliance having served its purpose for the present. And they do well, these murder machinery people. Vickers, in 1913, paid 12 per cent.; Armstrong's paid 12 per cent., plus a bonus of one share for each four shares held. Will the workers be wise enough, at the close of the present carnage, to throttle these people out of existence?

The Big Bawbee.

The Edinburgh workman, who finds that his pound sterling, is now worth 10s. can hardly sing "God save the King" for thinking that the deferred shares in the Edinburgh and District Tramways Co. are "earning" 40 per cent. of a dividend this year.

Dukes and Destitution.

While the Duke of Hamilton, Lord Roseberry and their class, are filling columns of the "Times" with excited protests at the bare suggestion that horse racing should be suspended during a Week. Aged Couple's Struggle to Exist.

"Hobbling to-day, Lionel Baldrey, a decrepit old man of 80, gave evidence regarding the death of his wife, Susan, and told how his income of late had been only on Old-Age Pension of 6s. Out of this amount he said he paid out 4s. 6d. a week for rent, having 6d. for himself and wife, who was 60 years of age, to live on. The coroner gave the old man a sovereign out of the poor-box, and advised him to go into the poor-house, where he would be well looked after.

How Do They Live?

Then note what the soldiers think of the poor-house! Sir Robert Moncrieff, Bart., commanding officer of the 6th Battalion Black Watch, complains that his men who are billeted in the West poor-house, Dundee, need a change of residence. The "poor-house," he says, "is so unhealthy, owing to its insanitary and dilapidated condition. There is a colony of rats about, and when the men are sleeping the rodents carry out night manoeuvres over their bodies and faces." Nice place for an old man of 90! But what on earth are rats doing in a Scotch poor-house?

W. M. C.

In the Capital City.

Victoria's labor bureau has over 2,200 unemployed on its register. Of these between two and three hundred are women. The total number recorded is not considered to represent anything like the number of persons out of employment. There are less men employed by the city of Victoria to-day than for some months.

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Learning a New Language.

He is a narrow-minded man who only knows one language. There is not much excuse for anyone who can read to be unacquainted with at least one other than his native tongue. All that is necessary to get a good start is to obtain a translating dictionary. Then you get a book written in the language you wish to learn and find the meaning of the words in it in your dictionary. The first word you look up will probably have an interesting variety of equivalents, which will stimulate interest in your studies. It may mean anything from a barn to a devil-fish, but it is not compulsory that you should select any particular thing. This prevents the work from becoming tedious.

This is the method I have adopted myself, and it has enabled me to vastly enrich my store of experience. The language I desired to learn was Italian. After studying my dictionary for a few days, I decided to practice. There were some Italians living near us, so I selected a house and strolled up to the door. A fair-sized lady answered my knock. Putting on my most winning smile, I said "Good morning, my good woman, is your husband at home?" I picked this single sentence because the dictionary was quite clear on it, and it could not possibly offend. Its effect, however, raised feelings of surprise in me.

The lady looked at me for a moment in utter amazement, which gave way to a glance of ineffable scorn. This, in turn, was succeeded by an expression of great rage and, seizing a flat-iron, she made as if to assault me. In fact, the flat-iron at that moment seemed to become an integral part of my bosom, and convinced me that a personal attack was meant. Feeling that without the dictionary, an explanation would be infeasible, I retreated down the front step on my shoulder-blades and retired homewards trying to imagine what it was I had said. I will never know.

This should have taught me a little caution, but my head having been done in old oak, I came to the conclusion that the trouble was in the pronunciation. Obviously, a language that one cannot speak out of a book will be much easier to write than to speak. So I eagerly awaited an opportunity to try that on somebody. One day my wife gave me a list of articles she wished me to purchase. Here was my chance. The list was as follows:

- 1 pair of shoes
- 3 yards of lace.
- 1 pair pants for six-year-old boy.
- 5 pounds tea.
- 1 bottle pickles.
- 1 box stove polish.
- 1 doz. lemons.

Everything in this list could be purchased at an Italian general store I knew about. Anyway they would get anything they didn't have, so I made a careful translation of the list and left it at the store to be filled. The goods were to be delivered and the bill sent to my office.

That evening, on my return from work, I found my wife with the same expression on her face that was there the night the bath-tub overflowed. She did not greet me effusively, but before my coat was off she inquired: "Urah, what did you do with that list I gave you this morning?" "Why my dear, I left it at the store; have the things come?" "They have not. Somebody has played a nice trick on us. A perfectly odious delivery boy came here with a load of junk which he insisted in putting in the basement. I would not permit it until he showed me your signature on an order. It was your writing, just as perfect as could be, but of course it's a forgery. Now just look here."

We went down into the basement, and I discovered that I would likely have to -- for:

- 1 quarter of beef.
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- 1 gallon cylinder oil.
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I began to fear that this third trial was not a success either. Still I am not discouraged. The dictionary method is alright. But do not be in too great a hurry to let your new-found knowledge loose upon the world. It is better to keep it in seclusion until it is tame. VERDE.

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LETTERS TO THE FED.
C. V. C. to W. M. C.
Editor B. C. Federationist: If "desire" determines determinism—which I grant—and all desire is not economic in character but egotistic, why not give egoism instead of economicism the credit? The church across the street, for instance, did not originate nor does it persist for the satisfaction of economic purposes. Perhaps the "law of machine production" might be said to be "economic" forces, but certainly not the ethical, legal or other social relationships not chiefly economic in character. If in your nomenclature "economic" is synonymous with "egotism" then there is no question. All human action is for securing the satisfaction of desire, but how about all desires being "chiefly economic?" C. V. C.

Workingman's Side of the Wage Out.
Editor B. C. Federationist: On behalf of the workmen employed by the city I wish to enter a vigorous protest against both the cut in the wages and the star chamber methods employed by the city council in bringing it about. What is the matter with the aldermen that they are afraid to do openly a thing which they claim is in the interests of the city? But I shall deal with that later on.

Last October the wages of the working men of the city were subjected to the usual war cut the same as all other civic employees. Against this little or no protest was raised, as all civic employees, including the mayor and aldermen, received the same treatment, and the civic workmen are quite as ready to do their fair share in times like these, as any others. But the burdensome part of it was that not only did they sustain the cut on \$3 per day but they were also put on half time or what actually amounts to less than half time. And now the schedule is again reduced to \$2.25 per day and half time work with the exception of the sewer men who will receive \$2.50 per day and the road men who will be raised from \$2 a day to \$2.25. This means that all civic employees have again been cut 25 per cent.

Of the city officials whose salaries were reduced, one was cut 20 per cent., seven were cut twenty-five per cent., three were cut thirty per cent., one was cut thirty-one per cent., and one fifty per cent., the lowest still drawing \$2,025 and the highest \$3,000.

But there is this difference between the working man and the official. The latter gets paid for full time, he gets the full amount of his salary for a year while the working man gets paid only 11 days out of four weeks, that is, he works two weeks and lays off two weeks. He works 5 1/2 days per week, so that means at \$2.25 per day, \$12.37 1/2 per week or \$24.75 every four weeks. If there is no bad weather during the two weeks he has work, to prevent him getting in full time. Allowing that it never rains in Vancouver, and that a man can work out of doors every day in the year a civic working man under the new schedule can earn just \$321.75, or an average per day of \$1.03 1/4 out of which, if it rains, snows or freezes and his work is shut down, he will lose \$2.25 for each day lost. It is a disheartening prospect. I tell you, sir, it is semi-starvation for many boys and girls; it is privation and suffering for hundreds of people in this city. The city council has brought suffering, hunger and poverty upon noncombatants right into Vancouver among its own employees. How can a man feed and clothe himself, let alone a family, on such a miserable pittance? Can a man keep his children in school? Can he feed them long? With the prices mounting skyward I say it will not buy food to keep body and soul together. Why that miserable \$1.03 a day won't buy cigars for some of the aldermen who voted for that ignominious cut and by it they have advertised to the world that Vancouver is so straitened financially that working men in the employ of the city must live on \$1.03 a day or less, mostly less.

Now, I say it was not only cowardly but it was subversive to representative institutions for the council to vote those cuts in secret session. Secret sessions of the council or any other representative body are vicious in principle and usually cowardly in practice. I challenge the aldermen who voted for that cut to stand out like men and defend their action. I dare them to go to the polls next January and ask the working men, who pay the bulk of the taxes, in the city, to endorse their action. Let me say that if the aldermen do not choose to declare themselves before next January they will then or they will have to figure on being elected without the working men's votes, and I believe, also, of those of many other voters who disapprove of star chamber methods and starvation living conditions.

Thanking you, sir, for this space to present the working men's view of the matter.
JOHN SULLY.

Saskatoon Council Elects.
Saskatoon Trades and Labor council elected officers last week as follows: President, J. McGrath; vice-president, F. Walsh secretary, J. D. Wallace (elected by acclamation); treasurer, W. Main (elected by acclamation); statistician, H. C. Nixon; executive committee, F. Walsh, J. McGrath, J. D. Wallace, W. Main, H. C. Nixon, H. J. Baillie, J. H. Lathley and R. Gloag; auditors, A. Birtles, H. C. Nixon and H. H. Boston.

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