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FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FEDERATION OF LABOR WILL CONVENE AT NANAIMO ON MONDAY NEXT, JANUARY 25

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND THE FACTORIES ACTS

BOTH MEASURES TO BE LAID OVER TILL NEXT SESSION

Anxiety to Shorten Present Session Given as Excuse

To Be Used as Death-bed Repentance Prior to General Election

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA Federation of Labor, when it gathers at Nanaimo next Monday for its annual convention, will be on the way to the fifth anniversary of its first convention, which was held in Vancouver, May 2, 1910. The various preliminary steps which led to the formation of the Federation, were made during the latter half of 1909. At that time the industrial activity of the province was greater than it had ever been before. Employment was plentiful, and the membership of the unions was continually increasing, as the result of the influx of new members and the coming of others from various parts of the dominion and elsewhere. Among those most interested in the constructive side of trade union activities, the idea had been gradually growing that an effort should be made to bring the various industrial organizations of workers into closer affiliation with each other, for the purpose of concentrating their combined effort on the work of securing legislation in the interests of the working class.

Need of Unity Felt.

It had been felt for a long time that the distance which separated the interior workers from those on the coast had prevented that co-operation. In the eastern part of the province were the coal miners, organized in the United Mine Workers of America, and distributed among the metalliferous districts were the quartz miners belonging to the Western Federation of Miners. Both these organizations were known to be active and militant in their methods, and it was felt that the effect of their joining forces with coast unions would be a good thing—as it eventually proved to be.

Vancouver Took Initiative.

This opinion, eventually crystallized in definite action being taken by Vancouver Trades and Labor Council. After a committee had gone carefully into the matter, it was decided to circularize the unions of the province and ascertain whether they were prepared to give their support to the plan of forming a B. C. Federation of Labor. At the meeting of the council held February 17th, 1910, it was reported that 27 unions had replied to the effect that they were prepared to suport the plan. In consequence the committee was instructed to issue a call for the convention which gathered the following May 2.

The First Convention.

At that convention there were 27 accredited delegates, chiefly from unions and trades councils of Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria. The two miners' organizations came into the Federation at a later date. The first gathering was chiefly occupied with the formal work of drafting a constitution and arranging for the organizing work necessary to widening the scope of the Federation.

The Second Convention at Victoria.

The subsequent convention, held in Victoria the following January, was much larger. The organizing effort which had been made in the interim showed in the fact that there were delegates there from as far north as Prince Rupert, and east as far as the Kootenays, Washington State Federation of Labor sent its first fraternal delegate that year, in the person of Charles Case, its ex-president.

Steady Progress of Federation.

Since that time the Federation has made steady progress in the work of welding the unions of the province into a composite body for legislative upr-poses. Like every other organization of its kind it has had its ups and downs, its internal squabbles, and such-like transient troubles which are inevitable in a body of its kind, where every man is a thinking unit with ideas of his own. But it has got past that, and will always do so, for the very simple reason that the overwhelming economic difficulties of the workers force them into co-operation with each ther, and eventually dwarf all secondary troubles into insignificance.

Fifth Convention Next Monday.

This year's convention will have a tremendous task before it to devise a practical plan of dealing with the appalling working class conditions which prevail all over the province. From all that can be learned at this time of writing the serious drain which has been made upon the financial resouces of the unions during the past year may result in some of them not being able to send delegates. On the other hand, while the gathering may be slightly less numerically,, it will not be so from a representative standpoint. Credentials are already in from the coal miners of the interior, also from Revelstoke and other distant points, from the Island miners, from trades councils and numerous unions. It will probably be found that during the year some unions have either withdrawn or suspended their affiliations for a time, owing to financial reasons, while on the other hand some have affiliated which have never done so before, and it is likely that so far as the number of unions affiliated

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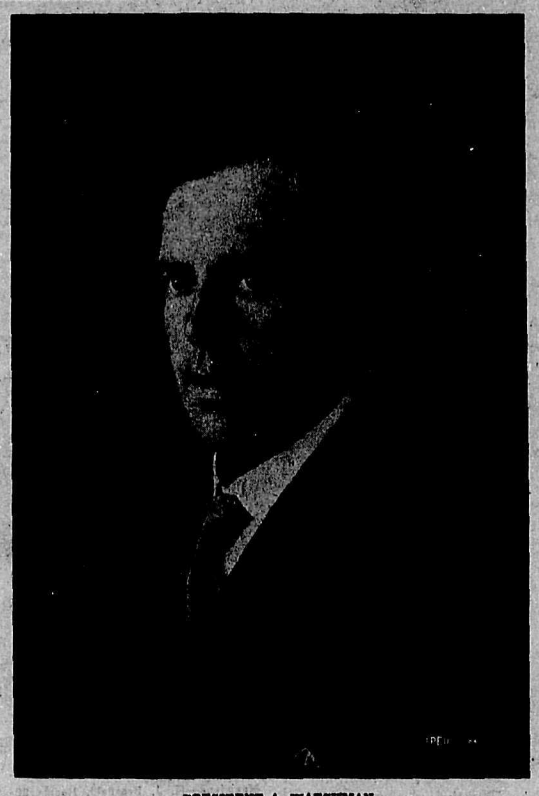


PRESIDENT A. WATCHMAN

Who was elected at the New Westminster convention last January to succeed Christian Siverts, and who will preside at the Nanaimo convention, which opens next Monday.

JAMES C. WATTERS

Who was elected the first president of the B. C. Federation of Labor in 1910, and retired in 1911 to accept the presidency of the Trades and Labor congress of Canada at the Calgary convention, an office which he still holds.

B.C. FEDERATION OF LABOR HOLDING ITS OWN

Executive Have Had Difficult Year Owing to Unemployment

How to Remedy Conditions and Plan for Future of Federation

Advance reports, received by the Federationist this week from Secretary-Treasurer A. S. Wells of the B. C. Federation of Labor, Victoria, are much more encouraging than might reasonably be expected in view of general industrial conditions throughout the province. During the past month two additional unions have affiliated with the Federation in Victoria, while there have been no withdrawals except the Letter-carriers who had withdrawn just prior to the New Westminster convention last year. Victoria will probably send at least a dozen delegates to the Nanaimo convention which opens next Monday.

Another new affiliation is that of the Paper-makers' union of Powell River, as a result of the solicitation of the manager of The Federationist, who visited them a few weeks ago.

At least one delegate will be present from Revelstoke, from a local of only nine members, and is as Secretary Wells states, "the kind of spirit that has made the working class movement."

Other delegates will be over from the interior, including two from the miners of the Crow's Nest valley coal fields.

Secretary-treasurer Wells says: "A splendid response has been made by the locals in the matter of per capita tax, for this year, and in spite of the depression of trade there has been only the best spirit shown to the Federation, and the convention will be more than a surprise to the antagonists of the labor movement."

Vancouver, unfortunately, figures most prominently in the matter of withdrawals during the past year, which, after all, is explainable to any one who understands the colossal slump which has taken place, especially in the building trades.

Vancouver Trades and Labor council will undoubtedly send a delegate, and as many of the local unions will be represented at Nanaimo next week as finances will permit.

There never was a time when the Federation more urgently needed the united support of organized labor, nor was there ever a time when the Federation could do more for its affiliated membership.

The present conditions cannot go on forever. There must be a change at no distant date. The element of discontent rampant everywhere must be cashed in upon by organized labor. It is the one factor which can bring order out of social chaos. Such a responsibility must be faced with determination, bull-dog tenacity and confidence in the organized labor movement.

Let every union which can possibly be represented at the convention next Monday send along its ablest men, men to whom losses mean simply that they must begin anew.

Now, all together!

Every wage earner of a profit making concern knows he is earning more than he receives in wages. His discontent in employment corresponds with his conception that he is receiving short measure in wages.

MISS GUTTERIDGE AT WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION

Miss H. Gutteridge, secretary-treasurer of Vancouver Trades and Labor council, left Vancouver last Sunday morning for Olympia, Washington, to attend the Washington State Federation of Labor, which met last Monday. Miss Gutteridge went as the fraternal delegate from the B. C. Federation of Labor, she being the unanimous selection of last year's convention of that body.

Interviewed by The Federationist just previous to leaving, Miss Gutteridge said she intended while in Washington, to learn all she could regarding the methods used by the women of the state in organizing the workers of their sex. Also to see how the legislation which has been passed there to protect women workers affects them.

The B. C. Federation of Labor, in sending Miss Gutteridge, has not only chosen an exceptionally well-informed and capable representative, but has reciprocated the action of the Washington State Federation of Labor in sending a woman—Mrs. Ida Zeigler—as its fraternal delegate to the last convention of the B. C. Federation.

Miss Gutteridge, although not a delegate to the convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor this year, will be over in Nanaimo about Tuesday next to speak there, by arrangement with some of the local workers.

U.M.W. OF A. MAY BUY MINES FOR THEMSELVES

Proposal to Purchase the Holdings of United States Company

To Be Sold Again at a Profit or Operated Co-operatively

The United Mine Workers of America may purchase the holdings of the Bache-Denman Coal company, in Hartford Valley. They have offered $200,000 for the mines and their proposition, it is expected, will be accepted.

Under the terms of the offer, all actions growing out of the troubles between the coal company and miners are to be dropped. This would include the dismissal of the company's action for $1,450,000 damages against the United Mine Workers of America, the local unions in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and the national officers, in connection with the destruction of four of the company's surface plants at Prairie Creek last July. It was understood that creditors of the Bache-Denman syndicate, ten of whose companies are now in the hands of a federal receiver, have approved the scheme.

It was asserted that the union intends operating the mines for the benefit of its members temporarily, and unless they can be sold at a profit, will continue working them on a co-operative basis.

Of the purchase price, $100,000 is to be paid in cash, and of this sum $60,000 in mortgages is to be taken care of in six months and the balance in a One-half of the remainder is to be paid year.

Miners' Convention Delegates.

It is expected that the following will represent the coal miners of Vancouver island at the B. C. Federation of Labor convention next Monday: From Cumberland—J. Naylor, W. Smith. District No. 28—R. Foster. Nanaimo—J. Robertson. Ladysmith—S. Guthrie. South Wellington—W. Head. Jingle Pot—J. Thompson.

FEDERATIONIST WILL REPORT THE CONVENTION

The Federationist next week will contain a report of the convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, which meets at Nanaimo next Monday. After the 1913 convention, The Federationist published a full verbatim report of the daily proceedings in an 18-page edition. Last year the same course was adopted, only the edition was larger. It contained 32 pages. The reason this was able to be done was that sufficient advertising was obtainable to pay the cost of production and publication. This year such a plan is absolutely impracticable, and The Federationist will only have its ordinary four pages. For that reason the report will perforce have to be more summarized and in the nature of "news" report. This is to be regretted, but every endeavor will be made to report the most interesting and important of the proceedings. With better times bigger things could have been done, but with the depression which prevails it is absolutely impossible to do things on the scale of last year and the previous year.

CONVENTION AGENDA SHOWS FEDERATION HOLDING ITS OWN

A. S. WELLS

Who was elected secretary-treasurer of the B. C. Federation of Labor at New Westminster last January, succeeding V. R. Midgley, and who will submit his annual report at the Nanaimo convention next Monday.

B. C. Electric Man Killed

James Reid, a foreman of the British Columbia Railway company, while working with a gang repairing on Pender street, Vancouver, was run over and killed by an automobile driven by Charles 'Antensen, last Wednesday morning.

THE TRADES COUNCIL AND BUILDERS' BLUFF

Small Minority of Builders' Exchange Issued Bogus Wage Scale

Trades and Labor Council Will Publish This Genuine List

Vancouver Builders' Exchange, a few weeks ago, issued a scale of reduced wages for building tradesmen in Vancouver and vicinity. The meeting at which that action was taken consisted of representatives of three or four firms and it took a week to get even that number together. The whole thing was really due to one firm, which is doing C. P. R. work. They had been notified by the C. P. R. that the work must be suspended. They promised the C. P. R. that they would get all building tradesmen's wages reduced if the work was still carried on. So like the three tailors of Tooley street, who called themselves "we the people of England," this firm, and a rag-tag and bob-tail element from one or two others, gathered together and issued a scale of reduced wages as coming from the Builders' Exchange.

At the last meeting of the Vancouver Trades and Labor council a special committee was appointed to compile and tabulate a scale of recognized standard union wages in the building trades, as an answer to the attempt which had been made to misrepresent that scale. Following is the list which is to be given the same publicity as the list issued by the builders:

	Per hour.
Stonecutters	$0.70
Bricklayers and masons	.75
Bricklayers' and masons' laborers	.43¾
Carpenters and joiners	53⅛
Plasterers	.75
Plasterers' laborers	.50
Lathers	.68¾
Painters	.56¼
Plumbers and steamfitters	.62½
Sheet-metal workers	.56¼
Structural iron workers	.62½
Electrical workers (inside)	.62½
Hoist engineers (according to rig operated)	.43¾ .62½
Common laborers	.37½

In all cases the hours of labor are eight per day and forty-four per week.

VOTES OF LABOR CANDIDATES.

Although Not Elected a Fair Showing Was Made.

While the candidates who were put forward for municipal office by Vancouver Trades and Labor council did not succeed in being elected they made a very fair showing for a first attempt.

W. Dairon, the candidate in ward six, polled 537 votes. The numbers polled by the two elected candidates in that ward were 1,278 and 1,206. In ward four, B. B. Bailey, the candidate of the council, secured 327 votes. The two elected candidates received 993 and 991 respectively.

In Point Grey, J. E. Wilton polled 64 votes in ward one, he being next to the successful candidate in respect of votes polled, the elected man getting 104.

Last Friday's meeting of the Civic Employees' union decided to again place a business agent in the field to further build up the organization. For the office, John Sully, who has done such efficient work in that capacity in the past, was chosen, and took up his duties last Monday morning.

LETTER-CARRIERS' CONVENTION

East Proposes to Postpone Convention in Vancouver

Letter-carrier circles are agitated over the proposal to postpone the biennial convention of their organization, which should meet in Vancouver this year. At the last convention, held in Winnipeg in 1913, Vancouver was selected as the next meeting place. However, since the war broke out, some of the eastern locals state that they are under financial obligations which would make the sending of delegates to Vancouver difficult. They also argue that, as the federal parliament only proposes to deal with war matters as long as the war lasts, it is no use the letter-carriers going to the expense of holding a convention to draft legislative proposals which the government would not take up.

The western locals take the view that the convention should be held as decided upon. They say that to do otherwise would look like lying down just because industrial affairs are rather dull. A referendum vote of each local is being taken on the question now. The vote of each local counts as one vote be the local large or small. Up to the present, the only information as to how the vote is going is, that Winnipeg has voted to postpone the convention. The local letter-carriers will hold a concert February 10th to raise funds for entertaining the convention when it comes to Vancouver.

TELEGRAPHERS

Many Out of Work and Prospects of Still Another Cut.

Local members of the Telegraphers' union are having their own troubles. Notwithstanding the fact that nine members were already being cared for by the union further reductions in the force are in sight, and some of the boys have about made up their minds to "beat it." But as to a destination—that is the problem. Seems to be the same everywhere. One at least will hie himself to a potato patch in Washington state. While the railway officials explain that these trenchent steps are but "war measures" the members fear that once a reduction is suffered there will be some difficulty in again bringing the old staff together, as they will necessarily scatter to the four winds in search of the elusive job.

SPLENDID RESPONSE FROM UNIONS OF PROVINCE

Despite Adverse Conditions Sec.-Treas. Wells Reports Progress

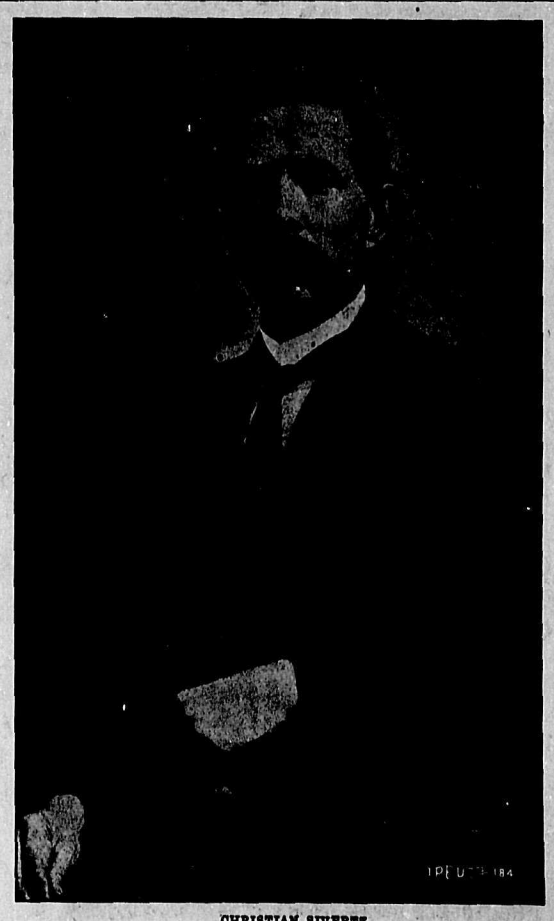
Unions Should Strive to Send Delegates to Convention

THE AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP of the B. C. Federation of Labor throughout British Columbia will be keenly disappointed to learn that Attorney-general Bowser does not intend to introduce his proposed Workmen's Compensation act during the present session of the legislature at Victoria. At least, if introduced, it must lay on the table until another session takes place, which will be, by the way, prior to the next general election. There has been sufficient public agitation upon this question to have warranted the government in placing the drafting of the new bill in the hands of a specialist. Such a measure, to be satisfactory to those who must work and assume risks under its operation, should have the "o. k." of the executive committee of the B. C. Federation of Labor, and, inasmuch as that organization has had a special committee working on the measure for some months past, it is only reasonable to assume that they will be consulted when next the executive waits upon the provincial executive council. The government may be trying to frame the very best act possible. It may not expect to please everybody. But if it is honestly endeavoring to meet the wishes of the workingmen of the province, including the loggers and timber workers now barred from the provisions of the present excuse for an act, it will accept the practical experience and advice of B. C. F. of L.

The Factories Act.

While on this subject of protection to the life and limb of workingmen, it might be just as well to mention that there is much need for amendments to the provisions of the Factories act. While the inspectors are admittedly doing their duty, the limitations of the act and the powers accorded them are such that there is much room for improvement. Attorney-general Bowser makes the plea that the present session of the legislature must be a short one, and urges that both the Workmen's Compensation and the Factories acts be laid over till next session, when he is prepared to go into both of them fully. Meantime what about the workers who must do the work, run all the risks and contribute to the long list of industrial casualties throughout Canada in the interim?

The Federationist, on behalf of the members of organized labor in B. C., realizes that Attorney-general Bowser has at present, a sufficient following in the house to carry out any mandate he may choose to make, but surely these two measures could be given attention at this session if there was an honest desire to do so. The present government has conceded practically nothing, in the way of legislation, to organized labor for the past seven years. Why then make a death-bed repentance of legislation so admittedly essential to the welfare of the workers of this province?



CHRISTIAN SIVERTZ

Who was elected president of the B. C. Federation of Labor at Victoria in January, '13, being succeeded by President Watchman one year ago this month.

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

THE CONVENTION of the B. C. Federation of Labor, which will convene in Nanaimo next Monday, will have to deal with a more difficult problem than has confronted any previous annual gathering of that body. The gravity of the working class situation throughout the province is without precedent. Unemployment has reduced thousands of the workers to destitution and want, and to the point where every cent in the family purse must be looked upon as the last desperate margin between them and actual starvation. All those who have been in the labor movement any length of time know that such conditions have an adverse effect upon the numerical strength of the membership. It cannot be otherwise. And even though it may not be pleasant to have to swallow the fact, yet nothing is to be gained by ignoring it. It means a reduction of finances, and of the resisting power of the movement against the economic iniquities which it is attempting to abolish.

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It has come at a particularly unsuitable time in British Columbia, for never before was there more dire need of a solidly organized labor movement with ample funds to push forward its propaganda. Right at this very moment, some of the more important legislation which the Federation has been striving for during the past four years is in the balance. And unless the working class are alive to the position, that legislation may be pigeon-holed indefinitely by politicians who know no law but the necessity of votes. The debates of the convention will serve to make that plain, and to emphasize the serious necessity of making every effort to bring the movement successfully through this time of stress. The presence there, of delegates from all parts, even though they may be a little reduced in numbers compared with previous years, will shew that hard though times are, the workers throughout the province are determined that, insofar as sacrifice and sincerity can avail, they are prepared to put forth their utmost effort to continue this work of the movement.

THE WAR LORD OF CANADA.

MAJOR-GEN. SAM HUGHES, federal minister of Militia, will likely be with us by the time this appears in print, or at least sometime around then. We do not know all he will do when he gets here, but we do know one thing he will do. He will talk far more than men who are proficient in his profession talk. Such men are noted the world over for their silence. But Sam will talk. He cannot help it. He talked at Winnipeg last Monday when he said that the war was one for the liberty of all the nations engaged—including the Germans. Time was when Sam spoke differently of war, for like all politicians he has a chameleon-like aptitude for changing himself to suit the circumstances of the moment. On one occasion he blurted out the truth, which must have surprised even himself. Speaking at Farnham, Quebec, in 1913, he said:

> We all know that war is made by capitalists, and by certain financiers who manipulate the stock market. War is engineered by them and the poor soldier has to step in and do the work.

But that little episode seems to have been the first and last of its kind.

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Ever since then Sam has been very severe on anti-militarists and all their works. We believe it was in the Federal parliament where he said that drill halls were of far more value to the youth of Canada, and the country in general, than technical schools. But that was milk and honey compared to the way he walked into the social democrats in Cobalt, when they wrote protesting against a drill hall being erected in their midst for the purpose, as they believed, of housing militia to protect strike-breaking miners. Part of his letter, in rsply, ran as follows:

> "Sir: A copy of your manifesto, attached to letter from you, has reached me. There is nothing new in the manifesto. It is brimful of the usual slop and the silly vaporings of minds ill-formed in the problem of human government. The idea of an institution whose practices are by many regarded as those of the thug the assassin, the mid-night murderer, the hedge persecutor of innocent women and children, the destroyer of homes and business industries talking of 'humanity' and 'progress' and deploring 'bloodshed' would be laughable, were it not so serious."

From all of which it would appear that Sam is quite a sweet and amiable youth when occasion requires.

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If such an account of his official manner was an isolated one, it might be reasonable to assume that just at the particular time he was badly upset about something. But there seems good reason to believe that in his official dealings with those who differ from him, he is consistently discourteous. In the parliamentary report of J. C. Watters, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, appears the following:

> Throughout the session I have had many courtesies extended to me by both cabinet ministers and private members. I have also been the recipient of the most courteous treatment from the officials of the different departments when attending to the duties associated with my position. In one instance, only, the common courtesy of a reply to a letter was not extended to me, but when it is known to whom I am indebted for this act, characteristic of an ill-bred, ignorant person, or a person with a peculiarly balanced mentality, the Minister of Militia, there is no occasion for surprise.

Evidently Sam is quite a Kaiser in his way, and the thought arises as to how much he would differ in his methods from that militarist monomaniac, if he had things all his own way.

IN THE OPEN AT LAST

THE BOY SCOUT movement never had any illusions except for those who were either too indifferent, or ill-equipped mentally, to be able to see the real meaning which lay beneath the official description of the movement's objects. Time after time, in answer to criticisms branding it as a cunning plan to mold the minds of boys to the military ideal, official statements have been issued that no such object was sought. And on the strength of those statements, many parents who could not see through the lie, allowed their boys to join the movement for the sake of the benefit to be derived from the physical and social side of it.

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Since the war commenced, all that was ever said about the military intention of those who fathered the Boy Scout movement, has been justified. Boy scouts in every one of the countries at war, are now engaged by the thousand in military duties of one kind or another, and with the official recognition and approval of the various governments. The labor movement never expected anything else and said so, often and plainly, with results which are too well-known to need recital. The main thing, now that the real objects of the Boy Scout idea are laid bare, is to bring parents to realize that it is, at the bottom, a plan to produce cannon food for future wars.

THE IDEAL LABOR PAPER.

THE LABOR PRESS, has a problem all its own, the problem of paying printers' bills and other expenses of production and publication. The finance to discharge these obligations can only come from two possible sources. Either the labor movement must bear the entire cost, or it must be derived wholly or in part from advertising. That The Federationist is not the only labor paper to realize this difficulty, is apparent from the report of President E. P. Marsh, of the Washington State Federation of Labor, and made to that body at its convention last Monday. He says:

> It is our solemn duty to make of that press a great educational power by giving it our united support. There is no class of men in the labor movement who labor so tirelessly and devotedly for the betterment of mankind than the labor editors. The great majority of them barely make ends meet, due largely to a lack of support from the rank and file of labor. We do not like the editor's views on politics or his views on industrial tactics and so we refuse to subscribe! We pay six dollars a year for a daily paper which never pretends to give expression to the economic views of labor, but we grudge one dollar a year to our own organ. We have it in our power to shape the policy of our labor press exactly as we have it in our power to shape the policy of our labor movement. We must pay more attention to building up our labor publications. The policy of a labor publication becomes the province of a Board of Control to work out in accordance with the recognized policy of the labor movement. That is no miracle that cannot be performed. But no paper can exist that is not supported financially. My ideal of a labor paper a "dream," probably, is a publication so financed by our movement that it does not need to be dependent upon secular advertising for its support. That may be a long way in the future, but right now we can immensely increase the power and influence of our movement if we support as we should our labor publications.
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> "Men shall know the truth and truth shall make men free."

Every word of that is solid truth, deserving the serious thought and attention of all members of organized labor. Summed up in a phrase, it is a reiteration of the well-known fact that if you want a thing done the best way to get it done is to do it yourself. The best and most effective labor paper is that which does not have to seek sources of finance outside the movement to whose interests it is devoted.

BUSINESS WAR AND NEUTRALITY

THERE IS ONE newspaper, published in San Francisco, whose daily comment upon current and philosophic issues we always follow with keen interest. It has a vigorous and healthy candor all its own, in a city where the press is not particularly conspicuous for its inclination or capacity to deal with serious matters in a fundamental way. We refer to the Bulletin, which has a knack of pricking the bubble of humbug in a way which, at times, must be distinctly bad for the bubble. Dealing recently with the question of the neutrality of non-belligerent nations, it goes to the very core of the business thus:

> "It is not neutral to build a whole ship for a belligerent nation, unless the ship is a submarine, in which case there is some, but not much, doubt in your favor. It is not neutral to enlist soldiers in a neutral nation for an attack upon a belligerent. But it is quite neutral to manufacture for the use of belligerents arms, ammunition, explosives and other war paraphernalia which are worth more than soldiers. It is not neutral to discuss the issues of the war in public, but it is entirely neutral to do all you can, within these restrictions, to help the nation or nations which can pay you best for your help. You mustn't stir one hairbreadth off the dead line of neutrality, even if you think the whole fate of the world is at stake, unless you think you can clean up some dividends by doing so, and then it is perfectly ethical for you to go as far as you think is safe."

That covers—or perhaps it would be more correct to say uncovers—the way in which the laws of neutrality have been devised by the commercial interests of the various nations, while they were still at military peace with each other. Men may be killed by the tens of thousands, women and children made widows and fatherless, starvation ruin and destitution may overwhelm the common people, but the profits of capital must not be disturbed.

A news item says:

> "The hills around Nazareth are said to have been fortified and, roads suitable for the transport of heavy guns are being constructed from Acra to Mount Carmel."

It appears the Turks are afraid the Allies may attack Palestine. In case that course is decided upon, it would seem entirely appropriate to form the expeditionary force of militarist parsons. It would be a good way of ridding us of such an abomination, and they and their Mohammedan prototypes could go at it to their hearts' content, with, let us hope, victory for both sides.

"The Public" sees it this way:

> The Tsar is said to have expressed a determination "to sacrifice his last mujik" in order to capture Berlin. He only draws the line, apparently, at sacrificing himself and other members of Russia's predatory classes. But that is the spirit of all who make war. Europe would be at peace to-day had there been a requirement that in case of war no peasant soldiers be put on the firing line while the supply of Romanoffs, Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns held out.

But why not include armament manufacturers and those responsible for the schemings of secret diplomacy in "the first contingent?"

Victoria Times in a resume of labor matters in that city during the past year says:

> The year has passed without any serious labor trouble here, and the general feeling is that the unions will assume a more normal condition now that their unnatural size has been reduced to include only those who have a stake in the community, and that they will not hurry into advanced courses without calculating the effects of their actions.

In other words, now that hunger and destitution hang as a threat over the heads of Victoria workers, they are forced to swallow many things, which self-respect would lose not a moment in rejecting if it were not for the need of daily bread which knows no answer but bread.

Doctor—"I have to report, sir, that you are the father of triplets."
Politician—"Impossible! I'll demand a recount."

A. A. BROOKHOUSE

Who is receiving the congratulations of his numerous friends upon his being returned as School Trustee for the Municipality of Burnaby last Saturday. He ran second in a field of five aspirants, and was elected for two years. Mr. Brookhouse is a member of the Typographical union and a former delegate to the Vancouver Trades and Labor council.

Premier Sifton, of Alberta, has announced that his government will grant $45,000 to the cities of Edmonton and Calgary, and $9,000 to the cities of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, for the purpose of assisting the unemployed during January, February and March. At the coming session of the B. C. Legislature, Premier McBride will meet the situation in this province by advising the starving and destitute to "have courage and confidence," and to "comfort themselves with calm dignity."

'Mid the slaughter of thousands, and the rampant raging ruin of the war, the armament business goes on as merrily as ever. The "Nation" compares the price of the shares of four representative firms when the war broke out, with the price to-day, as follows:

	July 30			Present time		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Birmingham Small Arms	2	2	0	2	12	6
J. Brown	1	5	6	1	7	6
Cammell, Laird	4	0	0	4	15	0
Kynochs	7	10	0	14	5	0

The education department of the Manitoba government has bought 2,500 copies of the government blue book containing the official explanation of the present war, so that a copy can be placed in every school throughout the province. Teachers are to instruct the children from the book. It is to be hoped that parents will be found to insist on withdrawing their children during the time such instruction is being given, in the same way they would if the Manitoba government started giving sectarian religious instruction. The blue book is one chapter of the dirty story of European diplomatic scheming. The similar publications of the other nations are the other chapters. The children at least ought to be given a chance to redeem the present generation in the eyes of posterity.

At the outbreak of the European war it was freely predicted that the cause of true democracy would be set back a full twenty years or more. It is now said that the apostles of the civilization to come who were drafted into the army are finding more willing listeners in the trenches at the battle front than they ever had before. The horrible realities of war have converted some of the enlisted workingmen into eager students of the various economic creeds listed under the generic term of socialism. 'Twas ever thus. Suffering and sorrow are great educators. The average man is mentally too indolent to dig beneath the surface for the causes of the economic ills which afflict us. It is only when he gets down in the bread line or near to it that he begins to see the true inwardness of things.

CHILD'S VIEW OF THE WAR

The following essay on the war was written by a girl of nine years in a Cheshire elementary school:

> "The war is a terrible thing. The Germans have sunk six of our British ships. My brother is a soldier and my mamma cries every night about him because she says he is her only son. I wish I was a man, I would go to the Germans and ask them not to fight my brother because my mamma wants him to come home again. My sister does not like the war she is always saying it is not an honest war, and my dada is always teasing her. She goes with a boy that is a Socialist, and my dada says Socialist people are peace. I think the war will soon be over, and when Father Christmas comes I am going to ask him to bring me my brother home, because I would rather have him than any toys. I say a prayer every night for the soldiers in the battle. I saw a lot of Belgium soldiers yesterday when I was coming to school. They had their arms in a sling, and one had only one foot. I don't know anything else."

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That pulses thru my heart
Is a flaming torch to light your way—
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How well I know just what you'll do,
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MOTORS AND STREET CARS

California Companies Do Not Like "Jitneys."

Vancouver is not the only place where the competition of automobiles with street cars is causing concern to the street railway company. The "jitney bus" has cut so seriously into the profits of the street railway companies in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and Oakland, that the companies now have observers on the street corners to count the "jitneys" and estimate the passengers.

"If it gets much worse," says General Manager Black of the United railroad the other day, "we shall have to go out of business. Certainly it will prevent financing any extensions. And it is worse in Oakland."

In Los Angeles, where the "jitneys" first appeared. Black estimates that they are taking $1,000,000 business a year away from the Los Angeles street railway.

The Ways of Carpenters.

Frank Brown, a local carpenter, disappeared on Tuesday, the 12th inst., to the great alarm of his family. Search parties of friends were organized, and every likely place in the city was visited by them. Mr. Joe Frew, another carpenter, was one of the searchers. He scoured the hedges and ditches of South Vancouver until 2:30 a. m. looking for his lost friend. A day or so after, he received information that his sister, Miss Frew, and Mr. Brown, were in Victoria, whence they had gone to be married and spend their honeymoon. The joke was on Joe, and nobody appreciates it more than he does.

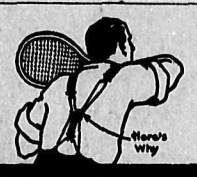
Where Is "Jack" Slattery?

Dr. Frederick F. Owens, Cherry Creek, Nevada, writes The Federationist, asking for assistance in securing the whereabouts of "Jack" Slattery, a member of the Miners' union, and last heard of, by his friends, in British Columbia. Concludes Dr. Owens: "... If you can help me in any way I would be very thankful, and at the same time you would earn the gratitude of his brother." Any information should be communicated directly to Dr. Owens.

Smeltermen's Irish Rise.

Employees at the Granby smelter received a rise in wages January 1st, of five per cent. When the smelter resumed operations recently, the men went to work at a reduction of 25 per cent.

"By the way," said Mrs. de Style.
"Yes?"
"Do you know of any poor persons who would care for a discarded lorgnette?"



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Have you any left-off clothing or boots which are still usable? If so please forward them to The Federationist office, 217 Labor Temple. Miss H. Gutteridge has received numerous appeals from working folk on Vancouver island telling of stories of destitution and want which would seem to be almost incredible if it were not already known that they are only too true. For the benefit of any doubter the following quotation is given from just one of the letters in The Federationist office: "... My eldest daughter is sick in bed with asthma and we cannot get right support for her. Her father has not worked now for two years and six months, so we are pretty hard up against it. I would be glad if you could send me anything in the shape of bed clothes, as my beds are bare of everything, and it goes pretty hard with the children this cold weather. I got a box already from you, and I gave them out to the neighbors, as I thought they were needing most, so I will be glad if you can send me anything, it does not matter what, food or anything at all, for we are almost starving." All parcels, large or small, will be gladly received at The Federationist office, and handed over to Miss Gutteridge.

MISS HELENA GUTTERIDGE
Fraternal delegate from the B. C. Federation of Labor to the Washington State Federation of Labor, now in session at Olympia, Wash.

PAPER-MAKERS IN CANADA.

Local Union at Powell River, B. C., Subscribes to "Fed." as a Body.

The following statement concerning the paper-making industry in Canada generally, and in Quebec particularly, was made last week by President Carey:

"There is no denying the fact that Canada has become a great paper producing country. Some of the largest and fastest machines in the world are being operated in Canada and under conditions favorable to manufacturers of paper in Canada, new mills have been built and in some of the localities members of the organization have achieved many successes, so far as conditions of employment and wages are concerned, but this has only been achieved by the activity of the members themselves with the co-operation of the international organizations. As to the statement that in the province of Quebec the people speak French generally, we have not found that to be so, as far as men employed at the paper trade are concerned. While it is true there are some few men employed on the paper machines who speak French only, the great majority can speak both languages."

One of the strongest locals of the paper-makers in Canada is at Powell River, British Columbia. The "Fed." goes every week into the hands of each member of the local there, the union subscribing as a body.

BARTENDERS' LEAGUE.

Sec.-Treas Jere L. Sullivan Reports Progress During Past Year.

"None of us but feel deeply over the frightful carnage of our fellow workers in Europe, brought about as many of us believe, by the greediness of rulers for greater power and enlarged territory, causing unheard of suffering among the people of the nations involved as well as inflicting on noncombatants in all parts of the world greater burdens than they should be required to carry.... Despite somewhat untoward conditions it is decidely gratifying to be able to inform you that our international union, thanks to the efforts of co-workers in the field of organized labor, the organizers, officers and labor editors, as well as the active members of trades unions generally, has made exceedingly fine headway and accumulated approximately an added membership of close to 4,000, and probably would have gone considerably beyond that figure if it had not been for a rather severe setback caused by the success of sumptuary legislation advocates...."

Sooner End It All Now.

For ourselves, we have an unshrinkable faith that the spirit of militarism and the moral purpose of the world are at war. If we believed, says the Winnipeg Tribune, that the principles of Bismarck, of Treitschke, of Nietzsche, of Bernhardi, and of all the other founders of Prussian militarism, were destined to prevail, we would welcome some cataclysm of nature which would render the surface of our planet as barren of life as the crust of the moon. If men were destined for ever to thrust bayonets into each other's vitals, if trenches had for ever to be piled high with human dead, if peaceful countries had for ever to live under the shadow of the sword, the fortress and the destroying horde, we would say let the race grow senile and decay. But the progress of the suns is not in the direction of militarism. The stars in their courses are fighting against it.

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J. J. TAYLOR
A vice-president of the B. C. Federation of Labor, who was one of the imprisoned miners at the time of last convention, and who was elected by acclamation. "Joe" will not be present this year, having been compelled to seek work in Washington state after his release last fall.

CULINARY WORKERS

Meeting Requests License Commissioners to Replace Orientals in Hotels.

Cooks', Waiters' and Waitresses' Vancouver local union, No. 28, wish to extend to the delegates attending the fifth annual convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful convention. They wish to call the attention of all union men to the fact that only those houses displaying their union card are union restaurants.

Old and New Members.

The most interesting meeting held by the culinary crafts so far this year was called to order at 8:00 p. m., Friday night, January 15th, in room 206, Labor Temple. It is encouraging to be able to report that we have three applications for membership pending, while four suspended members applied for, and were granted, reinstatement. Evidently some of our delinquent brothers and sisters are beginning to realize the seriousness of the economic situation.

Want Orientals Dismissed.

Under new business a resolution was adopted instructing the exec tive board to write the board of license commissioners, drawing their attention to the large number of competent culinary workers who are out of employment and unable to find work and urging them to relieve the situation a little by having the hotels replace their Oriental help with white labor. The disastrous fire which gutted the Empire cafe, on Hastings street, Saturday morning, compels the union crew of that establishment to swell the ranks of the unemployed, temporarily at least. Brother Frank Glaise, formerly night chef at the Vancouver hotel, has re-opened the Waffle Emporium, on Pender street west (lately Clow's Union Waffle Parlor). If you are partial to the delights of the succulent waffle your patronage will be appreciated. JOHN CUMMING,
Vice-president.

ONTARIO COMPENSATION ACT

Further Provisions To Be Asked for by Labor

With the view to penalizing employers who seek to evade making returns to the Workmen's Compensation Board under the act, and thus deprive their workmen of protection under the new law, it is understood that certain amendments will be asked of the Ontario legislature at its next session. In addition to increasing the penalty of $500 now provided for not making returns, the house will be asked to increase the penalty and a method will be devised of hunting down those who try to escape the law. It is also proposed to make the employer found in such circumstances personally liable for any compensation awarded by the board for an injury to a workman instead of being able to call upon other members of the class in which he might have been grouped.

The Cost of a Rich Man.

At the smallest average for the making of a single rich man we make a thousand whose life is one long flood of misery. The charnal houses of poverty are in the shadow of the palace, and as one is splendid, so is the other dark poisonous, degraded. How can a man grow rich except on the spoils of others' labor? His boasted prudence and economy, what is it but the most skillful availing himself of their necessities, most resolutely closing up his heart against their cries to him for help.—Froude.

A Creditable Publication.

The Carpenters' Trade Journal, the official organ of the New York State council of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners is one of the best prepared publications which comes into The Federationist office. Both from a typographical and literary point of view, it is far ahead of The Carpenter, the monthly journal of the international.

W. Dodd Re-elected

Alderman W. Dodd, member of the Street Railway Employees' union, and of the New Westminster city council for some years, was re-elected to the council last week.

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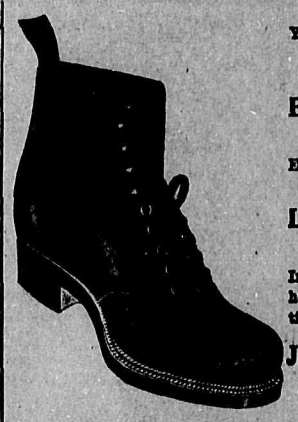

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BUILDING TRADES OF MONTANA IN BITTER SCRAP

Builders' Exchange Forced the Fight and Are Being Worsted.

Pete Dowler Will Attend Montana Federation of Labor Convention

P. W. Dowler, international organizer of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, with headquarters at Seattle, is at present in Great Falls, Mont., where the Building Trades council has locked horns with the Builders' Exchange, and the fight is a merry one. The County Trades and Labor assembly is assisting the building trades to good purpose and so far the contest has been confined chiefly to Great Falls, where the employers forced the issue upon organized labor, and instead of disrupting their forces only succeeded in solidifying the labor movement, inasmuch as every union in the city is contributing financially, personally and collectively, to the commissary of trades unionism.

Dowler as Fraternal Delegate

"Pete" will attend the annual convention of the Montana State Federation of Labor, which opens at Helena, on February 1st, as the fraternal delegate from Washington State Federation of Labor, and has taken his oath on a blood-stained putty knife that The Federationist shall be supplied with a synopsis of the proceedings. Inasmuch as all the unions of the Pacific Northwest have so many interests in common the result of all the conventions of western state federations of labor will be anticipated with keen interest.

GOVERNMENT LABOR OFFICIALS

Will Meet in Annual Convention This Year at Detroit

The Association of Government Labor Officials of the United States and Canada, of which C. R. Gordon, Vancouver, provincial factories inspector, is second vice-president, is doing effective work. It has for one of its slogans: "Armies and navies may be necessary, but the nation that provides for her industrial soldiers is the greatest nation." The association is a consolidation of the former organization of "Officials of Bureaus of Labor, Factory Inspectors and Industrial Commissions." Its object is to meet in annual convention (Detroit, 1915), interchange ideas and experiences and promote efficient administration of labor laws. To co-operate in securing the enactment of uniform industrial legislation. Another motto reads: "Conserve the greatest asset of any state or nation, the life of those who create, produce and build. Promote the comfort, health and safety of our toilers."

Labor Press Association Meeting

The Western Labor Press association will hold its annual meeting in Olympia, Washington state, to-morrow. The association is a voluntary one, consisting of editors and managers of western labor papers, for the purposes of co-operating in their work. The president is B. V. Hoyt of the Tacoma Labor Advocate, with E. B. Ault of the Seattle Union Record as secretary, and R. Parm. Pettipiece of The B. C. Federationist as vice-president.

Carpenters' Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of carpenters will be held in the large hall, Labor Temple, Monday evening, February 1st, at 8 o'clock. One of the most important matters to be dealt with at the meeting will be the recent action of the Builders' Exchange in issuing a schedule of reduced wages for building tradesmen.

Elected Chairman of School Board

At the first meeting of the new school trustees on Monday evening last, Mr. Frank J. Russell was unanimously elected chairman of the Burnaby school board. He is an old-time trades unionist, and was a long time delegate to the Trades and Labor council of this city. He is a good man for the position.

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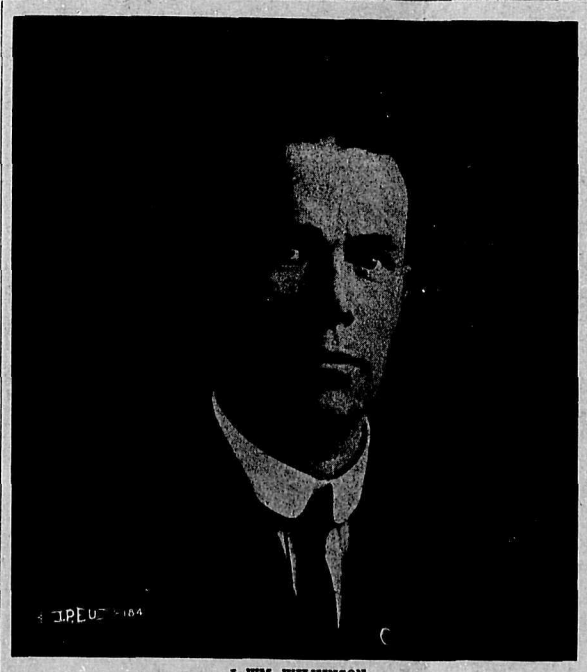

J. WM. WILKINSON

Who succeeded J. C. Watters, in 1911, as president of the B. C. Federation of Labor. He retired at the Victoria convention in January, 1913. Editorial writer on The Federationist since April, 1914.

SOCIALISTS CALL FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

Delegates of Neutral Countries Hold Convention at Copenhagen

Three resolutions were passed unanimously at the closing session in Copenhagen, last Tuesday, of the conference of socialists of neutral countries, which opened on January 10th. The first resolution declares it to be the duty of all socialists to work for a speedy declaration of peace, the terms of which shall provide a basis for international disarmament; it also calls upon the International Socialist Bureau at Berne to convoke a meeting of all socialist parties at the beginning of peace negotiations to take an advisory part therein. The second resolution proposes that all socialist parties of neutral countries urge their respective governments to consider the possibility of offering mediation to the belligerents, with the view of lasting peace. The third protests against the arrest of five members of the Russian Duma, who met to draft a report from the present conference. Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Holland have been represented at this conference by four delegates each, and Italy by one. No delegates attended from the United States and Switzerland. On Tuesday the conference adopted a resolution protesting against Germany's "violation of Belgium's rights" and calling upon all socialist parties to labor to bring the war to a speedy end.

BOTH MEASURES TO BE LAID OVER TILL THE NEXT SESSION

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goes there will not be any very notable decrease.

Past Year a Difficult One.

It is not possible to forecast the nature of the officers' reports, but it is safe to say that none of their predecessors have had such a difficult task to meet the obligations of the Federation as President Watchman and Secretary-treasurer Wells. With every union in the province having to care for a large number of unemployed members it is pretty safe to guess that the per capita tax receipts of the Federation have not been in excess of its bare needs.

Convention Agenda.

As to the matters which will be the subject of the most important debates of the convention, doubtless the report of the labor commission, appointed by Premier McBride, will be one. Of the numerous features of the report none is more important than that dealing with workmen's compensation. Attorney-General Bowser has already announced that a new draft act will be laid before the coming session of the legislature, but that no action will be taken to pass it into law before next year. How to make him change his mind will be one of the questions for the convention to take up.

One thing is certain respecting this question and all others dealing with the passing of laws in the interests of the working class, and that is, that as long as the workers are organized industrially and disorganized politically, neither McBride or Bowser will go far out of their way to pass working class legislation. How to remedy this condition will also likely be one of the big problems tackled by the convention.

"SAFETY FIRST!"

Powell River Paper Company Recognizes Waste of Industrial Accidents

The prevention of accidents and injuries by every means possible is a personal duty which every man owes not only to himself, but also to his fellowmen, says Safety and Health, a monthly publication issued by the Powell River Paper company. Safety should be your first thought. Accidents to yourself or another are usually somebody's fault; don't let them be your fault. Finding the danger points about your job first is the safest way; then report your findings to the proper authority. Every time you prevent an accident to yourself or to another, you become somebody's benefactor. Time lost through an accident is waste, if the accident could have been prevented. Your duty to yourself, your home and society is to help prevent that waste by being careful.

Poor Editor Again.

"Where's the editor?" bellowed the caller at the office of the Podunk Pabulum. "He's out," said the office devil. "You see we had a home talent play at the town hall the other night and in describing the scene between Mr. and Mrs. Hanks, who played the leading parts, the editor wrote: 'He held her tight as she struggled to get in,' but when it got into the paper it read: 'He held her tights as she struggled to get in.' Mr. Hanks called about it, and I ain't sin neether of 'um since."

UNION MINER OF FERNIE ELECTED MAYOR OF CITY

Tom Uphill, the well-known organizing secretary of the Gladstone local union of the United Mine Workers of America, was elected mayor of Fernie, B. C., last week by a majority of 61 votes over his opponent. The District Ledger, the weekly paper of the miners, says:

> "Tommy" has been a resident of the town for some years and has earned the respect and esteem not only of his own class, which is evidenced by his repeated election to the position of secretary, but that of the bulk of the business men in the city of Fernie. We wish him every success in the responsibile office he has secured.

DELEGATES ELECTED

To Attend Nanaimo Convention of B. C Federation of Labor.

Following unions have sent credentials of delegates to Secretary-treasurer Wells. These organizations will be represented at the Nanaimo convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, which convenes on Monday: District No. 28, U. M. W. of A.; Amalgamated Carpenters, Nanaimo; Longshoremen, Victoria; Pattern-makers, Vancouver; Amalgamated Carpenters, Victoria; Blacksmiths, Revelstoke; United Mine Workers, Nanaimo; typographical union, Nanaimo; United Mine Workers, South Wellington; Machinists, Vancouver; Painters, Victoria; United Mine Workers, Ladysmith; Trades and Labor council, New Westminster; United Mine Workers, Jingle Pot local; United Mine Workers, Cumberland; Barbers, Victoria; Pattern-makers, Victoria; United Mine Workers, ernie; Trades and Labor council, Victoria.

In addition there will be a large number of delegates from the Vancouver and New Westminster unions which are meeting this week.

WANT UNION PATRONAGE.

But Unwilling to Reciprocate by Demanding Union Label on Printing

A number of the officers of organized labor in Vancouver have been recipients of circulars during the past week, advertising a certain shoe store in this city. The circulars do not bear the union label and should be returned together with a note informing the management of the store that the proper way to secure the patronage of organized labor is to advertise in labor's official paper—The B. C. Federationist.

LONGSHOREMEN

Secretary-treasurer Madsen Visits Vancouver—Union Holding Its Own

J. A. Madsen, secretary-treasurer of Pacific district No. 38, International Longshoremen's association, Portland, Ore., was an official visitor in Vancouver during the past week. No special mission caused Mr. Madsen to leave headquarters, it being merely a part of his regular rounds of affiliated locals.

Work is still slack among local members of the Longshoremen's union. One of the questions at present being discussed by the union is the adoption of a sick benefit society. This for the reason that no class of workmen in B. C. are exposed to more risks of injury, as is amply shown by the number of accidents, many of them fatal, during the past few months.

Preparing the Way.

The capitalists are forced to concentrate and monopolize and organize industry. The capitalist who lags behind goes bankrupt. But the very process of organizing industry, when it is completed, renders the capitalist unnecessary. He becomes simply a drawer of unearned revenues and is ready to be thrown off whenever the useful members of society so decide.—Maoriland Worker.

B. C. F. OF L. PREAMBLE.

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We believe there is more efficacy in electing working-class representatives to write the law than by supplicatory methods, and our efforts will be more in that direction in the future.

We are firmly convinced that the future belongs to the only useful people in human society—the working-class.

WEST AUSTRALIA COMPENSATION FOR WORKERS

The Chief Features and Provisions of the Act Outlined

Compare New Act for British Columbia with This and Others

[In view of the prominence which will be given to the subject of workmen's compensation in British Columbia, during the next year, by reason of the new act promised by Attorney-General Bowser, The Federationist is publishing summaries of compensation acts of various states and countries which are supposed to have had considerable experience of legislation of this kind. The various acts of Australia and Tasmania will be summarized, and appear weekly. Following is a summary of the Workmen's Compensation act of Western Australia.]

Western Australia Act

The Workmen's Compensation act, 1912, includes as employers "any body of persons, corporate or unincorporate."

Nature of work to which the act applies.—Manual, clerical or otherwise.

Workers expressly excluded.—Persons whose remuneration exceeds £300 a year. Casuals, police, outworkers, members of employers' family.

Employer not liable to pay compensation.—For first week of injury if disabled for less than two weeks.

In the event of insolvency, maximum amount of compensation admitted as first charge on assets per individual.—£150.

Compensation in case of death.—If dependents left—three years' earnings or £300 whichever is larger. Maximum £400. If no dependents, maximum amount for medical attendance and funeral expenses, £100.

Compensation in case of incapacity.—Weekly payment—half average weekly earnings, maximum £2. Maximum total liability £400.

Compensation to workers over 60 years of age who have entered into agreements.—Death (where there are dependents), £100. Incapacity, minimum payment 10s. Maximum total liability, £100.

Compensation for infirm workers who have entered into an agreement.—On death, minimum payment £50. Incapacity—weekly minimum payment 10s. Maximum total liability, £100.

Compensation for workers under 21 years of age earning less than 20s. per week.—Weekly payments—average weekly earnings (no maximum).

Period after which lump sum can be substituted for weekly payment.—Six months.

Tribunal if claim not settled by agreement.—Local court.

Regulation for injured worker leaving the state.—Weekly payments continue in the event of an injured worker leaving the state.

Burnaby Municipal Elections

The result of the polling which took place on Saturday last was as follows:

Reeve—Fraser (acclamation).

Councillors.—Ward One—Bevan, 90; Young, 82; Stride, 54. Ward Two—Coldicott, 211; Allen, 125; Collins, 89. Ward Three—Col. Ward, 42; Culley, 21. Ward Four—Fau Vel, 46; Lumley, 26. Ward Five—MacDonald, 235; Mulgrew, 177. Ward Six—Murray, 166; Silver, 111.

School trustees—Disney, 740; Brookhouse, 699; Murray, 562; Lumley, 455; Mayne, 421.

"Jimmy" Simpson's 16,300 Votes

James Simpson, who was elected at the top of the poll last year for the office of controller in Toronto, was this year defeated by the narrow margin of 143 votes. This was due to a bitter and well-financed campaign waged against him by the capitalist interests of Toronto. In spite of that more than 16,300 votes were cast in his favor.

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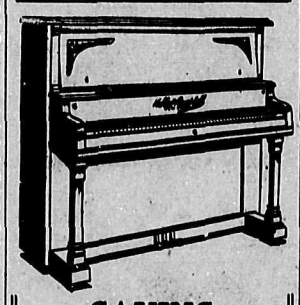

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