

ROYAL CITY LABOR COUNCIL HOLDS A BUSY SESSION

Join Organized Labor of B. C. in Protest Against Conscription

Schaake Munition Works Employees Strike for Increased Wages

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 27.—New Westminster Trades and Labor Council is again showing signs of coming to life, judging from the attendance at recent meetings and the interest taken in discussions.

At the meeting held on June 12, it was reported to the council that the Canadian Northern railway had 300 Chinese, who were on their way to France, working on the Goose Lake branch of the railway, and, as they were passing through Canada in bond, and had not paid the head tax, it was decided to write to the minister of labor and enquire if the report was true.

A protest had been made to the Imperial Munitions board about the shipyard on Poplar island working a ten-hour day instead of eight, and in a reply from Mr. Butcher, director of the board, he stated that the ten-hour day was being worked only during the time that the land was being prepared for the yard, and that when the construction of ships started the same arrangements would be put in force here as existed in Vancouver and Victoria.

An acknowledgment was received in reply to the communication from this council to Sir R. L. Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which stated that the organized workers of New Westminster were opposed to the conscription bill which is now before the parliament.

The committee which had charge of the public meetings, held by the council last week, to protest against the conscription measure, had to report the ed owing to the street car strike, and that the auto which was sent for them had broken down and by the time another was secured, it was too late for the meeting.

STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS ORGANIZER IN VANCOUVER

Third Vice-President Ben Osborne Looking After Interests of His Organization Here.

Third Vice-President Ben Osborne of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers and Pile Drivers, is a visitor here this week from Portland, Ore.

Socialist Party of Canada MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT, 8 o'clock THEATRE Speaker next Sunday: W. A. PRITCHARD Subject: Under Capitalism.

VOTE \$500 TO AID STRIKING MINERS

Trail Mill and Smelters' Union Bites to the Occasion—Assistance Needed

FERNIE, B. C., June 27.—(Special to The Federationist).—In response to an appeal made by the British Columbia section of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, through the B. C. Federation of Labor, the Trail Mill and Smelters' union has donated \$500, as relief for necessities.

STREET RAILWAYMEN ELECT OFFICERS ON JULY 2

Nominations Show Healthy Competition for Nearly Every Honor

Confidence the Keynote of Last Wednesday's Big Regular Meeting

DIVISION NO. 101 of the Street Railway Employees, held a bumper meeting in Labor Temple on Wednesday evening.

Election of Officers July 7. Keen interest was evidenced in the election of officers for the coming term, and the nominations show a contest for almost every office.

W. R. TROTTERS' DISCORDANT NOTE AT RATEPAYERS' MEETING

Grand Flag-waving Hurrah Unanimity Slightly Jarr'd by Lone Trades Unionist.

The Vancouver Central Ratepayers' Association held a meeting Tuesday evening. It decided to take a hand in the discussion of the conscription issue.

Saskatchewan Election Results. The Martin (Liberal) government has again triumphed in Saskatchewan.

These Bye-Elections, Maybe. On Tuesday, for the first time since the death of Ralph Smith, the Brewster cabinet has been able to sit in executive council with all portfolios represented.

ALONG THE PATHWAY OF CHRISTIAN WARFARE

Blood and Carnage As a Lever for Moral and Ethical Uplift

Chief Reason Why People of All Nations Should Be Conscripted

That people do not begin to realize the extent to which they must sacrifice both to equip military forces and to meet the results of war in the form of increased poverty and immorality at home, is the statement of W. C. White, president of the centralized budget of philanthropy, who has just returned from Pittsburg, says the Milwaukee Leader, where he attended the national conference of charities and corrections which made discussion of how to meet these problems its chief business.

You know much about starving, sick, dying Belgium and Poland and Serbia and Armenia; but do you know what this war means in terms of suffering to England, to France, to Germany, to Russia, to Canada; and what it will soon mean to America at home?" he asks.

Disease Follows War. "Do you know that in England, cities have closed their public schools to give them as drilling places to the army; have sent their teachers to the front and left their children to grow in ignorance and idleness? That in efficient Germany herself juvenile delinquency and crime have grown so alarmingly that neither the military authorities nor the police are able longer to cope with it?"

"Do you know that upon every one of the struggling nations there has poured a tidal wave of disease, of vice and immorality, of suffering and of destitution among certain of the population?"

"Do you know that always in the wake of war, with the doctors and nurses in the hospitals and at the front, the dread and devouring scourge of the white plague is let loose upon the people to add its horrors to those of growing want or famine?"

"Do you know that the camps and the trenches, with the consumption of intoxicating liquors, when obtainable, and the following of lewd women, are the breeding places of immorality and the venereal diseases that are not second to tuberculosis as a menace?"

Social Woes Increase. "Oh, yes, we know all this and much more, but this war is being fought on another continent and these things can not touch us."

"Well, did you ever hear of the Canadian patriotic fund, and do you know that after sending 1 in every 15 of her people to the battle front, and after sending dollars of money after them where we have given cents, our great neighbor to the north has had to fairly pour out her money at home in the building of institutions and the mobilizing of resources and of people, to care for the enormously increased population of the crippled, the blind, the sick, the idle men with their idle families, the criminals, the vicious and the weak?"

WHO DECLARES THAT CHINESE LABOR IS WANTED?

Hansard Says Suggestion Came from Vancouver Board of Trade

Secretary of Board Says No Such Suggestion Made "Officially"

SOME FEW WEEKS ago a Vancouver delegation, representative of business interests, visited Ottawa.

Who Wants the Chinese? In reply to a direct question by a member of the opposition as to who it was behind the move, Mr. Roche replied, according to Hansard: "There may have been some request made from the mine owners, I am not certain as to that. There was a deputation here about a week ago, consisting of members of the board of trade of Vancouver, who made a suggestion of that nature. Then one or two parties sent communications to the department; I cannot recollect their names, but I think some of this correspondence emanated from those who are not employers of labor, and not particularly interested, but making a suggestion that it would be wise to adopt such a policy in view of the scarcity of labor."

Suspicious Movements. Inasmuch as the fact was mentioned in the Vancouver court on Wednesday, it may be repeated that several thousand Chinese are being shipped across Canada from this port to France. It is alleged, too, that some of the importations may be left in Canada. And the above movements at Ottawa at least arouse suspicion among British Columbians, who know something of Oriental standards of living.

Denies the Allegation. In reply to a direct question by The Federationist yesterday, as to the accuracy of the above Hansard report, W. A. Blair, secretary of Vancouver Board of Trade, denied that any such request had been made by the delegation, at least not officially. Nor had the question been even discussed by the Vancouver Board of Trade. "In fact," declared Mr. Blair, "this is the first I've heard of it."

Under the circumstances, it might be well for central labor bodies in B. C. to get into immediate communication with the Ottawa officials of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, to make sure that nothing of the sort is slipped over on the electorate, like a lot of other things, too numerous to mention. Trade unionists should, like firemen, sleep with one eye open and one foot on the floor.

MACHINISTS' LOCALS HAVE DOUBLED MEMBERSHIP Seattle Conference Reports Show Phenomenal Growth of Metal Trades.

District No. 26, Machinists, held a conference in Seattle on Saturday and Sunday last. Representatives were present from Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Bremerton, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria.

Labor Temple Directors' Meeting. A meeting of the directors of Vancouver Labor Temple Co., Ltd., will be held in room 211, Labor Temple, on Monday evening, July 2, at 8 o'clock.

THE MODERN 'GHOST' THAT WILL NOT GO DOWN

The Old Wrangle and Jangle About Jobs and Wages Still Going Strong

"Red Spectre" of Socialism Haunts the Dreams of Political Tinhorns

BEFORE he got through committee today his bill increasing the salaries of civil servants in the inside service at Ottawa, Sir Thomas White had to listen to a good deal of frank criticism about the "inside" and "outside" civil servants, says the Mail and Empire's Ottawa correspondent.

When the bill was taken up Mr. Bonlay, of Rimouski, made a strong plea for men in the outside service, especially those of the lower grades.

Inside Better Looked After. Dr. Edwards, Frontenac, agreed with Hon. Mr. Lemieux, and remarked that the Ottawa civil servants were better looked after, because there were several thousands of them together and they could influence elections.

Increase in Salaries. Sir Thomas White stated that the increased expenditure under the bill amounted to \$290,000, which he regarded as a very substantial increase for the inside service at Ottawa.

Northwestern Typographical Conference Makes Initial Blanket Agreement at Tacoma.

Well-attended Meeting Last Sunday Disposes of Routine Business.

Last Sunday's meeting of Vancouver Typographical union was well attended and interesting throughout.

Secretary V. R. Midgley of Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, announces that copies of the new bylaws and constitution are now ready for distribution among the delegates.

SEAMEN LATEST TO DEMAND RAISE

Coastwise Steamship Employees Decide to Join in the General Movement for More Pay

Firemen, deckhands and others employed on coastwise steamships, under the guidance of the Seamen's Union, are among the latest to cease work in an effort to gain a wage more commensurate with the increased price of foodstuffs.

MAYOR MAKES NOBLE DISPLAY OF STATESMANSHIP AND TEMPER

There was "something doing" in the ranks of the city firemen this week and, if the aldermen adopt the same attitude as was taken by Mayor McBeath in his interview with the men last Tuesday, there is liable to be something more doing in the very near future.

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WHAT RUSSIA WILL DO AFTER THE WAR IS OVER

As a Great Agricultural She Will Undoubtedly Remain

Interesting Speculations As to Her Future and Development

In the opinion of Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, the new Russian government is gaining in strength.

Baron Heyking, who has so long and so well represented Russia as consul-general in the United Kingdom and India, recently stated in an interview published in the New Age, "This revolution is conservative and retrospective. The tendency now is to go back to the old Russian methods which existed before the Tartar invasion."

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"Unity of Labor: the Hope of the World"
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SPECULATING in food is no new practice. It is as old as human slavery and has become so time-hallowed by long usage that it seems almost like sacrilege to offer any objection to it. And yet it has become a most prevalent custom to verbally fast-tigate the food speculator, and he who is able to most noisily bombard him with vocal shrillness, at once becomes a popular idol, and great is the joy thereat. There is said to be reason in all things, but just where it lies in the matter of this hue and cry against the dealer in food-stuffs is by no means easy to determine. It is rather peculiar that much of this hue and cry comes from the throats of men in high public place, and who are themselves the beneficiaries of trade and commerce in the necessities of life, which, by the way, is but another way of saying food speculation. All trade and commerce is built upon the enslavement of the producers and the taking from them of the wherewith to trade. Were it not for this enslavement and robbery of the producers of wealth, there would be nothing to trade in. It seems as though that ought to be readily seen by any one who is not wilfully blind.

The merchant, the dealer, the trader in the things produced by the enslaved workers, becomes a necessary factor in the process of skinning slaves and transforming their hides into added power to enslave and plunder. By trading and trafficking alone can the surplus value that comes into the hands of the masters of slaves be disposed of and the bulk of capital be increased and its power enlarged. It is up to the dealer, the merchant, the speculator if you please, to get as much as possible out of the commodities that pass through his hands. That is the only purpose that can possibly lie behind the exploitation of labor and the disposal of the plunder accruing thereby. It is the only way the purpose can be realized. And it is just as moral as is the enslavement and robbery of the slaves. In fact, it is a part of that process and can, therefore, be neither better nor worse than that of which it is a part. Every business concern on earth is run for the express purpose of getting as much as possible for nothing. That is all there is to the much-revered profit, that all the world so zealously pursues. The speculation in foodstuffs is no more reprehensible in time of war than it is at any other time. It may be that war conditions afford more lucrative speculative opportunities than peace conditions, but that is purely a matter of good fortune to the dealer or speculator. Every railway, shipping interest, munitions factory, mining company, bank and, in fact, all other lines of trading activity are openly acknowledging and boasting of greatly increased profits as a result of war conditions. They chortle gleefully in their annual reports about their augmented profits on account of the war. Just why, in the face of this, the guileless food speculator should be selected as the target for verbal rotten eggs and vocal brickbats, is not clear, unless it be for the purpose of making him the scapegoat upon which to pile the sins of the whole

dirty bunch of trading and merchandising speculators and thimble-riggers. * * * There is a perfect deluge of spawking and puffing about controlling the price of this, that and the other thing. The noisy blatters along this line are those who know the least about the basis from which all prices are determined and whose business it is to determine the price of anything that is to be sold. In the first place, it is solely the business of the owner of anything whatever, what price shall be put upon that thing. Once that is denied the entire repudiation of capitalist property has been made and the foundation upon which it rests irrevocably destroyed. The state, powerful though it may be, can no more fix the price of the goods and chattels of its citizens or subjects, than one man or set of men can arbitrarily fix the price of the goods and chattels of others. The determination of price always lies with the owners of a commodity, subject to such conditions as may prevail in the market at the moment in question. The state can override this only by first becoming owner and, therefore, sole master of such commodity. And in that event it can only protect itself against loss by also assuming absolute control of the production of said commodity. If the state should ever fall into the hands of those who would limit prices to the actual cost of production, or to any other figure less than the prices that prevail in the unrestricted capitalist world, that state must first assume control of the production. Then as undisputed owner of industrial enterprises the state could determine the price at which its commodities would be sold. But until the state does that all price fixing will be more or less of a joke. In the meantime, we would suggest that it is exceedingly bad taste to throw verbal mud at the "food speculator," in a world that has been for centuries devoted to the noble art of speculating in everything from stable manure to the virtue of woman. If we are to maintain our allegiance to a system of property and industrial control that is based upon the enslavement and robbery of labor and shaking business dice for the disposal of the swag, we should be absolutely logical and "let her go as she looks." The food speculator comes just as near being a simon-pure angel as any of the rest of the profit-chasing gang that constitute the business world. There are no white blackbirds in the capitalist bush.

THE PRESENT Dominion government was elected in 1911. All the constituencies chose representatives for the house of parliament. The elected representatives were given credentials and authority for a period of four years. They have exceeded that authority by about one year. This has been merely an impudent assumption of authority, that would have been immediately repudiated the moment it was attempted, by any people of spirit and worthy to be free. It has not been repudiated to date, and the supine indifference of the electorate to what the Ottawa adventurers are doing towards the crucifixion of democracy and the destruction of all rights of citizenship, has seemingly so strengthened the impudent courage of these adventurers, that they are determined to still further prolong their arbitrary retention of a power that they do not legally possess, for the purpose of completing the nefarious work of sweeping the Canadian governmental stage clear of all democratic opportunities and possibilities of interference with the ambitions and aspirations of all that is reactionary and baneful in the social and industrial life of the Dominion. If the attempt to still further prolong its baneful existence, in open contempt and defiance of every principle of legality, of political probity and of public decency, does not arouse the revolutionary wrath of an outraged electorate against this pettifogging government of cheap and impudent adventurers, no further proof is necessary to stamp that electorate as a mere band of sheep, so lacking in virility as to be totally unworthy of any other destination than that of the shambles and the chopping block of autocratic rule and brutality. * * *

To make a bad matter infinitely worse, forty-eight constituencies are absolutely without representation in the house, the former members having either died, resigned or enlisted for the war. No steps have apparently been taken by the government to fill the vacancies thus created. Forty-eight constituencies are therefore left voiceless in the matter of thrusting the yoke of Prussian militarism upon the necks of the people of Canada. It needs but one step farther in the usurpation of authority for the parliament of Canada to be abolished and the farce of democracy and liberty be brought to a close. The rule of the knout, the sabre and the machine gun looms threateningly in the near future, if the impudent usurpation of power by the political tools and criminal agents of reaction and tyranny is allowed to pursue its reckless course in stifling democracy and throttling liberty. If there was any virtue in our professed devotion to democracy, if our love for liberty and our hatred of tyranny and oppression was anything above the level of mere lip-service, that disreputable gang of tricksters and cheap and nasty adventurers at Ottawa would have been driven from power at its first usurpation of power, for any purpose whatsoever. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Indifference to the doings of those to whom authority may have been delegated, and supine submission

to the exercise of usurped power, spells the death of all liberty and the inevitable riveting of the shackles of tyranny upon the limbs of the supine and spiritless victims thereof. It is not too late for the liberty-loving people of Canada—that is if they are guilty of the pleasing impachment—to pour out the vials of their wrath upon the Ottawa aggregation for its impudent attempt to force upon them the iron cross of Prussian "kultur." Demands should be made in no uncertain or misleading language, that a halt immediately be called to the infamous proceedings and an election be held at once, for the purpose of again setting up a legal government, with a clearly defined mandate.

WHEN THE legions of the German Kaiser were hurled against France, the semi-feudal autocrat of mid-Europe was laboring under no delusion. He knew from what direction danger threatened his "divine right to rule." In the nascent democracy of western Europe he recognized the enemy whose insidious attack, if allowed to continue unquestioned, would, in time, undermine the foundations of his empire of absolutism and wreck the world-conquering ambitions of the house of Hohenzollern. Even his own miserable subjects had been slowly acquiring the habit of at least speaking in terms of democratic hope, and if nothing was done to ward off the menace of that threatening growth of democratic thought, it might in time develop into such action as to overturn the entire remaining feudal survival from the middle ages. The Kaiser and his advisers knew full well the task in hand and when they loudly proclaimed their purpose of carrying German "kultur" to the uttermost parts of the earth, they were neither indulging in windy bombast or pipe-dreams. They were merely voicing a perfectly logical determination to reconquer the earth for that autocracy that had suffered a no inconsiderable clipping of its wings by the uprising democracy of western Europe, but had still remained steadfast and unconquered in the Hohenzollern realm. * * *

The contention of the German military autocrat that he is fighting a defensive war is quite correct, but not in the sense of its being a war in defense of trade, as so many are led to believe. That it is, from the Prussian standpoint, a defensive war is due to the fact that it has been forced by the growth and encroachment of democratic thought and tendencies upon the autocratic political concept that is so dear to the Hohenzollern heart. That the Kaiser should deem it his heaven-sent mission to retrieve the situation by going forth to reconquer the world for the autocracy and absolutism of the middle ages, is no more an evidence of insanity than is the case of the disciples of democracy, who, likewise, set forth to conquer the earth for their peculiar governmental faith. There is nothing to German "kultur" beyond the military absolutism that held Europe under its complete sway to well down towards the end of the eighteenth century. Its triumph merely means that the world is to be set back politically to the status of those times. It is the thirteenth century concept of government armed with the tools and weapons of the twentieth century, attempting to force the world back to the unbridled autocracy and tyranny that constituted the political status of the thirteenth century. Its triumph means that all of the gains that have been made for democracy and human liberty during the long drawn out struggle of the past, will be lost and the battle will have to be all fought over again, against even more overwhelming odds than was formerly the case. * * *

And Prussian "kultur" is swiftly winning its way to complete world domination. Its disciples all over the world are rising to the occasion afforded by this war and leaving no stone unturned to throttle every democratic impulse and hamstring every democratic tendency that has found expression or been called into activity in the life of nations. No ruling class ever existed that was not reactionary, once its rule was threatened by a class below it. The capitalists of the world have as little use for democracy as the Kaiser himself and they have never countenanced it except for the purpose of using it to further their own ends against the feudal rule from which they broke away. Now that capitalism has become fully developed and world powerful, it no longer can depend upon democracy for support, but upon the contrary, that very democracy which it conjured forth as an aid in its earlier struggles against the feudal nobility, has now become a source of danger to its continued existence. Hence, all capitalist influence becomes reactionary. It welcomes the arrival of the opportune moment to throttle democracy and strip it of its power to do mischief to the ruling class interests. The war afforded the opportunity and right nobly have the big dominant capitalist interests of all the so-called democratic nations risen to the occasion and become zealous in stripping the common herd of its rights and privileges and reducing it to a condition of conscript slavery. This has been done in the dear old "motherland," and it has been done with a vengeance that is most convincing. It has been done in New Zealand, and that most thoroughly. It is well on its way in the United States and is being pushed forward as rapidly as due caution and careful judgment will permit.

And the ground plans are being carefully laid here in Canada to slip the same infamous program over us and add the territory of this Dominion to that already conquered by the "kultur" of the much-abused German Kaiser. That "kultur" is winning throughout the civilized world, and God help the uncivilized portion later on. The world is rapidly being converted to the sublime wisdom of government by the machine gun, the submarine, the gas bomb and the braggart and cut-throat in military uniform. Just what the "democracy" of the future may expect at the hands of such government has already been happily indicated by the actions of uniformed ruffians in breaking up meetings and committing other hoodlum acts, without incurring even the slightest frown of disapproval from either public authorities or their apologists, procurers and boosters, both spiritual and "of the earth, earthly." Just how "safe the world will be for democracy" when there are countless millions of uniformed assassins in every land at all times ready to do their masters bidding against those who may too loudly protest against their tyrannies, may be better imagined than described. * * *

Let none delude themselves with the silly notion that soldiers will not kill when they are so ordered by their galling officers. And it will not matter who they are ordered to kill, either. It is the soldier's duty to obey, and almost invariably he performs that duty. The soldiers of any country may be relied upon to mow down the rebellious of their land, with the same zest and gusto that they display in butchering what is termed their country's enemies. That is the soldier's trade. That is the true "kultur." He does not fight for democracy and liberty. He fights because he is so ordered by those above him, and whom it is his delight to serve. And the way he will undoubtedly be used to serve the democracy of the future will be a positive delight to the interests that use him. And yet in the face of this triumphant march of German "kultur" in conquering the earth and adding the brutal chains of military autocracy and tyranny to the already galling chains of servile exploitation borne by the workers, there is next to no protest put up against the accursed infamy of the murder of democracy and the rape of liberty. Even the organized slaves of at least some of these "democratic" countries are among the very first to fall for the infamy that is being perpetrated upon all who are warriors in freedom's cause. They willingly and even joyfully surrender their privileges and rights in exchange for the patronizing pat upon the back, and the fulsome flattery whispered in their stupid ears by the oily tools who are privileged to ensconce their dirty shins "neath the council board of the powers that rule and rob them. Some there are who are not even then satisfied, but needs swap their few remaining pennies for "liberty bonds." One would be almost tempted to imagine they had bonds enough as it is. But it seems that the gullible sucker will fall for anything, provided its merit is sung in the name of "democracy and liberty." "What fools these mortals be," and also, geese must have been made for the express purpose of being plucked. * * *

It is reported that the Swedish soldiers are becoming strongly in sympathy with the working people and the probabilities are growing stronger that a repudiation of the Russian revolution is about due in Sweden. Of course there is no immediate danger of our British and Canadian soldiers becoming inculturated with any such ridiculous tendency. Breaking up public meetings that are not to their masters' liking is more in their line. * * *

The poor old News-Advertiser, in speaking of the great (?) conscription meeting at the Horse Show building last week, says "the big crowd" felt the want of a gentle warmth." We understood that it was a rather chilly affair, but would not go quite so far as to assert that both management and audience had cold feet. But now that the News-Ad. so plainly infers it we are quite willing to accept it as fact. Such authority is plenty good enough for us. * * *

There is no occasion for the conscript slaves of modern democracies to throw out their chests and put on dog over the felicitous circumstance of their happy lot in being thus dragnetted into service in the cause of liberty. Conscription is no new device for conserving liberty and extending democracy. The pyramids of Egypt were built some thousands of years ago by conscript Jews and the world has been made safe for the same brand of democracy, even unto this day. The adding of a Prussian touch to it cannot make it much safer. * * *

President Gompers has been energetically protesting to Secretary of War Baker, against the use of troops as guards for strikebreakers at some Newark, N. J., plant, where the workers are on strike. Can it be that the good man, sitting as he does in such close council with the war authorities at Washington, does not yet know what soldiers are for? Does he think they are merely to look at? If they are not maintained for the purpose of protecting the masters' interests by holding riotous slaves in subjection, what in the deuce are they for? Labor leaders ought to be better informed. At least, one would think so. * * *

War has placed its withering curse upon another hitherto sound and well-established American industry. That grand old congressional "pork barrel," the "rivers and harbors bill" has this year been "shaved to the bone" and the "pork" industry all but killed. With dry creek channels remaining undredged, inland harbors unimproved and country crossroad villages left without imposing postoffice buildings, the countryside will be swept with such a withering blast of curses and blind fury from an exasperated peasantry, that many a political hope will be irretrievably wrecked and many a political fortune lost. And thus does war lay its heavy toll, not only upon hu-

man life, but upon every field of honest human effort, even to the basic industries of our political life. * * *

Capital, in the last analysis, simply spells the control of labor and the appropriation of its products. The capitalist performs no useful service, either to himself or to anybody else. He merely owns. All things come to him without effort on his part. He is nothing but a nuisance in the pathway of human effort and progress; a parasite upon the productive forces; a community tapeworm. He is the legitimate successor of the feudal lord and chattel slave master of other days, and he is every bit as useful and nearly as ornamental. But without him, however, democracy would have no champion, liberty would be friendless and the slave be without a job. The situation being an extremely ticklish one should not be roughly handled, lest the capitalist be seared off the perch and all be lost. * * *

The most striking case of unadulterated patriotism that has come to the front in the United States since the declaration of war against Prussian militarism, for the avowed purpose of making "the world safe for democracy," hails from the penitentiary at San Quentin, California. The patrons of that Christian institution, one of the most hideous torture chambers on earth, loyally and joyfully turned over to the warden \$1,500 to be invested in Liberty Loan bonds. It is almost as good a joke and quite as appropriate to the surrounding circumstances as similar investments made by some of the trade unions of that delectable "land of the free and home of the brave." For dull stupidity and fawning sycophancy the dyed-in-the-wool wage slave has every other animal on earth beaten a block, not even excepting the dog. * * *

For the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to accept money from a trade organization and grant it a charter, as is being done at Winnipeg and a few other places, is to accept money under false pretences. The congress offers no financial assistance in case of a strike, be it ever so justified. The congress is a legislative body and should keep out of the industrial field, as it practically agreed to do at the St. Louis, Mo., convention of the A. F. of L., at the time it was given the exclusive authority to issue charters to central labor bodies and provincial federations of labor in Canada. Every charter issued by the congress to local unions in Canada makes it that much more difficult to combat the "made in Canada" species of unionism and cement the ties of internationalism. The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada should set up on chartering local unions and confine its attention to legislative matters. There is plenty of work for it to do, without injecting itself into things foreign to its aims and objects. * * *

The poor old News-Advertiser, poor even in spirit, finds much solace for its wearied soul in the cheering news that cometh from Winnipeg, that the Bricklayers' and Masons' union of that city, in solemn and concave assembled, did reject, "by a large majority," an anti-conscription resolution which had been submitted to it. This pleasing message did so "warm the cockles" of the editorial heart, that spontaneous combustion flared forth in a ten-line flash of joy that these bricklayers and masons' "had thus stripped the mask of pretense from 'certain labor representatives' who had presumed to 'condemn the military measure' upon behalf of organized labor. We know nothing of the nature of the 'resolution' referred to, except of its 'anti' character. But when the numerical strength of the bricklayers and masons is taken into consideration, as compared to that of the workers outside of that ancient and honorable organization, the tremendous significance of their 'anti' attitude is borne home to us with a weight that is positively overwhelming. All of which leads us to the reflection that to the poor in spirit mere trifles may loom large upon the horizon of hope; the "wish may, indeed, be father to the thought," even its grandfather, for that matter, and even a wee bit of union may soothe a laid weary soul, provided the spirit remain poor, and the faith be lusty, and of robust proportions. * * *

An Oversight.
The article headed "Kept Government Declared to be Moribund," appearing on page three of this issue, was inadvertently not credited to The Voice, Winnipeg, as it should be. * * *

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COAL SITUATION IN EASTERN B.C. AND ALBERTA

Owners Still Stubbornly Refuse to Accede to Demands of Men

Mines Now to Be Operated By Order of Dominion Government

THE COAL MINERS of the Crows Nest Valley, in southern British Columbia and Alberta, under the jurisdiction of District 18, U. M. W. of A., so far as can be learned at the time of writing, are still idle, awaiting a decision of the recently-named official of the federal government. Despite all obstacles placed in the way of the coal miners, by their own international officers, mine owners and the government, the miners are standing pat, determined to win, once and for all, the recognition they deserve.

Commissioner Green's Report.
The report of Mr. R. F. Green, commissioner for the federal government, which probably has much to do with subsequent action, reads:

(Copy)
Calgary, Alberta,
June 16th, 1917.

The Policy Committee, United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, Calgary, Alberta.

Gentlemen:—After many conferences with the operators and yourselves, I finally officially asked the operators to open their mines on the terms of the tentative agreement, with the following changes: First—That an all-round increase of seven and one half per cent. be added to the wage scale. Secondly—That the penalty clause be eliminated from the agreement. Thirdly—That they would agree that a Commission be appointed consisting of a man chosen by the operators, one man chosen by the miners, and one appointed by the government, who shall, four months from April 1st, 1917, and every succeeding four months thereafter, if asked by either party, inquire into the cost of living as to the increase or decrease thereof, and adjust the wage scale as may be found necessary by such increase or decrease.

The operators replied in effect that they would submit to the proposed increase in the wage scale. That they would agree to the appointment of a tribunal for the adjustment of the wage scale during the period of the agreement. That they would not agree to the elimination of the penalty clause. As my letter to them contained a request to eliminate the penalty clause, they must therefore decline to accede to said request. As the operators have refused to carry out my instructions I am therefore reporting to the government, through the minister of labor, as follows:

Requested operators open up their properties on tentative agreement negotiated with miners, increasing the wage scale seven and one half per cent. all around, eliminating penalty clause and providing for a commission consisting of three men, one to be chosen by the operators, one to be chosen by the miners, and one appointed by the government, who would, four months after April 1st last and each succeeding four months, at the request of either party, enquire into the increased or decreased cost of living, and adjust the wage scale to fit. This, the Policy Committee agreed to advise the men to accept. The operators have refused to accede to my request, there is, in my opinion, nothing left to do but for the government to take such action in the premises as they see fit.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. F. GREEN,
Commissioner for the Government of Canada.
District 18 Officers' Statement.
After receipt of Commissioner Green's report, the executive of District 18 prepared and sent out the following statement:

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United Mine Workers of America.
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To the Officers and Members,
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Gentlemen:—On Tuesday, the 5th inst., we, the policy committee of District 18, U. M. W. of A., entrusted with the direction of all the affairs of the District connected with the strike situation existing here, were summoned to Calgary to meet Mr. Green, the Commissioner representing the government in this matter. The day following we had a conference with him and laid before him the demands of the miners we represented, stating the reasons for those demands, and all the circumstances in connection therewith, also informing him that we desired a resumption of work at the mines at the earliest possible date on these terms and conditions, indicating our willingness to submit those demands, and reasons therefore to the closest scrutiny, relying on the justice and moderation of our claims, the sacrifices we are making, taking into consideration the reductions in wages we have suffered since April 1915, the date of the making of our last agreement, through the phenomenal rise in the cost of living (we would especially draw attention to the fact that the cost of living has gone up 90 per cent. since the present contract prices were fixed) to the mind of any fair-minded person. Since that date we have had several conferences with Mr. Green, and at his suggestion modified the demands of the men and made many important concessions in the interest of the public, with the hope of securing industrial peace, until finally we were in complete accord with his idea of what is a fair proposition to all concerned, the public, the operators, and the miners. Imagine our surprise when, after having made these concessions, we were informed that the operators who had insisted that they were willing to accept the intervention of the government, defying public opinion, with no consideration for the welfare of the country, the cause of the empire, arrogantly refused to reopen the mines on these terms and conditions, insisting on inserting a clause in the agreement that would make veritable slaves of us, compelled to suffer humiliation and degradation at the hands of their petty bosses, subject to penalties for causes never contemplated in the law, and which seeks to penalize union men only and exempt non-union men.

We are still willing to recommend to our people that they return to work, immediately, under the terms of settlement as worked out by the representative of the government. And are willing that the public should pass judgment now that all parties are out in the open, as to who it is that is defying the government, and would sacrifice the cause of democracy and freedom for greed of gain.

On behalf of District Committee,
Yours fraternally,
WM. GRAHAM,
President.
A. J. CARTER,
Secretary.

The Latest Move.

Daily press dispatches from Ottawa state that a new Moses has been named by the government to lead all concerned out of the wilderness of inactivity and chaos. The latest "commissioner" or something of the sort is a Mr. Armstrong, one of a Vancouver firm who constructed the Main street bridge over False Creek with non-union labor, with no other outstanding qualities of sufficient interest to note here. Certainly he will have a "phat" time trying to do for the mine managers what they were seemingly unable to do for themselves. But time will tell, and The Federationist has no idea of offering any discouragement.

Operation May Be Arranged.

Commissioner Armstrong has ordered the mine operators to resume operations of the mines at once, says a dispatch from Calgary on Wednesday. The direction was issued under the authority given to Mr. Armstrong by the order-in-council to the various mine owners in District 18, to open up the mines forthwith upon conditions and rates on the basis of the tentative agreement with the elimination of the penalty clause and the addition of 7 1/2 per cent. on the scheduled wage and the provision as to adjusting wages in the future as arranged by R. F. Green, M.P., and set forth above.

The Miners Understand.

Observes the Winnipeg Voice: It is quite evident that the miners of the west are not going to work with a club over their head. They realize that with conscription and a penalty clause for laying off would mean that they would hand themselves body and soul over to their masters. The miners work underground, but they have more insight in economics than a lot of those people who work in daylight and imagine that they are the sun of the earth while really they are pawns of their masters to do their bidding.

SHIPYARD LABORERS A THRIVING NEW UNION

Over Twenty New Members Initiated at Last Meeting and More Coming Up.

The Shipyard Laborers' union is another of the local organizations which gives promise of becoming a factor in the local trade union movement at no distant date. More than 20 new members were initiated at last meeting. One of the first things the new union decided to do, of course, was to affiliate with the central labor body, and what a number of unions have failed to do, insert a union directory card in The Fed. In fact, it is within the range of possibilities that the Shipyard Laborers' may put on a business agent to look after and build up the local. With the taking over of the Wallace shipyards at North Vancouver by the big Lyall interests and the extensive ship-building program ahead of the new firm, not to mention the dozens of smaller concerns along Burrard inlet and False creek, an opportunity is presented for building up an important union among a class of men who need the protection of organized labor to maintain a decent standard of working and living conditions. The new union is chartered, like nearly all the unions in Vancouver, by the American Federation of Labor, the parent international trade union body on this continent. This means that in case of real industrial trouble there will be strike benefits available.

"KEPT" GOVERNMENT DECLARED TO BE MORIBUND

Interesting Speculations As to the Future of Our Democracy

Kept Press and Pulpit Cling Tenaciously to Tail of Golden Calf

CONSCRIPTION? Referendum?

Election? Laurier declares that the government is moribund and has no power to enforce conscription. Laurier may be constitutionally right, but the big interests run this country, not the people, otherwise we might have a government that would look after the interests of the people. The working class now fully realize that democracy in Canada is a dead letter. The right of free speech is challenged and a free press is a thing of the past. The censor is the big noise. The situation at Ottawa is of very vital import to the people of this Dominion. The question of whether Canada is a democracy in which the people have a voice or a moribund government that has neglected the people's interests and would use party rule to inflict an autocracy of Capital over the people. Whatever way the result of the conscription bill goes its reflex on the country will be far-reaching not only for the present time, but more so for the future. The fate of the bill means—Democracy or Autocracy. It is very interesting and enlightening to the workers to see the capitalist press and pulpit all pulling for the conscription of flesh and blood, and leave wealth to come as an aftermath. Oh! ye sacred Golden Calf.

Hugh Guthrie in his speech in the house in support of the bill, said he hoped that parliament does not think lightly of the flesh and blood of the people of Canada, that we will take one and dare not touch the other and quoted Thomas Hood's famous and immortal quotation: "O God, that wealth should be so dear, and flesh and blood so cheap!" Borden's conscription bill upholds wealth against flesh and blood.

The fact that the police forbid an open-air anti-conscription meeting, and that the press proclaimed the fact did not deter thousands from attending the Market Square. If the meeting had been held it would have been the largest gathering ever held in this city. Those in charge of the meeting had everything in readiness to conduct an orderly meeting and had an attempt been made to disturb the meeting it would have been promptly squelched. The widows and mothers of the heroes who have died in defence of their country are now demonstrating that the country shall at least give them and their children enough to live in something like a decent condition. This cry of sacrifice sounds good, but it will not keep the wolf from the door of these dependents, and while the government still wants sacrifice of flesh and blood what about money to hand to heroes' dependents as a poor recompense for the sacrifice these men have made. It is the people's duty to see that justice is done despite the big interests at Ottawa.

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MINERS TAKE BRIEF RESPITE FROM THE YOKE

Lay Off One Day to Consider General Strike in Case of Conscription

Manifest Strong Opposition to Scheme of Canadian Military Junkers

[By Walter Head]

SOUTH WELLINGTON, V. I., June 25.—Tuesday was an idle day in South Wellington, caused by the apathy of some of our members in not attending important meetings. The mine managers were sore at the men taking a holiday at such a busy time. They put up the plea that it seemed unfair that they had to be penalized, being the only company on the island whose men were organized. On the face of it, it is hardly just to a company which has given its employees the semblance of a square deal. The men have the privilege of advertising meetings at the pithead; can take a ballot on union matters at any convenient time and in general enjoy many boons that are not extended elsewhere in this kaiser-ridden coal mining district. And it is only fair to the company to treat it with a little consideration. Not that I hold any brief for any capitalist corporation, but simply realize that the various men who are placed in charge of operations are only working men, like ourselves, and seem to be working in a fair degree of harmony with the men who are working in unofficial positions, i.e., the common herd, the rabble.

Miners Took a One-Day Lay-off.

However, the men showed their solidarity by laying off to a man, to take a vote on a matter of vital interest. The vote was proceeded with without any palaver, and the proposition, to give the executive of the B. C. F. of L. power to call a general strike in the event of conscription being enforced, carried by a vote of 133 to 108. For the benefit of those yapping journalists who are so ready to belittle and vilify any move, on the part of the workers, to put a sprag in the wheel of our own Prussian militarists, let it be said that the great majority of men who voted were British-born; men who hate militarism in all its forms, and hate Prussian militarism as much as any other.

Nanaimo Anti-Conscription Meeting.

An invitation was extended to the men to attend an anti-conscription meeting in Nanaimo in the evening. It was pointed out that some of the "slackers," mouth patriots, etc., would possibly be expected to try to break up that meeting. So a number of men decided to go to Nanaimo and fight if necessary for the right to hold a peaceful meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Hodgkinson, who briefly reviewed the activities of some of the so-called patriots who have been so anxious to be brave with somebody else's life. He dwelt upon the members of the Nanaimo city council, who had moved the resolution favoring conscription, one of them being a man who would never be called upon to shoulder a gun, and the other a man whose environment makes him a militarist. He owns a gun-shop, is a budding munition maker, an armament ring in embryo. The sky pilots came in for some criticism. Jimmy wanted to know why they shouldn't go to the front, seeing that they were so well prepared to enter the realm of glory.

Joe Naylor was the next speaker introduced. He stated that his presence at the meeting was accidental, being on his way home from Powell river. His position was one of uncompromising opposition to militarism, and all ruling class wars. He was pleased to be numbered among the "ignoble 28" who at the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada convention at Vancouver, stood by the position of engaging only in the class war. He drew attention to the report of the delegation of labor men



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who investigated conditions in Germany before the war, which showed that the conditions of the workers there were, if anything, a little better than elsewhere; that is, the amount of real wages was greater. It also showed that the German educational system was better than in England. Will Crooks was one of the deputations who made that report, and the same Crooks flopped over when the war began and insisted that Germany was everything bad.

Continuing, Joe said that men who favored conscription were not true patriots. Conscription meant slavery, and the inauguration of the very thing that was claimed to be the function of the allies to overthrow, viz., Prussian militarism, which would commence with the inauguration of conscription.

In conclusion, Joe spoke on the referendum, asking the Nanaimo men what they were going to do in the event of a general strike being called.

He finished up with a plea for support for the press published in the interests of the workers, telling them there was no need to buy capitalist papers, as with the cessation of working class support, capitalist papers would be distributed free.

'Fed.' Correspondent Speaks.

The next speaker was your humble servant. As my views are fairly well-known through the columns of this family journal, it is not necessary to repeat.

George Hardy was next introduced and he delivered a convincing address, stating plainly that he did not need to argue from the standpoint of socialism, as there were many reasons, apart from the socialist philosophy, against conscription. He showed that militarism never aided evolution, in fact that it retarded it; that progress must come simultaneously in all countries; no section of the human race can travel far along the road of progress alone; that previous to the war, surplus value did not accumulate so rapidly in Germany.

He also showed that no empire ever existed for long after involuntary servitude was instituted. Rome fell after slavery was adopted, when attacked by barbarian hordes whose one thought was love of leaders who were voluntarily fighting for what they thought was right. Other ancient empires fell in the same manner when soldiers were slaves instead of volunteers. He next dealt with the revolutionary feeling prevalent throughout the warring nations, and stated that the German workers only stood behind the junkers because they feared the lust of domination of the allied countries. Quotations from allied statesmen were quoted in support of this contention.

Mr. Hardy made the statement that many returned soldiers feared the motives back of conscription, thinking possibly that it was a move to create an army to deal with after-the-war problems, when thousands of trained fighters would be thrown into society and would be inclined to fight for the justities that they would not get. It was claimed that industrial conscription was the aim of the powers that be. Mr. Hardy then put the question: "All in favor of conscription say 'Aye,'" and not a bleat, but when the noes were taken there was a roar. The meeting voted practically unanimously for a general strike in case the measure was enacted into law.

LETTER CARRIERS' REGULAR MEETING

Good Attendance and Much Business Done—Election of Federation Officers and Delegates.

VICTORIA, B.C., June 27.—The last regular meeting of the local branch of the Letter Carriers was one of the best attended in recent months, in spite of the carmen's strike. Pres. Pretty found all officers in their places. Applications for membership from R. Crawford, returned soldier, was received and accepted.

The executive had, by request, endorsed and forwarded by lettergram, a petition from the acting superintendent, requesting legislation recognizing that position officially and allowing remuneration commensurate with its importance and responsibilities.

Congress Delegate Candidates.

In view of the active campaign that is being put up by the branches having candidates for western Canada to the Trades and Labor Congress in the field, the committee recommended the payment of printing, etc., of cards for Bro. Bird, a number being forwarded to each branch. The report, with the recommendation, was adopted.

Increase in Pay Promised.

In a letter from the general secretary, the branch was informed that an increase in the pay of the letter carriers was promised. While the amount was not stated, provision will be made for same in the supplementary estimates.

Federation Electing Officers.

Five offices are being filled in the Federation at present. The office of president and vice-president are being balloted on by the delegates attending the Vancouver convention last August, and three representatives of the Federation to the Trades and Labor Congress, to be held in Ottawa next September.

For this representation, the Dominion is divided into three divisions: the Western district comprising British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba; the Central district consisting of Ontario; and the Eastern district including Quebec and the Maritime provinces.

The delegates to the Congress are voted on by the entire membership. Candidates nominated are:

President, A. Victor Beaupre, Montreal; C. Sivertz, Victoria, and R. Wight, Vancouver. Vice-president: W. McDonald, Hamil-

ton; F. Knowles, Vancouver; C. Sivertz, Victoria; R. Wight, Vancouver.

Congress Delegates.

Eastern District—A. Victor Beaupre, Montreal; D. J. T. Chateauvert, Quebec. Central District—R. H. Cox, Toronto; H. J. Dilworth, Hamilton; A. Mc-Mordie, Toronto. Western District—Wm. Hammond, Winnipeg; A. J. Bird, Victoria; Fred Knowles, Vancouver; Alex. D. Campbell, Edmonton.

Holidays for Temporary Carriers.

The persistent efforts of the Federation to secure holidays for temporary carriers who are working in place of enlisted members, has at last borne fruitful results. Information has been received that these men will be granted leave with pay at the rate of a dollar and a half per day for each month they have been at work, not, however, to exceed in all 18 days. Leave only allowed in cases where a man has been employed not less than six months. This incident should dispose of the argument that some temporary men have used, namely, that as they have no guarantee of a permanent appointment, the Federation cannot assist them in any way, and they should not therefore be asked to become members and pay dues at the rate of 50c per month.

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For the past twelve years manager for the Merchants' Bank of Canada in Vancouver, and who will shortly leave the service of the bank to take up new and important duties as comptroller of the Whelan Pulp and Paper Mills, Ltd. Mr. Harrison has been in the service of the Merchants' Bank in western Canada for about 25 years, coming to Vancouver when the bank entered this field. Everywhere he has been stationed he has made his mark as a capable business man of exceptionally high standard and, under his direction the Vancouver business of the Merchants' Bank has made great advances. Both in banking circles and among the business men of the city his departure from his present position has brought expressions of regret. These are, however, mingled with congratulations on his promotion to his new and important field of work, the Whelan Pulp Co. having extensive pulp and paper mill interests in Quatino, Swanson Bay and Mill Creek. It is prophesied that the connection of Mr. Harrison with that organization will go far to assure the success of the concern.

"MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY"

The New York Board of Trade and Transportation, by unanimous vote of its directors, has approved a plan to provide importation of Asiatic labor to the United States to replace such American farm labor as may be drawn upon in order "to make the world safe for democracy." The devotion of the "board" to the cause of "democracy" is thus established beyond question.

So frequent and brutal have become the attempts of militiamen to break up meetings of citizens to discuss war and other public issues that Police Commissioner Woods, of New York city, has promised to take steps to protect the citizens in their legal right to hold such meetings. In many cases it has been necessary for the police to afford protection to women from the attacks of drunken men in uniform.

Electrical workers in the employ of the Georgia Railway and Power Co. were forced to strike on account of the discharge of union officials and other active members. The company then set out to destroy the union by procuring the indictment of the officers and others under the charge of "circulating literature calculated to incite riot and insurrection." The grand jury was made up of power company officials and corporation lackeys. Of course.

On June 16, thousands of women were clubbed from the city hall at New York, by the police. These women had gathered as a protest against the forcible sending of their boys to the slaughterfields of Europe. They asked for the repeal of the infamous conscription law. A beating-up at the hands of the police was the answer they got in the country that is at war for the purpose of "making the world safe for democracy."

In the streets and at numerous halls in the city of New York on Friday night, June 15, countless thousands hissed and jeered the ruffians in military uniform who were busily engaged in trying to round up what is termed "conscription slackers," that is, persons who had not registered. Even with

the aid of the police the attempt to round them up was a failure. But the beast of Prussian "kultur" is not yet beaten, in "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Three hundred soldier and sailor "hoodlums" stormed the I. W. W. headquarters in Seattle on June 16. Six shots were fired, presumably by the defense, and one heroic warrior of the uniform was dropped with a bullet in his leg. The police arrested three soldiers, two sailors and fifty I. W. W. members. All were subsequently discharged with the exception of 14 who were held upon the charge of failure to register for the safeguarding of "world democracy."

The Tennessee Rangers, an "organization to suppress race riots," is being used to break the strike of several thousand textile workers at Chattanooga. Many of the strikers are little girls employed in the mills in violation of the child labor law. Between 3,000 and 5,000 of the strikers are women and children. Terrible conditions among the mill slaves have been revealed as a result of the publicity given the strike. Injunctions have been obtained against the machinists, engineers and firemen's unions to prevent them aiding the strikers.

"It is up to those who are opposed to conscriptive measures to suggest some other way of sending help, immediate help, to the Canadian boys now on the battlefield. Until they do this they must bear the stigma of being classed among the slackers." So declares the Forest Free Press. Quite true, brother, quite true. And just to show that we are no slacker, we beg to suggest that all the howlers for conscription; the editorial pundits whose chief talent seems to be the unscrupulous propensity to haul out everybody else as "slackers," the hangers at Ottawa, no matter what their political complexion; the preachers, lawyers, judges, tax and bill collectors and the mayors, especially the mayor of Vancouver, be sent to the front immediately, if not sooner. We are no slacker. We will cheerfully sacrifice the whole bunch, as suggested above, upon the altar of our country or any other that could utilize their warlike proclivities. Come again, brother, whenever you are in need of further reinforcements.

The power to labor—labor power—is a commodity that is bought and sold in the market, just the same as are other commodities. Its price is the market expression of its exchange value, as determined by the cost of its production, regulated by the law of supply and demand. In case of a scarcity of labor power in the market the price may advance to a point in excess of its true cost or exchange value. In case of a supply of labor power in the market in excess of the demand for it, its price will sink even below its actual cost of production or true exchange value, no matter how many whereas's and be it resolved, may be unanimously carried with due and impressive solemnity by august assemblages of horny-headed sons of toil. Nor yet again though Mr. Samuel Gompers, the United States Congress and the supreme court of Podunk, Mass., affirm in happy concert and dogmatic unison that "labor is not a commodity," ad nauseum, ad punk.

"The other day, in Washington, was held a meeting of the committee on labor of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense, of which Gompers is chairman," says John Reed in a recent issue of the Masses. "There were present two other notable members of the committee on labor, invited to membership by Gompers—Daniel Guggenheim and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. This is a part of Rockefeller's speech of thanks to Gompers, as reported in the daily press: 'It is a great pleasure to know increasingly the men who largely represent the men and women who work with their hands,' said Mr. Rockefeller. 'I was brought up to honor those who so work, even above those who work with their heads. My father worked with his hands, and has always honored others who do so. I wish that I might be considered the friend of the manual worker.' At the time the women and children burned and shot to death at Ludlow and Barron, the thousands of men who have been the victims of Rockefeller law, turned over in their graves. And as for Gompers, with what deep-laid scheme of circumventing capitalism we know not, he sat there and listened to that terrible and ludicrous speech with pompous self-satisfaction—he, the head of organized labor in America, chairman of a committee to safeguard the rights of labor! Mr. Gompers is seeing it through all right, and we are beginning to see through Mr. Gompers."

As Reported in The Fed. Last Week. A local daily puts it this way: The present tucely state of the labor market in these parts is not only reflected in street car strikes, deckhand's strikes and the belligerent attitude of the longshoremen. The Oriental section of the population of British Columbia yesterday decided to throw its hat in the ring when, according to a report brought to the city by coasting steamer officers, the Japanese shinglebolt cutters employed in the Howe Sound shinglebolt camps went out on strike for an increase in wages of a dollar per day. They are now getting \$2.50 per day.

AT THE ORPHEUM

"The Whip" as it played with phenomenal success here in New York for a year, was the best example of spectacle melodrama that London's famous home of melodrama, Drury Lane, played for two years in London, the only spectacle that ever did, and then for a year at the Manhattan Opera House under management of William A. Brady. "The Whip" is in eight big parts, and each part has a startling dramatic situation, ranging from an automobile smash-up to a railroad collision, a mob scene, and a thrilling race, a feature, at the famous Saratoga course. Horses and dogs and action abound—something doing every minute—and through all this runs a pretty love story. "The Whip" is the name of the best racing mare ever bred by old Judge Beverley, a gallant sportsman, who maintains a whole establishment of thoroughbreds. The affections of the kindly old judge are divided between his beautiful and accomplished daughter, Diana, and this really fine racehorse. Into their lives come Hubert Brancaster, a young man of good family who lives on a nearby estate; Baron Sartoris, a nobleman, coming with a letter of introduction from Europe; and Mrs. D'Agui, an adventuress. The fortunes of Brancaster become involved, through no fault of his own, with these two swindlers on an ocean trip, and he is not at all clear of them when he meets and falls in love with Miss Diana. They wish that lady to marry the bogus Baron and they lay their thick and fast hands on the path of young Brancaster. Real adventures follow, culminating in a wonderful race at Saratoga of "The Whip." This wonderful picture will be shown all next week at the Orpheum under the direction of Mr. Con Jones. All profits will be given to the returned soldiers.

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F. E. CORNELLE

Who this week succeeds W. H. Ker as Vancouver manager of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., conducting one of the biggest flour and feed concerns in western Canada. Mr. Cornelle, who has been acting as sales manager for the company for the past five years, was previously manager of the Alberta Grain Co., the export grain department of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., and has been in Vancouver for some eight years. Mr. Cornelle has also dabbled in the newspaper game, at one time being on the editorial staff of the London, Ont. Free Press, and later editor of the Brandon Times. While Mr. Ker is relinquishing the active management, after a period of twenty years, he will still be associated with the company in an advisory capacity.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Trades and Labor Council.

June 24, 1892

John Rumble asked if a contractor was allowed to sit in the trades council. President Bartley said that there was nothing in the constitution against it.

Delegate Franey of the bricklayers, said there was no union work in the city to amount to anything. Most of the work was being done by scabs.

Delegate Walden asked what was being done to reinstate the card system. President stated a committee was working on the matter, and appointed Delegate Walden on the committee.

Delegate Harry Cowan spoke at length upon the vile stench arising from the Chinese quarters on Dupont street. Delegates Geo. Pollay, "Dodger" Green and Secretary Gagen appointed to probe the health bylaws and report on same.

The date of the next meeting fell on July 1. Moved it be held on Saturday, 2nd. Amendment that Sunday, July 3 be the meeting. Amendment lost, vote being 14 to 15.

Well, if your friends are the right sort they will be glad to know that you have the courage of your convictions. No one cares for the namby-pamby, wishy-washy wabblers.

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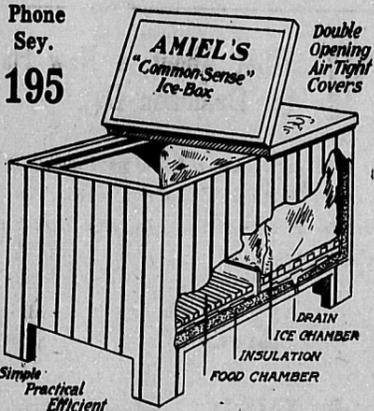
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Conscript Service in New Zealand Developing Beautifully

An Inking of What Toilers Of Canada May Hope To Get In Time

[By W. Francis Ahern.]
YDNEY, N.S.W., June 2 (Special to The Federationist).—By the time this news is being read by your readers, the supply of single men in New Zealand will have come to an end, and the military will be drawing on the married men for reinforcements for the army at the front. Already the arrangements have been made for the drawing of married men, and they will be taken in the following order:

- 1.—All men between 20 and 46 without children.
- 2.—All men between 20 and 34 with not more than 2 children.
- 3.—All men between 35 and 46 with not more than 2 children.
- 4.—All men between 20 and 34 with not more than 4 children.
- 5.—All men between 35 and 46 with not more than 4 children.
- 6.—All men between 20 and 46 with more than 4 children.

What they intend to do when these men are out of the way remains to be seen. It is thought that they will then begin to comb the country for men over the age of 46—though it cannot be assumed that men of this age can be of much use to the military forces.

But the worst feature of the whole business is the impending industrial conscription that is almost sure to come within a very short time now. And there is no doubt that the recent strike in that country against conscription has hastened this feature of military domination.

But recently the miners of New Zealand had a combined strike all through the country against conscription. It failed, mainly owing to several of the mine unions being induced to go back to work and the extreme laws put into action by the government. Under the law now, anybody wishing to institute a strike is liable to a penalty of \$2,500, while any individual miners going out on strike will be sent to the firing line by the first transport. At the present time the miners are exempt so long as they continue at their work in the mines, but once they leave this they become eligible to go to the front.

Decimating Country's Manhood.

There is no doubt that should the war last much longer, New Zealand will be in the position of a country decimated of its manhood. Ballots to find men for the army under conscription have used up almost the entire strength of the single men, and now the married men, as intimated above, are to be drawn upon. While the New Zealand minister of defence speaks optimistically of the situation from the military point of view, unfortunately he does not mention anything of the results following on the abnormal drain on the country's manhood. For instance, drastic and serious curtailments are being made in all branches of the country's activities. This is especially true in the case of the railways. On the main trunk railroads the service is now reduced to one train each way daily. The suburban services are heavily cut down, no trains being allowed to run after 7 o'clock, except on Saturdays. As a matter of fact, the suburban trains are only being run to carry men to and from work. All concession and excursion fares have been cancelled, except the weekly tickets of the workers. All Sunday trains have been stopped, while no more trains are being run for sports and races.

Hindoo Labor.

The country generally is being neglected as far as railway communication is concerned, while tickets for return journeys must be used within three days. The idea of this is to so work the railways that only one shift will be at work daily. Meanwhile a serious matter that is engaging the attention

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of the workers is the introduction of Hindoo labor into New Zealand. It appears that as one batch of the white people are going out of the country to fight for their liberty in some other part of the world, the colored labor is coming in to look after themselves during the absence of the white men. So it seems that while white labor is going out of the country, the capitalists are not going to be allowed to suffer for the want of cheap and plenteous labor. The example of New Zealand is a warning note of what will happen in all places that think of introducing conscription.

Industrial Conscript Slavery.

There is some indication that industrial conscription is in the air. Indeed, to some extent, it is already in operation by reason of the fact that the military tribunals are only exempting men from military service abroad on condition that they remain in their present employment. And they have to prove that the work they are engaged in is an essential trade to get this exemption. A member of the New Zealand cabinet said recently that while the government had not the power at present to compel men to work at any particular trade, there was every indication that in the very near future steps would be taken to this end. The acting prime minister was even more emphatic on the matter. He said: "We shall do our best to get labor to work on the farms. We will, of course, ask for volunteers to do the work. But we may have to ask parliament next session to pass an act to give us power to compel the men to do this kind of work. We have at present power to compel men drawn in the military ballots to do work connected with military operations, but we have not the power to compel them to work in the country." That extract is full of great meaning, for the country can construe any kind of labor into military operations. For instance, if it is considered that the militant organizations at work on the waterfronts and in the mines have to be smashed, then all the government has to do is to declare that the various industries concerned are works of necessity and then draw the men in a ballot and put them to work in their old jobs at military pay. What could be easier? And it is thought that something along these lines will shortly be done, more especially as the employer associations are already petitioning the government to compel the workers to work overtime without extra pay.

PATRIOTIC PRACTICES OF "NATIONAL SERVICE"

Canadian Pacific earnings for the week ending June 21 showed an increase of \$308,000. God save the King.

It has been a good while since Vancouver's weekly bank clearings reached the nine million mark reported for the third week in June. There is a gain of nearly fifty per cent. over the same week last year.—News-Advertiser.

Ontario farmers have recently sold co-operatively 200,000 pounds of wool at a price that is believed to be the highest in the history of Canada. The sale was made through the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association. The price was over 60 cents per pound. God save our old clothes.

Widespread attempts on the part of the munition makers to evade the payment of profits taxes imposed by U. S. Congress last September have been reported by internal revenue agents, who have been working quietly for the last two months checking up the manufacturers' returns. The extent of the attempted evasion thus far brought to the attention of the treasury totals more than \$10,000,000, or approximately 40 per cent. of the returns voluntarily made. Indications are that the figures will go as high as \$12,000,000 or \$13,000,000.

"... Many months ago The Herald (Calgary) said that no man who came through this war with a greater accumulation of wealth than he had before the war started could be called a truly loyal or patriotic citizen. That statement stands today and has never been questioned or contradicted. And unless the manufacturers of Canada who have been dealing in munitions are able to prove that they have not thus profited by the necessity of their country, they are deserving of that condemnation."

Before the Pringle Commission of Inquiry into the news print situation, Wednesday, George Millen, of the E. B. Eddy Company, was further examined on the question of sulphite, on which it is evident the mills are getting an enormous profit. Mr. Millen stated that his company manufactured for its own use, but did not sell sulphite, but the price would be \$70 or \$80 per ton. Sulphite costs from \$45 to \$50 per ton, and is being sold at from \$70 to \$100. In answer to a question by the commission the witness said that in his opinion 25 to 30 per cent. would be a fair profit. Mr. Pringle remarked that according to figures quoted by companies the profit was from 50 to 100 per cent.

The first dividend on the deferred shares of the DeBeers Consolidated Mines since the outbreak of the war is announced, of 40 per cent. for the year ending June 30. The dividend is as large as was ever declared at one time. The directors voted \$250,000 of the funds to the Red Cross and a similar sum to the French Red Cross. In 1914-15 the company made up a loss of \$508,597. In the following year, when mining operations were resumed after a suspension of one and a half years, the profits were not sufficient to pay a preference dividend. The deferred dividend will require £1,000,000, but no one will object to the shareholders receiving the dividend after three years, especially as the principal buyer of diamonds since the outbreak of the war has been the United States.

We are safe! Howard McKent Barnes' play entitled "Her Unborn Child," was given its first presentation in Vancouver at the Avenue Theatre on Monday of this week. The play was supposed to be so immoral, or at least so indecent, that all masculine animals of the genus homo were barred, and only females of mature age admitted. In the interest of safeguarding the high-class morality prevalent among Vancouver males, however, Rev. Principal Vance, of the Episcopal theological shop, and Mayor McBeath attended the performance, under the chaperonage of Mrs. J. O. Perry and Mrs. Macken, and we believe, sat unveiled during the rather risky ordeal. But it is alleged that there was nothing sufficiently suggestive in the performance to bring even a scowl of disapproval to the episcopal countenance or an adolescent blush to the mayoral cheek. So, for the rest of the week, we are to be allowed to attend the play, provided we are over 18 years of age, and take our chances against having our morals diluted below the prevalent Vancouver standard.

The Fish Packers' union, No. 15,240, A. F. of L., of Prince Rupert, B. C., has subscribed for its members a year. This organization is one of the best on the coast, and its future is assured. Following is one of its bylaws: "This union shall subscribe to a labor paper for each member who shall be three months in good standing. Same will be procured in any language to meet the requirements of the members."

Back to the Dark Ages.

The New Zealand government has recently sent out census cards to the employers in that country asking them particulars as to what man power they are likely to need in the near future. This is evidently being done for the purpose of allotting the men to various works throughout the country by industrial conscription, now that the man shortage in the country is getting very serious. Then again the farmer employers are asking the government to send men to work on the farms under military discipline. Add to this the fact that the minister for defence has definitely stated that the men returning from the war will not be able to choose at what kind of work they will be employed, but must work where the government decides for them, and it is patent to all that even after the war is over industrial conscription will be the theme in New Zealand. The signs are ominous, and it looks as if New Zealand is fast receding back into the days of the Dark Ages.

A May-Day Message.

The socialists of Australia, in mass meeting assembled, on May Day, sent out the following message to fellow socialists in other parts of the world: "This gathering of workers assembled, greets the workers of all lands in class conscious fraternity, expressing the hope that peace will soon prevail, and declares that the international organization and unity of the working class is the hope of the world; and, further, this meeting affirms that the growth of militarism and the war spirit is a menace to the people, a danger to democracy, and an obstacle to the economic emancipation of the working class." I am empowered to convey this message to fellow socialists in Canada.

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