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CAMPAIGN FOR SALE OF LABOR TEMPLE SHARES

Org. Hoop Gives Helping Hand to Directors of Company

Reasons Why Organized Labor Should Rise to the Occasion

The campaign for restoring the ownership of the Labor Temple is well under way, and the unions, where the seriousness of the situation is brought home to them, are beginning to "catch on." The spirit of inquiry is abroad, and many trades unionists, who arrived in British Columbia in recent years, have become acquainted with the heroic efforts put forth since 1899 to obtain a home for Labor.

A committee waited upon the Amalgamated Carpenters on Tuesday night in the persons of J. H. McVety and W. H. Hoop.

Mr. McVety reviewed the history of the struggle to get a Labor Temple for the trades unionists of the city. He told a straight, unvarnished story, and the interest aroused was remarkable.

In introducing Mr. Hoop, Mr. McVety said: "I would like the Vancouver trades unionists to get the viewpoint of an outsider, and Bro. Hoop has served an apprenticeship in organized labor long enough to have an opinion, and I am sure you will be interested in the way he has of expressing it."

Organizer Hoop
Mr. Hoop, in his remarks, said: "It is very significant that we call the Labor building a Temple. All the institutional life of man has been associated with temples. They are the places where man has met for thousands of years, voicing his fears, hopes and aspirations, with tall spires pointing upward, and it seems time that if employed anywhere are to realize anything real for the worker, that reality must come from the Labor Temple."

"It is a great credit to Vancouver Labor that the Labor Temple proposition was tucked away back in 1899, and though it took eleven years to get the building up, it now stands a great credit to those daring spirits who brought it into being."

"In coming across this broad expanse of country one thing, having a striking relation to Labor, forces itself on one's mind. I am not alone in this opinion. It is that in any city where there is not a generally recognized Labor Temple, the Labor movement is terribly handicapped. The instinct of get-together seems absent, and wages seem to suffer in consequence, and especially in the crafts poorly organized."

"In a city with a Labor Temple, unionism seems to carry a spirit with it. Even non-unionists take stock of the fact, the lines between capital and labor are more clearly drawn, and the roundwork for agreement prepared. In town where the trade unionist is not to be met anywhere and the unions are scattered all over the town, it is very difficult, and often discouraging to organize the forces when necessary, for industrial and economic action."

"In no city does Labor make any mark until there is a Labor Temple. It seems the historic mission of the temple, the 'get-together' feature of the Labor movement, which everybody seems to desire. Temples, in the past, usually had reference to treasures which neither moth nor rust can corrupt. Our temples, the Labor Temples, we get the revival of. They are the keystone where Labor boards of strategy sit, where the line of policy keeps its way on a 100-cents-on-the-dollar proposition for the worker."

"Take the seasonal and variable climate of Canada, and the many unions go to such. Look at the Carpenters, for instance? At some points thousands are employed and then, like the water, plumber, etc., the Carpenters' membership drops off. In the spring it becomes brisk, and in those cities where the Labor forces, and its business administration meet in the same town, the trades union movement can stand up, and if needs be 'swap punches at the boss.'"

"There is no doubt in the mind of anyone who has seen the growth, the upshot and power of the trades union movement is worrying the coming class. Doubtless they are laying awake nights figuring out, 'legal-how to give it a setback, and some we may awake to find that we have one slipped over on us.'"

"While the Labor Temple is nominally the Home of Labor, it is capital property, insofar as the mortgagee is the milk. This is the only way that is acquired under the present capitalist system. Should the capitalist strategy figure out that it is laying proposition to scatter the same building and so consolidating forces, it could easily be done. It cost them a few dollars, but they also save a few dollars. They are willing to spend money to get and prostitute Labor."

"Labor temples make their appearance in the development of industry. Labor demands agreement, when it catches the spirit of administration and the Labor Temple is to the rescue of the Vancouver Labor Temple Co., Ltd. The delegates of the central labor body must accept the responsibility of putting the affairs of the Labor Temple in better shape. The sale of shares must be increased and something more definite done than being done, if the Temple is to be restored to the trade union movement. The directors have had to awaken interest in the situation, but they need the cooperation of the central labor body. How about it?"

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NON-UNION GOVERNMENT WORKERS SECURED

Firm Which Refused Right of Employees to Organize Gets Into Further Trouble

The first prosecution under the hours of labor clause in the new Act in the many years since the law came into force, took place Monday, when Manager Meltzer of the Guarantee Wholesale, garment makers, 806 Granville street, was fined \$20 and costs on the complaint of Factory Inspector Stewart. The act provides that women and girls must not work longer than 48 hours per week. It was shown that they had been working 50 hours per week. Mr. W. G. Anderson prosecuted for the provincial government, and Mr. A. F. Fleischmann defended.

WILL BALLOT ON 48-HOUR WEEK

M. T. C. Will Await Result of Ballot Before It Takes Action

Unions affected by the Murphy award of a ten per cent. increase in wages and a 48-hour week will ballot on accepting or rejecting the award, according to action decided upon by Vancouver Metal Trades Council. The council has gone on record as rejecting the 48-hour proposal and most of the unions have already endorsed this action, but no definite action will be taken until the result of the balloting has been obtained from all unions.

Delegates to the Pacific Coast Metal Trades convention, held at Tacoma last week, report that the convention went on record for the 44-hour week, same to go into effect on May 18. The ruling will cover all the territory between Prince Rupert and New Mexico. The convention also called for a conference of employers and employees, to be held some time in July for the purpose of arranging for a basic wage of \$7.25 for mechanics and \$4.50 for laborers employed in shipbuilding on the Pacific coast.

The fire at Coughlan's shipyards has meant the laying off of 2,000 men, but work of rebuilding is going ahead rapidly and the employers hope to have all the men back at work by Monday. Delegate Westmoreland of the Molders was elected to the office of statistician.

TIME TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY OF PRESS

Government by Order-in-Council Too Coarse for Col. Currie

On Tuesday at Ottawa, Col. J. A. Currie, North Simcoe, gave notice that he would move an address be presented to "His Majesty the King," asking "His Majesty" to withdraw an order-in-council passed on April 4, dealing with the suspension of the habeas corpus, and also an order-in-council passed on April 16, dealing with the freedom of opinion and liberty of the press. The proposed motion concludes: "And further, that this house is humbly and most respectfully of the opinion that it is not advisable to pass orders-in-council under the War Measures Act, suspending the habeas corpus, instituting martial law, imposing fines, charges, or other form of taxation, or suppressing freedom of conscience, liberty of opinion and liberty of the press, as the statutes of the Dominion, if properly enforced, are amply sufficient or can be amended to deal with sedition, treason or any danger to the country."

Over one hundred members have been taken into the local since last week, reports Secretary Fraser of the Boiler-makers. The membership has passed the 1,200-mark and from all indications will continue to grow. The Coughlan fire has caused a great number of the men to lay off but a great many of them have already been taken back and all are expected to be back working by Monday.

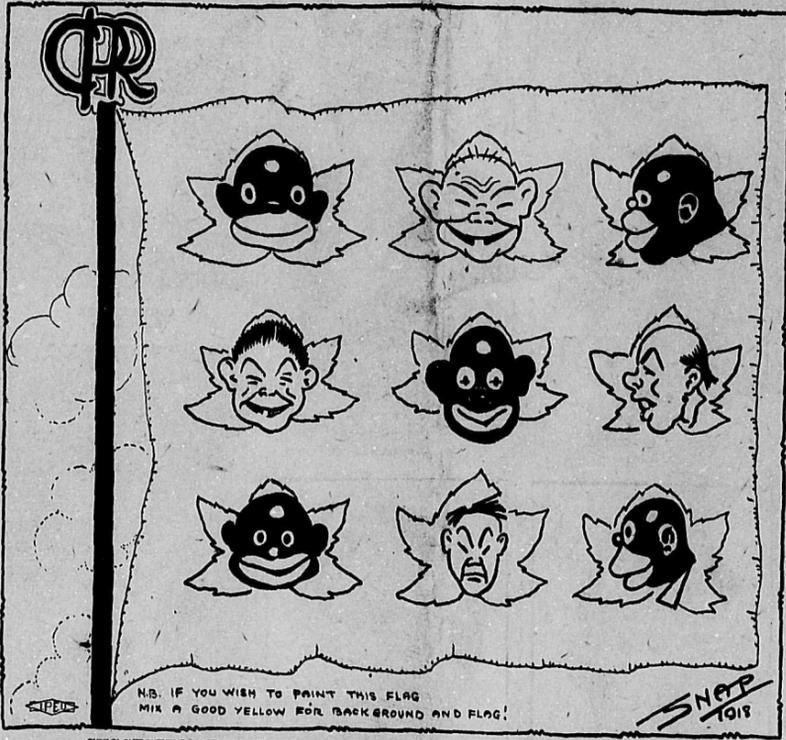
worker, just what the bank building is to the financial plutocrat. "The Labor Temple is the place where our headquarters staff meet to take care of the business interests of the wage-workers. What an awful thing to contemplate. The idea that we had been building temples for thousands of years, leading up into the clouds, and then the feeling that we were to lose the real temple, the temple which all the others really foreshadowed."

"No! Every man and woman who works for wages must come to the rescue of the Vancouver Labor Temple. A good many of the unions are getting the idea of individual responsibility, and are coming through all right."

"Most of you know I was connected for years with the post office, and even then the employees sense the value of a Labor Temple, and will do their 'bit.' The new Civil Service Bill will largely kill the effectiveness of the Labor organization in the civil service, and the government employee will see the wisdom of lining up and that means paying up for just his share in retaining the Labor Temple for the home of Labor."

"This Labor Temple idea is so important to me that I believe the national body of Labor, those running for office, ought to have a policy defined in this respect. "Canada needs a complete chain of Labor Temples. "Let's get the idea. Then how the material to fit it. "A Labor Temple in a city is Labor's proof of its power to administer things." The Carpenters listened to Bro. Hoop with great interest and the Labor Temple committee left feeling that another victory had been scored, and the salvation of the Temple in sight.

"ONE KING, ONE COUNTRY, ONE FLAG"



SUGGESTED EMBLEM FOR THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY EMPIRE

The De Facto Government of Canada Lays Down the Law

Canadian Pacific Railway Company Discharges All White Employees From Dining-car Service—Ordered by Dining-car Official to Desert Their Union the Men Refuse—Are Promptly Fired and Replaced by Imported Negroes—Veterans Among the Outcasts Wonder What They Fought For

IT HAS LONG been a sort of standing joke that the Canadian Pacific Railway is the real government of Canada. As time goes on, however, evidence continually accumulates showing that it is no joke, but an indisputable fact. Of course, those who are at all familiar with the genesis and subsequent financial career of this impersonal octopus will not consider it particularly remarkable that it should have become the actual government of the Dominion, for was not this precious corporation, that like all the rest of its kind, has "neither a soul to save, a heart to feel, nor a body (*) to kick," born from the womb of the public domain and wet-nursed from the public treasury, by the most brazen and conscienceless band of hard-faced brigands and pirates that ever went unwhipped of justice? Such being its parentage and its suckling, what else could logically be expected but that in time it should become of age and master in its own house? And has this not happened? Is there anything in Canada worth having, that does not pay tribute to this gigantic octopus and by thus paying does not all such belong to this detestable concern? And, pray, what government ever held a greater power even of life and death over its miserable objects or subjects, as you prefer, than that?

Birds of a Feather
While this worthy aggregation of capital is perhaps the largest and meanest of its kind in the Dominion, by the very law of attraction of like unto like, all the lesser accumulating abcesses of similar character are attracted to it and in obedience to the further law of self-preservation those foul creatures cling together and act together in order to perpetuate their common life and realize their common aim of ruling and robbing all and sundry that may come within reach of their foul clutches. The big one has its tentacles, its nerves and its suckers running down into and through its lesser brethren, until all become as one in responding to the common impulse of following the leader and obeying the chief.

And the chief director of slave-skipping and turning the pelts into the glistening figures that appear as increased capital upon the pages of commercial and financial flimflam in Canada, is undoubtedly that gang of incorporated bandits known as the Canadian Pacific Railway company. And all birds of similar feather sit upon the same roost and squawk and crow and cackle in unison to the tune called by that precious aggregation.

Committing the Offense
Not long since the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees proceeded to organize the dining-car employees of the C. P. R. and other roads. A local was formed in Vancouver. This met with the immediate disapproval of the C. P. R. magnates. It was evidently considered as sedition against the real government of Canada. A flunkey of the company, one D. S. Fraser, humorously denominated as a "dining-car inspector," was at once dispatched to Chicago to round up colored help to be used in enforcing the law against the seditious ones who were disposed to flout it by organizing.

It is reported that the "colored gentlemen" were offered \$45 per month and were assured they were not to be used to fill the places of any strikers. Subsequent developments show that this was literally true, for, as Sis Hopkins might say, "There wasn't going to be no strikers, no how!" The entire law-ignoring staff of white help were merely to be sacked and thus make room for more docile and law-abiding slaves.

It is claimed that the negroes were also told that the Canadian government had given the company leave to hold men of military age until it could give other help. Information given by the employees goes to show that all the men subsequently locked out are either over military age or have been exempted on physical grounds. Be that as it may, however, there is no reason to doubt that the Canadian government had "given leave" whenever it had been asked. The C. P. R. being the Canadian government, how could it be otherwise?

The "Big Drive" Begins
The big drive of seditious and law-defying began on Monday last. As rapidly as a train arrived in Vancouver the dining-car detachment therewith

TWENTY-FIVE FIREMEN THREW UP THEIR JOBS

Firemen's Life and Firemen's Pay Not Attractive So Men Are Quitting the Service

Indicative of the fact that a fireman's life and a fireman's pay was not considered particularly attractive just now, Fire Chief Carlisle reported to the civic fire and police committee this week that no fewer than 25 men had resigned from the local department during the month of April. The chief made no comment on the number of resignations which, with the five firemen who lost their lives with the six days between last Friday and Wednesday morning, makes a total of 30 gone out of the department.

PRESIDENT BIGGS A COAST VISITOR

District 18, U. M. W. of A., Official Here to Meet Military Authorities

President Thos. Biggs of District 18, U. M. W. of A., with headquarters at Calgary, accompanied by Mrs. Biggs, is a visitor in Vancouver this week. During the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Biggs will pay a visit to their daughter, now a resident of Powell River.

President Biggs reports the membership of District 18 growing by leaps and bounds, no less than 8000 of an increase during the past year. Pending the securing of a suitable manager-editor the executive board has not yet moved the old Fernie Ledger plant to Calgary, but it is proposed to issue the old publication at the earliest date possible.

While here Mr. Biggs will discuss with the military authorities questions affecting the conscription of coal miners in the Crow's Nest Pass district, with a view to arriving at some definite understanding similar to that which obtains in Alberta.

SIR SAM POINTS TO SOME FAILURES

Opposition Member Opens Up Big Offensive With Little Results

Sir Sam Hughes, who himself is no slouch when it comes to looking after his friends in war-time, recently elucidated a new point when, in connection with the Victory Loan, he claimed that speculators and brokers had made six million dollars in the process permitted of converting former war issues into the latest loan. He waxed sarcastic at the government, to some of whom he attached the qualifications for a county council. Was the real aim to win the war or help certain people maintain control of the munitions business and the money raised by the government?

Then Sir Sam produced a long list of what he regarded as pre-eminence failures, with the national service preparedness as a starter. As good results, he added, could have been secured, more expeditiously and with minimum expense, had the Militia Act replaced the Military Service Act. He pictured Dominion policemen riding up and down the country arresting everybody in sight as supposed deserters. He was recently apprehended himself in Toronto. The war lectures bureau came in for castigation as a needless thing, and Sir Sam incidentally wanted to know the "hidden hand" in the government who had appointed as director of it, and of public information, the man who, he said, had maligned him.

An attack on the overseas ministry of militia as unnecessary and as headed by a man "with no reputation to blight," and a forecasted failure of the coming manhood registration were other features of the general's offensive. His utterances appeared to prodigiously please the opposition.

Street Railway Employees
Business Agent F. A. Hoover, who has just returned from Winnipeg, where he was representing the International union, reports that practically all the demands made by the Winnipeg street railwaymen for better working conditions have been granted. The matter of two cents per hour increase in wages had previously been agreed upon, going into effect May 1 and to run for one year.

Machinists No. 777
Fifteen new members were initiated at a well-attended meeting. The local voted favorably upon an agreement between the I. B. E. W. and the I. A. M., dealing with a demarcation and jurisdiction of work. After hearing a lengthy and explicit report from a committee on the financial condition of the Labor Temple Company, the local voted not to take any of the shares.

Teamsters
The Teamsters' union is now well past the 900 membership and everything progressing favorably. An attempt is being made to organize the milk-wagon drivers. Several women who are driving these wagons are enthusiastic about forming a union, but the male of the species does not look upon the plan with very much favor, so seems to be considering the welfare of his employer instead of his own.

Steam and Operating Engineers
Eight new members were initiated at a well-attended meeting of the Steam and Operating Engineers, reports the Business Agent Alexander. A new wage employed in mills on a half of eight hours and time-and-a-half for overtime. Notices are being sent out to employers and local union members to the effect that the new scale will become effective June 20.

ACTION POSTPONED ON REFERENDUM BY B.C.E. OF L.

Nature of Vote Not Satisfactory Enough to Warrant Acceptance

Increased Cost of Producing The Federationist Also a Factor

[By A. S. Wells]
(Secretary B. C. Federation of Labor) VICTORIA, May 16.—The B. C. Federation of Labor executive has decided that the amendment to the constitution, to raise the per capita tax for the purpose of supplying the affiliated membership with copies of The Federationist each week, will not be made effective. Following the meeting of directors of The B. C. Federationist, Ltd., held in Vancouver on May 4, it was decided to take a vote of the executive as to whether the amendment, as above, should be made effective. The vote of the executive is against the amendment becoming effective.

The reasons for this course being adopted are as follows: While the referendum vote was largely in favor of the proposal, only something like 50 per cent. of the affiliated organizations voted on the question. The voting strength of the Federation, at the time the referendum was taken, was over 12,000. The vote cast in favor was 2870, against, 767. Number of unions voting, 49, as follows: In favor, 35, against, 13.

This shows plainly that only about 25 per cent. of the affiliated members voted on the question.

District 18, of the United Mine Workers, asked to be exempted from the extra per capita tax, as they intend re-establishing the Fernie District Ledger, which was formerly run by this organization.

In addition to the above reason, there are other considerations, the chief of these being in the cost of production of the paper, and it was felt by both the executive and by the directors of the paper, that it was useless to run the paper on anything else than business lines, and that the 60 cents per member per year would not, at the present cost of production, cover the cost of the paper.

With these facts before them, and also recognizing the fact that the Federation would lose considerable of its affiliations, should the change be made, it was felt that in the interests of the paper and the Federation as well, that the matter should remain in abeyance until the next convention.

Other amendments adopted become effective at once. All affiliated bodies will, within the next few days, be in receipt of full particulars of the circumstances which made this course imperative. The executive is sorry that this course had to be adopted and believes that it will be in the best interests of all concerned, and feels that those organizations desiring the paper will continue to support it at the present rates to organizations, viz., \$1 per member per year.

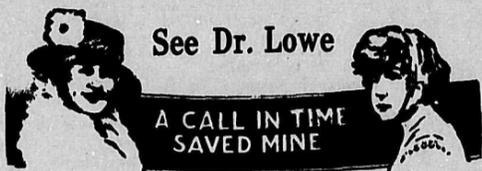
ANOTHER FIREMAN ADDED TO THE LIST OF DEAD

Twenty-Six Hundred Men Temporarily Idle as Result of Big Shipyard Fire

William J. Cameron was added to the list of firemen killed in Vancouver during the past week, as the result of a big fire at the Coughlan shipyards Wednesday morning. The fire started from an explosion of an acetylene tank in the boiler shop and quickly spread until the yards were a mass of flames. Fireman Cameron, who lost his life, was killed by falling timbers from the crane at the entrance to the yards. Two other firemen were injured. The loss, amounting to over \$1,500,000, is covered by insurance and was the biggest fire in thirty years. Twenty-six hundred men were made temporarily idle, with a payroll stopped of approximately \$75,000 per week. The company, however, expects to have all men at work again by Monday. One steel ship, the War Chariot, which was 75 per cent. plated, was almost completely destroyed, while another ship, the War Charger, had its steel sides badly buckled. William J. Cameron, the fireman who met his death, was born at Hetherington, Montreal, 24 years ago. He was single and joined the brigade in December, 1917.

No Strike at Powell River
There is no strike on at Powell River. For some reason or other such a report was circulated among the employer agency sharks on the "skidway" Wednesday. Negotiations are under way for revised wage schedules, it is true, but, as is always the case in a union camp, these are being carried on amicably between the management of the company and the union officials.

The workers of Canada are surely paying dearly for their colossal stupidity at the last federal election. Vancouver now possesses a milk trust, a bread trust, a laundry trust, almost a transportation trust and others in the making. As speedily as these industries reach that stage of development they should be made the property of the municipality and operated for the public good. All the economies of trust methods would thus be affected, and none of the disadvantages of the competitive system of carrying on business to handicraft operators. Vancouver's great municipally-owned waterworks system is one of the best illustrations of the practicality of a programme of municipalization. What Vancouver needs is more of it.



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THE ASTUTE TONKIN AS A FIXER OF WAGES

How Swag Is Divided Between Dear Brothers Cappy and Labby

On Compelling Food Hogs to Disgorge Their Ill-gotten Plunder

[By Walter Head]

SOUTH WELLINGTON, B. C., May 14.—The tactics of one John H. Tonkin are very interesting to the mine workers of this island. We are pleased to notice that he is still in form, in his shipyard commission minority report. He claims that the shipyard workers are not entitled to the 10 per cent. increase, and judging from past experiences with this gentleman, I must congratulate the shipyard workers upon the fact of their not having to be made subject to Mr. Tonkin's ruling, for the miners of this burg were working for a wage more than 10 per cent. below the prevailing rate in the district for some considerable time, and had to put up a hard fight to get the current wages, so it is not to be wondered at our old friend sticking on the 10 per cent. We are thinking of calling him "ten per cent." in future, instead of John H. I also notice that he is heavy on conscription of slaves for essential industries, but I have searched very diligently, and so far have failed to note that he would also conscript wealth. He claims that \$3.60 per day is sufficient for a common laborer. To those fortunate human beings who are not acquainted with his ribs, all this may sound o. k., but those of us who have known him "to our sorrow," are inclined to treat his minority report as a piffle. I can fully understand his plea for reduction of cost of production; that would mean more profit for John H., and believe me, he has managed to keep the wolf from the door and hasn't done it on \$3.60 a day either. My mind goes back to the time when he showed us his bank book. He showed us where he had met the month's payroll out of his private account. It would take a good many \$3.60's to make up that wad. I also note that he has a palatial residence down the line, somewhere near Shawnigan lake, which is unoccupied nearly all the year. Why not conscript that for a convalescent home for returned soldiers?

Need of Conscrip Labor.

An advertisement was run in The Federationist some time ago, asking all and sundry to invest in the East Sooke copper mines. This proposition was guaranteed to give a net profit of \$8 per ton, the gross return being \$9. Here we have a fair division. Labor, etc., \$3; capital \$6, and we notice among the

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philanthropists who are so generously giving their services as directors, the name of John H. Tonkin. No wonder he wants conscription of labor to lower the cost of production, when the workers and the et ceteras get the magnificent sum of \$300, and leave the poor capitalist with a measly \$600 to get on with.

Plundering the Rich.

While our old friend did not mention anything about conscripting wealth, the Vancouver World has reminded us that wealth is conscripted. The World says that the budget brought in at Ottawa "is the most thorough going plot to confiscate the wealth of the big interests that this continent has ever seen." The unfortunate who has \$75,000 a year will only be left with \$63,750 a year. This tax will be graduated according to income and the man who has \$1,000,000 a year will have to give up \$500,000 to his country and worry along on a paltry \$500,000 a year. The World says: "This is drastic enough conscription of wealth, surely." It may seem drastic to our friend John Nelson of the World, but \$500,000 a year or \$2,083.33 1-3 for each working day looks kind of large against the \$3.60 the shipyard laborer is supposed to be worth.

Getting Easy Money.

Now, honestly, if we had \$1,000,000 a year, we would gladly give our country 99 per cent. and hustle like blazes to spend the \$10,000 remaining. It seems to be the fashion nowadays for every celebrity, nonentity and no-good, to take a fall out of the working man, and I had occasion last week to reprove one of the aforementioned. Majah Cooper, by name. I do not intend to disobey the recent order-in-council and criticize any of our statesmen, but Majah Cooper—well—if we were charged with calling him a statesman, I would certainly plead not guilty. He has been making an awful howl about certain working men getting anywhere up to \$12 a day, and I certainly agree with him that this is terrible. A working man who is doing nothing but build ships, dig coal and generally perform the no-good function of producing those things that satisfy human needs, to get anywhere up to \$12 a day. Why it's preposterous, when such a great person as Majah Cooper is only getting a measly \$22 a day, and is producing wind, hot air, etc. We understand that our friend is getting \$257.70 a month as commanding officer of the Shaughnessy Heights convalescent hospital and, of course, \$208.66 2-3 a month as M. P., with extras for travelling, etc. Now, I have had in my service two masters. Whether this applies to politicians or not, I am not fully prepared to say, but our friend, the majah, is certainly holding two jobs to the king's taste, although I can hardly understand how a man can hold two jobs, one of them in Vancouver and the other in Ottawa, nearly 3000 miles away, unless one of them is of such a nature as would allow of its being placed on file and if such is the case, \$257.70 a month is pretty good pickings.

Food Control.

Well, I suppose it's a case of "to the victor belongs the spoils." I notice with alarm that all the food hogs have gone to dig down in their pantries and return the sugar, flour, etc., that they have got stowed away. Now we know what the workers have been doing with the fabulous sums that they have been receiving in wages. They have been buying up sugar and lighting fires with it—the wasteful brutes, and we are pleased to hear that the food controller is going to force them to disgorge. I would suggest that any sugar or flour that the workers disgorge be served out to some of the real food hogs, because as far as I have seen, the average worker's pantry is just about big enough to hold a few day's supply at the most, and if he wants to store any thing, he generally puts it under the bed, at the back of the stove, or some such other place, and in my opinion, their stock of such supplies are a menace to health. However, the powers that be know best.

While I am on the subject of sugar, I am reminded of a little incident that occurred on Monday, May 6. I was aboard the boat waiting to leave Vancouver. The boat was two hours late in leaving, due to so much freight being loaded, a large amount of sugar being among it. This sugar was being shipped to a wholesale house in Nannaimo, and the next day the price of sugar went up, but I understand it went down again four hours after. Somebody must have got wise, but anyway an attempt was made at profiteering, which is perfectly in order, for have not the workers in many instances obtained a raise in wages?

Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Winnipeg police magistrate, has ordered the wholesale arrest of men engaged in various employments under the Anti-Louping Act. Men doing work which can equally well be done by women. Sir Hugh, in effect, has ruled, are not engaged in useful occupation. The judgment affects men employed in conducting confectionery stores or clerking in grocery stores and the same principle extends to dozens of similar activities.

GRIM REAPERSWINGS SCYTHE AT "DEATH CORNER"

Four Firemen Are Killed in Terrific Collision With Street Car

A Mile-long Cortège Escorts the Dead to Their Final Rest

Four more Vancouver fatalities were recorded at the intersection of Commercial drive and Twelfth avenue at 4:03 o'clock Friday afternoon when a Grandview street car inbound was struck by a motor hose-wagon from No. 11 firehall. The terrific impact of the two heavy vehicles scattered the crew of five firemen in every direction. Four died almost instantly, while the fifth is seriously hurt but will recover.

The dead are Captain Richard Stainsley Frost, Lieut. Colin McKenzie, Driver Otis Fulton and Hoseman Donald Morrison. Hoseman Torquil Campbell is in hospital with a fractured jaw and severe cuts and bruises.

Several accidents, with fatalities in some cases, have occurred at this street intersection and with the additional toll of lives the intersection has been called "Death Corner."

Captain Richard Stainsley Frost was one of the pioneers of the department, joining the force March 1, 1900. He was an Englishman, unmarried.

Lieut. Colin McKenzie was a very popular member of No. 11 firehall. He was a native of Scotland and was in his 24th year. He joined the department in October, 1907.

Driver Otis Fulton, aged 35, joined the force on November 6, 1915. He was a widower and born in Canada.

Hoseman Donald Morrison was aged 33, and married. He resided at 949 Twenty-fifth avenue east. He was a Scotchman and joined the department on August 2, 1913.

Hoseman Torquil Campbell, who was so severely injured in the crash, is a married man. He joined the fire department on October 30, 1911, but had been out of the force for several months, during which time he served with the 231st Battalion. He was invalided out of the battalion, but made repeated efforts to re-enlist. He is a piper in the battalion and is very popular with a large circle of friends in the city, who are hoping for his speedy recovery.

Vancouver paused in its labors Monday afternoon to pay final homage to the four firemen killed in last Friday's accident. Muffled drums and the plaintive skirl of funeral bagpipes ushered through the city streets, a mile-long cortège escorting a flower-laden fire truck which bore the four caskets.

Every branch of the civic "blue serge services" was represented, thousands lined the streets all along the line of march and practically every wheel of commercial and industrial activity was slowed and stopped as the four victims passed through the crowded city streets. Capt. R. S. Frost, Lieut. Colin McKenzie, Fireman Donald Morrison and Driver Otis Fulton, whose lives ended in the performance of their duty, were buried with eloquent tribute amid touching public recognition of their devotion and service.

As the hook-and-ladder truck with its burden of dead started from the fire hall, the firemen's "Taps" call, 8-8-7, boomed mournfully from the bell tower, while the Salvation Army brass band, with muffled drums, headed the solemn procession behind Chief of Police McRae and his chief aides who were mounted. Seventy city policemen and a platoon of Great War Veterans came next, followed by more than 100 uniformed B. C. Electric street carmen. These were marshalled by Motorman J. Hacking, and included A. V. Lofting and W. H. Cottrell, secretary and president, respectively, of the carmen's union.

Next came a large detachment of city firemen under Chief Carlisle and Assistant Chief Thompson. These included contingents of firefighters from Victoria, headed by Capt. Dodds and Lieutenants Raymond and Smith, and also from the suburban and rural departments. Chief Eberhardt and Capt. W. Clark of South Vancouver also marched, as did representatives from neighboring districts. The police department baggage band followed with the fire dispatch, and after an automobile containing the clergy came the flower-laden hook-and-ladder truck with the dead. Automobiles containing the relatives and other mourners followed, also a large number of private cars bearing friends, the city council and other city officials who attended the services en masse.

"Death Corner" has earned its unenviable sobriquet during the present year since the terrible accident of Sunday, January 20, when a Hudson Super Six, in which four people were riding, was struck by an interurban car.

J. Rothstein, the driver of the automobile, was instantly killed. Margaret Greig, a 16-year-old girl, dying two days later, while a third victim, Peter Grenadas, succumbed shortly afterwards.

If the recommendation of Police Chief William McRae regarding the erection of an alarm signal of some nature at "Death Corner" had been accepted, it is quite possible that the accident would have been averted. Shortly after the accident at this corner on January 20, when two men and a woman were killed, the chief advocated before the fire and police committee of the city council that he regarded the corner as a particularly dangerous one and declared that in view of the serious accident which had occurred there definite safety measures should be adopted. His suggestion was that a signal should be installed to warn motorists of the approach of street cars. Nothing was done with the proposal.

The Western Union Telegraph company has locked out hundreds of its employees in the States for affiliating with the Commercial Telegraphers union.

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THE CRUDE and unsophisticated alchemists of the middle ages wrestled mightily with the problem of transmuted the baser metals into gold. They did not make much of a success of it.

THE CUNNING ALCHEMIST OF CAPITAL would still persist in remaining brass. But great advances have been made in all branches of science since then. Many strange transmutations have been made possible.

The United States Steel Corporation profits for the month of April amounted to \$31,000,000. This trifling sum is all that was left after everything had been "paid" for, including war taxes and all the rest.

A very large number of human beings are shut out of all opportunity to otherwise provide themselves with the food, clothing and other things that they must have or perish, are compelled to offer themselves in service to the U. S. Steel Corporation, the beneficiaries of which hold legal control.

One of the latest orders-in-council, and one that is without doubt pregnant with exceeding virtue, is termed "regulations for utilizing the human energy of Canada to best advantage."

As the "regulations" duly made and provided contain no definition or explanation as to what constitutes a "useful occupation" it is evidently left to ordinary common sense to decide. And that surely makes it easy.

The Steel Corporation has no other use for the steel produced than that of selling it in the markets of the world. By the same token that the corporation itself could only purchase the services of the workers on credit, that is by giving them a promise to pay in exchange for their labor, the customers of the corporation can only make their purchases on credit.

representing the amount of the promises to pay that have been issued and can never be redeemed, and that have been necessary to work the flimflam process of alleged buying, selling and paying still remains, and this array is enlarged during each cycle of production by the amount of "surplus value" which has accrued during that cycle.

And capital consists of nothing outside of these accumulations of debt, promises to pay, orders upon the future. Through these holdings of irredeemable obligations the capitalists command all industry and production, and are thus enabled to get something for nothing to the extent of all that they eat, drink, wear and otherwise consume and enjoy.

IT IS MEET and proper that due credit should not be withheld from the brilliant statesmen of today whenever those worthies rise above the dead level of mediocrity of the common herd and with far seeing vision WHAT CONSTITUTES USEFULNESS?

Probably the most noteworthy and commendable manifestation of really high class statesmanship at Ottawa, since the election of last year, is to be found in the substitution of the distinctly democratic and progressive "order-in-council" for the previous reactionary and decidedly autocratic parliamentary procedure.

And now these worthy sons of the soil may return to the plow and take their medicine, that medicine that they so ably assisted in compounding last fall. And surely no one need make a wry face over the bad taste of his own medicine. In fact it should, in this case, be considered decidedly seductive to do so.

It IS BEYOND dispute that falsehood is the only justification that can be given for class rule. Its every representation must be based upon a lie, for if the truth were to be told about it and became generally known, the byonets of this side of the infernal regions would not be sufficient to maintain such rule.

There has never been anything for men to quarrel over except that which inevitably comes out of the robbery of man by man. Those who exist in human society by the systematic robbery of the wealth producers, the only ones who bring forth anything to be robbed of, are compelled to hide their criminal proceedings underneath a mask of falsehood and deceit.

estate sharks, professors, politicians, soldiers, sailors, police, detectives, jailers, wardens, judges, and in fact the entire big bourgeoisie, the petty bourgeoisie, and all that parasitic conglomeration of flunkies, lackeys, suckers, sycophants, stork pigeons and pimps, that constitute the intellectual and moral ruling class of the nation.

THE SPECTACLE of large delegations of farmers going to Ottawa to plead with the government for exemption from service under the Military Act for their sons, and also to humbly protest against the government by "order-in-council" is not without its comical side.

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moral delinquencies they are themselves habitually guilty of, and which constitute their sole stock in trade in the daily avocation of separating producers from the things they create.

That is why falsehood becomes a habit with all and sundry who profit by and defend the present system of rule and loot. That is why the capitalist press, almost without exception, spews its venom and falsehood upon the Bolsheviks. It is compelled to lie about those Russian workers and peasants who have thrown the brutal czar and his disgusting regime overboard and are attempting to bring peace, order and decency to a land that has been made a veritable hell upon earth for thousands of years by the vulgar and thieving rulers that have been successful in fastening their vicious clutches upon the people's throats.

A considerable section of the capitalist press goes to the very limit of lying in its attempt to discredit the struggling workers of Russia in their efforts to bring a decent and sane civilization out of the present ruling-class hell of blood, slaughter and pelf. They lie through their news columns and lie editorially. Some of them lie when even a decent regard for the truth might be made to do better service. But they can not help it, for to them lying has long since become a confirmed habit.

For the week ending April 26 the deaths in the National Guard, the National Army and the Regular Army amounted in the U. S. to 251, as against 278 for the previous week. Of these pneumonia claimed 167. The non-effective rate (sick) for the National Guard in the United States for the last week ended by the report was 37.6 per 1,000; for the National Army 50.5 per 1,000; for the Regular Army, including the aviation section of the Signal Corps of the National Army, was 40 per 1,000.

Farmers who are now getting fabulous prices for their products and wage slaves who are reaping rich rewards in filthy lucre for the comparative squalor of doing next to nothing, are frequently referred to as "proletarians," but as they produce between them all the wealth that makes its appearance in the marts of the world, in the name of all that is holy who suffers any loss on account of their "proletarian" title.

An attempt to fasten universal military slavery upon every boy in the United States, by means of a rider tacked on to the \$15,000,000,000 army appropriation bill when it comes up at Washington next week, is to be made. The proposed infamy provides that three months' training in a military camp shall be given to every boy during his 19th year, three months during his 20th year, and six months during his 21st year.

The Canadian Food Bulletin at hand lays great stress upon the necessity of increasing the production of food upon this side of the Atlantic for the purpose of feeding "Europe's hungry millions." It is quite beyond doubt that hungry people need food, but we beg to suggest, that if Europe's hungry millions were to stop fighting and killing each other, destroying useful things and laying their territories waste, they might be able to at least make some headway in the direction of feeding themselves.

If there is one thing that we love more deeply than another in the United States it is that every man should have the privilege, un molested and unincumbered, to utter the real convictions of his mind.—President Wilson, 1916.

And should any doubt our "love," as above stated, let them but note the gallant manner in which we defend and safeguard that and similar favored privileges by means of tar and feathers, varnish, yellow paint, hangings, beatings, forced expulsions a la Arizona, night riding and mob marauding, the burning of negroes at the stake, a la Tennessee, raiding I. W. W. and socialist premises, destroying property and throwing innocent and decent persons into filthy jails or driving them out of town, gagging the truth by shutting its publications on the mails, by espionage acts, by councils of defense, by patriotic leagues and by spying, sneaking, whispering, accusing, lying, deceiving, vilifying, defaming, poisoning and persecuting. And having noted all such forever after hold their peace.

According to the treasury department report from Washington, D. C., the national debts of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary and the United States up to the present time only total the insignificant sum of \$109,000,000,000. As this only amounts to about \$75 per head for the entire population of the globe, or about \$50 per head for the population of the nations owning it, the matter of paying it off is a trivial affair, as any one can readily see. Of course, if the war should happily continue for even another two years, this pitifully insignificant debt will be at least doubled, but even so it will be just as easy to pay it off then as it is now, or perhaps easier. According to our great financial authorities, the nations of the world increase their wealth much more rapidly during times of war than during times of peace. Everybody is getting the easy money during these glorious days. The farmer accumulates a big bank account through high prices for his products. The wage slave arrives at the same delightful haven of rest and satisfaction by the route of abnormally high and even fabulous wages. The capitalists and large and juicy lemon grow from the alluvial soil of opportunity, plowed up by the circumstances of war. A trifling debt of a few hundred billions or trillions need worry none of these. At the most it is but a mere bagatelle alongside of the great "wealth" at "our" disposal. The future indeed looks bright to the financial optimist of the editorial sanium.

STREET CAR MEN WANT INCREASE

A Plain Statement of the Case by President of Local Union

Employees of the B. C. Electric railway, who, on Tuesday, presented a new wage schedule to the company, wish to have a definite answer and the whole question of a new agreement settled by July 1, according to Mr. W. H. Cottrell, president of the Street Railwaymen's union.

In the past the negotiations were carried on over many months," said Mr. Cottrell, "and in the meantime the men went on with their old wages. We are asking for more money because it is an absolute necessity. We are willing to negotiate and do all the discussing necessary up to July 1, but as far as we are concerned, the thing must be settled by that date."

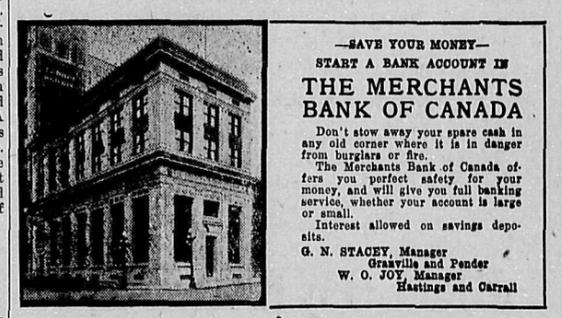
General Manager Kidd's statement that the new wage schedule would mean an increase to the company of \$500,000, is an exaggeration, in Mr. Cottrell's opinion. He is quite sure that the figure has been overestimated.

At a meeting of the "business interests" of Winnipeg last Tuesday resolutions were passed calling for "wider powers for the Canada Fuel Control Board, to the extent of controlling wages paid in Western Canada mines and machinery for the prevention of strikes." Just so. The Big Interests seek to absolutely hamstring Labor by preventing strikes and fixing wages. But not a word from this precious aggregation of profit ghouls about fixing prices of foodstuffs. Not a word. When the time arrives for fixing wages the organized labor movement will see that price fixing goes along with it. The bell-hops at Ottawa might just as well put that in their pipes and smoke it.

If the people of Canada will sit back and permit the C. P. E. to get away with the raw stuff the officials in Vancouver are attempting to put over, then indeed has patriotism sunk to a low level. Not satisfied with exploiting "alien enemies" of every nationality, chinks and Japanese, hundreds of negroes are being imported to take the places of dining-car service men who dared to organize. And to make the hypocrisy all the more brazen it is announced that this action will liberate more men for overseas. Fighting for a corporation-owned country that seeks to replace recruits with "negroes" is not calculated to give Western Canada workmen an appetite.

Under the new proposals the various labor classifications are asking increases. Machinists want a raise from 51 cents an hour to 62 1/2 cents, and they point out that this is lower than machinists in other trades, the C.P.R. men, who are not the highest-paid machinists, getting 75 cents an hour. Carpenters are seeking an increase from 48 cents to 60 cents. Car repairers and barn men are asking the same rate as the motormen and conductors, 40 to 51 cents.

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Trades and Labor Council.

[May 19, 1893]

The Trades and Labor Council endorsed the action of the Constitutional League unalterably opposed to the erection of the proposed new parliament buildings at Victoria, as it considered it a reckless and extravagant waste of the people's money.

The civic committee reported that, as the Geary Chinese Exclusion law had been declared constitutional by the United States supreme court, there would be a big influx of Chinamen into British Columbia. The city council to be requested to petition the Dominion government to take steps to prevent it.

The city council was asked to restrict Chinese wash houses to a certain area. The city council was also asked to award the contract for cast iron pipes to the B. C. Ironworks.

Votes of thanks, recommended by the civic committee, were extended to the city council for its courteous treatment of the Trades and Labor Council, and also to the local newspapers for their willingness to publish anything emanating from this body.

Proposed bathing sheds and other conveniences on the foreshore of English Bay discussed and the city council requested to take action.

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Big List of Sports Arranged and General Good Time Is Assured

The 1400 members of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, Local 194, and their many friends will hold their first annual picnic next Friday, May 24. Some \$600 worth of prizes, donated by local business houses, will be awarded by the sports committee, and the Boilermakers' officials declare the event will be well worth attending. The big day will be staged at Mahon Park, North Vancouver. Special provisions for transportation are being arranged by the committee in charge.

Messrs. Joseph Barber, secretary, and Sam Thornton, Harris and Wise compose the picnic and sports committee, and have secured the prizes. The sports programme is now in the hands of The Federationist printers, and contains a list of thirty events or more, the majority of them being for the ladies and children, of all ages. The features are the one mile, (open to members of Local 194 only), for which the firm of J. Coughlan & Sons has donated a handsome challenge trophy, in addition to three valuable prizes for first, second and third. The same firm has also donated five handsome gold medals for the winners of the five-yard football teams, five minutes each way to play and limited to eight teams. Entries for this event are to be in the hands of the secretary not later than Wednesday, May 23, at Coughlan's yard. Messrs. Wallace Bros. have also donated to the programme, as well as several firms on the North Shore, whose names are not at hand.

The North Vancouver ferries and the B. C. E. R. are making arrangements for the transportation, on both sides of the Inlet, and late cars will be on hand to convey the picnickers who stay late for the dancing to their homes in the city and suburbs.

Livie and Reeves' five-piece orchestra has been engaged, and dancing takes place from 7 to 11 p.m.

The refreshment committee will see that everything is in order for the making of tea, coffee, etc., but the ladies are asked not to forget to bring their own cups and dishes.

For the benefit of those who have never visited Mahon Park, Secretary Barber states that there is a grandstand, capacity 1000; a quarter-mile track, a dance hall and seats, tables, stoves and fuel, for refreshment purposes.

No tickets to purchase. Just go over with the family and friends, on the ferryboat, then a 6-cent fare on street-car lands you at the park.

The first event on the programme will commence at noon.

Further information will be gladly given upon application to any members of the committee.

Sports and Picnic Committee

Bros. Carmichael, McEachern, S. Thornton, Andy Neilson, Harris, Parker, R. H. Wise, Finlay, W. Smith, J. Harper, Young, Alabon, Fox, W. D. Moore, Owens, David Neilson, W. Forsythe, C. Atkins, J. Woolston, Walter Laurie, K. M. Holmes, Joe Barber.

Sports Prizes.

100 yards dash (members Local 194 only), three prizes; 100 yards dash, single ladies' race, three prizes; 75 yards dash, married ladies' race, three prizes; quarter mile race (open), three prizes; wheelbarrow race, lady and girl, four prizes; 100 yards fat men's race, three prizes; football, five a side, five minutes each way, five prizes; 100 yards dash, men 45 years and over, three prizes; 100 yards dash, fat ladies' race, three prizes; 100 yards dash, women only, three prizes; 3-legged race, ladies 12 to 17 years, four prizes; egg and spoon race, ladies only, three prizes; football, semi-final; 50 yards, boys 7 to 10 years, three prizes; two standing high jump, ladies (with or without weights), three prizes; 20 yards, woe tois, boys under seven years, three prizes; 20 yards, woe tois, girls under seven years, three prizes; 25 yards, woe tois, 10 years, three prizes; running hop, skip and jump, three prizes; 50 yards, girls 11 to 14 years, three prizes; 75 yards, boys 11 to 14 years, three prizes; running broad jump, three prizes; football, final; 75 yards, girls 15 to 17 years, three prizes; 100 yards' boys 15 to 17 years, three prizes; throwing the baseball, three prizes; one mile (members Local 194 only), four prizes; three-legged race, men, four prizes; potato race, men, three prizes; jumble race, men, three prizes; tug of war, helpers and mechanics.

Firms Donating Prizes.

J. Coughlan & Sons, shipbuilders; Wm. Dick & Son, clothiers; Rankin & Cherril, electrical store; Foodward's Department Store; Naylor, tobacconist; J. L. Harvey, men's furnishings; Martin, Finlayson & Mather; Rae, the Shoe Man; Claman's, clothing; Wilson's, shoes; Clark & Stewart, clothing; J. A. Platt, sporting goods store; Jonah-Prat Company, clothing; Robinson's, clothing (save \$10); David Spencer, Department Store; Richardson's, Shoe Store; Wray & McKee, men's furnishings; Powell's Meat Market, Hastings East; Shipyard Cafe (Tom Bartlett); Ogden Coffee House, Front street; Irish Linen Store; Sam Scott, boys' clothing; Fraser Sporting Goods; Cunningham's Dry Goods Store; T. F. McDowell, Granville street; J. McEgarty, 799 Granville street; McRobbie, "Walk-over" Shoe Store; Henry Birks & Sons, jewellers; Hudson's Bay Company; W. S. Charleston, Granville street; Outhbertson's, Granville street; Richardson & Potts, Men's Hatters; Paul & McDonald, Jewellers; B. C. Barber Supply, Hastings West; B. C. Electric Railway Company; Goodwin's Shoe Store; Elliot's Meat Market, Hastings East; Slater's, Hastings East; T. B. Hill, clothing, Hastings East; Canadian General Electric, Powder West; McLennan & McFesty; A. R. Williams Machinery Company; Todd & Manning, Jewellers; Saba's Silk Emporium, Granville street; Robertson & Godson; Simons Saw Company; Crane & Co.; Wood, Valance & Leggat; Atkins Saw Company; Simpson & Co.; Canadian General Electric; Northern Electric Company; Evans, Coleman & Evans; Black and White Hat Store, Hastings West. Firms donated in North Vancouver very generously, but names of same not at hand.

\$100,000 TO RE-ESTABLISH FRENCH CO-OPERATIVES

Also Form Common Fund to Re-establish Societies in Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Italy, Serbia, Etc.

At the request of the French National Federation of Distributive Societies, the national relief committee has placed \$100,000 at the disposal of the French co-operative movement to re-establish the societies in the invaded districts, which at the beginning of the war composed one-third of the total number of French co-operatives. The other co-operatives have raised a subscription of \$90,000 for the same purpose. The central co-operative organizations of the allied nations have decided to form a common fund for the reconstruction of the destroyed societies in Belgium, Luxembourg, Poland, Italy, Roumania, Serbia, Montenegro and France.

The Roman slave was held by fetters; the wage-laborer is bound to his owner by invisible threads. The appearance of independence is kept up by means of a constant change of employers and by the fictio juris of a contract.—Karl Marx.

Throughout Canada

The "conscientious objectors" of the First Depot battalion, first C. O. B., who were recently tried by court martial, last week at Toronto, received their sentences last week at Toronto and each got two years with hard labor.

Canada, with fifteen delegates, will have the largest representation at the Inter-Allied conference on the Care of Discharged and Disabled Soldiers After the War, which opens under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught on May 20.

For making statements reflecting on the common sense of men who enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary forces, while he was being solicited for a subscription to the Red Cross fund, Andrew Jess of Scotsguard, Sask., was fined \$350.

Extension of parliament one year has unanimously passed both houses in Newfoundland. Governor Harris has assented to the conscription bill calling up all unmarried men between 19 and 25, May 24 is the final date allowed for volunteers.

Samuel Blumberg, who recently resigned from the Socialist Party of Canada, and William Baum, formerly of the Social-Democratic party, at a meeting in Winnipeg this week, organized a new socialist industrial union to be called the Workers' Union of Canada.

The city firemen of Victoria asked the city council for a 15 per cent. raise, but it was turned down flat. A recommendation by the chairman of the fire wardens for a 10 per cent. increase for men getting less than \$110 per month was also turned down.

The charge made in the house by D. D. MacKenzie of North Cape Breton that Sir Joseph Flavelle of the Imperial Munitions Board has been awarding contracts to himself through a subsidiary company, is utterly devoid of fact, according to a statement by Sir Joseph.

The labor delegation which met the Federal government at Ottawa on April 25 in connection with labor legislation asked, among other things, for the appointment of W. R. Trotter of Vancouver as labor representative on the proposed Central Immigration Authority to deal with matters pertaining to immigration.

The statement of Mr. W. F. O'Connor, former cost of living commissioner, that eggs would now be selling throughout Canada at 25 cents a dozen were it not for the fact that cold-storage companies are permitted to go through the country buying up all the available egg surplus and storing the product away is a deeply disquieting one.

The red banners of the socialists were out in force at Montreal on May Day, and quite a large parade was held in peace and orderliness. The procession which was held comprised about 1,000 followers of many nationalities, headed

by a band and many banners. The socialists were labelled with Karl Marx buttons and they sang songs in Yiddish, Russian, Polish, French and English.

St. Thomas, Ont., city council is contemplating abolishing the street railway service for an indefinite period in order to conserve electric power so that industries may continue to operate at full capacity. At the present time all factories are using steam power wherever possible, but despite this there is such a shortage that the council may close up the street railway rather than ask manufacturers to reduce their requirements.

According to the last census there are 2,723,834 persons in Canada engaged in gainful operations, and 4,456,016 having no occupation. While it follows that but a very small percentage of the latter can be classed as loafers, yet it is equally certain that a fine-combing would discover a great many persons who are not rendering service to the state in any capacity, but who are possible potential workers. It is estimated that in Toronto alone they have fourteen thousand of this class.—Toronto News.

DYNAMITE USED ON HOME OF ORGANIZER

House Blown to Smithereens When He Refused to Quit Efforts of Organization.

The home of M. V. Vale, organizer for the American Federation of Labor at Birmingham, Alabama, was dynamited a few days ago after his refusal to cease his efforts to organize the employees of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. His wife and child, who were alone in the house, narrowly escaped death. The dynamiting was the climax of a reign of terror inaugurated by agents of the company to put down the organizing movement. A campaign of violence and intimidation began after Vale had refused bribes offered by the company's representatives.

Brewery Workers

Brewery Workers are making demands for a 50 cents a day increase to meet the ever-rising cost of living. The union is making steady progress. The local officers are: President, Charles Austin; vice-president, J. Biker; recording secretary, W. Connor; financial secretary, Cecil Parker; treasurer, T. Bally; doorkeeper, L. Devos.

Barbers

Four shop cards have been issued in the city since last report. Two new members were initiated at a well-attended meeting of the Barbers. The local has endorsed the appropriation by the International executive of \$50,000 for war bonds. Forty thousand dollars of this was used for the purchase of U. S. liberty bonds and \$10,000 for Canadian victory bonds. The local has collected its first assessment for Labor Temple shares.

BOOSTING UNION LABEL PRODUCTS

Organizer Kennedy of the Cigarmakers Pays First Visit to Pacific Coast

On Wednesday morning, D. W. Kennedy, label promoter for the Cigarmakers' unions in Canada, arrived in Vancouver. Mr. Kennedy has been canvassing every city and town in Ontario for over three months, representing the joint advisory board of Cigarmakers' locals in Canada. On his western trip he has boosted the Blue Union Label in Brandon, Regina and Calgary.

While in Vancouver, Bro. Kennedy will be addressing the various union meetings, asking for their co-operation, by patronizing blue union label cigars, and incidentally distributing a serviceable souvenir to the membership.

The appeal of the Cigarmakers should meet with a ready response by organized labor in this city, because they are waging a war against child labor and other sweated labor, as it exists in some of the cigar factories in Eastern Canada. Co-operation in the Labor movement, as explained by Bro. Kennedy, means the practical encouragement for union labor, by using union wages to buy union label products, in preference to the article produced by sweated labor. Mr. Kennedy advises The Federationist that many million cigars, produced by child labor in the province of Quebec, and some parts of Ontario, are now being sold in western Canada, and it is up to organized labor in this city to always refuse cigars, unless they see the blue union label on the cigar box, then you are guaranteed sanitary factories, where the workmen are receiving a decent wage and the

labor means that workers should, always as union men, employ the labor of their brother unionist, thereby registering a consistent protest against sweated labor. Mr. Kennedy's visit to Vancouver will be extended for another week, visiting unions.

MINNEAPOLIS.—J. O. Bostall, candidate for governor on the socialist ticket, found guilty on charges of violating the espionage act, was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth prison.

Extra Specials in Groceries

SOAP—LAUNDEY

UTILITY 7 Bars for 25c
IVORY 6c per Bar
DUTCH CLEANSER 3 for 25c
BLUEING 6 Pkgs. for 25c
PEARLINE—Reg. 15c seller 11c
PACIFIC MILK—Per can 11c
ST. CHARLES MILK 2 for 25c
CANADA WHITE GLOSS STARCH 2 for 25c
MUSTARD CAN—Each 9c
POST TOASTIES—Pkg., each 10c
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DRAFTED

Into the army for active service is the reason why the entire men's wear stock of T. Booth & Sons is being ruthlessly sacrificed. This high-grade stock was bought at a fraction of its worth and will be offered to the people of Vancouver on the same basis. The sale opens Tomorrow at 10 a.m. Don't fail to be here. Seize this opportunity

High Top Boots; all sizes; American and Canadian makes; regular to \$12.
Forced Price **\$6.90**

Corduroy Pants; a very fine English Corduroy. Regular to \$6.50.
Forced Price **\$3.98**

Caps—About 20 dozen only; all sizes; reg. to 60c and 79c.
Forced Price **29c**

Work Gloves—Regular 85c and \$1.00.
Forced Price **49c**

White Handkerchiefs, about 100 dozen only at this price. Reg. 15c, now for less than wholesale.
Forced Price **6c**



15c Armbands—Forced Price **7c**

Boys' Boots, all sizes to 5 1/2; reg. \$4.50 and \$5.
Forced Price **\$3.95**

Boys' Suits, all sizes; fine tweeds, worsteds, etc.; latest styles; reg. to \$12.
Forced Price **\$6.90**

B. V. D. Underwear, America's famous brand; sold everywhere at 75c.
Forced Price **48c**

Heavy Flannel Work Shirts; reg. to \$4.00.
Forced Price **\$1.98**

Work Shirts, reg. to \$1.75; also big line of fine Negligee Shirts, all sizes. While they last.
Forced Price **98c**

Men's Work Pants, reg. \$2.25. About 85 pairs only, all sizes. While they last.
Forced Price **\$1.19**

Wool Sweaters; colors gray, khaki and fawn; regular \$6.00.
Forced Price **\$3.40**

Stanfields Medium Weight Ribbed Underwear; 45 doz. only; all sizes; reg. \$1.75.
Forced Price **98c**

Ladies' Boots; values to \$9 and \$10; sizes up to 4 1/2 only; about 325 pairs in the lot. While they last.
Forced Sale **\$2.80**

75c Neckwear; hundreds of new patterns; 100 dozen only at this price **24c**

\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 Fine Negligee Shirts, all sizes, neat patterning.
Forced Sale **\$1.15**

Fine Light Weight Underwear, suitable for spring and summer wear. Reg. 75c and 85c.
Forced Price **47c**

\$6.90 Stetson Hats, dark colors, neat shapes.
Forced Price **\$2.45**

Big range of Fine Suits, all colors, all sizes; reg. to \$28. These suits are positively the greatest values in Western Canada today.
Forced Price **\$14.90**

\$8 and \$9 Slater, Hartt Boots.
Forced Price **\$4.98**

\$20 Raincoats, all sizes; about 30 coats in the lot.
Forced Price **\$9.90**

Leckie very high-grade Dress Boots, latest shapes; regular \$10.
Forced Price **\$5.85**

100 dozen W. G. & R. and Arrow Collars, all sizes. While they last **5c**

Men's Odd Trousers; a wonderful range to choose from; regular to \$5.50.
Forced Price **\$2.90**

Heavy Ribbed All Wool Underwear; Canada's finest brands; reg. to \$2.50.
Forced Price **\$1.27**

Peabody's Guaranteed Overalls. Reg. \$2.50.
Forced Price **\$1.58**

40c and 50c Black Cashmere Socks.
Forced Price **22c**

President and Eze style Suspenders; about 125 dozen only; reg. 75c. While they last **29c**

\$30, \$32 and \$35 Suits, strictly hand tailored; the latest models; also the always popular staple styles. Don't fail to see this lot.
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Join the Federated Labor Party

Here is your opportunity to become a member-at-large of the Federated Labor Party. If there is a branch of the party in your locality it is surmised that you have already joined. But if there is no Local, you can fill out the following application and become a member-at-large, until such time as a branch is formed. If you are a member of the working class, there is no reason why you should not be a member of the party. It's not the matter of the dollar a year. It's the matter of organization. An organization must be secured, so that the strength before election day will be known and the membership can then act accordingly.

THE FEDERATED LABOR PARTY

The Federated Labor Party is organized for the purpose of securing industrial legislation and the collective ownership and democratic operation of the means of wealth production.

Application for Membership

The undersigned endorses and subscribes to the furtherance of the declared object of the party.

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Occupation

Address

Phone number

Together with membership fee of one dollar, mail to secretary, W. R. Trotter, Room 206 Labor Temple, Vancouver, B. C., and obtain membership card and official receipt.

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GROTESQUE TALE OF PIOUS PESSIMISM

How Powers of Darkness Thwart the Efforts of Holiness

That a spirit of bitter antagonism exists between the professional sky pilot class and the husky toilers of British Columbia, was made sufficiently apparent at a "Brotherhood" meeting in the parlor of St. John's Presbyterian church on a recent Sunday afternoon. The principal speaker was Rev. G. A. Wilson, D. D., superintendent of "home missions" for the province; and as the meeting was publicly announced in the press and was evidently open to all and sundry—men and youths, at any rate—there does not seem to be any valid reason why the reverend gentleman's remarks should not be made known to a larger public than the score or so who were present, although he prefaced his talk with the hint, "These are not things that I wish published."

To prevent too great a gloom settling down on the meeting during his disclosures, he first intimated that prospects were brighter now than they had been, one of the reasons being that railway construction had been shut down, thousands of laborers had gone, and the B. C. "missionaries" in the up-country districts had "not that element to contend with" any longer. Where they had gone, or who had them to "contend with" now, the speaker evidently did not worry about. The first trouble was that, in a small community such as a mining colony, the missionary couldn't do as he liked. "You have to secure the utmost assistance from everyone—Christian or not. For the purpose of increasing your numerical strength, you have to weaken your moral power," he said. He then went on to complain of the mine-owners and their officials, who ran their mills Sunday as well as week-day, for the sake of a profit, and generally manifested "no regard for decency or the laws of the province." A new "boss," for instance, comes to take charge. "He brings a woman with him and they live in a tent. She's his stenographer when they live in town; and when they go on the train, she's his wife." He proceeds to turn out the missionary, and the schoolmaster; "everybody must do just as he says, or they lose their job."

Then, turning to the working element, Dr. Wilson deplored that they had lost all touch whatever with the church. "At Cumberland, only about one miner ever entered the church. Further, there was an 'anti-Christian socialism' present, actively opposed to the church." In Cumberland they had actually set fire to it—"at least, it was set fire to; I don't know who did it," he corrected. "They feel that if they could get rid of you, they would be doing yeoman service to the community." Even the women had this feeling; one woman he actually asserted that "they would be prosperous and happy if they could get rid of the idea of God."

In the North Thompson district, men and women were living together without any marriage having been performed. "A man brings in another woman while his wife is ill, and cohabits with her in another bed in the same room." In one instance, he spoke of a woman "serving" 29 Austrians in one night at \$3 a head! Even the hospitals were "simply homes for women who live an infamous life." Sometimes, men insisted on their own wives going into these same hospitals—for certain purposes!

"Just what is at the bottom of it, and how to get at it, is a different matter," he said. Apparently the church was losing out; once there were seven missionaries between here and Prince Rupert, and now there was only one. There was a "hump in mission funds." Another B. C. missionary, Rev. O. Horn, also spoke of the socialist element; they were out for pure selfishness, had no regard for God or man, and were against the government all ways unless they could get just what they wanted. Dr. Smith, the minister of St. John's, referred to "this socialist business" as something from the old country—"as more openly 'anarchistic.'" In England the men were simply indifferent, but the children could be got hold of, and "if you get hold of the young people, there's still hope," he said. In the course of further discussion, blame was laid on the police and the attorney-general; and it was understood that some of the facts should be put into writing and discussed next Sunday with a view to concerted action. On the whole, it was a "blue" afternoon in this stuffy church parlor; and perhaps these "unco guid" people would have had a saner view of life if they had spent the time basking in the sunshine on the beach. Yet again, perhaps they would have frowned on the "kiddies" for being happy on the "Sabbath," perhaps even on the sun for shining, and the waves for rippling, on Sunday! One never knows.



JOSEPH TAYLOR
Vice-president of the B. C. Federation of Labor, Victoria; manager of Victoria Labor Temple, and District vice-president of the I. L. A., who returned home yesterday via Vancouver from attending the Seattle convention of Longshoremen.

LETTER CARRIERS VIGOROUSLY KICK

Emphatically Object to the Prussianization of the Civil Service

[By Robert Wight]

At the regular monthly meeting of branch No. 12, Federated Association of Letter Carriers, the branch went on record as being very strongly opposed to, and offers strenuous objections to, the enactment of clause 35, Sub-section 1 and 2, of Bill No. 53, entitled: "The Civil Service Act, 1918," now under discussion by parliament, and which is as follows:

Part II, Sec. 35—Political Partisanship
(1) No deputy head, officer, clerk or employee in the public service shall be debarred from voting at any Dominion or provincial election if, under the laws governing the said election, he has the right to vote; but no such deputy head, officer, clerk or employee shall engage in partisan work in connection with any such election, or contribute, receive or in any way deal with any money for any party funds. 1908, Sec. 43, amended.
(2) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence, to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month and to be dismissed from the public service (new).

It will be noted that the old act has been amended in this respect, by additions from where the original section terminated, that is, after the words "any such election" on the sixth line thereof, all of said additions being entirely new, and, in our opinion, very drastic, the whole being an abrogation of the rights of British citizenship. As citizens, we beg to protest against any such enactments, which, no doubt, has been done with a view to, apparently, no good purpose, by a body of well-meaning representatives, who, unfortunately in their haste, had not the courtesy to ascertain the wishes of those affected.

We deny the right of any man or body of men, however sincere, to take from us our hard won liberties, especially our citizenship, which this undoubtedly calls for. British citizenship, as we understand it, carries with it full political rights, which is, not only the right to vote, but, the right to full and free expression of our political opinions as free Canadians, and also, the right to be voted for and as a representative, for and on behalf of any section of the people, if so desired. During the last four years, many of our brother employees have shed their hearts' blood for the cause of freedom and democracy, and many of those who have been fortunate to return, are now working with us, and will be especially affected by this legislation.

We therefore respectfully demand the total abolition of the whole clause, Section 35 of Bill 53, thereby ensuring the evident fact, that if democracy is worth fighting for, it is worth having.

FED. ADVERTISING BRINGS RESULTS

Retail Clerks Union Discovering Value of Labor Paper Publicity

[By W. H. Hoop]

Is there anything in advertising? I should say there is. It is sometimes surprising. The Retail Clerks' union printed a list of union stores in the Federationist for the benefit of Vancouver trades unionists, and their friends. The mail order significance of the list of stores was never contemplated, and it was indeed a pleasure to get the information from two of the large stores so listed that both had received substantial orders from Powell River as a result of the advertising. The workers of Powell River can rest assured that they have the thanks and best wishes of the Retail Clerks' union, and further that the clerks handling any such mail order goods will give very careful supervision to the shipments. The clerks feel somewhat responsible for the highest satisfaction of the purchase and goods can be sent for as per price advertised, and the real spirit of unionism will obtain. The mail order idea is new, insofar as it relates to the Clerks' union, but it goes, and goes good.

F. L. P. Vacancy

S. H. Cook, a member of the executive committee of Vancouver branch, Federated Labor Party, has been conscripted and went into barracks on Wednesday afternoon.

The Carpenters union of Montreal has organized a Ladies Auxiliary. This is the first union in the city to organize such a body.

STRANGULATION OF THE PRESS

Guardian Says Censorship One of Worst Enemies of War Efficiency

The Manchester Guardian, one of the most influential British newspapers, as well as a number of others, strongly condemn the new Canadian Censorship regulations. The Canadian regulations are more drastic than any put in force in England.

LONDON, April 20.—The Manchester Guardian severely condemns the new censorship regulations in Canada. "Under such ukases it is possible for the government to suppress any opinion that is distasteful and any fact that is disagreeable to it. The public shall be allowed to know and, so far as the government is able to control it, think only what happens to suit the purpose of a small group of individuals, who for the time being are masters of the machine of state. Such an arrangement could perhaps be defended if governments were never ignorant, never made mistakes, and never developed corporate individual interests of their own which might conflict with the interest of the nation. We know from our own experience that neither of these assumptions can be made. There is no reason to doubt that human nature is fallible with Canadian ministers as with Imperial ministers. What we have been taught is that one of the worst enemies to the efficient conduct of the war has been censorship, compulsory and voluntarily. In Canada, far from learning this lesson, they are deliberately intensifying the evil of censorship.—F. A. Mackenzie."

Omnipotence Assumed

Under the new order— "It is an offense (d) to print, publish, or publicly express any statement, report or opinion, which may tend to weaken or in any way detract from the united effort of the people of Canada in the prosecution of the war."

Commenting on this the Neepawa Used-to-be Free Press says: "This can be twisted by lawyers and partisan magistrates to prohibit the publication of anything that reflects on the government, because every branch of the government is affected by the war, and is supposed to co-operate as a whole for the furtherance of war work. To criticize in any way involves a division of opinion. So that no matter how damnable any branch of the government may be it cannot be exposed and criticized with a view to effecting improvement."

A DEPARTMENTAL STORE CONVERSATION OVERHEARD

Mabel (saleslady) — What's this union that's making all the fuss? Ethel—Say, Mabel, if you did not live at home with your parents, you would think maybe the union was some real thing. Mabel (next day)—Say, Ethel, funny father asked me about the Clerks' union, and I told him what you said. He said it was very true. I don't know how some of the girls get along who do not live at home. Further, he gave me the \$150 you said was the sum to join, so I'll go with you to the next meeting.

\$275 **\$325**
A Pointer

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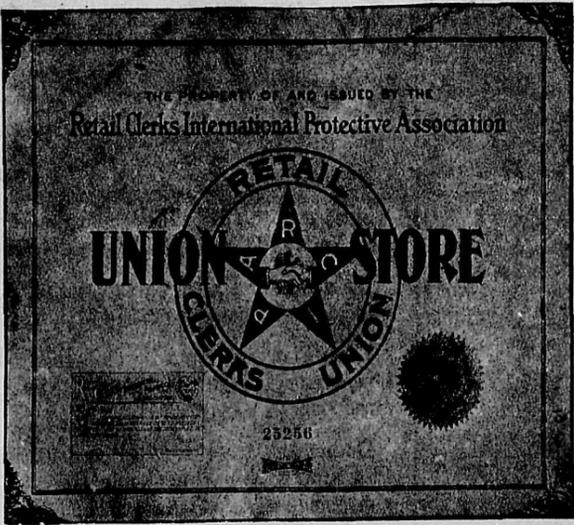
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SOFT JOBS FOR SONS OF WEALTHY

Veterans' Convention at Winnipeg Deals With Wholesome Truths

That there are a number of young men at Ottawa holding mate's certificates, who have been put into the naval department to avoid conscription, was the opinion expressed on Monday by Major F. J. Rothwell, Ottawa, delegate and permanent chairman of the convention of Army and Navy Veterans, in session at Winnipeg this week. "These men, therefore, in my opinion," said Major Rothwell, "are trying to avoid conscription. They are sons of prominent and wealthy men in most instances. They hold mate's certificates, and they couldn't navigate a 'bum' boat."

Machinists Ladies' Auxiliary
The next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held in the Labor Temple, Tuesday, May 21. All members are urged to attend. Mothers, wives, unmarried sisters and daughters over 16 of members of all Machinist lodges are qualified for membership. The charter supplies have arrived.

Shipyards Laborers
Thirty-six new members were initiated by the Shipyards Laborers at a well-attended meeting. The union endorsed the 44-hour proposal of the Metal Trades executive. Business Agent Hardy reported the proceedings of the I. L. A. convention held in Seattle. H. H. Clew and John Sully were elected delegates to the Metal Trades Council.

APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF GREAT WAR VETERANS

Vancouver Labor Council Opposes City Contract Labor

Unions Report Progress and Are Busy With Battles of Labor

Vancouver Trade and Labor Council adopted the following resolution, introduced by Del. Pritchard, at its session last night:

"Whereas, we, as wage-workers, compelled to resist the encroachments of capital, and also to bargain for higher wages in view of advancing prices, often find ourselves unable to satisfactorily arbitrate, can only go on strike in an attempt to force our mandate, and

"Whereas, our chances of success increase when the possibility of our places being taken by other workers when on strike decreases; therefore be it

"Resolved, that we, the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, heartily appreciate the sentiments expressed by the Great War Veterans at their recent convention, to the effect that they would refuse to act as strikebreakers, and be it further

"Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Great War Veterans' Association, The B. C. Federationist, Vancouver World, Vancouver Province, Vancouver Sun, and the minister of labor at Ottawa."

Opposes City Contract Labor

The following resolution, introduced by Del. McVety, was also adopted:

"Whereas, Alderman Kirk is advocating that work now done for the city by day labor be let out to contractors; and

"Whereas, this system has been tried and rejected in every major city in the United States and Canada;

"Resolved, that this council is opposed to the contract system in connection with city work and particularly that of the fire department and believes that the work of the chairman of the finance committee could be contracted to better advantage."

Deference to Dead Firemen
Upon motion the council stood in silence for one minute in deference to the five members of the Firemen's union who had been accidentally killed in the performance of their duty during the past week.

Communications
Communications were received from Major Cooper, S. J. Crowe and H. H. Stevens, all of Ottawa, dealing with council's objection to treatment of returned soldiers suffering from mental trouble. In connection with this matter, S. A. Armstrong, deputy minister, stated that "fully 50 per cent. of insane patients were insane before enlistment."
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union was given the floor on behalf of his organization.

Reports of Unions

Bakers reported may have label on bread in near future.

Plumbers 90 per cent. organized and \$6.00 minimum wage obtained. Ask plumbers for card.

Brotherhood of Railroad Employees reports company union failing and men withdrawing.

Shoe Workers 75 per cent. organized. Leekie Shoe company all-union shop.

Sheet Metal Workers obtained 50 cents increase.

Soft Drink Dispensers initiated four members and received eight applications. Rainier, Crown, Woods and Yale hotels' employees not in union.

Del. Winch of I. L. A. Auxiliary reported new wage scale adopted.

Del. Miss Dagnall, Minimum Wage League, reported whist drive and dance for next Tuesday evening.

Del. Younash, Auto Mechanics, stated schools are turning out "tinkers" instead of mechanics.

Mill and Factory Workers' new wage scale for Aug. 1 for eight-hour day and wage increase.

Del. Mackenzie, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, to have a mass-meeting Sunday in Labor Temple.

Del. Phelps, Shipyards Laborers, reported splendid headway.

Musicians 99 per cent organized and have over \$1,000 in treasury. Initiated 20 members.

Bricklayers' new wage, \$7 per day; eight hours.

Barbers have organized three more shops and collected Labor Temple share assessment.

Del. Taylor reported Upholsterers growing. Had the assistance of Geo. H. Hardy in organizing.

Del. McVety reported that the exhibition board had adopted new wage scale for gardeners.

W. B. Trotter tendered resignation as member of executive board. Accepted. Miss Gutteridge of Garment Workers elected to fill vacancy.

To Assist Retail Clerks

The following resolution, introduced by Del. Trotter, was adopted:

"Resolved, that Vancouver Trades and Labor Council request the affiliated unions to take note of the Retail Clerks' union store card and assist in every way possible to patronize those merchants who express a willingness to be fair to union clerks."

New Delegates

The following delegates were obligated:

Railway Mail Clerks—James A. McLeod.

Teamsters—J. Hartley, H. Mills.

Blacksmiths—Malcolm Smith, Charles E. Rouse, Ralph Spooner.

Stationary Firemen—Wm. Stafford, T. M. Martin, Arthur Watson.

Brotherhood of Railroad Employees—Peter Fleming.

Molders—Frank H. Clark.

President Gordon J. Kelly presided.

Boot and Shoe Workers

The Boot and Shoe Workers' union is making good progress these days,

reports Organizer Gardiner, who has been in the city during the past two weeks. The following firms have signed up with the union and are using the stamp: J. Leekie Boot Co., W. J. Heade Co., 20 Water street; Harvey Boot Shop, 51 Cordova street; H. Vos & Son, 63 Cordova street; Paris Boot Repairing Co., Hastings street; Goodyear Shoe Repairing Co., 626 Pender street; Twentieth Century Shoe Repairing Co., 328 Hastings; Dunsmuir Repair Shop.

Organized Labor will be notified shortly of the restaurants that have conceded the union demands. The union fully appreciates the support they have received from organized Labor and is more than willing to do its share in the struggle for the recognition of trade unions. A dance for the sick benefit fund will be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday, May 29, 9 p.m., to 2 a.m.

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