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ONE BIG UNION

Soviet Rule In Buenos Aires Say The Business Men

Buenos Aires, March 18.—The names of 34 prominent business men, representing 17 commercial organizations, are attached to a page advertisement in the newspapers addressed "To the people of the republic."

The proclamation declares that the foreign commerce of Argentina is subject to the control of "a genuine soviet of the port of Buenos Aires." It cites the impossibility of exporting flour from certain mills for more than a year because the mills are boycotted by the maritime federation, and says that this is only an example of the control exercised over all exports."

Big Order For B. C. Lumber

Vancouver, March 18.—An order for 70,000,000 feet of lumber has been placed with British Columbia mills by the British lumber controller, according to an announcement today by the provincial minister of lands.

AMERICAN CITIZENS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER

U. S. Consul Brand Has Instructions Which Call for Reports on all Incomes

United States Consul Norton F. Brand has received instructions from Washington, to have all children born of American parents in this consular district registered in his office. Col. Brand has application forms for such purpose and all applications for registration of births should be made to him at the Fernie office. Registration can be made by sending applications by mail. Registration and the accompanying birth certificates can be had free of charge, and complying with this regulation will be of importance to the child later on in life. Col. Brand has also received instructions to have all American citizens residing in the district file with him in his office.

Americans are required to make an income tax return covering their toital income without reference to whether it is earned in Canada or the United States, but in such return they are entitled to credit themselves with income tax paid, either in the province or the Dominion.

Single persons are also entitled to an exemption of $1,000 and married persons to an exemption of $2,000 and an additional $200 for each child under eighteen years of age.

Col. Brand has blank forms for this purpose: one form for incomes up to $5,000 and another for incomes over $5,000.

All American citizens residing in the Fernie consular district are requested to observe these regulations, and Consul Brand is prepared to attend to applications as they come into his office.

Saturday Night's Smoker — The grand smoker in the miners' hall on Saturday night is not for miners alone. It is open to all. As it is for the purpose of talking over the ONE BIG UNION it is not expected that any who do not have to work for a living will be present. They may come if they wish. Joe Naylor, of Cumberland, B. C., well known among his fellow miners over the province and now a meber of the central committee of the O. B. U. will be present and will answer any questions in regard to the big movement. There will be music and song and refreshments—in fact a general good time and the rooms should be filled.

ONE BIG UNION REFERENDUM VOTE TO BE IN BY MAY 15

The Central Committee of THE ONE BIG UNION have elected Pritchard, of Vancouver, chairman and Midgley, of the same city, secretary. It was decided by the central committee that ballots for the referendum votes would be at once prepared and these will be sent out from Vancouver all over Canada on April 1st and the limit of time for their return will be May 15, thus giving six weeks for the taking of the votes. There will be two questions on the ballot:

"Are you in favor of severing your connection with the present International unions?"

"Are you in favor of making a stand for a six-hour day and a five-day week after June 1?"

Bulletins will be sent out weekly to all local unions.

The Great Drive For British Commerce

London, March 18.—The Federation of British Industries, representing 16,000 manufacturers and 5,000,000,000 pounds capital, is organizing a great system of trade for the extension of British trade overseas. By July the federation expects to have a representative in every important centre. It is also represented in Spain, Denmark, South America and the Near East.

Who Opposes One Big Union In Australia?

Sydney, N. S. W.—In Australia today less than two per cent of the people own over 60 per cent of the continent's private wealth.

And less than 4 1-4 per cent own 78 per cent.

Meanwhile the number of Australian trades unionists has within five years increased from 433,221 to 564,187. This does not include the figures for 1918. Conservative estimates put the figure today at close on to 600,000.

These 600,000 workers are about to unite in ONE BIG UNION. Is is a coincidence, they are asking themselves, that the bitterest opponents of the "O. B. U.," idea are the 4 1-4 per cent who own 78 per cent of the wealth?

DAIRY RANCH FOR SALE

Three hundred and twenty acres within one and a half miles of the Station of Lundbreck; all fenced and improved with a cosey and comfortable house and one of the finest barns in the district; an ideal barn for dairy purposes, the first story being all stone and cement; the second story all finished in grain bins and mows; an abundance of water, in springs and running streams.

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A. M. DENSMORE
32-31 Lundbreck, Alberta.

Clarion Call To Canadian Workers To Effectively Unite Their Forces

Western Inter-Provincial Conference At Calgary Unanimously Decides That Time Has Arrived For Canadians To Start An Industrial Organization And Committees Have been Appointed For The Spreading of Propaganda And The Taking of A Referendum Vote

ONE BIG UNION! That was the name adopted for the organization of workers which the Western Inter-Provincial Conference at Calgary last week decided to form. There was over two hundred and fifty delegates in the room when the name was adopted by vote. "Those in favor signify in the usual manner," said Chairman Tallon, and there was a mighty chorus of "Ayes." Then the contrary vote was taken and two lone delegates from Edmonton said "Nay."

At the opening of the conference Dave Rees, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, was in the chair. He looked after the necessary routine business of opening the convention and having delegates seated and officers elected. Before vacating the chair to R. J. Tallon, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Council, of Calgary, who was elected by the convention. Mr. Rees gave a short sketch of the origin of the convention.

He told of the caucus of western delegates that was held during the Quebec session of the Congress and of a later meeting in Winnipeg and the formation of a committee for the purpose of holding a western inter-provincial conference to discuss how the west could be given a greater degree of consideration in the Canadian body. The committee had met with a number of obstacles but had persevered and now the "child has been created," said Mr. Rees. "It will not do to hold the committee responsible for the child's actions."

A Precocious Child

It proved to be a precocious child. It showed no inclination to have anything to do with the purpose for which it was created and had an utter disregard for things legislative, such as are the property of the Trades and Labor Congresses. It always cheered to the echo any denunciation of the "gas houses" at Ottawa and the provincial capitals. Just by way of getting placed on a solid superstructure it passed by unanimous vote the following resolution:

"Realizing that the aims and object of the Labor Movement should be the improving of the social and economic conditions of society, and the working class in particular, and whereas the present system of production for profit, and the institutions resulting therefrom prevent this being achieved, be it therefore resolved that the aims of Labor as represented by this convention, are the abolition of the present system of production for profit, and the substitution therefor of production for use, and that a system of propaganda to this end be carried out."

This was adopted without much debate.

The following resolution was then introduced by J. Kavanagh, chairman of the committee on resolutions, as a substitute for any resolutions dealing with industrial organization:

"Resolved, that this convention recommend to its affiliated memberships, the severance of their affiliation with their international organizations and that steps be taken to form an industrial organization of all workers, and be it further resolved that a circular letter outlining a probable plan of organization be sent out to the various organizations and that a referendum on the question be taken at the same time and that the question be submitted to the entire Canadian membership, ballot returns to be segregated from Port Arthur as the dividing line between east and west."

Were Many Resolutions

About seventy resolutions in all reached the convention and were placed in the hands of the resolutions committee. They were each reported back to the committee, the almost universal report being: "this matter has been taken care of by the policy adopted by the organization."

The big thing done by the convention was the declaration that the time had come to cast aside the numerous craft organizations which weakened the fighting power of the workers and in its place to form ONE BIG UNION which realized that an injury to one was an injury to all and was prepared for action on that basis.

The Policy Committee

After the main resolutions mentioned above had been passed, a policy committee was formed with representatives from each province to bring in the outline of the proposed ONE BIG UNION. It was this policy committee which in the first paragraph of its reported in favor of the name ONE BIG UNION. There was one delegate who questioned the wisdom of naming the "child before it was born" but the great majority were of the opinion that birth had already taken place and now it was only a question of growth. It was pointed out, too, that the name itself told the whole story. Hereafter it was proposed to have no more division of the workers of Canada into craft unions with separate charters and boss of international officials and wage contracts terminating at various dates so that effective joint action was made impossible.

The policy committee further recommended (and their recommendations were unanimously accepted) that there should be for purposes of propaganda and the taking of a referendum vote a central committee of five members to be chosen irrespective of geographical boundaries. It will be the duty of this committee to look after the preparation of the necessary literature for circulation over Canada and arrange for speakers where necessary. Under them will be provincial committees of five to look after more local details.

The policy committee's report, as follows, was taken up section by section and after very little debate was passed by unanimous vote, followed by vigorous applause:

THE NEW POLICY

"1.—We recommend the name of the proposed organization be "The One Big Union."

"2.—We recommend the conference elect a committee of five irrespective of geographical location for the purpose of carrying out the necessary propaganda to make the referendum a success.

"3.—We further recommend that delegates from each province meet and elect a committee of five to work in conjunction with the central committee in carrying on the necessary propaganda to accomplish the wishes of the convention.

"4.—We recommend the drafting and issuing of the referendum be left to the 'central committee,' also receiving and publishing returns of the vote.

"5.—In the opinion of the committee it will be necessary in establishing an industrial form of organization to work through the existing trades council and district boards, and no definite plan of organization be submitted until after the referendum has been taken.

"6.—The committee further recommend that after the returns of the vote are received the central committee' call a conference of representatives of trades councils and district boards to perfect the plans of organization; basis of referendum of affiliated membership of 5000 or less to be one delegate, over 5,000 two delegates, over 10,000 three delegates.

"7.—We recommend that an appeal be made to the trades councils and district boards for the payment of two cents per member affiliated to finance the educational campaign for the inauguration of "The One Big Union."

Immediate Finances

There was some discussion regarding the amount to be assessed on the membership represented for the carrying on the initial propaganda. The committee said that on the basis of two cents per member between one thousand and two thousand dollars could be raised and that would enable operations to commence right away. Some enthusiastic delegates wanted the amount made much higher and pointed out that the action taken meant severance of international ties and the amounts sent across the border for international per capita tax should be available.

Delegates Pritchard (Vancouver), however, pretty accurately sized up the general opinion in a remark that they were losing sight of the fact that if they adopted more than a 2-cent tax the funds of some of the various locals would not be in a position to immediately respond, and much time would be wasted in collecting the amount from the individual members. Their object, he said, was to place the "central committee" in a position to commence operations right away.

Delegate Armstrong (Winnipeg), thought the amount proposed was "ridiculous." If he had moved the resolution he said he would have mentioned at least 25c. They must be in a position to meet their "enemies." If they were going to better conditions it was necessarily that they should be in a strong position financially to start with.

Another Levy Feasible

Mr. Pritchard stated that after the propaganda work had been started it would be a very easy matter to make another levy if the referendum carried. He insisted that the primary necessity was to get the work started right away, and that would be brought about by adopting the recommendation of the policy committee.

The Pie Counter

Another delegate at the back of the hall had a neat thrust at officials of the Internationals. "We don't want a big fund," said this speaker, "any more than we want our representatives with their feet always under the pie counter." The contention of this delegate was that history proved that all big movements went ahead not owing to large funds but lack of funds.

The recommendation, and the whole of the committee's recommendation after a little further discussion was adopted.

Freedom of Speech

The question of freedom of speech was next dealt with. The resolution of the committee read:

"Whereas a general censorship has been instituted against the freedom of speech, press, and assembly, this convention demands that this be immediately lifted and that all political prisoners be released; and that a referendum asking for a general strike be taken."

In the discussion which followed it was evident that the spirit of the conference was for quick and drastic action. A proposal that a general strike should be organized within thirty days if the censorship bans were not lifted and political prisoners freed was greeted with general applause. The chairman of the resolutions committee, however, pointed out that the resolution providing that there should be a six hour day and a five day week by June first, called for a general strike and he suggested that the demands might be combined. He further suggested that an immediate telegram be sent to Ottawa acquainting the government with the feeling of the conference. This was done.

The limitations of space and mechanical ability prevent The District Ledger from continuing the report as fully as it might be given. The B. C. Federationist proposes to print a complete report and we would advise our readers to at once write to the B. C. Federationist, Labor Temple, Vancouver, B. C., to make sure that they get copies containing that report.

The committee of five to carry out the necessary propaganda to ensure the success of the referendum in the drastic resolution of Thursday to the various locals, was elected on the first ballot. It included W. A. Pritchard of Vancouver, with 210 votes; R. Johns of Winnipeg with 201 votes; Joe Knight of Edmonton 176 votes; V. R. Midgley of Vancouver 161 votes, and Joe Naylor of Cumberland, B. C., 161 votes.

Provincial committees of five, elected by the delegates of each province, will conduct the organization in each province. The Alberta committee is composed of D. McNabb of Lethbridge, Carl Berg of Edmonton, William Koling, Brule; Mrs. Corse and W. Marshall of Calgary.

The B. C. committee is as follows: J. Kavanaugh, Vancouver; McMurphy, Westminster; J. Taylor, Victoria; McDonnell, Vancouver and Cottrell, Vancouver.

Some of the other resolutions passed—all of them unanimously and with enthusiasm were as follows:

Proletarian Dictatorship

"That this convention declares its full acceptance of the principle of 'proletarian dictatorship' as being absolute and efficient for the transformation of capitalistic private property to communal wealth, and that fraternal greetings be sent to the Russian Soviet government, the Spartacans in Germany, and all definite working class movements in Europe and the world, recognizing they have won first place in the history of the class struggle."

Favor Soviets

Whereas, holding the belief in the ultimate supremacy of the working class in matters economic and political, and that the light of modern developments have proved that the legitimate aspirations of the labor movement are repeatedly obstructed by the existing political forms, clearly show the capitalistic nature of the parliamentary machinery, this convention expresses its open conviction that the system of industrial Soviet control by selection of representatives from industries is more efficient and of greater political value than the present form of government."

Support Bolsheviki

"Be it resolved, that this conference places itself on record as being in full accord and sympathy with the aims and purposes of the Russian Bolshevik and German Spartacan revolutions, and, be it further resolved, that we demand immediate withdrawal of all Allied troops from Russia, and, further, that this conference is in favor of calling a general strike on June 1 should the Allies persist in their attempt to withdraw the Soviet administration in Russia or Germany, or in any other country in which this is or may be established, and that a system of propaganda be carried out and that a referendum vote be taken."

Immigration Decision

"That the interests of all members of the working class being identical, that this body of workers recognizes no alien but the capitalist; also that we are opposed to any wholesale immigration of workers from various parts of the world and who would be brought here at the request of the ruling class."

Six-Hour Day Resolution

The resolution that was adopted at the convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, demanding a six-hour work day, five days a week, to come into effect on June 1 this year, was adopted by the conference with acclamation.

U. M. W. OF A. DECLARES FOR THE SIX-HOUR DAY

Indianapolis, March 18.—The policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America, meeting here today, this afternoon adopted three fundamental principles recommended by International President Frank J. Hayes, around which will be based the miners' demands to be presented to the operators at a conference immediately following the signing of peace. The recommendations were referred to a subpolicy committee, which will work out details of the demands.

The three principles are:

A six-hour work day five days a week; a substantial increase on all existing tonnage, day work, yardage, dead work prices, and government ownership of mines.

"The subcommittee after formulating the demands will call another meeting of the policy committee probably Thursday.

Is Czar Still Alive?

Rome, March 20.—According to an interview with Stephanie Turr, a daughter of a noted Hungarian general, printed in the Giornale l'Italia, the belief still exists that Emperor Nicholas and his wife, as well as some of the Russian grand dukes were not put to death by the Bolsheviki.

The interview quotes a conversation between Miss Turr and Prince Obolensky, former captain of the Russian Royal Imperial Guard, in which the prince expressed his firm belief that the Russian royal family is still alive in Northern Russia.

NO MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

(By Scott Nearing)

Allied statesmen, who are looking for a middle ground between Capitalism and Bolshevism, should heed the words of Nicholas Tschaikowsky, president of North Russia. "We have no common ground with the Bolsheviki; there is only one settlement possible between us; either we prevail over them, or they prevail over us." Tschaikowsky is talking sense—the same sense that Lincoln talked in 1858 when he said, "No house divided against itself can stand; either this nation must be all slave or all free."

Europe cannot exist part capitalist and part Socialist. The issue is drawn; the conflict is on. Compromise is futile, because there can be no effective compromise between the spirit of autocracy represented by modern capitalism and the spirit of democracy represented by the working-class governments of Europe.

Europe will be ruled by the plutocrats or by the workers, and the present struggle will continue until a decision is reached. The line of social evolution leads inexorably toward the ultimate victory of the workers.

The Romanoffs have gone. The Hapsburgs have gone. The Hohenzollerns have gone. Dynastic wars have gone forever—no sane man doubts it. But the jingoes urge that there still may be wars of commercial aggression, for which they want to harness up our youth to a huge militaristic machine. Shall we permit it? Or are we done with wars for good?

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Pure Maple Syrup, 1-2 gals.	1.75
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The Calgary Convention

FOURTH DAY

(Continued from last week)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 57, submitted by Local No. 693 International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, Drumheller, Alberta:

The Boilers Act, Section 38 A-1—Every engineer or fireman shall, during the continuance of his certificate, register his name, post office, address with the Department, and remit the registration fee on, or before the First day of January in the year 1920, and of each year thereafter, and any engineer who fails to do so shall not continue in charge of a boiler. PROVIDING, however that an engineer holding a Final Traction Certificate is the owner of a traction or portable boiler, he may continue to operate his own boiler for agricultural purposes without complying with the Provisions of this Section.

To the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the United Mine Workers of America.

Brothers:

Whereas the above section of the Act compels one class of labor to be under the expense and trouble of registering and exempts another class from this expense and trouble, thus allowing them to compete on the labor market with an unfair advantage;

Resolved that this Local of the Engineers' Organization ask this Convention here assembled to pass a resolution asking for the following clause to be struck off from Section 38 A-1:

"Providing, however, that an engineer holding a Final Traction Certificate is the owner of a traction or portable boiler, he may continue to operate his own boiler for agricultural purposes without complying with the provisions of this Section."

REPOPT OF COMMITTEE: We concur and recommend that same be dealt with by Legislative Committee.

CARRIED.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 58, submitted by Local No. 693, International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, Drumheller, Alberta:

The Boilers Act, Section 38 A-4—It shall be the duty of every stationary engineer or fireman who assumes charge of, or vacates his position to notify the Department and the District Inspector, stating the particulars of his appointment or reasons for vacating the position. Any failure to comply with this provision shall be punishable by suspension of his certificate, for such period as the Minister may determine.

To the Sixteenth Annual Convention Assembled, United Mine Workers of America.

Brothers:

Whereas the above section of the Boilers Act gives the employers the chance they so much desire in black-listing any one opposed to their methods, by discharging him and compelling him to record same, that we, the Engineers, hereby ask your co-operation with us in protesting against such an unfair clause and ask that it be changed to read:

"It shall be the duty of every stationary engineer or fireman who assumes charge or vacates his position to notify the Department. Any failure to comply with this provision shall be punishable by suspension of his certificate, for such period as the Minister may determine."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: We Concur.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 59, submitted by Local No. 693, International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, Drumheller, Alberta:

Boilers Act, Section 41, Sub-Section 4—No person shall be eligible for examination as an engineer or fireman unless he is a British subject, or has resided in Canada for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application.

To the Convention Here Assembled:

We, the Engineers, feel that inasmuch as employers can obtain permits for most anyone that the above is a very autocratic clause and ask your support in getting it changed to read:

"No person shall be eligible for a permit as an engineer or fireman unless he is a British subject, or has resided in Canada for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: This matter has already been dealt with and requires no comment.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Special Resolution No. 55 (See Pages 3 and 4, Proceedings Fifth Day):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee concur in this resolution with the following changes: We recommend the deletion of the word "alien" in the last paragraph and substitute "any", same would then read: "And not in the interests of any corporation."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Special Resolution No. 30 (See Page 6, Proceedings Fourth Day):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: The recommendation submitted on this Resolution was referred back to the Committee for further consideration. We therefore now concur in same with the exception that in the last paragraph of our former recommendation (See Page 6, Proceedings Fourth Day), that the word "mine" be deleted.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Chairman Potter then announced that this completed the Report of the Committee.

MOVED McNab—Seconded Berford: That the Report of the Resolution Committee as amended be adopted as a whole.

CARRIED.

Report of Appeals and Grievance Committee:

Appeal No. 1, submitted by Bellevue Local Union No. 431:

Chairman Appeals and Grievances Committee.

Dear Sir and Brother:

We seek your kindly consideration for one of our members who has been off work for over two years. We have previously appealed to the District Officers and the District Executive Board, but so far we have failed to get any relief.

This Brother, J. Conner, was injured in the mine January 27th, 1917. He has a wife and three children dependent upon him. His income for almost the whole of that time was $40.00 per month, plus charity. We sent him to Mayo Brothers in May, 1917. It cost $1,000.00. It has become necessary to send him again. The cost will be about the same. The coal company gave us $100.00 towards it. An assessment netted $450.00.

This has not been our only case. The year 1918 being a very disastrous one for us. Our Delegate to the Convention will be in a position to give you all details.

Trusting that we shall receive more kindly consideration at your hands than previously received. With best wishes for a successful and harmonious Convention.

Fraternally Yours,

JOHN BROOKS, Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee recommend that a grant of $300.00 from the District Funds be given Brother J. Conner, believing that [illegible] and recommending him for relief.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

Delegates Eccleston and International Board Member Livett submitted the details in connection with this appeal and Chairman of Committee McNab advanced the reasons why the Committee brought in this recommendation. Delegates Eastham, McRoberts, Potter, Susnar, Basetti, Johnston, Hartley, Berford, Hopkins, Christophers, Peacock, when it was

MOVED Susnar—Seconded Marshall as a substitute motion that the appeal from District Local Union be sent to all Local Unions in the District.

CARRIED.

President Biggs, chairman.

Appeal No. 2:

RESOLUTION NO 2, submitted by Michel Local No. 2334:

To Officers and Delegates Assembled in the Sixteenth Annual Convention, District 18, United Mine Workers of America

Greeting:

Resolved, that we disapprove of the decision of the Executive Board in connection with the Melnek Appeal Case;

Further resolved, that this case come before the coming Convention so that all Delegates may know the merits of demerits of our appeal.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee recommend that the District Executive Board be sustained in their action in refusing liability in the Michel case seeing that Michel Local Union assumed the responsibility in defending the case. Your Committee believes that all Local Unions that assume responsibility for conducting their own cases should bear the expenses of same.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

Delegate Beard reviewed this case presenting all details in connection therewith.

Vice-President Christopher interjected, Seconded by Delegate Susnar that Mrs. McWilliams who was present be extended the courtesy to address the Convention briefly.

CARRIED.

Mrs. McWilliams interested the delegation in an address relative to proposed legislation concerning Mothers' Pensions. This matter, by regulation motion was referred to the Resolution Committee to bring in a suitable recommendation for adoption by the Convention.

Discussion on the Michel appeal was then resumed and on the vote being taken on the recommendation of the Committee same was CARRIED.

MOVED Chairman of Committee McNab—Seconded Susnar: The adoption of the Committee's Report as amended as a whole.

CARRIED.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports continued.

International Organizer Irvine, chairman.

Delegate Susnar at this juncture stated his objection on account of having been misquoted in the Calgary Herald and he was assured that the correction would be made.

The matter of reconsideration of the Cost of Living Commission scheme was then debated. Delegate Potter stated his reason for

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re-introducing this matter, and replies were made by Cost of Living Commissioner Wheatley and Delegates Berford and Cacchioni. International Board Member Livett opposed this method as did International Organizer Irvine at considerable length. Debate was closed upon it being

MOVED McRoberts—Seconded: THAT the matter re Cost of Living Commission and continuation of same with fixed minimum schedule be deferred until this matter would be dealt with when the report of the Scale Committee was before the Convention.

CARRIED.

Re President's Report and section therein dealing with District Ledger:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: We recommend that this matter be turned over to the Executive Board to be dealt with.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

The Chair advised the Committee that this matter was of a Constitutional nature, same was not in order. Upon agreement, however, the recommendation was altered to read:

"That this matter be referred to the Constitution Committee."

MOVED McRoberts—Seconded Susnar: THAT the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports as amended as a whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Report of Constitution Committee:

Chairman of Committee Livett announced that the Committee was able to make only a partial report.

Preamble—No change.

Article 1, Section 1—No change.

Article 1, Section 2—No change.

Article 1, Section 3—No change.

Article 1, Section 3—No change.

Article 1, Section 4—No change.

Article 1, Section 5—No change.

Article 1, Section 6—No change.

Article 1, Section 7—No change.

Article 2—No change.

Article 3, Section 1—First paragraph: Recommendation of Committee: That the word "six" be deleted therefrom and the word "seven" substituted therefor.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 1—Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6—No change.

Article 3, Section 1—Paragraph 7: Recommendation of Committee: Amended to read, "Sub-district No. 6: Local Unions Brule, Pocahontas, Bedson and all mines on Coalspur branch."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 1—Paragraph 8: Recommendation of Committee: Insertion of new paragraph as follows: "Sub-district No. 7: Local Unions in Edmonton, Cardiff and Evansburgh Districts."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 1, Paragraphs 9 and 10—No change.

Article 3, Section 1, Paragraph 11—Recommendation of Committee: That the word "one" be deleted therefrom and the word "two" substituted therefore.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 2—No change.

Article 3, Section 3, Amendment No. 1, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—Strike out after organizer, in second line, down to two months, in third line.

Recommendation of Committee: Your Committee nonconcur in the above resolution and recommend in the second line, after the word "attend" the words "all locals" be inserted.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 3, Second Paragraph, Amendment No. 2, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—Sthike out after the word District, in second last line, re working buttons.

Recommendation of Committee: Your Committee nonconcur and recommend no change.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 5—Recommendation of Committee: We recommend on the seventh line that the words "The Convention" be deleted therefrom and the word "ballot" be inserted therefor, and on the ninth line that the word "annual" be deleted therefrom.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 6—No change.

Article 3, Section 7—No change.

Article 3, Section 9, Amendment No. 10, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete the words "Local Union" and insert "District."

Recommendation of Committee: We nonconcur and recommend no change.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 10—Recommendation of Committee: We recommend the deletion of the word "year" in the second line, and the insertion of the word "term" therefor.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 3, Section 11, Amendment No. 3, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—Add the words "with pay" in second line.

Recommendation of Committee: Your Committee nonconcur in amendment No. 11, but concur in Amendment No. 3, viz., that the words "with pay" be added to this section.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Amendment No. 11, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Whole clause deleted.

Article 4, Section 1—Recommendation of Committee: In last line of third paragraph we recommend the deletion of the figures "$2.50" therefrom and the insertion of the words "minimum contract wages."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

Discussion on this recommendation by the Committee followed in which Delegates Potter, Wheatley, Livett, Rees, Payne, Eccleston, McRoberts and Eastham participated. The Chair intervened, announcing that the hour of adjournment having arrived discussion would continue at the following session, Delegate Basetti having the floor.

The following telegram was then read by the Chairman:

Indianapolis, Feby. 24th, 1919.

B. Livett, 216 Beveridge Bldg., Calgary.

Message received. Meeting of Policy Committee will convene at International Headquarters Tuesday, March 18th.

(Signed) FRANK J. HAYES.

Adjournment was taken at 5.05 p.m., until 9 a.m., Tuesday, February 25th, 1919.

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING.

President Biggs called the Convention to order at 9.05 a.m. Absentees recorded on the roll call were Delegates Beard and R. D. McDonald.

MOVED Susnar—Seconded Christophers: THAT the Convention go into Executive Session.

CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

9.10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Report of Resolutions Committee continued:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. 59:

Whereas the time has arrived when the women of Canada must be recognized as a valuable asset of the Dominion and no provision is made for them by the Dominion;

Therefore be it resolved that this Convention of District 18, U.M.W. of A., go on record demanding of the Dominion of Canada that all married women and children should be paid a monthly salary by the Dominion of Canada;

And be it further resolved that all children born shall have a monthly allowance paid to the mother for the keep of the child until said child is 16 years of age if a boy and 17 years of age for a girl;

And be it further resolved that the amount to be paid shall be $50 for a woman, $10 for a child up to 10 years of age and $12.50 per month up to 16 or 17 years of age;

And be it further resolved that this demand be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Labor and the President of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada.

MOVED Potter—Seconded Berford the adoption.

This resolution was discussed at some length, some of the delegates considering same to appear somewhat ridiculous.

Moved McNab—Seconded, as an amendment: THAT this Convention go on record in favor of Mothers' Pensions, and also that this endorsation be drafted in the form of a resolution and forwarded to the Executive of the Dominion Trades Congress for consideration at the next session of that organization. Further discussion on the amendment and the resolution followed, during which a clearer interpretation of the original resolution was given.

A show of hands vote on the McNab amendment resulted:

IN FAVOR, 13; AGAINST, 23.

The Chair thereupon declared the amendment LOST

A vive voce vote on the recommendation of the committee re Resolution No. 59 resulted in same being

CARRIED.

Report of Constitution Committee continued:

Re Article 4, Section 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: In the last line of first paragraph we recommend the deletion of the figures "$2.50" therefrom and the insertion of the words "minimum contract wages" therefor.

Delegates Basetti, Cacchioni, Hopkins, Davis, Peacock, Keen, Potter, Rees, McNab, Payne, Wheatley and others discussed this at length. The motion to adopt the recommendation of the committee was

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 1, Paragraph 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: We recommend that this paragraph be numbered Section 2.

MOVED and seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 2 (new Section 3).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Amend to read: After the word "pay," in fourth line, add the words "the regular initiation fee."

MOVED and seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 3 (now Section 4).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: We recommend no change.

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 4 (now Section 5), Amendment No. 12, submitted by Michel Local Union, No. 2334—Delete the whole section and insert: "The amount of 20 cents per member per month be retained by all Local Unions for defence purposes."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your committee non-concur in Amendment No. 12 and recommend no change.

MOVED and seconded the adoption.

Some discussion followed in this connection when the question was called, and on a vive voce vote the recommendation of the committee was declared

CARRIED.

Several delegates immediately voiced their objection that an intelligent vote on this section had not been taken, and the Chair thereupon permitted the matter to be reconsidered.

MOVED Smith—Seconded, as an amendment to the recommendation, that the section be struck out of the Constitution and the amount of 20 cents per month therein specified for Defence Fund purposes be added to the per capita tax. The amendment was discussed, as also was this section, particular reference being made to the disposition of the Defence Fund.

The amendment on being put to a vote was LOST.

The recommendatoin of the committee on being put to a vote was

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 5 (now Section 6), Amendment No. 13, submitted by Michel Local Union, No. 2334—Delete the words "thirty days" and insert "fourteen days."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your committee non-concur in Amendment No. 13 and recommend no change.

MOVED and seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 6 (now Section 7)—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 4, Section 7 (now Section 8)—No change.

CARRIED.

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Article 5, Section 1, Amendment No. 4, submitted by Blairmore Local Union, No. 2163—President's salary, $200 per month; Vice-President, $175 per month; Secretary-Treasurer, $175 per month; District Organizers, $150 per month.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your committee concur, and in line with the action of the Convention, we recommend Article 5, Section 1, be amended to read: President's salary, $200 per month; Vice-President's salary, $175 per month; Secretary-Treasurer's salary, $175 per month, and all legitimate expenses. We also seek to amend in the second paragraph the salaries of District Organizers shall be $150 per month and legitimate expenses.

MOVED and seconded the adoption.

Discussion was opened on this matter by Delegate Potter, who was followed by Delegates Eastham, Hopkins, Johnston, Berford, Basetti, Beard and Wheatley.

MOVED Potter—Seconded Payne: THAT the salary of the District President shall be $200, and all other District Officers, including Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and District Organizers to be $175 each and legitimate expenses. A vive voce vote was taken on this amendment, the Chair, however, expressing doubt as to the result and requested a show of hands [illegible] ment by a considerable majority. The Chair [illegible] amendment LOST.

A vote on the recommendation of the committee followed, which the Chair also declared LOST.

Adjournment was taken at 12.08 until 1.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Biggs called the Convention to order at 1.30 p.m. On the roll call a perfect attendance was recorded.

The Chairman announced, in accordance with the decision of the Convention, in rejecting the amendment by Delegate Potter and the recommendation of the Constitution Committee, re Article 5, Section 1, at the previous session, there was nothing before the Convention.

Delegate Susnar immediately pointed out, in conformity with the former decision of the Convention when adopting the [illegible] in the report of the Vice-President to increase the salaries of the Officers, that they must therefore reconsider that decision in order to be consistent.

MOVED McNab—Seconded Susnar: THAT the subject matter of debate, re Article 5, Section 1, and recommendation of committee during Morning Session, be postponed and further considered.

CARRIED.

MOVED Basetti—Seconded Berford: THAT the salaries of all

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Miners Notice

Keep away from Hillcrest, as we have too many miners on what is termed the spare link—that is men that have not regular employment.

F. LOTE,
Secretary Hillcrest Local Union,
U. M. W. of A., No. 1058.

DOCTOR WANTED

The camp of Pocahontas requires the services of a doctor. For further particulars write,
MEDICAL COMMITTEE,
Local Union No. 3170, U. M. W. of A.
POCAHONTAS, ALTA.

DOCTOR WANTED

A duly qualified M.D. for Hillcrest, Alberta. For further particulars apply to

Frank Lote,
Sec'y Local Union 1058, Hillcrest,
27-4i Alberta

NOTICE

Miners are hereby notified to stay away from Greenhill Mine, Blairmore, Alta., until further notice.

Many miners on the spare link.

ROD McDONALD,
Secretary 2163,
Blairmore, Alta.

STAY AWAY FROM BRULE

Men should stay away from Brule owing to lack of sleeping accommodation, hotel and bunk houses being over-crowded. Notice will be given when things get righted.

A. McFegan,
Secretary Local Union No. 1054

FERNIE LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, NO. 31

Will meet regularly every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Visiting members cordially welcome.

W. Pennington, C. C. Alfred Baker, K. R. S.

SYNOPSIS OF

LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 5 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of $10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.

Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted Agreements to Purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such Agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The [illegible] chaser from the Crown has agreed to [illegible] the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these facilities is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to [illegible] at public auction.

For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to

G. R. NADEN,
Deputy Minister of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.

Range Stove, Extra Good Heater, and household furniture offered for sale at bargain prices. All new. Apply at once to Mrs. David Herdman, 28 Beltune Ave., Fernie. 31-32.

Eggs for Hatching

[illegible] and Barred Rocks. $1.50 per setting. Heavy winter layers. Two Buff Leghorn cockerels for sale.—Joe Turner, Hill Ave., West Fernie.

CALGARY CONVENTION—FOURTH DAY

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District Officers and District Organizers be fixed at $175 per month and legitimate expenses.

MOVED McNab—Seconded, as an amendment: THAT the salary of the District President be $200 per month.

Some little confusion with regard to procedure arose, in which I.B.M. Livett and International Organizers Rees and Irvine and several of the delegates took part in debating. Delegate Susnar sug-

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gested as a further amendment that Article 5, Section 1, be amended by increasing the salaries of all Officers $15 per month. He failed, however, to get a seconder to this amendment. On a show of hands vote on the McNab amendment, that the salary of the District President be $200 per month, the result was:

IN FAVOR, 19; AGAINST, 18.

The Chair thereupon declared the amendment CARRIED.

An immediate demand was made for a roll call.

Re McNab amendment:

(Roll Call Vote.)

Local No.	Name of Local.	Delegate.	No. of Votes.	For.	Ag'st.
2314	Fernie	Wm. Potter	3	3	—
2314	Fernie	Wm. Dickenson	3	—	3
2334	Michel	H. Beard	4	—	4
2887	Corbin	T. Hagwell	1	—	1
2633	Coleman	J. Johnston	3	—	3
431	Bellevue	R. Eccleston	4	—	4
2163	Blairmore	Rod McDonald	3	3	—
1058	Hillcrest	D. Marshall	3	—	3
2227	Carbondale	W. Chapman	3	—	3
574	Lethbridge	Mat Logan	3	3	—
574	Lethbridge	Simon Yorko	2	—	2
1175	Lethbridge	D. McNab	1	1	—
1189	Coalhurst	Steve Basetti	3	—	3
3840	Diamond City	R. Todd	1	—	1
1126	Commerce	A. Zak	2	—	2
102	Taber	Alex. McRoberts	2	2	—
4184	Rock Springs	Ed. Berford	1	—	1
27	Regal Mine	G. H. Davis	1	—	1
29	Bankhead	T. Hartley	2	2	—
1387	Canmore	N. D. Thachuk	2	2	—
1087	Nordegg	M. Hutter	4	4	—
1746	Drumheller	J. O. Sullivan	3	3	—
1559	Monarch	R. Parry	1	1	—
3993	Drumheller	R. S. McDonald	1	—	1
646	Drumheller	W. Hopkins	1	—	1
2817	Rosedale	H. Smith	1	1	—
3576	Star Mine	S. Marozoli	4	—	4
1562	Wayne	A. Cacchioni	—	—	—
2949	Yellowhead Coal Spur	J. P. Morris	1	—	1
1054	Brule	J. Costello	3	3	—
3170	Pocahontas	D. Gildae	1	—	1
2665	Mountain Park	K. McGillivray	2	2	—
3249	Lovett	C. A. Morrison	1	1	—
2615	Oliphant	L. Sartori	1	—	1
3864	Cadowin	W. Carruthers	1	—	1
4096	Cardiff	W. Plummer	2	2	—
4084	Twin City	A. Benson	1	1	—
4070	Humberstone	Ed. Eastham	2	2	—
4118	Namao	J. Jordan	1	1	—
4121	Clover Bar	J. Lomas	1	1	—
4119	Dawson	L. Payne	1	1	—
3760	Evansburgh	W. J. Keen	1	1	—
	Totals		82	40	38

Delegate Cacchioni (4 votes) did not vote.

The Chair declared the amendment CARRIED.

The Chair then called for a vote on the Basetti motion as amended, and declared same CARRIED.

On this a roll call vote also was demanded.

Bassetti motion as amended:

(Roll Call Vote.)

Local No.	Name of Local.	Delegate.	No. of Votes.	For.	Ag'st.
2314	Fernie	Wm. Potter	3	3	—
2314	Fernie	Wm. Dickenson	3	—	3
2334	Michel	H. Beard	4	—	4
2887	Corbin	T. Hagewall	1	—	1
2633	Coleman	J. Johnston	3	—	3
431	Bellevue	R. Eccleston	4	—	4
2163	Blairmore	Rod McDonald	3	3	—
1058	Hillcrest.	D. Marshall	3	—	3
2227	Carbondale	W. Chapman	3	—	3
574	Lethbridge	Mat Logan	3	3	—
574	Lethbridge	Simon Yorko	2	—	2
1175	Lethbridge	D. McNab	1	1	—
1189	Coalhurst	Steve Basetti	3	—	3
3840	Diamond City	R. Todd	1	—	1
1126	Commerce	A. Zak	2	—	2
102	Taber	Alex. McRoberts	2	2	—
4184	Rock Springs	Ed. Berford	1	—	1
27	Regal Mine	G. H. Davis	1	—	1
29	Bankhead	T. Hartley	2	2	—
1387	Canmore	N. D. Thachuk	2	—	2
1087	Nordegg	M. Hutter	4	—	4
1746	Drumheller	J. O. Sullivan	3	3	—
1559	Monarch	R. Parry	1	—	1
3993	Drumheller	R. S. McDonald	1	—	1
646	Drumheller	W. Hopkins	1	—	1
2817	Rosedale	H. Smith	1	1	—
3576	Star Mine	S. Marozoli	1	1	—
1562	Wayne	A. Cacchioni	4	—	4
2949	Yellowhead Coal Spur	J. P. Morris	1	—	1
1054	Brule	J. Costello	3	3	—
3170	Pocahontas	D. Gildae	1	—	1
2665	Mountain Park	K. McGillivray	2	2	—
3249	Lovett	C. A. Morrison	1	1	—
2615	Oliphant	L. Sartori	1	—	1
3864	Cadowin	W. Carruthers	1	—	1
4096	Cardiff	W. Plummer	2	2	—
4084	Twin City	A. Benson	1	1	—
4070	Humberstone	Ed. Eastham	2	2	—
4118	Namao	J. Jordan	1	1	—
4121	Clover Bar	J. Lomas	1	1	—
4119	Dawson	L. Payne	1	1	—
3760	Evansburgh	W. J. Keen	1	1	—
	Totals		82	35	43

Delegate Cacchioni (4 votes) did not vote.

The Chair thereupon declared the motion as amended LOST.

This motion, being defeated, brought about the situation that the matter was back in identically the same position as at the opening of the afternoon session.

MOVED Besetti—Seconded Berford: THAT the salaries of all District Officers be $200 per month.

Delegate Johnston immediately demanded a roll call on this motion.

Bassetti-Berford motion:

(Roll Call Vote.)

Local			No. of Votes.	For.	Ag'st.
2314	Fernie	Wm. Potter	3	3	—
2314	Fernie	Wm. Dickenson	3	—	3
2334	Michel	H. Beard	4	—	4
2887	Corbin	T. Hagewall	1	1	—
2633	Coleman	J. Johnston	3	—	3
431	Bellevue	R. Eccleston	4	—	4
2163	Blairmore	Rod McDonald	3	—	3
1058	Hillcrest	D. Marshall	3	—	3
2227	Carbondale	W. Chapman	3	—	3
574	Lethbridge	Mat Logan	3	3	—
574	Lethbridge	Simon Yorke	2	—	2
1175	Lethbridge	D. McNab	1	—	1
1189	Coalhurst	Steve Basetti	3	3	—
3840	Diamond City	R. Todd	1		1
1126	Commerce	A. Zak	2	2	—
102	Taber	Alex. McRoberts	2	2	—
4184	Rock Springs	Ed. Berford	1	1	—
27	Regal Mine	G. H. Davis	1	1	—
29	Bankhead	T. Hartley	2	2	—
1387	Canmore	N. D. Thachuk	2	2	—
1087	Nordegg	M. Hutter	4	4	—
1746	Drumheller	J. O. Sullivan	3	3	—
1559	Monarch	R. Parry	1	1	—
3993	Drumheller	R. S. McDonald	1	1	—
646	Drumheller	W. Hopkins	1	1	—
2817	Rosedale	H. Smith	1	1	—
3576	Star Mine	S. Marozoli	1	1	—
1562	Wayne	A. Cacchioni	4	—	4
2949	Yellowhead Coal Spur	J. P. Morris	1	1	—
1054	Brule	J. Costello	3	3	—
3170	Pocahontas	D. Gildae	1	—	1
2665	Mountain Park	K. McGillivray	2	2	—
3249	Lovett	C. A. Morrison	1	—	1
2615	Oliphant	L. Sartori	1	—	1
3864	Cadowin	W. Carruthers	1	—	1
4096	Cardiff	W. Plummer	2	—	2
4084	Twin City	A. Benson	1	1	—
4070	Humberstone	Ed. Eastham	2	—	2
4118	Namao	J. Jordan	1	—	1
4121	Clover Bar	J. Lomas	1	—	1
4119	Dawson	L. Payne	1	1	—
3760	Evansburgh	W. J. Keen	1	—	1
	Totals		82	40	42

The Chair declared the motion LOST.

The suggestion was then made, in view of the apparent confusion and diversion of opinion with regard to the respective Officers' salaries, that each one be taken up seriatim, as incorporated in the original recommendation of the Constitution Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Re salary of District President be amended to $200 per month and legitimate expenses.

MOVED Wheatley—Seconded Berford the adoption.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Re salary of District Vice-President be amended to $175 per month and legitimate expenses.

MOVED Wheatley—Seconded Kent the adoption.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Re salary of District Secretary-Treasurer be amended to $175 per month and legitimate expenses.

MOVED Wheatley—Seconded Kent the adoption.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Re salary of District Organizers be amended to $150 per month and legitimate expenses.

MOVED Wheatley—Seconded Kent: The adoption.

MOVED Smith—Seconded Potter as amendment: That the salaries of District Organizers be $175.00 per month and legitimate expenses.

CARRIED.

MOVED Livett—Seconded: The adoption of the recommendation of the Committee as amended as a whole.

Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 3—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 4, Amendment No. 5, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—To be deleted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 5 and recommend no change.

CARRIED.

Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph 5, Amendment No. 14, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Add after the word "expense," in fifth paragraph the words, "and all due increases."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee concur in the above amendment No. 14 and seek to amend paragraph 5 by adding the words "and all due increases."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 5, Section 2—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 1, Amendment No. 27, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—Delete second paragraph.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 27 and recommend no change.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 2.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We recommend the following amendments by adding paragraph 2, which shall read, "No candidate for office shall be eligible to act as District Teller."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 3—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 4, Amendment No. 15, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Add (foot note) "except present term which shall be for a period of ten (10) months.

Amendment No. 28, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—On second line delete the words "one year" and insert "two years."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 15 from Michel Local, but concur in Amendment No. 28 from Gladstone Local, therefore Article 6, Section 4 will be amended in second line by substituting words "two years" in lieu of words "one year."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 5—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6A, Amendment No. 16, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete the word "November," and insert "September."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We nonconcur in Amendment No. 15 and recommend no change.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6B, Amendment No. 17, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334 Delete the word "November, and insert "September."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 17 and recommend no change.

CARRIED.

Article No. 6, Section 6C.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We recommend the words within the brackets and all words after "candidates" on seventh line be deleted.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6D, Amendment No. 6, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163. To be amended to read: "On ballot sheet to be provided for all offices contested."

Amendment No. 31, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—Delete the whole and insert "All nominees for District Elections shall be placed on one ballot paper."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We concur in the above Amendments Nos. 6 and 31 and recommend Article 6, Section 6D [illegible] "As accepted nominees for [illegible] on one ballot paper."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6E.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: In accordance with the action of the Convention we recommend this clause be deleted from the Constitution.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6F (Now Section 6E), Amendment No. 18, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete the word "December" and insert "October."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE. Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 18, but recommend this sub-section to be amended by adding after the word "held," on first line, insert "biennially," and delete words "neutral and" from twenty-fourth line and delete the words "in triplicate" from twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth lines and insert therefor the words "in duplicate", and delete from the thirty-first line the words "and triplicate", and delete from the thirty-third and thirty-fourth lines the words "and kept by the neutral scrutineer respectively."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6G (Now 6F), Amendment No. 7, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—Candidates to have their names in alphabetical order.

Amendment No. 26, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—That last six lines of Clause G be struck out.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee concur in the spirit of Amendments Nos. 7 and 26 and recommend the following: Second paragraph of this clause to be amended to read, in lieu of present wording, "All candidates shall have their names placed on the ballots in alphabetical order."

Article 6, Section 6H (Now 6G).

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee recommend no change.

CARRIED.

Article 6 Section 6J (Now 6H), Amendment No. 25, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—That Article 6, Section 6, Clause (J) of the Constitution be struck out and plurality vote inserted.

Amendment No. 18, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Change second paragraph to first place and add the words "The Tellers shall submit a report of the First Election (provided) a Second Election is necessary."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We nonconcur in Amendment No. 19, but concur with the meaning of Amendment No. 25, and amend by striking out the word "majority," and inserting the word "plurality" in the first paragraph, and further recommend the deletion of the second paragraph.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

This recommendation of the Committee was discussed at some length, but on being put to a vote same was LOST

MOVED and Seconded that Article 6, Section 6H remain unchanged.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6K (Now 6J).

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We recommend the following change: Namely, the deletion of the four words "voting lump sum or", after the word "union" in first line.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6L (Now 6K), Amendment submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete the words "not later than seven days" and insert "as soon as possible."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur and recommend no change.

Article 6, Section 6M (Now 6L), Amendment No. 21, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete the words "three" and insert "five."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 21 and recommend no change.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6N (Now 6M).

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: No change.

CARRIED.

Article 6, Section 6O (Now 6N)—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 7, Amendment No. 32, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—The District Convention shall be held on the second Monday in February biennially.

Amendment No. 22, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete the word "February" and insert "December."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 22, but concur in Amendment No. 32 from Gladstone Local Union, and also amend by deleting the word "annual" in the first line, the section would then read: "The Convention shall be held on the second Monday in February."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 2.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We recommend the deletion of the words "on the first day of the annual," and the insertion therefor of the words "the day previous to the."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 3, Paragraph Note, Amendment No. 29, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—After the word "representation" insert the words "and vote."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee concur in Amendment No. 49, and seek to amend by the insertion of the words "and vote" after the word "representation" on second line.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 3A—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 3B—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 3C—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 7, Section 3D—No change.

Article 7, Section 4—No change.

CARRIED.

At this juncture Brother O. G. Stevens, representing the Cooks and Waiters' Union, was extended the privilege of addressing the Convention and requested support of the representatives of District 18 with a view to the abolition of Chinese restaurants, and soliciting co-operation with the objects of the organization he represented. The subject matter of his address was referred to the Resolution Committee to bring in a resolution along the lines suggested.

Article 8—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 1—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 2—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 3—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 4—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 5—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 6—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 7, Amendment No. 8, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—After the word "candidate," in second line, insert the word "and if elected."

Amendment No. 23, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 2334—Delete last paragraph.

Amendment No. 30, submitted by Gladstone Local No. 2314 Delete the whole paragraph.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendments No. 8, 23 and 30 and recommend no change.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 8—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 9, Section 9, Amendment No. 9, submitted by Blairmore Local Union No. 2163—Whole section to be deleted

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee nonconcur in Amendment No. 9 and recommend no change.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption

CARRIED.

Article 10, Amendment No. 33, submitted by Gladstone Local Union No. 2314—That Article 10 dealing with Compensation Claims shall be taken out and redrafted to suit the present Compensation Act.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee concur in Amendment No. 33 and recommend Article 10, Section 1 to read "The District Executive Board shall engage lawyers when they deem it necessary to protect the interests of the District."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 11, re District Ledger.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee recommend this Article be open for discussion by the Convention.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion by International Organizer Rees at a former session he was permitted by the Chair to introduce the following resolution:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION re District Ledger, submitted by International Organizer Rees:

Whereas our official organ, the District Ledger, is an instrument that can wield wonderful influence within our movement; and

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MOUNTAIN PARK LOCAL UNION, No. 2655, U. M. W. of A.

The District Ledger

ONE BIG UNION

Only those who have awakened to the fact that the greatest of all struggles centers on bread and butter can understand the significance of the outcome of the Western Inter-provincial labor gathering at Calgary last week. The "live wires" from the ranks of labor in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia made up the gathering. The promoters of the conference anticipated an attendance of a hundred, or possibly a hundred and twenty-five—there were over two hundred and fifty. Those promoters also thought, when the idea of a conference originated with them, that the gathering would assert itself as entitled to greater power in the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and make emphatic a much more progressive policy than the one which seems to control the eastern workers.

When the idea of the western conference originated, war was still on. Since the armistice there have been rapid developments and increasing problems. It was the unanimous opinion of the conference that such developments and such problems demanded something more drastic from the ranks of labor than another series of resolutions and of prayers and petitions to the government. With almost its first breath the conference declared that its aims were for the complete change of the system of production as it now exists FOR PROFIT to a system of production FOR USE. It followed up this declaration with one to the effect that it was immediately necessary for the wage-workers of Canada to get into ONE BIG UNION prepared to act as a unit, and it laid the foundation for such a union.

That, in brief, was the outcome of the conference. If the ONE BIG UNION idea can be made to stick, the days of the money power domination of the country are ended and the workers must remember that the money power knows that this is so and is prepared to act accordingly.

The money power in the early days of labor organizations fought those organizations wherever they appeared. The fight was bitter but organization among the workers had come to stay and when the money power came to realize that fact another line of tactics was adopted. Finding that unions could not be destroyed, the shrewd policy was adopted of working from within and making those unions as impotent as possible. If Samuel Gompers, before the occasion comes for the writing of his obituaries, were to become possessed of a conscience and a desire to tell all that he knows in regard to the secret negotiations he has carried on with the money power in connection with American Federation of Labor affairs, he could write a book that would be the sensation of the ages. The title of the book would be "The Great Machine." In it he would tell of the encouragement he and his fellow tools received in the dividing and sub-dividing and sub-sub-sub dividing of labor's forces almost to the point of infinity. If the allies could by some means or other have had the Prussian hordes so divided that they would only have been able to strike a small group here, another there and others somewhere else it would not have taken nearly five years to end the war. So long as the allies themselves were divided and acting individually the Germans with their united control won victory after victory.

The decision of the conference to form ONE BIG UNION and to sever connection with those international organizations which keep them divided and sub-divided is a declaration of war on one of the citadels of the money power; that power dreads industrial unionism, and well it might. How great and far-reaching the money power is in Canada will soon be made manifest by the campaign that will be directed against the ONE BIG UNION idea. Already those who have taken an active part in the convention are being branded as "dangerous reds," and as "Bolsheviks," "fanatics," "alien enemies," and with all other epithets that can be hurled. The greed dailies of the country, the telegraphic news services, the powers of the federal government, the provincial governments and the municipalities will all be used by the money power in the effort to keep the ONE BIG UNION idea from growing and in preventing the referendum vote which is soon to be taken from being a large one.

So vigorous and effective and insidious will the campaign against industrial unionism be made we will find great divisions in the ranks of the workers themselves and a condition will arise—in fact it has already arisen—where it will be necessary for the intelligent minority in the ranks of labor to carry on with increasing interest and power a campaign of education. There will be need of courage as well as of caution and of tolerance. The ONE BIG UNION idea is based on the everlasting truth and will win. The victory can be brought about only by the workers themselves.

EDMONTON TRADES COUNCIL AND THE ONE BIG UNION

It is being widely spread over Canada that "the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council has by a large majority repudiated the action of the recent Calgary convention and the international unions."

The casual reading of such an item would give the impression that the workers of Edmonton are opposed to THE ONE BIG UNION. It is fortunate, however, that Trades and Labor Councils in their expression do not always indicate the feelings of the workers. In Edmonton the president of the Trades and Labor Council is A. Farmillo and he was a delegate to the Western Interprovincial Conference. One of the features of that conference was the attempt of Farmillo to start disruption of the real labor movement. He was in a hopeless minority. He recorded his vote against the name ONE BIG UNION but on all the other resolutions he did not have the nerve to vote one way or the other. With him was another delegate from Edmonton. Both were sadly out of place in a real workers' movement.

Farmillo, like many another man who has been connected with labor organizations, sees in those bodies only an opportunity for working into some government position. He is not without ability and among the unthinking has considerable weight. But the days of such men are numbered so far as their having continued influence with the workers is concerned. They belong to a bygone age. These are the days of limited expresses, of whizzing automobiles, of airship travel at one hundred and fifty miles an hour, of wireless winged messages whirling round the world in a few seconds and of THE ONE BIG UNION. The world do move.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S POISON GAS ATTACK ON RUSSIA

The Calgary Herald, The Lethbridge Herald, The Nelson News and other daily papers in this western part of Canada are showing great activity since the Western Inter-provincial conference launched the ONE BIG UNION in "exposing the Bolsheviki." They are attempting to show that all the men behind the new Canadian movement are Bolsheviks and then they devote much space to show what rankly immoral people the Bolsheviks of Russia are.

It is admitted that ninety per cent of the Russian people are in support of the Soviet form of government, are Bolsheviki, and with these figures in mind it is interesting to recall how, only a few years ago all the papers were teeming with praise of the Russian people and filled with expressions of sympathy for them in their successful attempt to overthrow Czarism.

These are the people who are being abused today. If the abuse were based on facts it would not be so deplorable. The most recent spasm of the Western Canadian papers takes its cue from an article which appeared last month in Lord Northcliffe's paper The London Times. In the article are all sorts of foolish assertions regarding the marriage laws—or lack of marriage laws—in Soviet-governed Russia. The Lethbridge Herald is particularly shocked over the immorality of the Russians and under a big heading in the same issue tells how the police of Lethbridge are calling for a larger sum of money with which to combat the "Social Evil" in Lethbridge.

Years ago the average Briton had great respect for "The Thunderer," as The London Times was fondly called. Since that paper passed under the control of Lord Northcliffe its veracity and the confidence the people have in it have faded away. Organized labor has no baser enemy than Lord Northcliffe and he subtly uses the Times to discredit any real activity of the workers.

The poison gas attack on the Soviet Government of Russia is being directed by Lord Northcliffe and a few of the greater leaders of the money power of the world. They start the campaign and unfortunately there are thousands of papers all over the world which lend their assistance. Many of these papers are wise to what they are doing but the smaller fry of the dailies, such as the Lethbridge Herald, The Nelson News, The Calgary Herald and others do not understand. They repeat like parrots what they hear their masters say, and it is a sad, a deplorable fact, that hundreds of thousands of Canadians are ready to swallow as gospel truth whatever they read in the daily paper upon which they are forced to depend for news of what is going on in the world. The powers that be know how to take advantage of this weakness.

During the progress of the war Germany maintained the Wolff Bureau of News. The German papers were kept well supplied with stories regarding the atrocities of the allies; even the Canadians were pictured as immoral and bloodthirsty and in the minds of the German newspaper readers there was instilled a bitter hatred of everything Canadian. They had no opportunity of getting at the facts. And so it is in this country today in regard to Russia. Standard Oil, International Harvester, United States Steel, Lord Northcliffe and the group of British financiers he represents, all of them are "sore" at the Russian people having declared that their land and their mines and their railways belong to the people and not to the big financiers. These big financiers want a "stable government" in Russia, a government that will restore everything to its former owners and allow the people of Russia to be further exploited. They want Canadian boys and other boys in the allied countries to be willing to go into Russia and slay these "awful Bolsheviki." Even the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is pointing out what "great trade advantages" there will be in Siberia under a "stable Russian government." The powers that be have decided that the Bolsheviki must go and are exerting every effort to inflame public opinion.

The intelligent men and women of the workers in this country know what is going on but they are almost powerless. They have one recourse and that is education of their fellow workers who have not been told the truth, who have not been shown what is back of this horrible greed that breeds militarism and murder. Upon the education of the workers to a knowledge of their true position depends the future of civilization. The only hope is in the workers themselves; enlightenment cannot be expected from the capitalists, or their hirelings, or their pimps. The only power the workers can exert is by organization and the only organization that faces the issue fairly and squarely is THE ONE BIG UNION.

NEW SYRIA WILL BE FREE FROM TURKISH RULE

Syrians in Canada and the United States Have Formed New National League

The New Syria national league, organization with all Syrians in Canada and the United States. The resolutions passed by the league are being favorably considered by the governments of both Canada and the United States. These provide that Turkish authority in Syria will not be reestablished and that the United States will assume guardianship and administration of Syria until "such time as the Syrians are able to perform the functions of full self-government."

There are a quarter of a million Syrians in the United States and fourteen thousand of these enlisted under the American flag. In Canada a large number of Syrians also enlisted. General Allenby in his report regarding his successful campaign in Palestine speaks in highest terms of the assistance he received from an army of Syrians numbering nearly one hundred thousand.

The New Syria aims at being one nation with one central government extending from the Taurus Mountains to the Sinai Peninsula and its progress will mark a new epoch in the history of the historical holy land.

Mile 50 Now Has A Local Union

To The District Ledger:

We would kindly ask for a little space in the columns of The District Ledger to inform the officers and members of District 18, U. M. W. of A. that on March 9th last we decided to organize a local union at Mile 50, on the Coal Branch.

We secured the services of the President and Secretary of Local No. 2615 at Mile 47. They came up and organized and initiated every man in camp working in and around the mines, forty-eight members in all. We elected temporary officers and sent for the organizer to come here. A lively meeting followed, some of the slight grievances coming up for discussion. All the members signed the checkoff.

After the meeting the officers and pit committee presented the checkoff to the manager in charge here and informed him that we had organized and asked for recognition, and the placing of the check-off, which was accepted by the management, without any more difficulty.

On Tuesday, the 12th of March, we had a visit from J. King of the Metal Trades Council of Seattle, Washington, soliciting aid for the Ship Builders' Strike at Seattle. He outlined the determination of the strikers for victory which if won in face of the great opposition, would be the greatest victory of the labor movement on the American continent. All the members of this local assessed themselves and contributed $2.00 each for the cause.

On Sunday, March 16th, we had the pleasure of a visit from the district organizer, Steve Begalli. We had a very interesting meeting and applied for a charter. Permanent officers and pit committee were duly elected for the ensuing term. Twenty members subscribed for the Ledger. After the meeting the financial secretary and Organizer Begalli took a stroll down to Mile 47, and secured twenty more subs for the Ledger. And we are boosting for the circulation of The District Ledger all we can. With best wishes to all officers and members of District 18, U. M. W. of A., we beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

A. C. Brovey, President.
James Young, Financial Sec.

Pocahontas Notes

On Saturday the 15th, a masquerade ball was held in the school hall here, when a good crowd gathered to indulge in tripping the light fantastic toe. The fancy dresses were all that could be desired, the judges having a difficult task in awarding the prizes. The following were considered to be the best costumes: First prize, ladies, Dame Wales, Mrs. D. Gwilliam; first prize comic ladies, The Bride, Mrs. S. Greenwood; first prize, gents, Welsh Page, Mr. D. Copeland; first prize comic, Ould Ireland, Mr. Jas. Clyde.

Miss Kathleen James was a good second as the Spanish dancer.

The G. Nicol orchestra did yeoman service, accompanied by Miss Margery Jones at the piano.

Dancing was kept up till the wee sma hours of the morning, everyone having spent a very enjoyable time.

James Clyde has severed his connection as manager of the Jasper Park Collieries here. We wish him well and great success in his new field of labor. He is succeeded by J. H. McMillan.

We have had quite a heavy fall of snow here the past week, but it has not seriously interferred with the work at the mine, the output being about the average, business and work generally O. K.

The Scribe.

UNDESIRABLES

(By Scott Nearing)

Away with the undesirables! Deport them; jail them; persecute them; denounce them; silence them. The undesirables must go!

Undesirable? What is an undesirable?

Any man or woman who narrows the opportunity of a fellow being for life, liberty and happiness is an undesirable. Every parasite; every despot; every tyrant; every monopolist; every man who lives at the expense of a fellow man is an undesirable.

No human being makes himself desirable by saying prayers or preaching patriotism, or waving a flag, or promising to save other men's souls. Men become desirable only when they help their fellow-men to live larger, stronger, happier, nobler lives.

The chamber of commerce, the boards of trade, the manufacturers' associations and the other business organizations are deciding who is undesirable and then insisting upon a campaign to deport them, jail them, persecute them. The business interests are doing that now. They are establishing a rule of public policy. Undesirables do not belong in the United States. They must go!

Suppose the people apply that doctrine to American life and begin with the parasites. Every able-bodied adult human being who is not doing a fair share of the world's work, but is living on the product of other men's labor is an undesirable. He must cease to be a parasite by taking a job. The new world is a world of workers. No one else has a legitimate place here.

A few men, firmly placed, own the jobs on which millions of their fellow-men depend for a living; they own the products of their jobs; they own the surplus produced by the industrial machine. They are exercising a despotic, irresponsible power over the lives of their fellows. They are undesirables. The jobs, the product and the surplus must belong to the workers. The exploiters must go.

The forests and mines, oil wells and corner lots of America are in the hands of a few monopolists who take toll from society in the form of monopoly profits. These "hag barons" represent the spirit of the middle ages. They have no place in a free government of free people. They must go!

Away with the undesirables! America is no place for them. Away with the parasites—give them jobs! Away with the exploiters the workers must own their tools! Away with the "hag barons"—surplus wealth belongs to those who produce it! The undesirables in America must go!

MICHEL NOTES

Numerous arrivals are reported in Michel from overseas. They say in Merry England the queue system is still in force, which means that the eats are yet very limited, at least one would be led to believe so by such a system being enforced. Still we find out from neutral sources that there are sufficient necessities of life to last for a year or two ahead. To say the least there must be a nigger in the woodpile. Whilst there is no bad cases of poverty reported in our smoky little burg, the distant baying of the wolf is causing a great deal of anxiety.

Joe Knight, socialist, of Edmonton, addressed a crowded house at Michel on Thursday, March 6th. Secretary Beard had him advertised to speak on "Present Day Labor Problems," but it soon appeared to all that the question was more correct in the singular sense, problem and not problems. He pointed out very clearly that there was only one problem to solve and that was when the workers decide that they would control their own destinies instead of remaining in slavery? When we stop to think of it Knight must have been referring to the class-struggle in which the workers have been striving for many years to obtain the full prodcct of their toil. That being so we agree with Joe that there is only one problem to solve and the Observer will at this juncture venture to advance the following solution: That we object to the present system (called agreement) on the grounds that when it was drawn up, our representatives must have been ginned up in advance; further that we submit our case to a neutral judge to decide when we have not the least doubt that our case would be admitted and the present contract nullified.

Organizer McKenzie, of the Loggers Union of B. C. and Joe Naylor, of Cumberland, were here on Tuesday night. A meeting was held in the opera house for the purpose of organizing the bushmen. Secretary Beard, who was chairman of the meeting, briefly stated to the bushmen that the loggers all over the country had now fully realized the necessity of being organized and were making rapid strides in that direction and then introduced Organizer McKenzie to the meeting, who dealt with the question very thoroughly, touching on the aims of all workers in the near future becoming one concrete body. Joe Naylor, in the very limited time at his disposal, dealt with the urgent necessity of the ONE BIG INDUSTRIAL UNION, which he hoped would be endorsed when this issue goes to a referendum vote in the near future. The result of the meeting was the establishment of a good, strong, local of the Loggers, who did not hesitate in seeking the protection that they know is necessary, and we venture to say that if the Loggers of the other parts of the province are as ready as were the boys of Michel, Organizer McKenzie will clean up sure.

The dance held in the Michel hall for the benefit of the Michel band certainly a huge success from every viewpoint, and the boys wish to thank all who supported them in their success.

The Observer has been requested by the football enthusiasts of Michel to inform the footballers of the different camps, that they have a few youngsters here that they are anxious to try out, and wil welcome their co-operation in an endeavor to form up so that we may see the ball rolling as soon as climatic conditions will allow.

The mines are working a little steadier of late, having worked full time last week and going strong up to date. However, future prospects are not so bright, as the coke stacks are looming up so high that when we have a moon there is only part of it visible.

A great shout went up when the miners received Mr. Armstrong's order 116, which did not recognize or deal very specifically with the eight-hour day for outside workers, which comes into effect on April 1st. This has been drawn to the attention of Commissioner Armstrong and the District Officials, who, we trust, will so amend the order so as to satisfy the men that there was no intent to deprive them there was no intent to deprive them of this provincial law.

BELLEVUE

The returned veterans gave another of their Sunday concerts on Sunday last which conformed to their usual high standard. Come again.

N. Doet, one of the members of the Miner's union here, came to his end in a rather unusual manner. The deceased, it seems, left Bellevue about 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11th, to visit friends at Frank. And as far as can be ascertained he left Frank to return home to go to work at about 7.30 p.m. on the same evening. And at the time of writing nothing further was known of his whereabouts until his body was found at about 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6th, a few feet off the main road between Frank and Bellevue by a lady driving a cutter. The deceased was a quiet, unassuming man of over fifty years of age, living like many do in this western country, in a shack, which will explain to a large extent why no one was unduly alarmed, assuming they had any knowledge of his absence. The finding of the body caused quite a little excitement, probably by reason of the condition of the body. Many people must have passed by since it was laying there. Detective McIvor and Coroner Pinkney were soon on the job and had the body removed to the workers' hall. The following were summoned as jurors: J. Robertson, (foreman), D. Walker, J. Cousens, J. McDonald, B. Bartioni and J. Brooks. Following ancient custom the jury viewed the body and adjourned to meet on Wednesday at 3.00 p.m.

It is with considerable regret we record the passing of the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks, after a brief illness. It would seem from the reports of the various doctors in this locality, that we are in the grip of another epidemic, many children being under the weather.

Bellevue's horticultural enthusiasts are endeavoring to get away to a good start. Meetings are being held and a silver cup is already on view in the window of S. H. Humble for the best all round garden for the summer of 1919. What's the betting we cannot name the winner?

We are pleased to report six more of our returned veterans home again in spite of the fact that it is adding to an already over-stocked labor market.

How the times are changing is evidenced by the fact that the miners of these parts are asked to select a miner from their own ranks to act on the board of examiners as per the Coal Mines Act. What next please, management of the mines?

The miners met in regular session on Sunday last, with a good crowd in attendance. Many items of interest were disposed of. We regret we could not interest anyone with those lottery tickets sent out by Nick Micisco, of Fernie, on behalf of two orphaned children, who lost their parents in the flu epidemic. But in explanation thereof let me say that the people of Bellevue connected with the mines have responded liberally to many needy cases. This last few months every payday has seen us assessed and oft times a collection at the bank besides. As a result of last Sunday's meeting there will again be both an assessment and a collection at the bank. Mr. Armstrong's order on the rates to prevail whilst the non-suspension policy is in effect were approved of.

The delegate's report of the doings of the Western Confrence was listened to with more than passing interest by all members present. They furthermore placed themselves on record that the delegate had correctly represented them at the conference.

Duncan Hutton, after a prolonged absence, has returned home again.

The committee in charge of Burns' anniversary celebration held in Bellevue January 24th, 1919, has pleasure in presenting the following financial statement to the public:

Receipts

By sale of tickets employees of W. C. C.	$128.00
Bert Dryden	32.00
Harry Campbell	58.00
John Jackson	16.00
John Higgins	13.00
George McKeen	5.00
Dave Davidson	2.00
Taken at door by Mr. McDonald	130.50
	$384.50

Expenditure

To Penman family	$ 10.00
" Miss Larum	10.00
" Kerr's Orchestra	30.00
" Hall Rent	5.00
" Printing	6.00
" E. C. McDonald	3.00
" H. Humble	.75
" D. T. Hutton	4.00
Total	$ 68.75
Balance to J. Conners	315.75
	$384.50

Bellevue, March 18, 1919.

Received from H. Peters the sum of $315.75, proceeds of Burns concert held in Workers' Hall, Bellevue, January 24th, 1919.

(Signed) Mrs. J. Conners

L. H. PUTNAM
Barrister, Etc.
BLAIRMORE, ALBERTA

MINERS ATTENTION!

Joe Naylor, of Cumberland, B. C., a member of the Central Committee of **THE ONE BIG UNION,** will address a meeting of Gladstone Local Union on SUNDAY AFTERNOON, March 23. At two o'clock W. B. Phillips will give his report as delegate to the B. C. Federation and the Western Inter-Provincial Conference. Everybody come and find out what **THE ONE BIG UNION** means.

AT COAL CREEK

For the benefit of the workers at Coal Creek Joe Naylor will address a meeting at Coal Creek commencing at seven o'clock Sunday evening.

SPECIAL MEETING OF GLADSTONE LOCAL UNION will be held in the Grand Theatre Sunday night at seven o'clock to discuss the One Big Co-Operative Movement. Everyone be sure to attend. Important matters to be taken up.

HY. MARTIN,
Secretary

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One Big Union Meeting At Blairmore, Alberta

Under the auspices of Blairmore Local Union, U. M. W. of A., a mass meeting will be held at Blairmore on Sunday evening, March 30, for a discussion of the aims and objects of the ONE BIG UNION. The meeting will be addressed by the Editor of The District Ledger. Everybody welcome. All questions answered. Come early and secure a good seat.

FORD RAISES WAGES.

Detroit, Mich.—A new minimum wage scale of $6 a day, a flat increase of $1 a day, for approximately 28,000 employees throughout the country, has been given by the Ford Motor company. It is stated that 23,000 other employees of the Ford interests already receive $6 or more a day.

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Monday, March 24
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FERNIE NEWS

For Sale in Cokato—Two acres and a half and log house and small chicken house and wire netting. Apply R. Hubberstey, Fernie. 33-21*

The Salvation Army will hold a band concert on Thursday next, March 27th, at 7.30 p.m. The program will be well supplied. Brigadier McLean from Vancouver will preside. Don't miss it.

For Sale or Rent.—Three roomed cottage close to central school; modern equipment. Will accept as first or full payment Victory Bonds. Apply Barton's Music and Sewing Machine Store, Fernie, B. C. 33

At The Red Cross Rooms.—Don't forget the sale of work in the Red Cross rooms Saturday afternoon. Boys and girls come along and get some fun out of the fish pond. Easter gifts in great variety. Home cooking and candy. Afternoon tea served.

Supt. Pennefather Visits Fernie.—Superintendent Pennefather, whose dismissal from the police force was asked for by wire from the District 18 convention in Calgary because of his treatment of Paul Burek, was in Fernie on Tuesday, returning to Lethbridge in the evening.

Vice-Pres. McFegan in Fernie.—Alex. McFegan, who assumed his duties as vice-president of District 18, U. M. W. of A. on March 1, is in Fernie for a short visit in connection with District business. Mr. McFegan and family will leave Brule but have not yet definitely decided where to locate.

Disturbed Peace of Coleman.—Fernie curlers visited Coleman on Monday night. A game with the Coleman lies started about 11 p.m. and neighbors complained of being disturbed by the players returning homeward somewhere between three and eight in the morning. A good game and a good time was had.—Blairmore Enterprise.

United Church Services.—Sunday, March 23. Rev. C. E. Batzold, pastor. 11 a. m. subject: "The Sin Bearer." 2.30 p.m. Sabboth school; 7.30 p.m. "The Might of the Insignificant." There will be a meeting of the cradle roll at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26th, in the United Church basement. Will all members please make it a point to attend.

Will Probably be Reappointed—It is understood that steps are being taken for the reappointment of Major G. G. Moffatt as official administrator for the Fernie electoral riding. This position was held by Major Moffatt before the war and in consequence of his entering military service and going to France had to be vacated. This system of re-appointing returned men to official positions is being pursued not only in British Columbia but in all the other provinces.

Oddfellows Centenary.—The centenary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be held this year throughout the continent of America. One hundred years ago on April the 26th, the first lodge of this order was instituted in North America and since that time the order has grown steadily and now comprises a membership of over two millions. Every jurisdiction is contemplating celebrating this event in some worthy manner. The B. C. jurisdiction has undertaken to double the amount already raised for an Odd Fellows Home. The amount of this fund is now $25,000, which means a further $25,000 to be raised, being a pro rata of $5.00 per member. A strong committee of the local body has the matter in hand to raise $850, and success for the campaign for this amount seems already assured.

Spring Has Arrived.—March 21 brings the end of winter and W. B. Phillips reports having seen the first robin. He is out with some salt to try and capture it for the ONE BIG UNION smoker Saturday night. It had a real red breast.

Death of Aged Lady.—Mrs. Esther Davis, aged 82 years, a long time and highly respected resident of Fernie passed away on Thursday. The funeral services on Sunday will be conducted by the Salvation Army from the barracks at 3 o'clock.

To Help The Needy.—A handsome Irish Crochet handbag is on exhibition in Mrs. Todd's window. Tickets for a drawing for this bag are being sold at 25 cents each and the proceeds will go to the maker of the bag, Mrs. Frank Lentil, who lost her husband in the influenza epidemic and was left with three children and no income.

Overheard on Victoria Avenue.—"Oh, say, I've something to say to you." "Is that so, go ahead." "Well, if I hear of you walking out with Slim the mountie, I will never speak to you again." "Righto! and I will say the same thing to you for if I ever hear of know of you walking out with him or having anything to do with him I will never again speak to you and I mean what I say." And after this animated bit of conversation the parties passed on about their respective business.

A Chance to Get Big Bargains.—We would direct our readers attention to the big advertisement on page eight of this issue. It is a genuine clearing out sale. Customers are requested to bring along their "mail order bibles" and see what money they can save by taking advantage of this sale. Kefoury Bros. are selling out so that the premises can be enlarged for the new firm which will soon take over the business. The selling out has been placed in the hands of J. A. Gemmill, of Moose Jaw who assures The District Ledger that he is confident Fernie buyers will never again have such a splendid opportunity for money-saving purchases. The sale starts Saturday morning at nine o'clock and will continue for ten days.

GLADSTONE LOCAL NOTES

Don't forget the big Co-Operative Meeting which is to be held in the Grand Theatre Sunday next, March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. ONE BIG UNION and one BIG CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

Nick Thachuk has received from Dan Rogers, secretary of Carbondale Local, fifteen dollars towards "helping our Ukrainian brothers in their fight for liberty."

ONE BIG UNION smoker Saturday night in the club room of the miner's hall. Come and have a good time, lots of two per cent and lots of good singing. No charge. Just a collection. Sally Lunn has promised to sing "The Red Flag."

After considerable trouble and expense we have been able to secure the services of Ely Hardy, late from the battlefields of Morrissey. While there he was recommended on several occasions for the well known military honor, C. P. He has promised to attend the ONE BIG UNION smoker with his famous English concertina and also sing "This Country's in a Dreadful State." Private Hardy, prior to enlistment, was a well known citizen of Fernie, so you are in for a treat.

Below is a resolution which was passed by Gladstone Local Union at their last regular meeting without a dissenting vote. The resolution has been sent throughout Canada:

WHEREAS, during the last four years thousands of our fellow-workers have lost their lives, thousands of widows have been made, thousands of little children have been cast to the mercy of the world, thousands of wounded soldiers will have to eke out a meagre living as best they can, or be a drag on their families or their friends;

AND WHEREAS, the vast armies were told that they were fighting for freedom and democracy;

AND WHEREAS, when the volunteer system did not fill up the terrible waste, caused by shell, rifle and disease;

AND WHEREAS, the man power of the country was conscripted to fill up these wastes;

AND WHEREAS, untold profits have been made by the manufacture of munitions, tec;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask the government of the Dominion of Canada to conscript all profits made by such manufacturers for the benefit of all mankind and to ensure the widows, the children, and the permanently injured soldiers a decent living in the future.

Amendments to the Compensation Act are out. In no instance have they taken any notice of the amendments which were sent in by the labor unions of British Columbia. Notice how they are going to attempt to raise the claimants monthly payments:

Section 15 of said Chapter 77 is amended by adding sub-section (2) the following clause (f). Where the dependants are aliens residing outside of Canada and entitled to Compensation under clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) may, in lieu of awarding such dependants compensation on the scale provided by clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e), award such lesser sum by way of compensation as according to the conditions and cost of living in the place of residence of such dependants, will in the opinion of the Board maintain them in a like degree of comfort as dependants of the same class residing in Canada and receiving the full compensation authorized by this act would enjoy.

Sally Lunn says if her Dick gets his back hurt in the mine and they don't give her all that is coming to her, then watch out Parker Williams.

So the only thing that the above clause is any use for is to give the large corporations an incentive to fill the country with Chinks. No, they have not raised the commissioners wages, not so that you can see it! But note the following amendment which they have before the house:

Section 60, Chapter 77, is amended by striking out sub-section (2) and substituting therefor the following:

(2) The salaries of the commissioners shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and, subject to the provisions of this sub-section, shall be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The salary of the chairman shall not be less than $5,000 nor more than $6500 per annum, and the salary of each of the other commissioners shall be not less than $4,000 nor more than $5,000."

Now, you have got all that is worth knowing about the new amendments. Of course there are lots of so forth's and forthwiths, but Sally says "they be of no account whatsomever."

WHOOPEE!

You Sioux, you Comaches, you Cherokees, you last of the Mohicans. Wake up! What's the matter with you? Wake up, you old-timers, who packed your blankets before the B. C. Southern Railway swiped this Pass from its rightful owners. Wake up and show this young crowd who it was that made Fernie possible to live in. Let's have a pow-wow; let us smoke the pipe of peace round the camp fire; let us have the conversasione; let us have a good time for once; let us bury the hatchet. There is lots to talk about. Come on, what is the matter with Fernie anyway? This is the first question on the preamble. You will hear some more yet if you don't move. Put the proceeds where you like. What do we care, so that we meet once more before we cross the river of Jordan. Whoopee! and again Whoopee! Quale e la via pin corta per andarvi?

THAT MEMORIAL

Some years back, Mr. Editor, a collection was taken up to build up a memorial for the miners who were killed in No. 2 mine, Coal Creek. A strange thing about that fund, Mr. Editor, is that it seems to have gone the way of all flesh. I know one man personally who sold all his tickets and turned the proceeds over to a certain man but on looking around Fernie to find this memorial the only thing I can find is a very big graveyard. Now I wonder if that is the memorial. All I can say if it is, well it's some memorial.

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Miner's Wife Says---

Mr. Editor: I am almost scared to death to write any more for the paper. First, our Dick accuses me of starting out on a career of crime; then this week Mrs. Brown says she's sure she'll never cross my door any more; and now there's that Mr. Wallace [illegible] "Bill Robson" is me, which all makes a nice mess of hotch potch and I'll soon be mixed up so much that I'll not know whether I am myself or not, for if Mrs. Brown is me; and Betsy Brown says I'm Mrs. Brown and Mr. Wallace says I'm Bill Robson: they all as I can say for Mr. Wallace surely knows the workings of a woman's mind and I think; it is that great prophet Sam Nomore who writes editorials for the Free Press, who says "Woman's mind is so supperfishally complex that only a big crook of a man could savvy them: and the reason the earth slipped a cog or two was because the Lord couldn't understand the complexity of the supperfishility," and our Dick says: how Mr. Wallace does grin when Mr. Nomore the prophet comes to town and leaves him a ten spot for writing them articles in the paper, for Mr. Wallace says its like taking money off the infants and 'way easier than Black Jack, and what with no advertising, and the Ledger stealing all the printing and the coal company not wanting to pay him the war bonus, why times is awful bad and a ten spot with an eleven makes twenty-one—and even if Jimmy, what works the typewriter—has to go home half a day, because old Sam leaves so much "O de Colone" behind him; yet that ten comes in awful handy.

Why, Mr. Editor, there was one time when our Dick was losing a lot of work because Mr. Potter wanted to change the time, and I thought I'd let the folk know what we women thought about it an I wrote a letter to the Free Press calling myself a "Miner's Wife" and the impudent devil he says: "If you think the Free Press is a 'miner's wife' then all you have to do is to come to this office and we shows you the name." Why I am terrified to death, for what would our Dick think if he knew I was in cahoots with Mr. Wallace? And beside see how fat he is; how could I hide him behind my skirts?—and women's skirts so short at that time; an now he's trying to get me in trouble with another man. He's like that Crow Swords that was telling all about how cruel the Germans was down at the Isis. Why, that fellow was in Fernie before, trying to get all the Italians to go to France and looking around in the bush for 'Roosians.'

The Rebekahs—that's our lodge—was having a masquerade dance when in comes Mr. Crow Swords, and he hollars: Stop that music! Then he says as how he was his sovereign lord, his majesty the King and the dance had to stop because there was some Roosians dressed like women and he was going to search all the young men in the hall for their papers. Just think, Mr. Editor, there was I dressed like King Charles the First (before he had his head cut off I mean) and Crow Swords says: "Say, young fellow, I want to see your exception papers," and he actually wanted to search my pants for his old papers, and young fellows like Mike Quail who only had his drawers on, for he was a 'Cannibal King' laughed himself silly, and he says: "Hey, old Cross Swords, that's one on you—King Charles is Mrs. Lunn"—which is far worse than Mr. Wallace.

I suppose if some of us ladies go to the Big Union Smoker on Saturday night they might take us for Bobby Gosden and want to chuck us in the river, but we're going anyhow, and if any fat news paper man ever bats an eye at us, Mrs. Brown will "pow his 'ead" the time I am holding him with my winning smile, for as our Dick says: If you get agoing there'll be no end to't, and he says "I suppose you have no care of coin' either.

Sally Lunn.

FROM ANOTHER MINER'S WIFE

Well, Sally, wench, I cudner help lawfin wen I wos lookin throo larst week's Ledger. By gum, wench, everythin thea sedst was reight. I cudna get a wink a sleap, mi man was tawkin' aboot wot he ad seen an heeard at that rear-construction meatin. I wish many a toime he wudner go to sich meatins; he's hawf craszy wen he gets woam thinkin oor wot disappointment he's ad. He thoot he wos goin to heer summat gud at th meatin but they didner know as mich aboot rear-construction as he did imself. Oh, wench, it's grate wen tha goes amoung sum o thease here mucky mucks an heers um tawk; sum o the biggest foo tawk thea ever heerdst—an from lawyers.

Thea tell me nar that thea gahin fix river bonk this spring and thea gahin to tax thoos most affected. If this happens yo con look out fer more truble we thoos river rats.

It's amusin' wen yo hearn um tawkin aboot the sodgers two thousan dallars gratuity. Fancy a government wots broke given um two thousan. The government in my opinion mon haveter burrow muny offa that Flavelle mon befor they con do that and then they on be-a makin Flavelle a bit richer by givin im interest on wot they've burrowed. Why not tack aw is blamed money off'n im; then th government un be-a doin summat, owd wench. Aw wos thinkin wot a grate toime we'd hav wen folks ad sense enough to conscript aw wealth. Wudner it be grate? But you conner larn the foos theease days.

Yer owd frend,

MOLLY BROWN.

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Fernie Sporting Notes

F. A. A. C. TO START DRIVE FOR FUNDS FOR SWIMMING POOL IN FERNIE

The plans for the swimming pool are in the hands of the committee appointed for that purpose and a meeting is to be called to-night to discuss ways and means of collecting enough money to build a swimming pool and club. The F. A. A. C. aim to collect $6,000, as it will take this amount to build a real good pool. It is up to the people of Fernie to donate what they can to this good cause. The F. A. A. C. will need the support of every person in Fernie, no matter how small a sum they can give. Every little bit helps.

A swimming pool will be a big asset to the city and the F. A. A. C. look to everybody to help them carry on.

The F. A. A. C. monthly dance will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd. There will be invitations issued and a good time is expected. This will be a confetti dance.

With a six goal lead the Argos have a very good chance to hold the silverware.

Sports are coming into their own again this season. All the small towns are boosting their lacrosse, baseball and football teams and are getting started for a big summer in sports. We feel sure that Fernie will take her share of the honors in all three lines of sport.

The hockey boys are to wind up the season on Tuesday night with their bun feed and dance. The F. A. A. C. club rooms are to be used for the occasion and about 75 couples are expected to be present. Just a good time for the hockey boys alone, with about a dozen outsiders, who have taken a real interest in the game this year.

THE IRISH GO DOWN TO DEFEAT 8—2 ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

With the ice in poor shape for fast hockey the Dutch defeated the Irish team by 8—2. This win gives the Argos a big lead in the two game series for the Orner cup, as total goals are to count. The Argos were out strong and were determined to win. Scott's team seems to be the one best bet on slow ice. The game was never in doubt after ten minutes of play, Scott scoring two goals in the first few minutes of play, and from then on it was easy to see that the Irish team were outclassed—and on such a night—as the Shamrocks are the lighter team and can do better on good ice. They couldn't get going at their top speed. On the other hand the Argos are a bit heavier and the advantage in weight seemed to count on the slow ice. Scott, Glover and Baker were the stars on the Argos' while Anderson, Dicken, Biggs and Wilson were the pick of the Irish seven.

With the weather getting warmer every day, there is a doubt whether Fernie will see the hockey teams in action again this season.

The Shamrocks were without the service of their star rover, Jeff Commons. Jeff was not told about the game soon enough to get on the ice.

The meeting of the F. A. A. C. last Friday night was given up to get ready for the football season, baseball and lacrosse. A committee was formed to handle all the sports this season, and the club have some of the best material in Fernie for lacrosse, baseball and football. With the Vets and Coal Creek all ready organizing a football team there is talk of a city league with the Vets, Coal Creek and the F. A. A. C. These three teams will make a dandy city league.

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Robin Hood Porridge Oats, pkg.	.30
Wheat Germade, 6 lb. sk.	.50
Pacific Milk, talls, 2 for	.25
Libby's Catsup, bottle	.30
Libby's Apple Butter, tin	.25
Wagner Apples, 5 lb.	.25
Washington Rose Beauty, box	3.15
Hog Feed, Barley Chop, per sk.	3.00
Wingstaff's Pear Jam, 4 lb. pail	1.00
Lennox Laundry Soap, 9 bars	.50
Assorted Toilet Soap, special, per box	.30
Corn Syrup, 5 lb. tin	.60
Potatoes, White Ashcroft, per 100 lbs	2.50
Potatoes, Newgate	2.25
Turnips, 12 lb.	.25
Libby's Sauer Kraut, 2 1-2 lb. tin	.25
Special Mixed Cream Chocolates, per lb.	.50
Pure Sugar Mixed Candy	.35
Taber's Butter Cups, per lb.	.45
Victoria Hand Roller Chocolates, per lb.	.40
Victoria Marshmallows	.45

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Pacific Herring, small, per lb.	.10
Pacific Herring, large, 2 lb.	.25
Salt Black Cod, per lb.	17 1-2
Salt Red Salmon, per lb.	.18
Salt Herring, 10 lb. pail	1.55
Pickled Pork, per lb.	.31
Picnic Hams, per lb.	.32
Wright's Bell Ma[illegible]	.30
Bulk Peanut Butter, lb.	.30
Bulk Queen Olives, pint	.25
Large Dill Pickles, per doz.	.40

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CALGARY CONVENTION— SIXTH DAY

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Whereas there are opportunities for a great deal of harm if letters are inserted in our columns under such anonymous titles as "Miner," etc., as we did have immediately preceding the last regular District Election;

Therefore, be it resolved as a policy that no letter appear in the Ledger attacking the character or integrity of any officer or member either openly or by inuendo, unless said letter bears the signature of the writer.

This motion is not to preclude a member from writing anonymously to expose camp conditions, government orders-in-council, etc., where a member might be discriminated against by attaching his name to a letter citing objectionable circumstances or conditions.

International Organizer D. Rees:

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Delegate Berford directed certain questions relative to the subscription rate for the District Ledger, but Editor Lawson before going into same suggested that each section and paragraph be taken up seriatim. This course was followed.

Article 11, Section 1, Paragraph 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: To amend by deleting the word "Thursday" in third line, and substituting therefor the word "Friday."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 1, Paragraph 2—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 2—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 3—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 4—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 5, Amendment No. 24, submitted by Michel Local Union No. 234—Delete the figures "$2.00" and insert "$3.00."

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee concur in amendment No. 24 that the figures "$2.00" be deleted and the figures "$3.00" be inserted therefor.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 6.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Re recommendation in President's Report for increase in subscription rate. Your Committee refer this to the Convention for discussion.

This question was viewed from various angles, but it was finally decided that Article 11, Section 6 would remain unchanged.

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 11, Section 7—No change.

CARRIED.

Article 12, Section 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: Your Committee recommend the deletion of the word "annual," from the fifth and last lines in this section, and the substitution therefor of the word "biennial."

MOVED and Seconded the adoption.

CARRIED.

Article 13.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE: We recommend the deletion of the words "April 1st, 1918," and the substitution therefor of the words and figures "March 1st, 1919."

Rules of Order—No change.

CARRIED.

Order of Business—No change.

MOVED Livett—Seconded: The Report of the Constitution Committee as amended as a whole be adopted.

A recess was taken at 4.35 p.m. and upon re-convening President Biggs suggested that the Convention assume Executive Session. International Board Member Livett, however, requested before assuming Executive Session that he be permitted to read an excerpt from a circular letter just received by him from Frank Farrington, President of District No. 12. This privilege was accorded and the following was submitted to the delegation:

"Our goal should be a six-hour day, five days per week, for all the miners in the United States with no double shift work on

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the coal allowed, except as necessity may require, and development for increased tonnage should not be considered a necessity. Every atom of strength of the United Mine Workers of America should be employed to accomplish that end and then we should strive to have the government prevent the opening of new operations except as new operations may be needed to supply the demand for coal. If this is done every mine worker will then have a decent chance to earn a decent living and the matter of equalling and adjusting wages will be easy of accomplishment, and until it is done unemployment and consequent want and suffering will ever be present among the mine workers of the United States."

President Biggs then read the following telegram, which relates to the Paul Burck controversy:

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24th, 1919.

Thomas Biggs,

President, District 18, United Mine Workers of America,

Miners' Convention, Calgary, Alta.

Your telegram 21st receiving my attention. Will be glad to have forwarded by mail fullest evidence of injustice complained of. I assure you my co-operation. Will communicate further any developments. Best wishes for successful convention.

TOM MOORE, President.

MOVED and Seconded that we assume Executive Session.

CARRIED.

Executive Session—4.45 p.m. to 5.18 p.m.

Adjournment was taken at 5.18 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday, February 26th, 1919.

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RESUME.

Sixteenth Annual Convention, District 18, United Mine Workers of America, Calgary, Alberta, February 26th, 1919.

(Reported by Fred G. Perry, Fernie, B.C.)

NINTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assumed open session at 10.50 a.m., International Organizer Irvine in the Chair.

Delegate Smith moved—seconded Thachuk: THAT three delegates be sent to represent District 18 at the Indianapolis Policy Committee meeting and that the incoming President of the District be one of three delegates.

MOVED Cline—Seconded Payne, as an amendment: THAT any sub-district so desiring could send a delegate with this committee until the full quota of eight were nominated, provided they finance their respective delegates.

The amendment on being put to a vote was

CARRIED.

The motion as amended was

CARRIED.

Nominations for the District Committee, in addition to the incoming President, were then made, and Delegate Susnar and Board Member Wheatley elected to go the route.

District 18 delegates [illegible] ing: P. M. Christopher, Alex [illegible] Mbr. R. Livett.

The Chair then announced that the business before the Convention was the consideration of miscellaneous business.

MOVED Susnar—Seconded (re "The District Ledger"): THAT each [illegible] monthly installments, and same to be used for the upkeep of the paper.

MOVED Eastham—Seconded Payne: THAT an assessment be levied upon each member in District 18 of 10 cents per month each for the next twelve months

A very lengthy discussion on this question followed, when it was:

MOVED McNab—Seconded Potter (as a substitute motion covering the whole): THAT this Delegation empower the Executive Board to levy assessments for three months, covering any deficit that might arise in connection with the publishing of "The District Ledger."

CARRIED.

Editor Lawson then advanced certain information with regard to certain developments in connection with "The District Ledger," when it was:

MOVED Johnston—Seconded Thachuk: THAT all future arrangements for moving, closing down or selling "The District Ledger" plant be left exclusively in the hands of the Executive Board.

CARRIED.

Delegate Basetti then addressed the Convention, pointing out conditions arising at Coalhurst in connection with the employment of Asiatics, and suggested that the Convention go emphatically on record as excluding this class of labor from the Organization and working in or about the mines.

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International Organizer Irvine delivered a very intelligent address in support of Delegate Basetti's suggestion, pointing out from past experience in the United Mine Workers' organization how detrimental this class of labor had been and the utter impossibility of reaping any benefit by favoring the organization of Asiatics in the U.M.W. of A.

ADJOURNMENT was taken at 12.20 until 1.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reconvened at 2 p.m., President Biggs in the Chair.

Delegate Berford requested a correction in the records of the Proceedings—Eighth Day wherein he was recorded as seconding the adoption of Resolution No. 59. Reference to the records substantiated Delegate Berford's contention, as Delegate Beard seconded the adoption of this resolution.

MOVED Rees—Seconded Johnston: THAT we go on record as being in favor of equal pay for equal work without regard to sex or nationality.

This motion arose out of the discussion relative to Asiatics employed in various camps in the District. Delegates Basetti, Wheatley and Crothers discussed this question, when it was:

MOVED International Organizer Irvine—Seconded: THAT this Convention goes on record as being emphatically opposed to the introduction of Orientals into the mine or their entry into the country.

CARRIED.

Following some further discussion relating to this topic:

MOVED International Organizer Irvine—Seconded Wheatley: THAT the District Executive Board and the Policy Committee be instructed to do everything in their power to eliminate Orientals from working in and around the mines.

CARRIED.

MOVED Cacchioni—Seconded Thachuk: THAT greetings be conveyed from this Convention to our brethren in England who are struggling for the overthrow of the monstrous octopus of capitalism, hoping that the day be near when through co-operation, all workers will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

CARRIED.

MOVED Cacchioni—Seconded Browne: THAT greetings be conveyed from this Convention to the Russian Soviet and all the workers of Russia struggling for the same millenium, to the complete elimination of the capitalistic system.

CARRIED.

Upon the suggestion of Secretary Browne for expression of opinion from the Convention as to a uniform rate per diem to be charged for expenses, it was finally passed that this be based at the rate of $4 per day.

MOVED Rees—Seconded: THAT this District Executive Board send a representative to the convention of the United Farmers' Association or any other such convention where the aims and ideals of the membership would be furthered.

CARRIED.

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MOVED Potter—Seconded: THAT the Editor of "The District Ledger" attend the Western Conference, to be held in Calgary on March 13th, in the interests of District 18.

CARRIED.

Nominations for the place in which to hold the next Convention resulted in the following places being placed in nomination:

Lethbridge.

Edmonton.

Fernie.

Calgary.

The choice by an overwhelming majority favored Calgary.

MOVED Lawson—Seconded Rees: THAT the thanks of this Convention be extended to the Press for their publicity given to this Convention and for the unprecedented impartiality of their reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Re Special Resolution No. 59: Relative to request from Cooks' and Waiters' Union.

MOVED and Seconded: THAT this request be endorsed by the Convention and the matter turned over to the District Executive Board for further consideration.

CARRIED.

MOVED and Seconded: THAT a grant of $25 be made from District funds for the Janitor.

CARRIED.

MOVED and Seconded: THAT we adjourn sine die.

ADJOURNMENT taken at 3.04 p.m.

The Russian Land Law

(From the New York Nation.)

The following "Fundamental Law of Socialization of the Land" in Russia went into effect in September, 1918, replacing the earlier and briefer Land Degree of November 7, 1917.

DIVISION I.

General Provisions

Article 1. All property rights in the land, treasures of the earth, waters, forests and fundamental natural resources within the boundaries of the Russian Federated Soviet Republic are abolished.

Article 2. The land passes over to the use of the entire laboring population without any compensation, open or secret, to the former owners.

Article 3. The right to use the land belongs to those who till it by their own labor, with the exception of special cases covered by this decree.

Article 4. The right to use the land cannot be limited by sex, religion, nationality, or foreign citizenship.

Article 5. The sub-surface deposits, the forests, waters and fundamental natural resources are at the disposition (according to their character) of the county, provincial, regional and Federal Soviet power and are under the control of the latter. The method of disposition and utilization of the sub-surface deposits, waters and fundamental natural resources will be dealt with by special decree.

Article 6. All private live stock and inventoried property of non-laboring homesteads pass over without indemnification to the disposition (in accordance with their character) of the land departments of the county, provincial, regional, and Federal Soviets.

Article 7. All homestead constructions mentioned in Article 6 as well as all agricultural enterprises pass over to the disposition (in accordance with their character) of the county, provincial, regional and Federal Soviets without indemnification.

Article 8. All persons who are unable to work and who will be deprived of all means of subsistence [illegible] all lands, forests, inventoried property, etc., may receive a pension for a lifetime or until the person becomes of age), upon the certification of the local courts and the land departments of the Soviet power, such as the soldier receives, until such time as the decree for the insurance of the incapacitated is issued.

Article 9. The appointment of lands of agricultural value among the laboring people is under the jurisdiction of the Volostnoi (several villages), county, provincial, main, and Federal land departments of the Soviets in accordance with their character.

Article 10. The surplus lands are under the supervision, in every republic, of the land departments of the main and Federal Soviets.

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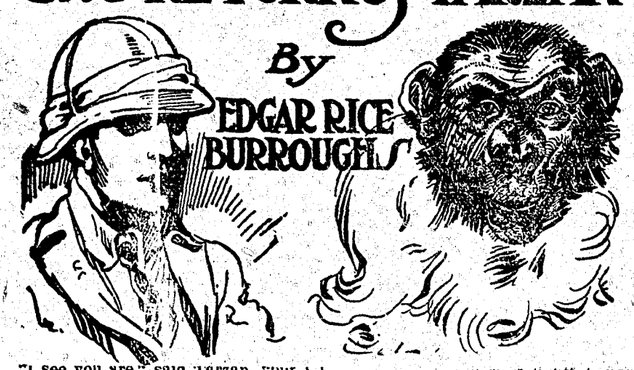
The RETURN of TARZAN

By EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS



"I see you are," said Tarzan, "but I know you so well that I can scarcely believe that your being on the same boat with me is purely a coincidence. If I could believe it the fact that you are in disguise would immediately disabuse my mind of any such idea."

"Well," growled Rokoff with a shrug, "I cannot see what you are going to do about it. The vessel flies the English flag. I have as much right on board her as you, and from the fact that you are booked under an assumed name I imagine that I have more right."

"We will not discuss it, Rokoff. All I wanted to say to you is that you must keep away from Miss Strong—she is a decent woman."

Rokoff turned scarlet.

"If you don't I shall pitch you overboard," continued Tarzan. "Do not forget that I am just waiting for some excuse." Then he turned on his heel and left Rokoff standing there trembling with suppressed rage.

He did not see the man again for days, but Rokoff was not idle. In his stateroom with Paulvitch he fumed and swore, threatening the most terrible of revenges.

"I would throw him overboard tonight," he cried, "were I sure that those papers were not on his person. I cannot chance pitching them into the ocean with him. If you were not such a stupid coward, Alexis, you would find a way to enter his stateroom and search for the documents."

Paulvitch smiled. "You are supposed to be the brains of this partnership, my dear Nikolas," he replied. "Why do you not find the means to search M. Caldwell's stateroom, eh?"

Two hours later fate was kind to them, for Paulvitch, who was ever on the watch, saw Tarzan leave his room without locking the door. Five minutes later Rokoff was stationed where he could give the alarm in case Tarzan returned, and Paulvitch was deftly searching the contents of the apeman's luggage.

He was about to give up in despair when he saw a coat which Tarzan had just removed. A moment later he grasped an official envelope in his hand. A quick glance at its contents brought a broad smile to the Russian's face.

When he left the stateroom Tarzan himself could not have told that an article in it had been touched, because Paulvitch was a past master in his chosen field.

After Miss Strong had gone below that night Tarzan stood leaning over the rail looking far out to sea. Every night he had done this since he had come on board. Sometimes he stood thus for an hour. And the eyes that had been watching his every movement since he had boarded the ship at Algiers knew that this was his habit.

Even as he stood there this night those eyes were on him. Presently the last straggler had left the deck. It was

"If you don't I shall pitch you overboard."

a clear night, but there was no moon—objects on deck were barely discernible.

From the shadows of the cabin two figures crept stealthily upon the apeman from behind. The lapping of the waves against the ship's sides, the whirring of the propeller, the throbbing of the engines, drowned the almost noiseless approach of the two.

They were quite close to him now and, crouching low, like tacklers on a [illegible] the two leaped for their victim. Each [illegible] and before Tarzan of the apes, fighting though he was taken [illegible] was over the rail and was falling to the Atlantic.

CHAPTER XIV.

Drowned at Sea!

THE next morning at breakfast Tarzan's place was vacant. Miss Strong was quite certain he would be at his place, for Mr. Caldwell had always made it a point to wait for him to breakfast with her and her mother. As she was sitting on deck later M. Thuran paused to exchange a half dozen pleasant words with her. He seemed in most excellent spirits—his manner was the extreme of affability. As he passed on Miss Strong [illegible] a very delightful man [illegible] M. Thuran.

The day dragged heavily. When M. Thuran stopped again to chat with her in the afternoon she welcomed the break in the day's monotony. But she had begun to become seriously concerned about Caldwell's continued absence. Presently she broached the subject to M. Thuran. Had he seen Mr. Caldwell today? He had not. Why?

"He was not at breakfast as usual, nor have I seen him once since yesterday," explained the girl.

M. Thuran was extremely solicitous.

"I did not have the pleasure of intimate acquaintance with Mr. Caldwell," he said. "He seemed a most estimable gentleman, however. Can it be that he is indisposed and has remained in his stateroom? It would not be strange."

"No," replied the girl; "it would not be strange, of course, but for some inexplicable reason I have one of those foolish feminine presentiments that all is not right with Mr. Caldwell. It is the strangest feeling. It is as though I knew that he was not on board the ship."

M. Thuran laughed pleasantly. "Mercy, my dear Miss Strong!" he said. "Where in the world could he be then? We have not been within sight of land for days."

"Of course it is ridiculous of me," she admitted. And then: "But I am not going to worry about it any longer. I am going to find out where Mr. Caldwell is." And she motioned to a passing steward.

"That may be more difficult than you imagine, my dear girl," thought M. Thuran, but aloud he said, "By all means."

"Find Mr. Caldwell, please," she said to the steward, "and tell him that his friends are much worried by his continued absence."

"You are very fond of Mr. Caldwell?" suggested M. Thuran.

"I think he is splendid," replied the girl. "And mamma is perfectly infatuated with him."

A minute later the steward returned to say that Mr. Caldwell was not in his stateroom. "I cannot find him, Miss Strong, and"—he hesitated—"I have learned that his berth was not occupied last night. I think that I had better report the matter to the captain."

"Most assuredly," exclaimed Miss Strong. "I shall go with you to the captain myself."

It was a very frightened young woman and an excited steward who presented themselves before the captain a few moments later. He listened to their stories in silence, a look of concern marking his expression as the steward assured him that he had sought for the missing passenger in every part of the ship that passengers might be expected to frequent.

The captain ordered an immediate and thorough search of the entire ship from stem to stern—no nook or cranny was to be overlooked. It was a full hour later that the first officer returned to report the outcome of the search.

"Mr. Caldwell is not on board, sir," he said.

"I fear that there is something more serious than accident here, Mr. Brently," said the captain. "I wish that you would make a personal and very careful examination of Mr. Caldwell's effects, to ascertain if there is any clew to a motive either for suicide or murder—sift the thing to the bottom."

"Aye, aye, sir!" responded Mr. Brently, and left to commence his investigation.

Hazel Strong was prostrated. For two days she did not leave her cabin, and when she finally ventured on deck she was very wan and white, with great, dark circles beneath her eyes.

Shortly after her first appearance on deck following the tragedy, M. Thuran joined her with many expressions of kindly solicitude.

"Oh, but it is terrible, Miss Strong," he said. "I cannot rid my mind of it."

The girl could not help but feel grateful to him for his kind words. He was with her often—almost constantly for the remainder of the voyage—and she grew to like him very much indeed. M. Thuran had learned that the beautiful Miss Strong of Baltimore was an American heiress—a very wealthy girl in her own right, and with future prospects that quite took his breath away.

It had been M. Thuran's intention to leave the ship at the first port they touched after the disappearance of Tarzan. Did he not have in his coat pocket the thing he had taken passage upon this very boat to obtain? There was nothing more to detain him here. He could not return to the continent fast enough that he might board the first express for St. Petersburg.

And now another plan had obtruded itself and was rapidly crowding his original intentions into the background. That American fortune was not to be sneezed at, nor was its possessor a whit less attractive.

"Sacre!" but she would cause a sensation in St. Petersburg." And he would, too, with the assistance of her inheritance.

After M. Thuran had squandered a few million dollars, he discovered that the vocation was so entirely to his liking that he would continue on down to Cape Town, where he suddenly decided that he had pressing engagements that would detain him there for some time.

Miss Strong had told him that she and her mother were to visit the Cape for a month there. They had not decided upon the duration of their stay, but it would probably [illegible] months. She was delighted when she found that M. Thuran was to be there also.

"I hope that we shall be able to continue our acquaintance," she said. "You must call upon mamma and me as soon as we are settled."

M. Thuran was delighted at the prospect and lost no time in saying so. Mrs. Strong was not quite so favorably impressed by him as her daughter.

"I do not know why I should distrust him," she said to Hazel one day as they were discussing him. "He seems a perfect gentleman in every respect, but sometimes there is something about his eyes—a fleeting expression which I cannot describe, but which when I see it gives me a very uncanny feeling."

The girl laughed. "You are a silly dear, mamma," she said.

"I suppose so, but I am sorry that we have not poor Mr. Caldwell for company instead."

"And I, too," replied her daughter.

M. Thuran became a frequent visitor at the home of Hazel Strong's uncle in Cape Town. At length, feeling the moment propitious, he proposed. Miss Strong was startled. She did not know what to say.

"I had never thought that you cared for me in such a way," she told him. "I have looked upon you always as a very dear friend. I shall not give you my answer now. Forget that you have asked me to be your wife. Let us go on as we have been—then I can consider you from an entirely different angle for a time. It may be that I shall discover that my feeling for you is more than friendship. I certainly have not thought for a moment that I loved you."

This arrangement was perfectly satisfactory to M. Thuran. He deeply regretted that he had been hasty, but he had loved her for so long a time and so devotedly that he thought that every one must know it.

"From the first time that I saw you, Hazel," he said, "I have loved you. I am willing to wait, for I am certain that so great and pure a love as mine will be rewarded. All that I care to know is that you do not love another. Will you tell me?"

"I have never been in love in my life," she replied and he was quite satisfied. On the way home that night he purchased a steam yacht and built a $1,000,000 villa on the Black sea.

The next day Hazel Strong enjoyed one of the happiest surprises of her life—she ran face to face upon Jane Porter as she was coming out of a jeweler's shop.

"Why, Jane Porter!" she exclaimed. "Where in the world did you drop from? Why, I can't believe my own eyes."

"Well, of all things!" cried the equally astonished Jane. "And here I have been wasting whole reams of perfectly good imagination picturing you in Baltimore—the very idea!" And she threw her arms about her friend once more and kissed her a dozen times.

By the time mutual explanations had been made Hazel knew that Lord Tennington's yacht had put in at Cape Town for at least a week's stay and at the end of that time was to continue on her voyage, this time up the west coast, and so back to England, "where," concluded Jane, "I am to be married."

"Then you are not married yet?" asked Hazel.

"Not yet," replied Jane, and then quite irrelevantly, "I wish England were a million miles from here."

Visits were exchanged between the yacht and Hazel's relatives. Dinners were arranged and trips into the surrounding country to entertain the visitors. M. Thuran was a welcome guest at every function. He gave a dinner himself to the men of the party and managed to ingratiate himself in the good will of Lord Tennington by many little acts of hospitality.

M. Thuran had heard dropped a hint of something which might result from this unexpected visit of Lord Tennington's yacht, and he wanted to be counted in on it. Once when he was alone with the Englishman he took occasion to make it quite plain that his engagement to Miss Strong was to be announced immediately upon their return to America. "But not a word of it, my dear Tennington; not a word of it."

The next day it came. Mrs. Strong, Hazel and M. Thuran were Lord Tennington's guests aboard his yacht. Mrs. Strong had been telling them how much she had enjoyed her visit at Cape Town and that she regretted that a letter just received from her attorneys in Baltimore had necessitated her cutting her visit shorter than they had intended.

"When do you sail?" asked Tennington.

"The first of the week, I think," she replied.

"Indeed!" exclaimed M. Thuran. "I am very fortunate. I, too, have found that I must return at once, and now I shall have the honor of accompanying and serving you."

"That is nice of you, M. Thuran," replied Mrs. Strong. "I am sure that we shall be glad to place ourselves under your protection." But in the bottom of her heart was the wish that they might escape him. Why, she could not have told.

"By Jove!" ejaculated Lord Tennington a moment later. "Bully idea, by Jove!"

"Yes, Tennington, of course," ventured Clayton. "It must be a bully idea if you had it, but what is it?"

"It's to take Mrs. Strong and Miss Strong, and Thuran, too, if he'll come, as far as England with us on the yacht. Now, isn't that a corker? And we'll sail the first of the week or any other time that suits your convenience."

"Mercy, Lord Tennington, you haven't even given us an opportunity to thank you, much less decide whether we shall be able to accept your generous invitation," said Mrs. Strong.

"Why, of course you'll come," responded Tennington. "We'll make as good time as any passenger boat, and you'll be fully as comfortable, and anyway, we all want you and won't take no for an answer."

And so it was settled that they should sail the following Monday.

Two days out the girls were sitting in Hazel's cabin looking at some prints she had had finished in Cape Town. They represented all the pictures she had taken since she had left America.

"And here," said Hazel suddenly, "here's a man you know. Poor fellow, I have so often intended asking you about him, but I never have been able to."

to think of it when we were together. She was holding the little print so that Jane did not see the face of the man it portrayed.

"His name was John Caldwell," continued Hazel. "Do you recall him? He said that he met you in America. He is an Englishman."

"I do not recollect the name," replied Jane. "Let me see the picture."

"The poor fellow was lost overboard on our trip down the coast," she said as she handed the print to Jane.

"Lost over— Why, Hazel, Hazel—don't tell me that he is dead—drowned

"The poor fellow was lost overboard."

at sea!" And before the astonished Miss Strong could catch her Jane Porter had slipped to the floor in a swoon.

After Hazel had restored her chum to consciousness she sat looking at her for a long time before either spoke.

"I did not know, Jane," said Hazel in a constrained voice, "that you knew Mr. Caldwell so intimately that his death should prove such a shock to you."

"John Caldwell?" questioned Miss Porter. "You do not mean to tell me that you do not know who this man was, Hazel?"

"Why, yes, Jane; I know perfectly well who he was—his name was John Caldwell; he was from London."

"Oh, Hazel, I wish I could believe it," moaned the girl. "I wish I could believe it, but those features are burned so deep into my memory and my heart that I should recognize them anywhere in the world from among a thousand others who might appear identical to any one but me."

"What do you mean, Jane?" cried Hazel, now thoroughly alarmed. "Who do you think it is?"

"I don't think, Hazel. I know that that is a picture of Tarzan of the Apes."

CHAPTER XV.

The Wreck of the Lady Alice.

"I CANNOT be mistaken," Jane continued. "Oh, Hazel, are you sure that he is dead? Can there be no mistake?"

"I am afraid not, my dear," answered Hazel sadly. "I wish I could think that you are mistaken, but now a hundred and one little pieces of corroborative evidence occur to me that meant nothing to me while I thought that he was John Caldwell of London. He said that he had been born in Africa and educated in France."

"Yes; that would be true," murmured Jane Porter dully.

"The first officer, who searched his luggage, found nothing to identify John Caldwell of London. Practically all his belongings had been made or purchased in Paris. Everything that bore an initial was marked either with a 'T' alone or with 'J. C. T.' We thought that he was traveling incognito under his first two names, the J. C. standing for John Caldwell."

"Tarzan of the Apes took the name Jean C. Tarzan," said Jane in the same lifeless monotone. "And he is dead! Oh, Hazel, it is horrible! He died all alone in this terrible ocean! It is unbelievable that that brave heart should have ceased to beat; that those mighty muscles are quiet and cold forever; that he who was the personification of life and health and manly strength should be the prey of slimy, crawling things; that"— But she could go no further, and, with a little moan, she buried her head in her arms and sank sobbing to the floor.

For days Miss Porter was ill and would see no one except Hazel and the faithful Esmeralda. When at last she came on deck all were struck by the sad change that had taken place in her. She was no longer the alert, vivacious American beauty who had charmed and delighted all who came in contact with her. Instead she was a very quiet and sad little girl, with an expression of hopeless wistfulness that none but Hazel Strong could interpret.

The entire party strove their utmost to cheer and amuse her, but all to no avail. Occasionally the jolly Lord Tennington would wring a wan smile from her, but for the most part she sat with [illegible] with Jane Porter's illness one mishap after another seemed to attack the yacht. First an engine broke down, and they drifted for two days while temporary repairs were being made. [illegible] awnings that carried overboard nearly everything above deck that was portable. Later two of the seamen fell to fighting in the forecastle, with the result that one of them was badly wounded with a knife and the other had to be put in irons. Then, to cap the climax, the mate fell overboard at night and was drowned before help could reach him. The yacht cruised about the spot for ten hours, but no sign of the man was seen after he disappeared from the deck into the sea.

Every member of the crew and guests was gloomy and depressed after these series of misfortunes. All were apprehensive of worse to come and this was especially true of the seamen who recalled all sorts of terrible omens and warnings that had occurred during the early part of the voyage and which they could not clearly translate into the precursors of some grim and terrible tragedy to come.

Nor did the croakers have long to wait. The second night after the drowning of the mate the little yacht was suddenly wracked from stem to stern. About 1 o'clock in the morning there was a terrific impact that threw the slumbering guests and crew from bunk and berth. A mighty shudder ran through the frail craft; she lay far over to starboard; the engines stopped. For a moment she hung there with her decks at an angle of forty-five degrees—then, with a sullen, rending sound she slipped back into the sea and righted.

Instantly the men rushed upon deck, followed closely by the women. The night was densely black, though there was little or no sea. Just off the port bow a dim black mass could be discerned floating low in the water.

"A derelict," was the terse explanation of the officer of the watch.

Presently the engineer hurried on deck in search of the captain.

"That patch we put on the cylinder head's blown out, sir," he reported, "and she's makin' water fast for'ard on the port bow."

An instant later a seaman rushed up from below.

"My Gawd!" he cried. "Her whole bleedin' bottom's ripped out. She can't float twenty minutes."

"Shut up!" roared Tennington. "Ladies, go below and get some of your things together. It may not be so bad as that, but we may have to take to the boats. It will be safer to be prepared. Go at once, please. And, Captain Jerrold, send some competent man below, please, to ascertain the exact extent of the damage. In the meantime I might suggest that you have the boats provisioned."

The calm low voice of the owner did much to reassure the entire party, and a moment later all were occupied with the duties he had suggested. By the time the ladies had returned to the deck the rapid provisioning of the boats had been about completed, and a moment later the officer who had gone below had returned to report. But his opinion was scarcely needed to assure the huddled group of men and women that the end of the Lady Alice was at hand.

"Well, sir?" said the captain as his officer hesitated.

"I dislike to frighten the ladies, sir," he said, "but she can't float a dozen minutes, in my opinion. There's a hole in her you could drive a baily cow through, sir."

For five minutes the Lady Alice had been settling rapidly by the bow. Already her stern loomed high in air, and foothold on the deck was of the most precarious nature. She carried four boats, and these were all filled and lowered away in safety. As they pulled rapidly from the stricken little vessel Jane Porter turned to have one last look at her. Just then there came a loud crash and an ominous rumbling and pounding from the heart of the ship—her machinery had broken loose and was dashing its way toward the bow, tearing out partitions and bulkheads as it went. The stern rose rapidly high above them. For a moment she seemed to pause there, a vertical shaft protruding from the bosom of the ocean, and then swiftly she dove head foremost beneath the waves.

In one of the boats the brave Lord Tennington had wiped a tear from his eye. He had not seen a fortune in money go down forever into the sea, but a dear, beautiful friend whom he had loved.

At last the long night broke and a tropical sun smote down upon the rolling water. Jane Porter had dropped into a fitful slumber—the fierce light of the sun upon her upturned face awoke her. She looked about her. In the boat with her were three sailors, Clayton and M. Thuran. Then she looked for the other boats, but as far as the eye could reach there was nothing to break the fearful monotony of that waste of waters—they were alone in a small boat upon the broad Atlantic.

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As Tarzan struck the water his first impulse was to swim clear of the ship and possible danger from her propellers. He knew whom to thank for his present predicament, and as he lay in the sea, just supporting himself by a gentle movement of his hands, his chief emotion was one of chagrin that he had been so easily bested by Rokoff.

He lay thus for some time, watching the receding and rapidly diminishing lights of the steamer without it ever once occurring to him to call for help. He never had called for help in his life, and so it is not strange that he did not think of it now. Always had he depended upon his own prowess and resourcefulness, nor had there ever been since the days of Kala any to answer an appeal for succor. When it did occur to him it was too late. There was, thought Tarzan, a possible one chance in a hundred thousand that he might be picked up and an even smaller chance that he would reach land, so he determined that to combine what slight chances there were he would swim slowly in the direction of the coast—the ship might have been closer in than he had known.

His strokes were long and easy—it would be many hours before those giant muscles would commence to feel fatigue. As he swam, guided toward the east by the stars, he noticed that he felt the weight of his shoes, and to be rid of them. His trousers went next, and he would have removed his coat at the same time but for the precious papers in its pocket. To reassure himself that he still had them he slipped his hand in to feel, but to his consternation they were gone.

Now he knew that something more than revenge had prompted Rokoff to pitch him overboard. The ape-man swore softly and let his coat and shirt sink into the Atlantic. Before many hours he had divested himself of his remaining garments and was swimming easily and unencumbered toward the east.

The first faint evidence of dawn was paling the stars ahead of him when the dim outlines of a low lying black mass loomed up directly in his track. A few strong strokes brought him to its side—it was the bottom of a wave-washed derelict. Tarzan clambered upon it—he would rest there until daylight at least. He curled up upon the slimy timbers and was soon asleep.

The heat of the sun awoke him early in the forenoon. His first conscious sensation was of thirst, which grew almost to the proportions of suffering with full returning consciousness, but a moment later it was forgotten in the joy of two almost simultaneous discoveries. The first was a mass of wreckage floating beside the derelict, in the midst of which, bottom up, rose and fell an overturned lifeboat. The other was the faint, dim line of a far distant shore showing on the horizon in the east.

Tarzan dove into the water and swam around the wreck to the lifeboat. The cool ocean refreshed him almost as much as would a draft of water, so that it was with renewed vigor that he brought the smaller boat alongside the derelict and after many herculean efforts succeeded in dragging it on to the slimy ship's bottom. There he righted and examined it. The boat was quite sound and a moment later floated upright alongside the wreck. Then Tarzan selected several pieces of wreckage that might answer him as paddles and presently was making good headway toward the far off shore.

It was late in the afternoon by the time he came close enough to distinguish objects on land or to make out the contour of the shore line. Before him lay what appeared to be the entrance to a little, landlocked harbor. The wooded point to the north was strangely familiar. Could it be possible that fate had thrown him up at the very threshold of his own beloved jungle! But as the bow of his boat entered the mouth of the harbor the last shred of doubt was cleared away, for there before him upon the farther shore, under the shadows of his primeval forest, stood his own cabin—built before his birth by the hand of his long dead father, John Clayton, Lord Greystoke.

With long sweeps of his giant muscles Tarzan sent the little craft speeding toward the beach. Its prow had scarcely touched when the ape-man leaped to shore—his heart beat fast in joy and exultation as each long familiar object came beneath his roving eyes—the cabin, the beach, the little brook, the dense jungle, the black, impenetrable forest. The myriad birds in their brilliant plumage; the gorgeous tropical blooms upon the festooned creepers falling in great loops from the giant trees.

Tarzan of the Apes had come into his own again, and that all the world might know it he threw back his young head and gave voice to the fierce, wild challenge of his tribe. For a moment silence reigned upon the jungle, and then, shrill and weird, came an answering challenge. It was Sabor, the tiger, and the deep roar of Numa, the lion, and from a great distance faintly the fearsome answering bellow of a bull ape.

Tarzan went to the brook first and slaked his thirst. Then he approached his cabin. The door was still closed and latched as he and D'Arnot had left it. He raised the latch and entered. Nothing had been disturbed. There were the table, the bed and the little crib built by his father; the shelves and cupboards just as they had stood for over twenty-three years; just as he had left them nearly two years before.

His eyes satisfied, Tarzan's stomach began to call aloud for attention. The pangs of hunger suggested a search for food. There was nothing in the cabin, nor had he any weapons; but upon a wall hung one of his old grass ropes. It had been many times broken and spliced, so that he had discarded it for a better one long before. Tarzan wished that he had a knife. Well, unless he was mistaken he should have that and a spear and bows and arrows before another sun had set—the rope would take care of that, and in the meantime it must be made to procure food for him. He coiled it carefully, and, throwing it about his shoulder, went out, closing the door behind him.

Close to the cabin the jungle commenced, and into it Tarzan of the Apes plunged, wary and noiseless, once more a savage beast hunting its food. For a time he kept to the ground, but finding, discovering no spoor indicative of nearby meat, he took to the trees. With the first dizzy swing from tree to tree all the old joy of living swept over him. Vain regrets and dull heartaches were forgotten. Now was he living. Now indeed was the true happiness of perfect freedom his. Who would go back to the stifling, wicked cities of civilized man when the mighty reaches of the great jungle offered peace and liberty? Not he.

While it was yet light Tarzan came to a drinking place by the side of a jungle river. There was a ford there, and for countless ages the beasts of the forest had come down to drink at this spot. Here of a night might always be found either Sabor or Numa crouching in the dense foliage of the surrounding jungle awaiting an antelope or a water buck for its meal. Here came Horta, the boar, to water, and here came Tarzan of the Apes to make a kill, for he was very empty.

On a low branch he squatted above the trail. For an hour he waited. It was growing dark. A little to one side of the ford in the densest thicket he heard the faint sound of padded feet and the brushing of a huge body against tall grasses and tangled creepers. None other than Tarzan might have heard it, but the ape-man heard and translated. It was Numa, the lion, on the same errand as himself. Tarzan smiled.

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THE RUSSIAN LAND LAW

(Continued from page six)

Article 11. The land departments of the local and central Soviets are thus entrusted with the equitable apportionment of the land among the working agricultural population, and with the productive utilization of the natural resources. They also have the following duties:

(a) Creating favorable conditions for the development of the productive forces of the country by increasing the fertility of the land, improving agricultural technique, and, finally raising the standard of agricultural knowledge among the laboring population.

(b) Creating a surplus of lands of agricultural value.

(c) Developing various branches of agricultural industry, such as gardening, cattle-breeding, dairying, etc.

(d) Accelerating the transition from the old unproductive system of field cultivation to the new productive one (under various climates), by a proper distribution of the laboring population in various parts of the country.

(e) Developing collective homesteads in agriculture (in preference to individual homesteads) as the most profitable system of saving labor and material, with a view to passing on to Socialism.

Article 12. The appointment of land among the laboring population is to be carried on on the basis of each one's ability to till it and in accordance with local conditions, so that the production and consumption standard may not compel some peasants to work beyond their strength; and at the same time it should give them sufficient means of subsistence.

Article 13. Personal labor is the general and fundamental source of the right to use the land for agricultural purposes. In addition, the organs of the Soviet power, with a view to raising the agricultural standard (by organizing model farms or experimental fields) are permitted to borrow from the surplus land fund (formerly belonging to the Crown, monasteries, ministers, or land-owners) certain plots and to work them by labor paid by the state. Such labor is subject to the general rules of workmen's control.

Article 14. All citizens engaged in agricultural work are to be insured at the expense of the state against old age, sickness, or injuries which incapacitate them.

Article 15. All incapacitated agriculturists and the members of their families who are unable to work are to be cared for by the organs of the Soviet power.

Article 16. Every agricultural homestead is to be insured against fire, epidemics among cattle, poor crops, dry weather, hail, etc., by means of mutual Soviet insurance.

Article 17. Surplus profits, obtained on account of the natural fertility of the land or on account of its location near markets, are to be turned over for the benefit of social needs to the organs of the Soviet power.

Article 18. The trade in agricultural machinery and in seeds is monopolized by the organs of the Soviet power.

Article 19. The grain trade, internal as well as export, is to be a state monopoly.

DIVISION II.

Who has the Right to Use the Land

Article 20. Plots of land may be used in the Russian Federal Soviet Republic for the following social and private needs:

A. Cultural and educational:

1. The state, in the form of the organs of the Soviet power (Federal, regional, provincial, county, and rural).
2. Social organizations (under the control and by permission of the local Soviet).

B. For agricultural purposes:

3. Agricultural communities.
4. Agricultural associations.
5. Village organizations.
6. Individuals and families.

C. For construction purposes:

7. By the organs of the Soviet power.
8. By social organizations, individuals, and families (if the construction is not a means of obtaining profits).
9. By industrial, commercial, and transportation enterprises (by special permission and under the control of the Soviet power).

D. For constructing ways of communication.

10. By organs of the Soviet power (Federal, regional, provincial, county, and rural, according to the importance of the ways of communication).

EDITORIAL COMMENT

(The above are two of thirteen divisions contained in this document, the provisions of which were put into effect by the "Soviet" administration in Russia. We regret being unable, through lack of space, to publish the remainder, because the document is in itself a reply to the lying charges of anarchy hurled at the Bolsheviki regime.

Division 3 lays down the order in which land is appointed. Number 4, the standard of agricultural production and consumption standfor the use of land of agricultural value. The rest cover all other phases of this department of productive life.

From division 4 we extract sections 13 to 16 and offer them as a denial of the deliberate press slander that the Bolsheviki are a people debased, greedy, cruel and without kindly human instincts. We challenge the capitalist press and the capitalist apologists generally, of this or any country under the bourgeois regime, no matter how high they rate its civilization or democracy, to show us in operation or even show us where it is the intention to put in operation a measure equal to the following as a manifestation of lively humanitarian instincts and quick sense of social responsibility to those who through age or weakness are considered unfit to labor either in part or in whole in the productive processes.)

"13. The census of the inhabitants engaged in agricultural work is to be taken by sex, age and family for each homestead separately, and later the information obtained is to be classified by villages, counties and provinces of the given section.

"14. [illegible] to determine the number of workingmen and members dependent on them [illegible] following classes (according to ages):

THOSE UNABLE TO WORK

Girls ..... to 12 years of age
Boys ..... to 12 years of age
Men ..... [illegible]
Women ..... [illegible]

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