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Grower And Consumer In Grip Of Canadian Fruit Trust

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A SECRET INVESTIGATION OF WELL KNOWN FACTS—FRUIT TRUST IS A NIGHTMARE TO EVERY RANCHER — SPREAD BETWEEN PRODUCER AND CONSUMER IS FAR TOO GREAT—MUST TURN OUT GOVERNMENT

(BY SYDNEY WARREN)

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT is investigating the fruit and vegetable monopoly in British Columbia, **but it is doing it in secret!**

It is charged, and facts offered to back the accusation, that the entire fruit and vegetable produce of this province is being monopolized by two companies—the Mutual and the Growers' Sales Agency, and that British Columia fruit growers are forced to sell to either one of the other of these concerns. Shipping his fruit out of the province will not take the grower from their clutches, for they operate under different trade names in all the prairie provinces and one even has branches in Minneapolis, U. S. A.

THESE FACTS ARE KNOWN to all who have the slightest acquaintance with the fruit raising industry of this province.

Why should the Dominion's investigation commission swathe itself in secrecy when the very facts it seeks to keep from the public are known to all those interested?

EVERY FRUIT GROWER IN B. C., unless he is an utter fool, knows that so far as the prices he receives for his products he is absolutely at the mercy of the packing houses and jobbing concerns.

Penniless Ranchers

I know a man who has one of the best cultivated orchards in the whole Okanagan Valley and whose fruit is of the highest grade. yet this man for his entire fruit crop last year received $632. Another man who invested all his savings and borrowed capital, in addition to expending in labor for improvements to a total sum of nearly $10,000, was compelled to leave his orchard near Kelowna and return to Vancouver practically penniless.

The banks flatly refuse to advance cash on fruit crop returns and the local merchants have been compelled to demand cash for all goods bought.

Men who have homesteaded their land and battled for years in developing it are being driven away, loosing everything and forced to come back to the city in search of a job that is becoming increasingly elusive.

NO Money—More Potatoes

For months the grower is kept in total ignorance as to how his produce is being handled. He may receive $1 per box for his best apples or he may get back less than what it cost him to grow the fruit. In some cases the more fruit he ships the larger his loss. He is in the position of the Missouri potato farmer who, upon receiving an advice from the shipping house to the effect that his potatoes did not pay the freight and to forward money, wired back, "Have no money, but will send more potatoes."

Fruit Trust in Control

To an outsider it might appear that with low fruit prices to the grower, fruit would be cheaper for the consumer, but nothing is farther from the truth.

Regardless of the fact that the grower in many cases received less than wages for his product, the consumer paid exorbitant prices for all classes of fruit. Only this spring, when the fruit growers were congratulating themselves on receiving ten cents a pound as top price for cherries, the consumer paid anywheres from twenty-five to fifty cents a pound.

Facts Are Not Secret

These facts are known to all who raise fruit, and all the secrecy of the Dominion investigation will not hide them.

An economic system that does not allow the producers of its foodstuffs enough to live on is more than unsound, it is decadent.

Investigations and palliatives seeking a remedy under the present government will be as successful as the French people of the 13th century were when they attempted to rid themselves of a rat plague by proceedings against the ratees in the ecclesiastical courts of France.

Another Scare Proven False

Prior to and during election time the press and politicians declarded that capital would leave the country if the Labor party obtained power in England. Now comes a report of the first five months of trading operations under a Labor government showing a splendid increase. Here it is:

WASHINGTON. — Herbert Hoover's department of commerce has received cabled reports from Walter S. Tower, commercial attache in London, showing that British trade has taken a strong upward trend. During May the foreign trade increased neary 28 per cent over the April figures, reaching the high total of £205,439,000. Imports accounted for £35,992,000 of the increase or an increase in imports of nearly 42 per cent. This was the greatest month for imports since December, 1920. The total foreign trade for May, 1924, was 19 per cent higher than for May, 1923.

Taking the first five months of 1924, the foreign trade of Great Britain shows a gain of £78,184,000, or 9½ per cent over the same period of 1923.

A BANKERS' VICTORY

A recent report of the Bankers' Trust Co. of New York shows that the four chief "victors" in the world war owe $179,221,000,000. This means that the peoples of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy were in no real sense victors.

Queensland Benefits Under Labor Rule

BRISBANE, Queensland. — Nine years of Labor rule has placed Queensland in an exceedingly prosperous condition. The ninth birthday of the Labor government of Queensland finds Labor stronger than ever.

James Larcombe, minister of railways, says that in spite of war, droughts, financial boycotts, political intrigues, the Labor government has to its credit, legislative and administrative achievements unprecedented in Australia.

He lists the abolition of the upper house, full adult suffrage for city affairs, arbitration in labor disputes, unemployment insurance, higher wages, shorter hours ,cheaper food, lower taxes, housing and educational improvement, baby clinics, better farming, plenty of money for investment and larger saving deposits.

Progressives Vote With Labor Group

By JOHN ROBUR

(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent)

OTTAWA, Can.—A radical group is being organized in the Canadian parliament. It is an offshoot of the Farmers' party and of the Labor party. Most of its members come from the farmer or progressive group, but it rallied first around a resolution moved by the leader of the tiny labor party.

The Labor members and the Progressive members of the house of commons frequently vote together. In spite of standpat preaching that Labor and farmer have diverse interests, the members of the Canadian house usually find they are on the same side.

The effective start was given to the drift away from the progressive caucus when J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member from Winnipeg moved that the budget tariff reductions be replaced by those of the progressive platform. He and Irvine, the other Labor member, drew 14 progressives with them in the vote.

Recently this radical group forced the house to vote on banking reform issues and on one occasion came within 12 votes of defeating the government.

Building Trades Committee Meet

The Building Trades Committee of the Trades & Labor Council held its usual meeting on Tuesday night. The movement on foot to form a Building Trades Council was discussed further, and it was reported that the Electricians, carpenters, sheet metal workers, engineers, iron workers, and pile drivers were favorable to forming a council. No report was received from the bricklayers, plasterers and painters, and these trades will be invited to attend the next meeting of the committee which will be held next Tuesday evening, July 29th. A committee was appointed to investigate the conditions of labor at the Exhibition grounds with a view to getting the standard rate of wages paid to the various trades employed there.

So the always thirsty ones will have to wait till September.

Lives And Property In Danger Because City Council Sulks

CITY FIRE HALLS UNDERMANNED ON ACCOUNT OF INCOMPETENCY OF CITY COUNCIL WHO PASS THE BUCK TO THE FIRE UNDERWRITERS—WORKERS' HOMES ARE NOT INSURED—FIREMEN NEED DAY OF REST EACH WEEK

BECAUSE THE CITY FIRE FIGHTERS forced the city council to live up to the legislation granting the fire fighters one day off per week, the council seems inclined to sulk at the expense of the safety of life and property of citizens.

EVERY FIRE HALL in the city at the present time is undermanned. Every home built with the hard earned wages of labor stands in greater danger than it ever did before from the fire demon. A big fire in the downtown section will draw the fire fighters away from the residential section in sufficient number to successfully cope with it should a fire then start in the residential section the house may be burned to the ground and life may even have been destroyed.

WE CANNOT BLAME the fire fighters for wanting one day off a week just as any other human being. Fire fighting is very exhaustive work and it is hard on the nerves when life is in danger. And when that call comes not a man knows in what condition he will return. A long list of fire fighters have been killed and injured. Common justice demands that these men should have a rest day every week.

Danger to Workers' Homes

BUT THE CITY COUNCIL is trying to hide behind an excuse. It tries to hide its own incompetency by pointing an accusing finger at the fire underwriters for adding 10% to the insurance rates. We are not very much concerned with the insurance because the average working man is so poor that he cannot insure his house after he has built or bought it. Over 40% are not insured, hence when a man's hard earned home is burnt down he has to start on another uphill fight to get a new one.

IF THE FIRE FIGHTING FORCE is insufficient and the water pressure is low the insurance companies have a perfect right to increase it charges with the increase in risks, but these people stand ready to readjust it just as soon as the city council takes a sane attitude towards the life and property of the residents of this city.

City Council Must Act.

Vancouver citizens must protest to the city council against the danger confronting every human being on account of the lack of sufficient fire fighters. The council must be compelled to find ways and means of financing this obligation. Spread over the entire city the sum is very small but the loss to a resident whose home has been destroyed is very great.

You Must Force Issue

Action must be taken at once. The danger is greater now than it ever was in the history of the city. The water pressure is very low and the dry weather causes flamable material to burn quickly. Write or ring up your alderman and demand that he vote at once to increase the fire fighting force of the city. Do it now.

Why Labor Govt. Meets With Defeat

Press reports inform us of the British Labor government being defeated several times on its Housing Bill. In proposing to build two and a half mililon houses the government intends to eliminate as much profit as possible, hence the vicious attacks of the old parties. The Glasgow Forward points to the savings made by the Trades Union "Building Workers' Guilds" and day labor plan. It says

"Houses built by the Building Workers' Guild at Irlam were £260 cheaper than the same size and quality of houses built by profitmaking contractors; houses built by the Office of Works at Pontyridd were £194 per house cheaper than the private contractors prices; the direct labor scheme at Norwich saved the city £25,000 on contractors' prices; direct labor at Tonbridge saved £200 per house; direct labor at Southgate saved £350 per house; and direct labor at Bentley saved £200 per house; direct labor in Birmingham saved £150 per house, Durham £152, Hull £168, Kent district cheaper houses £210 and better class houses £306 per house. No wonder they want to defeat Labor.

CLOTHING WORKERS WIN

NEW YORK.—Over three-fourths of the 40,000 strikers in the New York men's clothing industry are back at work following the successful strike called by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union June 25. Besides the newly formed New York Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange, over 100 independent shops signed with the union.

The union shop, establishment of minimum wage scales and an unemployment insurance fund along lines of the Chicago fund are important provisions of the contract.

CALGARY TO CELEBRATE

Calgary Trades and Labor Council intends to eclipse, if possible, all previous records it has made in the celebration of Labor Day on September 1st.

The executive anticipates a large attendance and one thousand tickets will be offered for sale.

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A. F. of L. May Swing To New Labor Party

WASHINGTON. — Edward McGrady, legislative agent for the A. F. of L., reporting on the Republican and Democratic conventions and platforms declared that labor had been treated by these organizations with contempt; and that negotiations were now going on—presumably between the A. F. of L. and the LaFollette managers—which would soon lead to a public statement of the position of the federation.

The Central Labor Union voted to invite Arthur Holder, national secretary, Conference for Progressive Political Action, to speak at its next meeting on the work of the Cleveland convention.

Holder's attitude is that the LaFollette movement is the first practical opportunity which the labor movement has had in many years to check the injunction evil and to end judical autocracy by bringing about election of federal judges for limited terms. It promises to create an official atmosphere favorable to trade union organization, so that millions of wage earners will again, as in 1918, flock into the organized labor movement.

The Cry for Justice

DINNER A LA TANGO

(By Edwin Bjorkman)
(American critic, born in Sweden 1866)

It is after eight o'clock in one of the smaller dining-rooms of a fashionable New York hotel. The middle of the room is cleared for dancing. At one end a small orchestra is working furiously at a melody that affects the mind like a triple-distilled essence of nervous unrest. Every table is occupied by merry groups of men and women in evening dress. Above their heads are strung almost invisible wires to which are attached colored lanterns, gaudy mechanical butterflies, and huge red and green toy balloons. Just as we enter, a stoutish, heavy-faced chap with a monacle slaps the next man on the back and cries out:

"We must be gay, old man!"

The open square in the middle is filled with dancers. They trip and slide and dip. They side-step and back-step and gyrate. They wave their arms like pump-handles, or raise them skyward, palm to palm, as if in prayer. There are among them young girls with shining faces full of inarticulate desire; simpering young men with a leer lurking at the bottom of their vacant stares; stiff-legged and white-haired old men with drooping eyelids; and stern-jawed matrons with hand-made faces of a startling purple hue. But on every face, young or old bright or dull, there beams a smile, or clings a smirk, for the spirit of the place demands gaiety at any price.

On the tables are strewn gaily trimmed packages that open with a report, and yield gaily colored paper caps. Rubicund gentlemen place the caps over their bald spots, while women pick the big butterflies to pieces, and put the fragments into their hair until they look like barbarous princesses. Men and women drink and dance, feast and flirt, sing and laugh and shout . . . .

Gay is the scene indeed: gay the music and the laughter; gay the wine that sparkles in the glasses; gay the swirling, swaying maze of dancing couples; gay the bright balloons and brilliant dresses of the women. And it is as if my mind's eye saw these words written in burning letters on the wall:

Leave care behind, all ye that enter here!

But out there on Fifth Avenue a lot of unkempt unreasonable men and women are marching savagely behind a black flag.

OUR LEGISLATORS

By George Lansbury, Labor M.P.

I will tell you what helped to make me a Socialist. I formerly belonged, in my unregenerate days, to the Liberal Party, and I was as enthusiastic then as I hope I am now, and I went canvassing night after night during the period when you had to put people on the register. I went to a door in one of the worst streets in Bromley-by-Bow. I knocked at it, and a woman dressed in a sack came to the door. This was 35 years ago, and the street is just as foul now as it was then. That woman came to the door in a sack in which there were holes cut out for her arms to go through, and a hole for her head to go through. She asked me what I wanted. I said, "I want to speak to your husband." She said, "He is not in. What do you want with him?" I said "I want to know if he is on the register. I want to get his vote." She swore, and said, "What is the good of a vote to me?" I went home and thought about that, and now I say to you, What is the good of a vote to the poor of this country, if it is not going to be used to alter the conditions of life? Landlords have occupied these benches, and have legislated for their class. Capitalists have occupied them, and they have used their powers to make laws to enable commerce to go free.

Significant Start Made In The U.S.

CLEVELAND.— Determined to "take its rightful place beside the victorious Socialist and labor movements of England, France and other countries, the national convention of the Socialist party held at Cleveland, July 6-8 distributes an address to the party members. The address is in support of the decision adopted by a large majority vote of the convention to support the independent LaFollette candidacy for president instead of putting up party candidates as heretofore.

The address lists as reasons the large and successful convention of labor and farmer representatives that had just concluded their national conference for progressive political action, the forward looking platform adopted by the C.P.P.A., the nomination of LaFollette and the promise to consider organizing a large producers and progressive party in January, 1925.

"Out of this significant start," the address declares, "the workers of America may soon build up a labor party which will take its place beside the British Labor party and the similar parties throughout the world in that international brotherhood of labor which alone can make the new civilization."

Stating that the new activity will create fresh vigor in the Socialist party, the address concludes: "Will each and every one of you work as never before in the service of labor and Socialism? Labor in America is on the march!"

A Different Kind Of Water Power

Some of the politicians and newspapers who are so solicitous for the welfare of the farmer and who point out to the man on the land the danger of any co-operation with the industrial worker, are good at ignoring some things. They refer to Labor's high wages—without mentioning the fact that the real wage of the workers are lower today than they were before the war—but they carefully refrain from any mention of the really important factors entering into the high cost of living. Mr. Peterson of the Farm and Ranch Review may endeavour to poison the minds of the farmers against the miners who are attempting to retain a decent standard of living, but he will never let a peep out of him about the interests that are at the throat of the people of Canada. That would be coming too close to where the editor of the Farm and Ranch Review lives.

During the past few years there have been some great mergers of Canadian companies, every one of which offered an excuse for filling up watered stock with still more water. William Irvine in the House of Commons at Ottawa the other day referred to seventeen of these mergers in which the British Empire Steel Corporation was not included. The companies referred to all manufacture articles used by farmers and industrial workers in Canada. The capital of the companies absorbed in the mergers totalled $63,788,500, and it is reasonable to assume that some of that was water. The capital authorized to be issued as a result of the mergers was $206,050,000. Mr. Irvine referring to the figures is reported by Hansard to have said:

Look at the tons of water. It has been said that we have a lot of water power in this country. There can be no doubt about it, and this is only a drop or two in the great ocean of watered stock the burden of profits on which the Canadian working people and the farmers and artisans of Canada are carrying on their backs. The increase in capital values of above companies authorized under the Companies Act, which I would have the Hon. Minister of Labor to have changed immediately is: $142,861,500, an increase of watered stock of 324 per cent, carrying an annual charge upon the industry of this country allowing only a 5 per cent profit of $7,143,075, and that is taken away without putting anything into the business at all. That is simply a hand out which the act referred to permits them to take away. Then we hear hon. members talking about the amount of money which was received by the bricklayers of this country, and talking about wages which are paid as a reason for the high cost of living in Canada.—Alberta Labor News.

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Women Pledge To Resist All Wars

NEW YORK.—Pledges from people all over the country, of absolute non-cooperation in any future war waged for whatsoever reason, have been received by the Women's Peace Society. This society, a unit of the War Resisters' International, has come out of the last ten years of international murder and thievery, with high hopes in the basic idealism of mankind.

On East 110th St., New York City, facing Central Park, stands peace House, the home of the Woman's Peace Society, erected in 1919 for holding antiwar meetings and exhibits. As you enter the large auditorium your eye is caught by several tableaux, in miniature, representing the signing of the treaty between William Penn and the Indians, the reading of the law by Moses, (Thou shalt not kill) on Mt. Sinia, the early communal life of the Quakers and Indians and other efforts to live in peace and good will.

Silhouetted in gruesome detail against a crimson curtain stands a grinning skeleton, with a khaki jacket on its bony arms, an army cap on its whitened skull and a rifle in its hands. It is the skeleton of a soldier caught in a barbed wire entaglement and has been used for the design on a bronze tablet on the reverse side of a granite block erected as a memorial of war by the American Legion, Post 113, in Manchester, Mass., so that men may be inspired to "rebel against the horrors of war."

The underlying principle of the Woman's Peace Society is "a belief that human life should be held sacred and inviolable under all circumstances" that war is legalized murder and that the way to cope with it is to present to the governments of the world a solid front of non-resistant non-co-operation.

The United States naval mission to Brazil has aroused great distrust in the Argentine and started a disastrous armament race between the two nations. In all of the 20 Latin-American countries not only do U. S. capitalists have a dominant influence, but American customs inspectors, sometimes backed by American marines, are in actual authority.

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A resolution recently adopted by the Pernambuco Chamber of Deputies, Brazil, provides for the establishment of a foundation for the building of homes for recognizedly poor persons, in exchange for a small monthly rental.

New Zealand.—The Labor Party of Australia has decided to take part in the Anti-War Day. "You can rest assured that everything possible will be done to make the Anti-War Demonstrations in New Zealand as great a success as possible," they say in a letter to the I.F.T.U. in which they send information of this decision.

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Australia Also Has White Barbarians

By W. FRANCIS AHERN

(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

RAMAUL, New Guinea, South Pacific Ocean.—Although forbidden under the League of Nations, white officials of the Australian government administering the mandate over the ex-German territory of New Guinea, are forcing women to co-habit with them.

Here are specific cases reported to The Federated Press by officials in the territory:

At Eitape, an official attempted to rape a young native woman. She resisted and was flogged. With her back bleeding profusely she fled to the hospital. Nothing was done to the white official.

At Biligil, a district officer compelled a native woman, with a child at her breast to sleep with him for several days. He then handed her over to another officer.

At Kambok, a police official saw a native woman, newly married to a native chief. The chief was thrown into jail and his wife defiled and turned loose. Because she had consorted with a European she became a prostitute.

The Catholic mission at Marienberg reported to the commissioner of natives that it is common for police officials to capture native women for immoral purposes. The protests were in vain.

In April a white official was charged with ordering native women to be brought to him. As he had friends higher up the charge was not pushed.

Captain Thompson, an official of the Austrialian government at Rabaul, testifies that a native woman's breasts were lacerated by a beating from a white official.

At Gasmatta a native woman was thrown out of the hospital to die in the bush on the orders of a district officer because she was "too much trouble." A native police boy was ordered to take her into the bush and leave her there. She was never seen again.

Protests against the enforced prostitution of native women have been made to the Australian government with little result. The protests are being forwarded to the league of Nations at Geneva.

Ex-Political Prisoners In German Reichstag

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN.—In the Communist delegation of 60 in the new German reichstag the metal workers head the list with 12 members. The office employees have 7, the miners 2, carpenters 5, masons 3, railway workers 2, transport workers 2, and printers, tobacco workers, shoe workers, house painters, masseurs, and cooks 1 each. All of the delegation are ex-political prisoners.

Only two members had the luxury of a higher education. One is Ruth Fischer, graduate of the university of Vienna, the other a lawyer. The rest of the delegation consists of party editors and officials.

Prison Labor In Land of The Free

The Reliance Mfg. Co. of Chicago one of the firms in the U.S. using prison labor for making cotton goods, operates 17 prison factories, getting buildings rent free and also power, heat and light free or at nominal rates. It gets its labor from state prisons and reformatories at rates varying from a fifth to a half of cost in free plants.

"Net profits for the first 11 months of 1923 were $999,409.44.

The Only Working Class Party In U.S. (?)

(International Labor News Service)

Chicago.—The Farmer Labor Party, Foster's St. Paul creation, was scuttled and sunk without a trace by its national executive committee here today.

The committee at the same time urges party members to support the (Communist) Workers' Party candidates for president and vice-president who were announced today as being respectively William Z. Foster, of Chicago, and Ben Gitlow, of New York.

The committeemen signing the manifesto were Alexander Howat, chairman, C. A. Hathaway, Joseph Manley, Alfred Knutson and Scott Wilkins.

The official reason assigned for this action is that the time is not propitious for a "united front" working class political party and that this situation was brought about by the action of the conference for Progressive Political Action at Cleveland, July 4, in nominating LaFollette, and his susequent indorsement by the Socialist Party. That is for public consumption, however.

The Fosterites are congratulating each other on being great "slickers" and bragging about their wonderful strategy in eliminating the Farmer Labor and Socialist Parties as competitors of the Workers' Party of America, leaving the latter as the only "working class party in America," as they put it.

To Flood New South Wales With Girls

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—"One thousand British girls of not more than 14 years of age" is the latest child immigration scheme launched in New South Wales. The scheme is fostered by employers.

The promoters express the opinion that the economic necessities of many British parents will induce them to consent to the migration of their girl children, and that it will not be difficult to obtain the required number. In fact it is thought that it will be easier to effect the migration of girls of only 14 years than girls of 16 and upwards.

New South Wales is not under a Labor Government.

The experience of Canada with similar immigration schemes has been that a large proportion of the young newcomers find their way to hospitals, asylums and prisons. Many of the children born in Canadian public institutions are the offspring of young unmarried girls who had been received from Great Britain through emigrant agencies.

International Campaign Against Militarism

"The Campaign against War and Militarism" was the subject of an afternoon's discussion at the Third Ordinary International Trade Union Congress held in Vienna.

After speeches by Ben Tillett and Jouhaux the resolution was unanimously adopted amid very hearty applause. The resolution reads as follows:

"The Third Ordinary Congress of the International Federation of Trade Unions, held at Vienna from the second to the 7th of June, 1924, confirming the previous resolutions against militarism and war, reaffirms that it is the duty of the working class, organized nationally and internationally, to resist war in the most energetic way by stopping the manufacture of arms and munitions, by effecting an economic blockade, and by declaring the international general strike.

"The Congress declares that the trade union organization of all countries must not cease to devote their attention to propaganda to put an end to animosities between the nations, so that it may be possible to reorganize the relations between the peoples, basing them upon mutual international aid, the application of international law, and compulsory arbitration.

General Disarmament

"In view of the fact that the general well being of the peoples can only be safeguarded by general disarmament, the Congress proclaims the urgent necessity for:

1. Controlling the manufacture of and traffic in arms and war munitions.

2. Convening an international Conference for the purpose of suppressing the private manufacture of armaments and effecting a general prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all war material.

The Congress instructs the Bureau of the I.F.T.U. to continue its activities for the education of the masses, and especially for the rising generation and the women, for the strengthening of the activities of all forces working for peace in the whole world.

"In carrying out this resolution, the International Congress, while solemnly confirming the resolution adopted by the executive at its meetings of November 8th, 1923, concerning the organization of an international anti-war demonstration on September 21st, 1924, calls upon the workers of all countries to make the greatest possible efforts in order that this demonstration may have that importance and magnitude which the actual state of the world demands."

Spain.— The military forces which are momentarily the rulers of Spain have forbidden the publication of the manifesto by the I.F.T.U. regarding the Anti-War Demonstration on the 21st September.

The Queensland State Public Service General Officers' Association is now completely linked up with the Labor Movement in both its industrial and poltical sides, says "The Australian Worker."

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FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON THE LABOR PORTFOLIO

Our meagrely loaded mail-bag last week yielded a communique from friend "Murphy," who gently seeks to take us to task for our opinions, expressed in this place a few weeks ago on the mater of the Liberal feelers put forth for the South Vancouver member-elect, Harry Neelands, to handle the portfolio of Labor Minister.

Here let it be clearly understood that we are not so egotistic as to imagine all things outside of our opinions to be unworthy of consideration; nor can we understand why "Murphy" should give an emphatic negative to a putative accusation that he is a Liberal agent. No one has ever accused him of it, for the simple reason that, as yet, we know not who he (or she) may be.

And again! Our condemnation of the suggestion that one of the Labor members should accept a portfolio in the present government might possibly be dubbed "generous," but the suggestion was by no means "faint," as Murphy seems to think. It was blazoned on the front pages of the morning and evening local journals that were at that time governmental mouthpieces, backed up by distinct editorialising. It was a bugle blast.

However, since our last comment, through an act of providence in discovering credit figures in the debit column and the absentee vote which is peculiarly overwhelmingly Liberal, the governmental party has been able to scrape Mary Ellen and one or two others into the victor's category. The Liberals will as early and as gracefully as possible forget their trumpetings for Labor assistance, or we miss our guess. Nor do we consider that there is anything astute in these discoveries. That is the trouble. It is the preeminently obvious that is usually neglected by the members of the working class, as we all so sadly can bear testimony.

However, as old Bob Blatchford was wont to say: "To our muttons!" "Murphy" says there are three courses open to the Labor members, and argues very cleverly for the pursuit of what he considers to be the best, which is an open and above board agreement arrived at with the government party in consideration of certain concessions in the form of Labor legislation, to be continued until the government attemps legislation that is distasteful to Labor.

That the items enumerated by "Murphy" that could be got, and the changes he suggests on Compensation, Mother's Pensions, etc, might be beneficial to Labor we do not deny. Nor do we here attempt to argue against them. In our previous effort on this matter we opined that the movement in the old land might be looked at with profit so far as this subject was concerned. When the Labor government of Britain, holding office by suffrage of the Liberals, is cited for argument, we retort that no parallel exists. There the entire Labor party, as such, have produced a government, such as it is. That they have done so, as a minority and by the "good will" (sic) of the Liberals, might be admitted. But the politics of that country, as of others, arises out of its economics. And MacDonald is permitted to occupy No. 10 Downing Street, not so much because his political enemies desire him to, but because they cannot agree to allow each other that privelege. The financiers of Lloyd George are too deeply hostile, at this moment, to Baldwin's industrials. So Labor governs, as well as it can.

But that is a different situation to a Labor representative taking office in a capitalistic cabinet and thus sinking his own identity and that of such portion of the working class movement as he represents and can influence.

When the elder Liebnecht launched his polemic entitled "No Compromise; No Political Trading" it was occasioned by the entrance of Millerand into the French Cabinet. Was Liebnecht justified? Events subsequently have given the answer. And such of the Labor men in the old land that took cabinet positions in Lloyd George's coalition cabinet still carry the stigma, from "Black-Friday" Thomas down to Arthur Henderson. Do they not stand out in contrast to Bob Smillie who was deliberately persecuted by the Welsh wizard after he refused the job of Minister of Health? Brace, who was made Privy Councillor, ran in the last election as a "Conservative."

Now come home. "Murphy" thinks Labor could get more legislation in two years through an "agreement" than by years of patient building up. Maybe, but what of it? Labor has already a large amount of legislation that may be considered good, but it is dead. It is not enforced. This is stated merely to show that the mere writing of laws does not constitute everything. And the economic interests behind the Liberals at this time will see to it that very little lee-way is given Labor, for what Labor is able to get worth while must necessarily be at the expense of the other parties' profit. And at that they jib.

But suppose an agreement to be consummated; what then? When another election comes around we would be confronted with the spectacle of a Labor member, holding a cabinet position, parading the country with the Liberal ministers extolling the work of his colleagues in the cabinet. Either that or he would have to oppose them, and then with the cat out of the bag, what a pretty picture! That would be sufficient to discredit in the eyes of the thinking worker any such performance.

"Murphy" appears apprehensive of a combined attack on the present Labor members and notes the lamentable affect. Can that be avoided? If it can, is it really worth while to escape it through a submergence into the Liberal (or other) political whirlpool?

If the capitalist parties wish to combine against a sitting Labor member they will do so when it suits them. But they cannot do so without producing the inevitable reactions. And those reactions would undoubtedly result in the further awakening of members of the working class to the character of the game that is played.

Much more could be said, but for the once, we forbear.

THE LAW OF COMPENSATION

The successful Liberal candidates in the City of Vancouver in the recent election who led the field were Chas. Woodward, Ian Mackenzie, et al, while "Mary Ellen" was narrowly squeezed out. It is remarkable that not those who led the field in the "home" vote, but those to whom "most good" could be done led the "absentee" vote, resulting in Mary Ellen being narrowly squeezed in.

God is kind; and in his infinite wisdom sends the raindrops at the proper season upon the arid desert. We had notions of mentioning North Vancouver, but after a second look we became too full for words. It's a good world!

ADDENDUM TO NOTE ON WILSON IDEALISM

Owing to lack of space last week we were crowded out with what we had to say under this head. What follows, therefore, is by way of amplification. We concluded as below:

"So far as the Wilsonian policies are concerned, judged from his pronoucements, they constitute a jumble of ideas and fancies remarkable for their inconsistency."

In resuming, then, let us illustrate! On the question of world armaments, a speech to the French Chamber of Deputies, Feb. 3rd, 1919, the professor-president delivered himself as follows:

"The nations of the world are about to consummate a brotherhood which will make it unnecessary in the future to maintain those crushing armaments which make the people suffer almost as much in peace as they suffered in war."

But in his message to the U. S. Congress only two months previously (Dec. 2nd, 1918) we find the following:

"I take it for granted that Congress will carry out the naval programme . . . These plans have been prepared . . . with the intention of adhering to a definite method of development for the navy. I earnestly recommend the uninterrupted pursuit of that policy."

As to the culpability of the German people in the European war we find two opposing opinions expressed within a week of each other. In his speech at Columbus, Sept. 4th, 1919, he charges the German people with it, as follows:

"In the last analysis, my fellow-country men, as we in America would be the first to claim, a people are responsible for the acts of their government . . . Germany was self-governed. Her rulers had not concealed the purposes they had in mind."

But a week later at Billings, Mont., (Sept. 11, 1919) he exonerates them, in these words:

"The German nation had no choice whatever as to whether it was to go into war or not, did not know that it was going into it until its men were summoned to the colors."

In the same Billings speech he attempted to whitewash the Allies and claimed that they had never been dishonorable. He said:

"I challenge anybody to show where, in recent years, . . . there has been the repudiation of an international obligation by France or Italy or Great Britain or Japan. Japan has kept her engagements . . . There can be cited no instance where these governments have been dishonorable."

But at San Francisco six days later (Sept. 17th, 1919) he lets loose the following rhetorical broadside against this Japan "which has kept her agreements:"

"Let me remind you of some of the history of this business. It was in 1898 that China ceded these rights and concessions to Germany. The pretext was that some German missionaries had been killed . . . Two Christian missionaries are killed, and therefore one great nation robs another nation, and does a thing which is fundamentally un-Christian and heathen! . . . Then, what happened, my fellow-citizens? Then Russia came in and obliged China to cede to her Port Arthur and Talien Wan, not for quite so long a period, but upon substantially the same terms. Then England must needs have Wei-Hai-Wei as an equivalent concession to that which had been made to Germany; and presently certain ports, with the territory back of them, were

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Miners Lose Lives For Besco's Profit

By Barbara Feningston
For The Federated Press

Stellarton, Nova Scotia.—Investigation has failed to fix any responsibility for the explosion which cost the lives of four men in the Allan mine shaft of the Acadia Coal Co. at Stellarton last June. Miners who have worked for years in the Acadia mine charge that the cause was "cheap production." Repeated requests for the repairs went unheeded. The British Empire Steel Corp. owns the Acadia Coal Co.

The four men died of after-damp, 1200 feet below the surface where they had been working. Their seven companions were brought to the surface unconscious but were revived. One of their number immediately upon noticing the smoke broke the pipe conveying the compressed air which drives the pumps and other machinery, giving them a supply of air.

The Acadia mine has been the scene of many similar disasters since 1880. In that year, 46 men lost their lives in the old Foord pit explosion. In 1914 six men met death in flood and fire. In 1918 a disastrous explosion in the Allan shaft cost 88 lives.

This terrible toll of human life is significant of the policy of the British Empire Steel Corp., familiarly known as Besco. It controls practically all the coal area in Nova Scotia in addition to steel plants and iron mines and in which it maintains low wages and hard conditions. For years it has bitterly fought organized labor.

The Acadia mine is probably one of the biggest profit-yielding properties in the dominion. The Foord pit is the second richest seam of bituminous coal in the world.

MONONGAH, W. Va.—The $20,000 new miners' hall and movie house at Monongah is in full use since its dedication July 4. It is the property of Local 1643, United Mine Workers, whose members paid assessments equalling $20 per man for it. Besides the hall with movie equipment, seating 550, there are two stores and offices in the building.

Tenth Annivrsary of World War

LONDON.—The World War which began Aug. 1st., 1914, when Germany declared war, following Russian mobilization, is coming to be regarded by European labor everywhere as a monstrous capitalistic crime on the part of all great powers.

Permanent peace in Europe seems remote on the 10th anniversary of the outbreak of the general slaughter.

'The war represented the tragic and inevitable consequence of a system based on capitalistic, control, international competition, secret diplomacy and hostile alliances," says Secretary Fred Bramley, British Trades Union congress, which has over 4,300,000 British workers. The causes have not been eliminated except Russia.

Bramley gives these figures on the war, which lasted more than 4 years and 3 months, ending in the armistice of Nov. 11th, 1918.

"Over 50,000,000 able-bodied men involved 'in the degrading and brutal task of human slaughter.'

"Over 7,500,000 of the 'strongest and most promising young men of the nations engaged in the struggle were left dead on the field of battle.'

"Over 12,500,000 wounded, thousands mentally and physically beyond repair."

He also cites the destruction of international trade, economic paralysis, abnormal unemployment, poverty, widespread reaction, undermining of trade unions.

Permanent peace will come, Bramley declares, "from the refusal of the wage earners to participate in a game in which they become helpless pawns of the unscrupulous criminals who leave them to bleed, work and pay for the folly and crimes of others. Militarism was not destroyed during the years from 1914 to 1918. It was temporarily suppressed in one place and strengthened in others."

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

Sydney, N.S.W.—Jack Curtin, editor of the "Westralian Worker" (Perth, Western Australia) has been appointed the workers' representative from Australia to attend the International Labor Conference at Geneva in June. Mr. R. A. Crouch, of Melbourne, has been credentialed as a delegate on behalf of the Australian Labor Party to attend the British Empire Labor Conference at London in August.

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ceded upon similar principles to France. Everybody got in, except the United States, and said: 'If Germany is going to get something, we will get something.' Why, none of them had any business in there on such terms. Then when the Japanese-Russian war came, Japan did what SHE HAS DONE IN THIS WAR. She attacked Port Arthur and captured Port Arthur, and Port Arthur was ceded to her as a consequence of the war . . . . Just so we could trade with these stolen territories, we were willing to let them be stolen . . . She (Japan) has it (Shantung) as spoils of war."

But enough! Volumes could be written merely upon the glaring inconsistencies running throughout the eloquent pish with which Wilson flooded the world and which pulpiteer and publicist have hailed with acclaim as the high-souled sentiments of the world's greatest modern idealist.

If an aptitude for dealing with political and economic problems in the language of the gowned pedagogue indicates the possession of wisdom then Wilson might be remembered by posterity also as one of the world's greatest Solomons.

Beet Sugar Trust Exploits Children

Exploitation of entire families including women and little children under a contract labor system has enabled the American beet sugar trust to pile up huge profits totalling about $20,000,000, an increase of nearly 100 per cent compared with the previous year.

The nature of the exploitation which makes such profits possible is revealed in a report of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. The bureau found that the labor of mothers with little children and of boys and girls as young as 6 years is a regular thing in the beet fields of Michigan and Colorado. In fact, the possibility of turning tiny children into wage earners is one of the inducements offered by contractors in recruiting the slaves of the sugar trust.

In both Colorado and Michigan one-fourth of the child workers were under 10, another fourth were between 10 and 12 years old and only one-fifth in Michigan and a little over one-sixth in Colorado had passed the age of 14 years. One-third of the entire number reported working under pressure for 11 hours or more per day and one-eighth reported a day of from 12 to 15 hours. These long hours were continued in some instances for weeks at a stretch.

CORONADO VICTORY FOR THE MINERS

By Martin A. Dillmon
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS.—The Coronado Coal Co. goes down to final defeat in its suit against the United Mine Workers' of America. The U. S. circuit court of appeal has denied the appeal of the coal company and sustained District Judge Pollock, Fort Smith, Ark., who found in favor of the union in the coal company's suit for damages aggregating $2,200,000.

This was the suit in which Candidate Davis of the Democrats helped the corporation.

In the suit the company sought to recover damages as a result of a miners' strike in the Hartford Valley fields, Ark., in 1914.

NEW PREMIER OF DENMARK A CIGAR-MAKER BY TRADE

Theodore Stauning, the new prime minister of Denmark, is a cigar-maker by trade. There are two printers in his cabinet, also an editor and a widow who gets a living as a teacher. The people with the titles are becoming very rare in those Scandinavian countries.

NEEDLE TRADES GIVE WARNING

Los Angeles.—Needle trades workers intending to come to California must understand that sunshine does not pay rent nor buy food, announces the Needle Trades council. If you intend to come to Los Angeles the council asks you to communicate first with its information bureau at 138½ S. Spring St. The capitalist press throughout the country is carrying advertisement from the chamber of commerce urging workers to come. The object is to pile up an army of unemployed to drive wages below the present low level, the council declares.

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WASHINGTON.—Fifty local trade unions in Washington have transferred their accounts to the Mt. Vernon Savings Bank, in which the Intl. Association of Machinists is the chief stockholder.

ODD BITS

By SYDNEY WARREN

"It is impossible to give the soldier a good education without making him a deserter. His natural foe is the government that drills him."—Thoreau.

IMMIGRATION to Canada for the past six months constitutes a record since 1914. Does that mean anything to you as a worker? Just stop and think what will happen to the Canadian labor movement if the industrial bosses of Europe are allowed to dump their surplus unemployed onto the already over-crowded Canadian labor market. Common horse-sense should tell us that such an influx at this time means suicide to organized labor in Canada. One of the immediate demands of the newly-formed Canadian Labor Party should be the strict curtailment of all immigration, both European as well as Oriental.

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PUBLIC FLOGGING is still in existence in Canada. Only last week were three youths of Portage La Prairie, aged 16, 17 and 18, who had confessed to stealing, sentenced to receive a public flogging at the hands of the local chief of police in addition to prison sentences. The eldest of the youths was sentenced to receive 18 lashes or one for each of his years and three years imprisonment, the next got 12 lashes and a years imprisonment, while the youngest, a boy little more than 15, was given a suspended sentence, but was sentenced to a public flogging along with his compaions.

In England a litle over a hundred years ago the list of prisoners sent up from London and Middlesex assizes included two boys aged 10 and 13 years, sentenced to hang for a petty theft, while from Shester Assizes capital sentence was passed on a boy fourteen for stealing a silver watch and two bank notes.

When one considers the progress that has ben made in science since 1817 one realizes how far justice has lagged, especially when the crimes have been against private property.

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RUSSIAN WHEAT has been the subject of much speculation and ponderous comment by the financial writers of the plute press of Canada. Some weks ago it was stated that Russian wheat would be of no importance on the world's market in view of the small crop this year. But due to the fact that the grain crop of Russia is managed for the wheat growers instead of the grain speculators, the Russian peasants will sell their grain abroad through co-operative associations and will get the benefit of the higher grain prices.

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DOCTOR BUTLER, president of Columbia University and high priest of the "Goose-step" educational system of the States, decrys the contempt for law that is now being engendered in the minds of the youth. Nicholas Murray Butler blames prohibition for this state of affairs, but I think he is mistaken. It is hardly surprising that the youth of the States hold the law in contempt when it is remembered that for the past four years the U. S. has been governed by a set of the most sinisterly corrupt politicians who regarded their respective offices as the means of pilfering right and left and who violated most of the criminal laws of the country with brazen impunity. Their motto was, and for that matter still is, "Anything you can get away with."

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Beware of him who has nothing to lose.—Italian proverb.

Farmer-Labor Group Makes Good Start

SEATTLE.—Release of the Centralia I. W. W. who defended their hall against armed American legion rioters on armistice day 1919 is an outstanding civil liberties plank of the Farmer-Labor party platform of Washington state which held its convention in the Seattle Labor Temple with 110 delegates. Six of the jury that convicted the lumberworkers of second degree murder have since sworn to affidavits that the men were innocent and that shots fired were in self defence under supreme danger.

Public ownership, free education, restoration of land to the users, welfare legislation and elimination of labor injunctions are other planks.

The Farmer-Labor ticket goes to the regular state primaries. Secretary John C. Kennedy of the party says interest is widespread and points to donations of almost $500 to begin the campaign, more than they ever started with before.

Australian Labor To Win Next Election

By W. FRANCIS AHERN.

(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent.)

Sydney, N.S.W.—The political outlook in Australia suggests that Labor will sweep the continent in the national elections next year. During the last 12 months Labor victories in the state election have been little short of phenomenal, and this, is expected to be reflected in the national elections.

In the national elections, labor will have the assistance of Edward Theodore, the Labor premier in the state legislature of Queensland—where Labor has reigned for ten years. He has announced his intention of entering national politics this year, and his prestige in Australia assures him of being Australia's coming prime minister.

Twelve months ago there was only one Labor government in Australia—that was in the state of Queensland where there was a majority of one. Today there is a Labor government in Queensland, majority 11; one in western Australia with majority of 4; one in south Australia with majority of 8; and in Tasmania Labor is in power though with the support of the other parties.

In the national parliament, an anti-Labor coalition government is in power but its prestige is shattered and already there are prospects of the coalition ending at any moment and causing a general election. The coalition consists of the Conservative party and the Country party—the latter representing, not the dirt farmers, but the wealthy ranch owners, stock-jobbers, and primary market manipulators.

Labor needs to win but 12 seats in order to capture the federal parliament. Considering the present wave of Labor enthusiasm breaking over the continent, Labor expects to win.

WASHINGTON.—Antonio Arroyo, vice-president Free Federation of Workingmen of Porto Rico, has been dismissed as chief of the bureau of labor for that territory, as a result of the anti-Socialist alliance between the island's Unionist and Republican parties.

CHICAGO.—William F. Dunne, co-editor of The Daily Worker, the Communist newspaper, heads the state ticket in Illinois of the Workers Party. Besides Dunne for governor nominations for other state offices, for congress and for the U. S. senator have been made. Local tickets will be put up in many localities.

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By the Way

Spud Tamson

Who is getting the big rake-off from the government sale of liquor? Selling wines and spirits has always been a profitable business, but there is a limit to what the public will stand and that limit has surely been reached in British Columbia. The insurable value of raw whisky at the distilleries in Britain is 50c per gallon, and after blending and shipping, the best brands of Scotch can be bought in Hong Kong for $1.75 to $2.00, per bottle, the same brands cost from $4.00 to $5.00 here. It would be interesting to know the overhead expense of the government liquor stores. Then there is the outrageous $2.00 charge for a permit to purchase liquor which to any reasonable minded person must look like legalized robbery. Fancy any business house taxing customers for doing business with them. If we must have liquor let us have it controlled in the interest of the public.

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The god of war seems to be busy in this old world of ours again, and the merest accident may light the smouldering embers, plunging humanity into a struggle which may mean an end to civilization as we know it. Even Henry Ford has thrown in his influence with the war mongers, asserting that the U.S. must arm as never before if that country is to keep peace in the world. A sinister influence is at work in the country to the south of us and September 12th will see the United States mobilizing war forces on a scale, hitherto unknown in peace times. The boy scouts, girl guides, officers' training corps, and 400,000 civilians who General Bowley claims are interested in military drilling will stand at attention and declare their intention to fight for the freedom they believe is theirs. September 12th is to be called General Pershing's mobilization day and the war mongers have started a press campaign against the Y.W.C.A. charging that institution with pacifist anti-American tendencies. That no stone is to be left unturned to instill the war spirit in the young people is evident by the fact that the public schools have been forced to include in the regular work for girls an examination in essay writing with subjects entitled "Why a boy I know should join the Citizens' Army," "Why I believe a man from the Officers' training corps would make a good husband," etc., with free trips to Washington as prizes. The exclusion of orientals, restriction of immigration from other countries, the quest for oil, the control of the money market, all tend to bring war closer to our door. Truely Capitalism and peace are as far separated as the poles.

VIENNA.—Five hundred suicides in six weeks is the record of Vienna. The daily papers carry a regular column entitled, Die Lebensmuden (Tired of Life). All classes are victims of the suicide epidemic, the poor because they cannot subsist, the wealthier because they have been caught in the speculation which seized Austria during the fluctuations of the French franc.

VIENNA.—Every day in Vienna half a dozen or more banks go on the rocks. The bank scandal in Austria is as real as the oil scandal in the United States.

The Nippon Nomin Kumiai, or the Farmers' Union of Japan, is a strong workers' organization including tenant and farm laborers. Two years ago it had less than 300 members, but at the beginning of 1923 the membership had grown to 20,000. At the end of 1923 there were 250,000 members, and the latest information shows a membership of over 500,000.

Symphony in "D" Minor

(By an Eighth Floor Dingbat)

A number of the Boys were hanging around the office the other evening. One of the gang had just got off a crack about like this:

Little drops of water,
Mixed in with the milk,
Keep the milkman's daughter,
Clad in swishing silk.

Naturally, Birt Showler didn't like it and he was just about to shoot back one of his scathing replies when a stranger stuck his head in the door and asked, "Say, do yuh have to see a doctor before yuh kin buy a little drink of real good stuff in this man's town?" He seemed to be looking at Harry Neelands at the time, so Harry says, "No, not before, afterwards."

Well, sir, that started it. Frank Hunt and Billy Dunn contended that the medical examinatin should be performed before and that it should be performed by an alienist or head specialist. Some of the others said that it was a shame that a man could not get a snifter without having to buy a whole drunk, or a glass of beer without having to make a signed and sealed contract. Percy Bengough wasn't saying anything but you could tell by the pleasant look on his face and the way he kept moistening his lips, that he was thinking hard. Then the Stranger spoke again. "Well, boys I'll tell yuh. I'm from acrost the line, and of course it's dry over there. When a fellow wants a drink he has to take this here bootleg or moon. The bootleg around Frisco aint so bad, but some of this here moonshine is cruel stuff and bad for yuh, too. But a guy's got to have something. An' I wus wondering how to get the real stuff in Canada an' I thought maybe some of you boys could help me out."

We explained how it was done and what it would cost and he left promising to come back as soon as he got the wet goods.

Of course he never came back but what I wanted to say is this. On August 1st, the Canadian Labor Party will hold a meeting to form a local Council of the Party for this district; and if the workers will only give as much attention and thought to this meeting as they did to the beer question the meeting in the Labor Temple should be a hum dinger.

Victoria Notes

Victoria Teamsters are negotiating a new wage schedule.

Street Railwaymen are revising their wage scale.

Cook and Waiters have sent a new wage scale to headqarters for approval.

The Trades Council tendered a vote of thanks to the police force for services rendered at the May Day Ball of the Council.

Union reports indicate an upward trend.

The May Day Ball netted a profit of $835.79.

The Brewery Workers have secured a new agreement with the Phoenix Brewery, and the Silver Springs Brewery.

The casting vote of the mayor of Victoria killed the attempt of the civic employees to increase the wages of the laborers.

The Carpenters union has secured an increase to $6.00.

The Trades Council voted $100 to the Musicians union for supplying the orchestra at the May Day Ball. The Musicians Union returned $25.00.

WASHINGTON. — Necessity for placing federal judges under direct control of the people, as a safeguard against abuse of the injunction, will be urged upon the Intl. Assn. of Machinists, in the 17th general convention, to be opened Sept. 15, in Detroit, by President Wm. H. Johnston.

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The situation in Germany has not improved. There are still 1,000,000 workers unemployed and locked out.

WASHINGTON.—Gen. Calles is elected president of Mexico, according to Luis N. Morones, Mexican Federation of Labor, who has telegraphed here a statement that labor elected Calles by an overwhelming majority, and that it also elected all of its candidates for the house and a majority in the senate.

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Editor, Vancouver, B.C.
Labor Statesman,

It seems to me that Murphy took the correct attitude in the last issue of the Statesman on the question of a labor member of parliament accept the portfolio. While the offer may not be forthcoming now that the Liberals have a working majority, I think it is a question well worth the serious consideration of all wage earners. "We have nothing to lose but our chains" and if we can rely on the man obtaining the office then we certainly should be in a position to gain something even if it is only the enforcement of the labor laws at present on the statute books. During these days of stress and trouble, that in itself is of real value to the workers. If we are going to retain a "fatalistic" attitude and deny that anything can be remedied under the present system then we might as well take to the woods and hide ourselves from the rest of the human family.

If the polticial situation is so acute that the Liberal, or any other government, offers Labor a real portfolio in exchange for the support of the Labor group, then the Labor group should be in a position to dictate the terms, and those terms can be strong enough to give labor some degree of power at least.

And that is what Labor wants at the present time—POWER. Power to put things right for the toilers. Power to force from the government legislation beneficial in some degree to the workers. And when the government refuses to meet our demands then, and then only, should we decline to longer support it.

Again I say, what have we to lose? If the government can only remain in power with our consent and a new election would not guarantee an increase in our strength then we should accept an office and demand our own terms. The activities of our members would so increase our prestige that we could face the next election with better prospects than ever.

S. H. JOHNSTON.

The Federal government is talking about reforming the senate. The Queensland Labor government did the only sensible thing—they abolished it altogether.

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Victoria State Goes Labor

One more Australian state goes Labor. This time it is Victoria. The latest returns give Labor 28 seats, the former government 24, Farmers 12 and Independents 1.

Sir Alexander Peacock, Nationalist Premier of Victoria, has decided to cling to office despite the result of the elections, according to an Exchange message.

His majority has disappeared, and Labor is now the strongest single party. His attempt to form a coalition with the Farmers' Party has failed.

News of the Turin Terror in Italy

Since the murder of Matteotti, writes a correspondent, the Italian press has enjoyed a greater amount of freedom than before, and a number of Fascist misdeeds have been exposed which it was not possible to print hitherto.

The Labor papers give prominence to the revelations of the "Turin massacre" of December last.

Evidence given by Zurletti, one of those left for dead, shows that he and his brother-in-law were taken outside Turin at midday and shot by eight Fascisti, directed by a man with a Tuscan accent.

His brother-in-law was killed, but Zurletti recovered. Neither was a Socialist, but Zurletti, who is a working tailor, had dismissed a Fascist assistant, who formed part of the firing squad.

The "Popolo," which is confirned by "Avanti," states that there is good evidence that Matteotti's body has been disposed of as follows:

The body was so shockingly and disgustingly mutilated that it was unsafe to let it be discovered. It was brought back to Rome in the same motor as the murder was committed in.

It was then taken to the Polyclinic (medical schools) by connivance of the authorities, and included in the bodies for dissection.

It was hastily cut in pieces and then incinerated in the great electric furnace.

Later:

The Italian government has decided to apply the July, 1923, press regulations, giving power to the Prefects to suppress any journals.

The Tag Day held in aid of the miners of District 18, under the auspices of the Edmonton Trads and Labor Council, resulted in the sum of $150. Complete returns are not as yet available, as there are several industrial plants who have yet to turn in their collections.

Wages have joined jobs on the toboggan, according to the May employment report of the U. S. department of labor, which shows for the first time a sharp drop in the average weekly pay envelope compared with a year ago.

The German reichstag has convened for one week to attend to a number of bills. Among these were bills to make the lot of the lower civil service officials more bearable, by raising their wages. The bourgeois parties passed a bill for an increase of—25c. a month.

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Around the Town

By "QUEDOC"

It is seldom indeed that the Art of Song and Music so sublimely lends aid to the delineation of a political situation; but such was the case when at a musicale held at a residence in Shaughnessy Heights this week in honor of one of the newly elected Liberal members, the engaged tenor opened his repertoire with that beautiful song "ABSENT."

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The members of the Waiters' Union, are generally a fine set of people and worthy of our respect; they are courteous, civil and obliging, but sometimes they have to put up with incivility from patrons that should know better. I suppose that somebody must have previously jarred the patience of the young lady who served me the other evening. I merely remarked that the steak was not tender enough to my liking. With reproof in her tones she answered: "Steak not tender enough? Do you expect it to jump up and kiss you?"

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Said one of the recent Conservative candidates "You can't tell me there is no honesty in the world. I know better." "How now?" I asked. "I left a box of cigars somewhere the other day. Someone found it, smoked one, and returned the rest." They don't use union made cigars for election purposes.

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Strolling on Pender Street westward I noticed the splendid display in fine glass cases, of the various brands of joy producers, on exhibition free of charge, so thoroughly provided by the Government. It is very refreshing to a jaded and tired mind to slip in the Pender Street exposition and survey the glistening array of varying tints and colors, to speculate, and visualize the far off lands of grape and vintage.

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Several people have viewed this display, but unfortunately owing to their prohibition principles, are assailed by a curiosity, which for conscientious reasons, cannot be wetted. Quedoc has generously offered to gratiously sample and give full detailed report upon any of the brands forwarded to him.

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Automobile accidents are not decreasing, there are too many tragedies in this town for its size. All argument to the contrary. Safety is sacrificed to SPEED. Are we trying to catch up with the U.S.? Automobiles killed 90,000 there in the last 18 months.

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A colored flagman employed on one of the American Railways was a witness in a claim for damages resulting from a car running into a train of cars at a railway crossing, one dark night. Rastus was severely cross-examined by counsel. "You saw the auto coming?" "Yas, sir." "What did you do?" "Ah swung ma lantern." Question after question was asked and answered. Finally the darkey, his mind befogged, was dismissed from the witness box. The verdict was given to the Railway Company. The Superintendent called Rastus into his office, and extended him the thanks of th Company for his intelligent replies in the Court, which had resulted in the winning of the case by the Company. "Oh ah jes answered jes wat dey axed me, and dole dem de truff. But by golly I was terribal scared he might have asked me one more question." "And what might that be?" asked the official. "I was awful scared he might ask me if the lantern was lit."

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Wake Up! God of War!

By Laurence Todd
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON.—Coolidge, Dawes, Pershing, Gen. Fries of the chemical warfare service, and the rest of the super-guardians of preparedness are directly challenged by the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches. Nothing that Jane Adams and the Women's International League said or did, in their recent world congress here, was so cruel in its implications to the military ring as what the respectable spokesman of 22,000,000 respectable churchgoers in these United States have handed to the velvet-salaried generals.

"Let the churches challenge the war system" is the slogan which the executive committee of the Church Federation has announced.

"Should not the churches, it asks, "affirming that their loyalty to Christ transcends all lower loyalties, and determined to apply the principles and the spirit of Christ to every national and international problem, stand on their own feet, do their own thinking, adopt their own policies and assert their independent right to deal with the greatest moral evil of this generation?"

Gen. Barnett of the marines, recently discussing this issue here, answered that anybody opposing the national defense on principle should be locked up as a traitor.

"Let them refuse unequivocally," says the church committee, "to support pagan international policies or acquiesce in colossal and provocative preparations for super-pagan wars. Let them declare that, for nations no less than for individuals, the wages of sin is death and that evil is to be overcome with good. The substitution of law, conciliation and arbitration for war in the settlement of international disputes is a matter of moral principle.

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