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American Stores Have a Five Day Week

NEW YORK—Is the five-day week gaining in America? A survey conducted by the New York World shows it is gaining fast in the larger cities where all the big department stores are closed Saturdays in July and August, giving their employees two days to go to the seashore or mountain, or rest at home.

The movement is also spreading in commercial establishments but the usual arrangement is to carry the customary work hours over the five-day period to make up for the loss of time Saturday. There are employers who raise a hue and cry against the tendency for more leisure for employees as well as the bosses, but medical authorities indorse the trend.

Big Stores Shorten Week

In nine of the 14 cities surveyed by The World the leading stores have adopted the shorter work week. In Atlanta, San Francisco and Detroit it is being tried for the first time this summer.

Mercantile establishments are closing because in highly organized centres the unions get the short work week, and the members enjoy it far from the maddening city and are not likely to visit the stores. Thus it is economical to close them.

Unions in Vanguard

The movement in the unions is toward a Saturday off instead of working a half day. In the garment centres the 44-hour week is now spread over the first five days in the week. This saves the exhausting ride in the subway to work on Saturday. It actually gains two hours, leisure in the time saved from riding.

Two days off a week is getting to be a custom in the big cities and eventually will become a custom the nation over as in England, observers declare. The trade unions will have a big share in this, it is hoped, by striving for the 40-hour, five-day week.

Scientist Visions New Era for Women

LONDON.—Women, who he sees at present as mentally and physically inferior to men, will, in the near future, be in a position to compete with men in every way it is predicted by Professor A. M. Lowe, noted British scientist.

A world in which women will wear trousers, and high heels will be as extinct as the Dodo, is seen by Prof. Low.

Taking a peep at the average man on an average day in the near future, Low sees him rising at 9:30 o'clock at the call of a radio alarm clock. He will then have to exercise care not to put on his wife's clothing by mistake, the scientist remarks. During his quickly dispatched breakfast taken while dressing, the pleasant-toned loud speaker will keep him informed on the day's happenings, while a television machine will give him glimpses thereof. Food will either come from a communal kitchen by the tube or delivered hot daily from the big stores. Leaving the necessary instructions to his wife or servant on the dictaphone, he will drive to his office in a comfortable closed car, keeping in touch meanwhile with home and office by radio. Driving his car into the building, it will be carried by lift to his office door.

Low predicts that the more important buildings in the big cities will be totally inclosed, artificially lighted and heated, and will have flat roofs for airplanes to land passengers and goods.

The future of the motorist, traveling, quickly, silently and steadily on dustless, resilient roads, is a rosy one, and it will not be long before cars will be adaptable for travel by air and water, as well as on land.

Marriage in future will be a mere matter of contract, he forsees.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been declined for the Reno Mine, Nelson, by the shareholders.

VANCOUVER TOPS LIST

The Mixer and Server, Official organ of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union reports that of its 800 odd unions the Vancouver, B. C. topped the list in new members for the month of May. The total for Vancouver was 84, the next nearest was Atlantic City, N. J., with 78.

Don't Straightjacket the Human Mind

Evolution is safe in California today as the result of action taken by the state board of education here recently approving for public school use textbooks teaching Darwinian evolution as a theory. The action was taken over the vigorous protests of the fundamentalist faction. Three biological books, objected to strenuously by the fundamentalists, were the center of the controversy.

Dr. Louis I. Newman of San Francisco pleaded the cause of evolution in the name of "truth."

"Don't straightjacket the human mind," he said. Science should be allowed to advance the truth as it sees it. The teacher should have the right to impart the truth as he or she sees it and has developed it.

"Put before the child the truth, and all the truth. The child has the right to know."

French Socialist Party Makes Steady Growth

The remarkable progress made by the French Socialist party since 1922 is revealed by Severac in the Populaire. After the split with the Communists at the Congress of Tours, the party membership was only 49,174. Today it is 96,600, and rapidly approaching the hundred thousand.

Its political influence extends over a much wider field than is indicated by this membership, however. The Socialist group in parliament is larger than that of 1914, and at the recent municipal elections the Socialists conquered partially or entirely a number of important towns.

The writer, speaking of the recent anxiety caused among the rank and file of the Party at the gradual movement of the Painleve ministry towards the Centre, states that this anxiety will disappear now that the Socialist group in parliament has regained its independence and ceased its policy of supporting the government.

Franco-German Trust Now on the Rhine

Agreement has at last been reached between the chiefs of French and German iron and steel industry, and this agreement the fruit of months of negotiation, with many reported breakdowns, is of the greatest importance for the future of industry in Western Europe.

For it means, in fact, the formation of a Franco-German Iron and Steel Trust, on the following conditions.

The French interests are to have the right to export 1,700,000 tons of iron ore per year from Alsace-Lorraine, the Saar and Luxembourg into Germany.

A joint syndicate will be formed for the operations of the Trust outside France and Germany. The syndicate will divide the orders received in fixed proportions between the French and German interests. Within their own countries, the French and German interests each have full control of their markets.

Output is to be controlled by a separate syndicate. Joint participation in industrial enterprises by the capitalists of each country is also to be an important feature of the Trusts working.

It is in view of the forthcoming formation of this Trust that the French are hastening on the preparations for the final evacuation of the Ruhr.

Approximately 3,000,00 feet of lumber will be shipped from Victoria during this month.

WHAT OUR READERS WANT TO KNOW

Why the men working for the Pacific Engineering Co. at Allco are willing to work twelve hours a day for straight time, and only time and a quarter for Sundays?

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When the department stores in this progressive burg are going to adopt the five day week, and when Woodward's is even going to concede the five o'clock closing in the interests of its many employees?

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Why some manufacturers use dyed starch to make egg and custard powders, and what firm puts six eggs in one ton of other ingredients to make egg powder?

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The open season of blackmail being started, when does the season close, according to the legal calendar?

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If the "Welcome" arch on the Pacific Highway at Westminster isn't going to disappoint all those American contractors who have been desperately lobbying for the job for weeks, and if the Royal City fathers were not wise, after all, to give the job to local contractors and local material?

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If race horses are not joining the organized labor idea of strikes, with the example of "Zev" going on strike, and if one or two Brighouse favorites have not also gone on strike when their backers expected otherwise?

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If the presence of several very young white girls in a Chinese bawdy house that was raided this week does again emphasize the need for police action on white girls and Asiatics?

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If Charles Bowerman, M.P., Labor, for Deptford, didn't bring a cheery message to Vancouver this week when he predicted that Labor would again govern England?

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Who invited those few tin-horn gamblers that have been getting the habit of accompanying some recent union picnic parties and trying to work off card-sharpster work?

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Will New Westminster eventually get hotel beer parlors?

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Why Woodward's store does not include "Canned Heat Bargain Specials" in its display ads, with a special appeal to the patronage of dipsomaniac bums?

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If the service of certain taxi drivers as stool pigeons for the police excuses them from culpability as panderers to immorality, and as parasites upon fallen girls?

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If it isn't time for something to be done about the Old Age Pension Scheme, instead of merely talking about it?

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Is the Janet Smith murder probe supposed to be all over?

It is illegal to boycott, but the following are on the

UNFAIR LIST

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Avenue Theatre
Dreamland Theatre
Cedar Cottage Theatre
Princess Theatre
Progress Theatre
Heights Theatre
Esplanade Tea Rooms

LABOR CANDIDATES

CANADIAN LABOR PARTY

Greater Vancouver Central Council

Burrard ..... **J. Sidaway**
Vancouver Centre W. W. Lefeaux
South Vancouver.... **Alfred Hurry**

SOCIALIZE BANKS

That the success of the Socialist attack is dependent upon the early socialization of the banks and the use of national credit resources for the benefit of the nation was the demand expressed in a resolution, proposed at a meeting of the Birmingham Borough Labour Party by Mr. Oswald Mosley, and carried by an overwhelming majority.

Inefficient Methods of Coal Production

Efficient management and up-to-date equipment were the remedies proposed by Mr. Vernon Hartshorn in the British House of Commons, for the depression in the mining industry, and for the full application of these remedies he contended that "some form of unification" of the industry was necessary.

His starting point was the widespread tragedy of unemployment among miners, and in order to draw attention to the gravity of the situation, he moved a reduction of a Ministry of Labor Vote.

300,000 Unemployed

He stated that the number of unemployed miners last February was 131,000, an increase of 100,000 over February, 1924, and in June of this year the figure had risen to 301,000.

These statistics represented a mass of human misery, of semi-starvation, that could not be exaggerated, and an even more terrible feeling of hopelessness.

If the industry were still to be allowed to drift, these 300,000 unemployed miners would receive an addition of as many more.

A Striking Example

Leading up to his view of the only possible remedy, Mr. Hartshorn recalled how a great South Wales company had turned profitless pits into successful ones by adopting up-to-date methods.

The most efficient British mine-owners had brought down the price of coal in Europe, and today French miners were working under notices given by the owners on the ground that they could not compete with British prices.

Ancient Methods

Meanwhile, a large proportion of the collieries in Great Britain were working on the same methods as 100 years ago.

So long as we had 3,000 privately-owned collieries in various stages of efficiency, each one being compelled to stand on its own economic legs, and depending on the capital resources of a few individuals, and scrambling for trade in a world shortage of orders, the most efficient ones would get the orders and the others would go to the scrapheap.

Change Needed in Engineering Dept.

City Engineer Brackenridge seems to be dear at any price. At least that is the impression one gets when they consider the high estimate he put in for the laying of the ten miles of water main. Contractors figures were around $228,539.00 while the city engineer figured it would cost $388,424.00, approximately $160,000 more. When questioned on his estimate he explained that another contractor had lost money on another section of pipe and he had estimated from that contractors figures.

As a matter of fact City Engineer Brackenridge was apparently going to be quite safe in not getting in the way of the contractors who placed him in office. If this is the kind of have for an engineer the sooner the six thousand dollar a year man we electors get wise to it and clean out the alderman who stand by him, the better for the finances of the city.

POME

Maggie belongs to the chorus,
Every charm is hers;
She's pretty, she's meek,
But at thirty a week,
How does she get those furs?

Every British Union May Be Involved

"Profits first; everything else after." So Mr. MacDonald characterizes the mineowners' proposals.

"The mines crisis," he said, "has come nearer by a very decisive step. The letter of the owners was received by the whole public with obvious disapproval; but what the public did not seem to grasp was that the letter was an indication of the minds of those who have been working up this crisis for a long time. It shows quite clearly what their conception of the control and distribution of the proceeds of the industry really is. Profits first; everything else after.

"The owners' letter emphasizes in a plainer way than I have ever known the view that the capitalist interest in production must rank first, and have a prior claim over life and human requirements in the distribution of proceeds. The moral sense of the nation will emphatically reject that claim.

Negotiations that Meant Failure

"Did anyone expect that the miners could take such a document as a basis of further negotiations. I think it would be a great calamity if they were broken off at this juncture. But there is a much greater damage in beginning negotiations under conditions that foredoom them to failure, than in saying that on such a basis no bargaining can take place."

The issues involved a much wider application? There is a common fear that the mineowners' letter is only the beginning of a general attack!

"And while there is still some use in pointing out dangers ahead, the nation should be told plainly how and where we are drifting. If this struggle starts, every trade in the country will be involved before many days are over. The workmen's view is that this is not a trade dispute; it is a national dispute. He feels that the issues upon which the miners are fighting—a living wage, reasonable hours of labour, and so on—are precisely those which sooner or later he will have to protect for himself.

Responsibility of Government

"It is here that the responsibility of the Government comes in with special force. I cannot imagine why, when they have seen these clouds gathering and rolling up, they have waited so long to put themselves in touch with the parties involved.

"What chance is there of an armistice and re-opening of negotiations when both sides have taken up positions? A wise general once said, "War does not begin when the first shot is fired, but when the order to mobilise has been issued. A definite and final break—the posting of notices—is equivalent to the order of mobilisation."

C. L. P. Delegates to Attend Convention

At a joint meeting of the B. C. Section and the Greater Vancouver Central Council Executives of the Canadian Labor Party, the following business was transacted:

A communication was read from James Simpson, Toronto, asking for representation from B. C. to the National Conference of the C. L. P. to be held in Ottawa on the 29th and 30th of August. Brothers Hoover, Scribbins and Bengough were appointed delegates. The executive may appoint two more delegates should the names of any other connected with the C. L. P. be going to the Trades Congress.

These delegates will be instructed to press for the establishment of a definite date and procedure for future conferences so that the rank and file may take a greater interest and prepare material for the establishment of a unified National Programme. Delegates will also be instructed to press for proposals for unemployment relief and other suggestions outlined in Convention resolutions.

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Recently medical men have been lauding women's wisdom in Summer dress, and proclaiming the poor male does not know how to dress. Say, fellows, wouldn't we look just great in a suit of "step-ins?"

A Toronto assessor found one man so dirty recently that he listed him as real estate.

In round numbers, many folk are valued at zero.

NEW BRUNSWICK PUPILS TO GET FREE TEXT BOOKS

Pupils in the public schools of New Brunswick to the number of 50,000 will get free school books under the provincial government's plan for affecting pupils up to and including grade five. Of the number, 20,000 pupils are attending school in urban centre, while 30,000 are pupils in rural schools. Already over three hundred shipments of school books have been made by the school book department and hundreds of applications for books have been received from the school districts.

The Dominion Government is spending $350,000 this year to try and check smuggling at the international boundary. How many dollars would it take to find all the "step-in" and "teddies" that daily cross the border duty free?

None of the men who would make perfect husbands are ever married.

Trades Union Picnics

Carpenters Union
Bowen Island : July 25

Plasterers
Bowen Island : July 25

Tailors
Wigwam Inn : July 29

Plumbers Union
Bowen Island : August 1

Bricklayers Union
Bowen Island : Aug. 8

10,000 MEMBERS ADDED JAPANESE UNIONS

The Japanese unions are making a brave fight against the oppressive measures of the imperialistic autocracy, but they are badly handicapped because of lack of funds.

The General Federation of Labor of Japan reports an increase of 10,000 members during the past year and the annual conference at Kobe was attended by 249 delegates.

In the Tonsorial Chair

By SPUD TAMSON

Gee! I do hate this waiting around for customers. I guess there are 100 barbers in this town waiting same as me, but of course that is part of this system. Waste, of labor, time and energy. Guess I'll have a snooze.....Yes sir! that's me. Excuse me saying so but you have the biggest head I have ever clapped eyes on. Old William Gladstone used to wear a 7½ hat but you must need a size 9. You don't say, Aw quit your kiddin. Well my Good Gordon Highland, you don't really mean that you are an explorer from Mars. Wait a minute sir, until I pull myself together. How do you know my name if you are from there? Oh you have a thought recorder up there.

Hows chances to get in on the company? I see, you want to educate the people here. Well sir you are on the wrong continent, for the majority on this big island are mentally incapable of grasping anything that would make their lot better and the guys that do savvy are busy looking after I with a big I. No sir, before I tell you anything, I want some information from you. That will be fine, give me a resume of the history of Mars since real progress began. Yes that would be about 1000 B. C. with us. You had a system of wage slavery then eh? How did you get rid of it? Oh, 20 men controlled all the wealth and had no descendants so the people had to do something. You guys were sure lucky. Well go on. I see. You gave all the surplus wealth to education and by means kept the unfit from reproducing themselves. Yes, yes, birth control as advocated by Marie S[illegible] here. Let me see that would be [illegible] 200 B. C. so it took about 800 [illegible] to eliminate the unfit. What th[illegible] I see you became a race of pe[illegible] whose only desire was to live and [illegible] wards that end you made experimen[illegible] and found that life could be pro[illegible] longed indefinitely. Ha, ha, some guys down here tell us that millions now living will never die, but take it from me Bud, millions now living wish to God they were dead. Well, what happened then? Let me see that would be about 1900 A.D., we had the Boer war going on then. You found the elixir of life. What was it, a monkey gland? No, simply perfect physique and a replacement of wasted tissue by scientific feeding. Well, well. What do you guys do with your time up there play politics? You have none? Why? Go on. Oh yes, I have heard of it. We call it anarchy down here. You mean when every man is a law unto himself and has reached the point of human development. When they realize that to do an injury to a fellow being is to do an injury to ones self. Yes that is it. No sir, you cannot hope to voice that stuff dow[illegible] here. You'd be put in clink or [illegible] Westminster. No sir, the only th[illegible] I can see for it is to starve a [illegible] ficient number of workers [illegible] form a medical operation on th[illegible] at birth and inject a thinking gl[illegible]d in the grey matter of the cranium. Well suit yourself, but its no good in Canada at present, you may try Britain, or better still have a go at China there are lots of students there anxious for information. . . . . Yes sir, I was just having a sleep I am sorry if I kept you waiting, but even in sleep one gets a fleeting glimpse of what may be in store for the human race. No I will hurry sir.

FORD INVADES SHIPPING GAME AND DOUBLES WAGES

Henry Ford has signalied his entry into the international shipping game by announcing that his seamen will receive wages 100 per cent higher than those paid on other American freighters.

The minimum wage on the Ford ships will be $100 a month while the U. S. Shipping Board is paying ordinary seamen $47.50 and the Shipping Trust is compelling the same class of employes to accept $40 a month.

Despite its comparatively low wages, the Shipping Board is losing money. Ford's managers are confident their employer will make his ships pay in spite of the high wage rate.

The officers on Ford ships will also benefit. His commanders will get $5,000 a year, a position for which the Shipping Board pays only $3,420.

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Mary: "The best I can, father."

Turned Loose!

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Here you have deep water available, which renders it possible for tugs, with scows, to take on cargoes of ore and deliver the same at either the Tacoma smelter or any other coast smelter plants for transportation through the entire year.

Why We Are Confident of Success

LOOK over the whole field, where you will, folks, consider what reports and figures you choose, as we have, and you cannot help but find increasing ground for confidence in the tremendous opportunity confronting Pitt Mine shareholders. Before asking the public for assistance in equipping this property with the necessary machinery, we have done all the preliminary work, such as proving up the ore bodies, building roads, erecting and repairing buildings, etc. The money now required is to purchase and install the machinery, which will give additional value to the property and enable the company to start shipping ore and concentrates.

A Source of Great Wealth

WE MAKE strong claims for the Pitt Mine. It's not hard to. And it can be done without wild or exaggerated statements. It is entirely out of the prospecting class, and, with the ore already blocked out sufficient to keep the plant running for over two years, and the immense ore showing is only a forerunner of what may be expected as the property is further developed, one must realize there is a remarkable opportunity for wise investment and large profit results.

IN PLACING this offering before the public we feel satisfied there is no better opportunity for profitable investment than the purchasing of shares in the Pitt Mining Company, Limited. **Due to the limited expenditure, and the small capitalization of this company, it is estimated, on the most conservative basis, that it will be possible to make very large returns to every stockholder for many years to come.**

The truth in advertising is very essential, and in support of our claims regarding this property we ask you to read carefully the report of the Minister of Mines for 1923, as follows:

"After careful examination of the Pitt Mine Mineral Claims I formed the opinion that, after judging from the ore exposed in the underground workings, in conjunction with the promising possibilities, provided the development work is extended, the advantageous location of the property as regards transportation to the coast smelters, opportunity for developing electric power generated by water power, and the adequate supply of timber on the property for mining and other purposes, the property possesses very many attractive features, and is well worth such further development as will place it within the ranks of shipping mines."

READ THESE FACTS ABOUT THE PITT MINE

1—A New Wagon Road has just been completed from the lake front to connect with the Main Camp.

2—A New Working Tunnel is now under way. This tunnel will tap the ore body at 240 feet below our No. 1 tunnel, and will give 485 feet of backing to present ore exposure.

3—New Camp Buildings are under construction, and it is the intention of the company to commence the erection of a Concentrating Mill without delay.

4—The property will be in a position to start shipping within a few months.

5—Sufficient ore has already been blocked out to operate the mill continuously for for two years.

MAKE YOUR WAGES WORK FOR YOU

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Automobile Lodge 702, I. A. of M. — Meets every first and Third Wednesday in the Holden Bldg. President, W. W. Hague, 3489 41st Ave. W.; sec., W. R. Hobday, 1728 2nd Ave. E.

Beverage Dispensers Union No. 676—meets first Sunday in month at 2:00 p. m., at 441 Seymour St. President, W. H. Clancy, 1117 E. 10th Ave. Secretary and Business Agent, T. J. Hanofin, 2376 W. 6th Ave. Office: 441 Seymour St. Phones: Sey. 125 and Bay. 1656-R.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Holden Building. President, J. Flynn. Secretary-treasurer, W. Watt.

Bakers' Local 468, Journeymen, of America—Meets first and third Saturdays at 7 p.m. President, J Mirtle, 2740 Pr. Edward St.; sec., T. Rigby, 37 Broadway West, Phone Fair. 5882R.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 371 — Meets second Thursday every month. Holden Bldg., 16 Hastings E. President, A. Wylie, 4336 Elgin Street; financial secretary. H. A. Bowron, 761, 13th Ave. E., Phone Fair. 107X.

Barbers', Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, Vancouver, B. C., meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month in Room 310 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. President, Fred Dawe; fin. secretary, A. R. Jenni, 728 Hastings Street West; rec. sec., Bert Deprey.

Bookbinders Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month 804 Holden Bldg. President, F. Milne, 536 Drake St.; secretary, A. H. Hostins, 118 52nd Ave. W.

Boot and Shoe Workers Union, No. 506—Meets in the Holden Building on the first Wednesday of each month. President, J. Turner, 1919 54th Ave. E.; fin. sec., J. Griffiths, 3622 McGill St.

Bricklayers', Masons' and Tile Setters' Int. Union No. 1—Meets second and fourth Wednesday in the Holden Bldg. President, G. E. Halliday; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 20th Ave. E. Phone Fair. 845 R.

Carpenters and Joiners, Amalgamated Society of,—Vancouver 1st Branch meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. President, W. Taylor; Sec. F. Prosser; business agent, J. McKinley. Headquarters, room 35, 163 Hastings St. W.

Carpenters and Joiners, United Brotherhood of, Local 452—President, R. W. Hatley; recording secretary, W. Page; business agent, Wm. Dunn. Office, Room 308 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m.

City Hall Employees' Association meets first Wednesday of each month at 145 Hastings St. W., at 8 p.m. President, W. H. Lewthwaite; business agent and treasurer, W. J. Scribbins, 3208 Pender St., E.; Secretary, H. A. Black, 2870 Yale St.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28 — Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 145 Hastings W., at 8 p.m. President, R. K. Brown, 452 Charles St.; secretary-treasurer, George Harrison, 1182 Parker St.

Dominion Express Employees, Local No. 15, Brotherhood of—Meets first Friday and first Tuesday alternating each month in Room 810 Holden Building. President, G. M. Payton, 4136 Sophia St.; Sec.-Treas. H. C. Haines, 1919 Kingsway.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in Room No. 5, 319 Pender Street West. President, D. W. McDougal, 910 Hastings Street East; business agent, E. H. Morrison. Office, 319 Pender Street West.

Engineers—International Union Steam and Operating Local 844—Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m., Room 806 Holden Bldg. President, R. Finley; business agent and financial secretary, F. S. Hunt; recording secretary, Herbert McSavaney.

Engineers, Steam and Operating, Int. Local 882—Meets first and third Wednesday at 8 p.m. in room 806 Holden Bldg. President, Charles Price; rec. secretary, J. T. Venn; financial secretary, Frank L. Hunt. Office, 806 Holden Bldg.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president. President, Neil Macdonald, No. 3 Fire Hall; financial secretary, C. A. Watson, No. 3 Fire Hall.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U.B. of C. & J. of A., meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in 310 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, John Soderman; Fin. Sec. A. Reid; Rec. Sec., W. Johnston, 1666 16th Ave. W.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 28—441 Seymour Street. Meets first and third Wednesday at 8 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesdays at 9 p.m. President, G. Coleman; business agent, Harry Wood. Phone Seymour 125.

Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso. of Bridge & Structural — Meets every Monday, Room 804 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, W. Finlay, 1655 22nd Ave. E.; Secretary, James Dunn, Box 1196 City; Phone High. 4834L.

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Military Training in Schools

By MISS AGNES MacPHAIL, M.P.
In the House of Commons, June 24.

P.T.F. OF B.C. PROTESTS

The United Farmers of Canada, through the Canadian Council of Agriculture, presented to the government, and I need not read it to them, a resolution asking that we cease this vote for cadet training in schools, that we cease cadet training in schools altogether, and substitute for it physical training that will have no connection with the military authorities at all.

The Trades and Labor Congress and the Trades Councils have for a great many years past been opposed to war, and particularly to this form of putting into our children's minds false ideals.

The Spirit of Youth

One could go on and on. There is no end to the material that is at hand. In fact, there is a whole literature today on this new school of thought that is coming up as against the old one of militarism, the new school of thought that is determined that the resources of the mind and the spirit will be given a chance to settle international discords. One might say from reading and talking to young people, after hearing the many things that are being said by young people, that a new spirit is emerging, and that that spirit is the spirit of youth. That youth is asking of its elders that they be allowed to find a way out, that they be allowed to think their way out unhampered by their elder's preconceived, and I might add, exploded ideas. If we had to go to the pacifists for proof that the last war amounted to very little now that it is all over, I would not expect hon. gentlemen in this chamber to listen to it, but when you can go to the people who had the most to do with the great war, and when they say the thing was a failure, that it got us out of nothing, that what caused the war still exists and, as Lloyd George says, exists in a greater degree than ever before, the causes being more sharply defined—when that is true, when great military people say that the war did not solve our problems, can we with safety trust that it ever will? I think not. Lloyd George said:

"If all the heroism of millions, their sacrifice and their sufferings, are to be thrown away, it will be the most colossal, criminal and infamous waste ever perpetrated in human history."

Memorials to War

I think surely that is true.

We talk a great deal about being true to the boys who went overseas and who made the sacrifice that we thought and they thought was needed, and we say we want to do something for them, and so mistakenly we stick up silly war memorials all over this country, things that have no meaning but one, and that is they put into childish minds, into the minds of unthinking people, the ideal of war, that it is a great thing. They are memorials to war, rather than memorials to those beloved Canadian sons who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. VIEN: In that my hon. friend is very much mistaken. A war memorial erected to the memory of the soldiers who died for their country is not a memorial to inspire a war spirit in our children.

Miss MACPHAIL: I know that is not the idea of the people who erect them, but that is the result. I think that is so true that we do not need to argue about it at all. We will have to face it sometimes, and I might as well do ti now.

The causes of war are not the things we thought they were. The causes of war are very sordid things. They are things that are so sordid that they must be covered, or there can be no wars fought. I might quote you authorities on that, but it is not necessary. You can pick up almost any of the new books that came out about the end of the war, and since, and you will find that fact uncovered by those who know best. The great warriors are saying—why, Marshal Foch himself has said what the orthodox people would say is quite a dreadful thing, that when the thing gets too congested, then we have cannons to clear the space that is needed.

Mr. CANNON: This is no reflection on me, I hope.

Miss MACPHAIL: I had forgotten the presence of the hon. gentleman. And when we consider the cost, which I am not going into, since it has been given, we find that it was enormous. There were twenty-three nations engaged in that war. It cost 337 billions of dollars and 13 millions of lives, and what is the result of that? We are preparing again this year for that same thing to the extent of $14,400,000. I am going to quote just two or three authorities. Viscount Grey says:

War Never Solved Anything

"The real victor in the Great War was war itself."

Sir Ian Hamilton said, speaking about war:

"We must not listen too much to the men who made the war, because they are bound to crack it up."

Well, they have to. What else could they do? If they do not crack it up they let themselves down, and that to them would be the worst thing that could happen. Sir Arthur Currie says:

"By the World War, we gained a truer appreciation and a better realization of war's unspeakable waste, its dreadful hardships, its cruel slaughter and its aftermath of loneliness, sorrow and broken hearts. We now know that as a means of solving the world's problems and removing international discord, war is a delusion and a lie."

Put It in the School Books

If it is a delusion and a lie, why do we not say so? Why do we not put that in the school books of this country? Why do we not burn the lies that today pass as history, and put out books which tell the truth? Why do we not put in the readers of our country ideals and heroes that will lead us out of the woods and not back into them again. I quote now from Arnold Bennett, the eminent English writer who says:

"Everybody knows that war is idiotic, futile, calamitous and settles nothing. And yet everybody says, 'There must always be war.' Why must there always be war? In past days people no doubt said, 'Brides must always be won by knocking girls on the head and carrying them off senseless.' Evidence must always be obtained by torture. Christians must always murder each other in the name of Christ. Little children must always work eighteen hours a day—because human nature will always be like that.' Well, they were wrong. Human nature did not continue to be like that.

War Must Be Ridiculed

"War is contrary to common sense, and it is therefore absolutely certain that the institution of war will one day be ridiculed and shrivelled out of existence. Human nature will change in its attitude to war by casting out fear. War is not the product of courage; it is a product of fear. Hence the insane maxim that if you want peace you must prepare for war. If you prepare for bankruptcy you will have bankruptcy; if you prepare for war you will have war; and equally if you prepare for peace you will have peace."

A brother of Sir Philip Gibbs says that the one thing that we have never called out against war is the weapon of ridicule, and he goes on to say:

"War can be laughed, ridiculed, off the face of the earth."

It is dangerous to put such things as that, into school books and lead little children, who depend on us to tell them the truth, to believe that war is glorious when it is not. There are many things we could do to prepare for peace, and if national defence means to prepare ourselves for peace, I am willing to vote for the fourteen millions of money, but if it is to prepare ourselves against peace, fourteen million dollars is altogether too much. There are many things we could do, there are things we could begin to do and keep on doing consistently until we would through enlightenment, see there was another way, and that war must not occur again if future civilization is to exist.

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EDMONTON GAINS MEMBERS IN ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN

Good results are being obtained by the committee in charge of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council organizing campaign. During the past week, fifteen new members have been added to the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, and fourteen to the Laborer's Union. The workers on the 101st Street Subway are now 100 per cent organized.

The question of the wages being paid teamsters employed on sub-contract work on the 101st street subway has been satisfactorily adjusted. The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council compelled the contractor to pay the fair wage.

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Child Endownment in Queensland

BRISBANE, Aus.—The Queensland State Labor Government has decided to pass through the Queensland Parliament a measure to formulate child endowment. Queensland is the first country in the world to introduce this form of endowment, and it seems fit and proper that the measure should become law under a Labor Government. The payments for each child under the scheme will be paid to the mothers of the children. By this means a real living wage will find its way into the homes of the workers, adjusted to the needs of no less than 260,000 persons (parents and children.)

One of the first effects of the new scheme will be a great stimulus to trade, for families will now really possess a decent purchasing power. Endowment schemes, in other countries, though widespread have no backing of the law, and are not associated with a legal minimum wage. By the action of the Queensland Labor Government, an Australian State now dove-tails a prevalent European practice of family allowances into an accepted practice of a minimum wage, and leads the way in solving the world-wide problem of a living wage according to the need. This evolution has become inevitable, and will spread to other Australian States or be made Federal law.

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Dreamy music,
Balmy air,
Teasing eyes,
Wavy hair,
A seat on the porch
Just built for two:
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What else could I do?

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THE "GREAT" COMMONER

Sometimes in the hour of death ridicule of an opponent gives place to reverence; staunchness of character, sincerity of purpose, and immunity to graft and other forms of temptation to which politicians are exposed, these are eulogistically referred to, and a general tendency to excuse and tolerate that, which a short time previously, would have aroused open hostility and arrogant intolerance.

This is considered charitable. But in being charitable to the dead we can be honest to the living. The actions, statements, and public conduct of a man who is continuously in he limelight belong to the public. If his works are found to be of worth, posterity will give him a place in accordance therewith, but if found to be worthless posterity will ignore him; and those of his day should not use the sentimental present to pass off personal characters for practical genius.

William Jennings Bryan, whose exit from the religious stage is as dramatic as was his entrance into the political arena, was a man of mediocre ability. But what abilities he had he used to fullest advantage. A dogmatic, intolerant, plausible individual, who led the mob by driving it, played on the emotions of humanity as could no other actor of his time. A shrewdness in adopting popular nostrums, and a cleverness at choosing his associates, combined with a ready flow of oratory made him a formidable opponent. His subjects were both reactionary and progressive but never radical. He has espoused various movements from women suffrage and bimetalism to prohibition and fundamentalism. Notwithstanding his ability to popularise threadbare and outworn movements his success was mainly limited to the South where crime and ignorance has for its antidote a hell-fire religion. Nationally, he was known as a champion of lost causes. He lost three times in presidential elections on behalf of the Democratic Party, and the few minor achievements credited to him have been stumbled on rather than the result of clear planning and thinking. Yet his fighting abilities landed him the nomination three times and his influence for or against other aspirants for office has been considerable. But at the convention of his party a year ago his oratorical powers in defense of the K. K. Klan was greeted with hisses, and for the first time he was unable to sway the delegates with his emotionalism and demogoguery. He was a cunning and clever strategist and generally made no move without first knowing that a big proportion of the citizenery were behind him. He never defended free speech or espoused any cause that was in any way radical, though he made a pretense at fighting the big interests. The question that hurled him into prominence in 1896 is now as dead as the dodo. During the Spanish-American War he raised a regiment of which he was made colonel but saw no active service. But he opposed America's imperialism arising out of the conflict.

On the question of prohibition he at first argued it was a problem for each of the states to determine as it saw fit, but when he saw it become a great national issue he manouvered himself to the head of the puritanical procession. Bryan appealed to the ignorant, the fanatical religious, and the deluded, with the zeal of a crusader. But all he had to offer was oratory and rewards in an after life. He thought he was in the vanguard of progress whereas he was hopelessly in he rear. Compared with La Follette he was a mountebank, and his long reign of influence in the Democratic Party can be put down to the gullability of his followers, rather than to his own brilliance.

The short period he served as secretary in the Wilson cabinet showed up his weakness. Born in Illinois, he changed his place of abode almost as frequent as his palliatives, designed to cure our social ills and whilst he died in Tennessee his latest adopted state was Florida, where he had made a little money boosting real estate. However we suspect that national sentiment will tend to prove Comrade Stevenson correct in transposing the immortal:—

"The good that men do lives after them,
Whilst the evil is oft' buried with their bones." S.

HUMAN SOCIETY HAS EVOLVED TO ANOTHER PERIOD OF CHANGE

Evolution has not only taken place in the animal kingdom but it has taken place in, plant life and human society as a whole. That human society is an organism which has during the centuries of the past, evolved out of the most primitive conditions and that such evolution is still in process has been recognized as a fact only during quite recent times.

It will not be necessary at the present time to follow out in detail the growth of human society through any of its preceding forms. That which more vitally concerns us is the present or capitalist era. Suffice it to say that the present system of property and wealth production sprung from the loins of feudal society, its parent or predecessor. At the proper moment and due to economic development, it was brought forth and its roots firmly planted in the soil of private property in the means of production, land and tools.

To study the development of the capitalist system no better field can be found than this Western continent more especially the United States. With next to no feudal bonds to break, and with a virgin continent possessed of unlimited resources at its disposal, this system has grown up through all the stages from tottering infancy to doddering senility, almost within the memory of men now living. Briefly the various steps may be sketched as follows:

First, individual and usually small ownership of land; tools of production of a primitive character, chiefly hand tools and the process of production a somewhat slow and laborious one in consequence; land and tools used chiefly by the owner in person; exchange of surplus commodities usually confined within narrow limits.

Under such circumstances it can be readily seen there was little or no exploitation of labor. The man who owned the land and tools used them himself and thus stood master of his products—the nearest approach to human freedom since the beginning of the historical period.

Second, the tools having grown from hand tools into machines, the factory supplants the former domestic industry. The ownership of tools passes by easy stages from the individuals who formerly held them into the possession of an owning class, the members of which are thus step by step freed from the necessity of operating them, and depend upon the non-owners for that purpose, whom they hire for wages. Once the factory had made its appearance the real competitive era was inaugurated. Driven on by competition the master of factories turned heaven and earth to more highly perfect their instruments of production and extend their markets. The weaker succumbed in the struggle; the strong grew stronger. Individuals combined their capital into firms. Firms grew into corporations. As this concentration went on it became more and more hopeless for the individual wealth producer to attempt to stand up in competition against the masters of machinery. They were driven by scores to abandon their out-of-date tools and enter the factories, etc., for wages. As the weaker capitalists were forced into bankruptcy by their more powerful competitors they were forced to add their numbers to the wage-earning throng. Thus the wage earners increased enormously in numbers, while the number of owners decreased in like ratio. During this, the "hey day" of competition, the capitalists truly led the "strenuous life."

Third, the consolidation into one corporation of the plants of hitherto competing concerns, thus mobilizing sufficient economic power under one management to control the market. The Standard Oil is an instance of this form of consolidation. The inauguration of this so-called trust era marked the beginning of the end of the competitive stage among capitalists. When an aggregation of capital had been attained in a given industry of sufficient magnitude to control the entire market of the United States in that line, the death knell of competition had been sounded in that particular industry, so far as the capitalists were concerned.

As competition among capitalists diminished, competition among workers became more intense. As the instruments of production became more highly perfected, and the method of their operation more economical through the concentration of capital in fewer hands, the number of workers required to keep the markets supplied was correspondingly diminished. The competition became ever more fierce among the workers for that employment upon which their very lives depend, until conditions have developed throughout this Western continent bordering upon those of civil war, and these conditions are becoming more accentuated each day.

Today a mere handful of capitalists actually own the great dominant industries of all lands. By virtue of the enormous power placed in their hands by such ownership they dominate and control, thus practically owning, those industries that are as yet in a scattered or unorganized condition. This handful of big capitalists are masters all else are slaves.

This position they occupy and maintain because they hold the reins of government in their hands. By no other means could they maintain their mastery. They are granted the right to govern by the workers themselves, the enslaved victims of capitalist rapacity, out of whose servile carcasses is wrung the rich profit that alone affords a pleasing incense unto the nostrils of the modern god, Capital.

At the present time however, the capitalist regime seems to be at a place where it can no longer function properly and some other form will have to take its place in the evolution of society. The capitalist system of property and wealth production can no longer satisfy the needs of mankind nor meet the requirements of human progress. In other words, the social organism cannot attain to further and higher development until the capitalist fetters upon the production and distribution of wealth be broken. This means the freeing of labor from the yoke of wage servitude. To attain this implies the conquest of the public powers by the working class and the use of such powers to free that class from economic bondage to capital. —W.

GOVERNMENT OR TIMBER CO. SHOULD REIMBURSE CITY FOR LOSS.

With over one thousand bush fires sweeping the province there seems to be need for drastic legislation in connection with fire prevention. And when we say fire prevention we don't mean more publicity to prevent fires, but law enforcement to compel the logging companies to clean and burn up their slashings.

The City of Vancouver has, in all probability lost its $13,000 worth of timber that it purchased in the Capilano Watershed because of the fire that swept that locality in few weeks ago. The Capilano Timber Co. strewed the ground with kindling wood, waited for a hot sun to dry everything up and then set fire to the tinder with sparks from a donkey engine and away went the city's $13,000.

The Labor Statesman has mentioned this particular spot several times as being a real fire menace, but the government has failed to enforce the law in regard to slashings, hence the loss. We see no reason why the Capilano Timber Co. or the government should not be compelled to reimburse the city. There is negligence in both cases, one for not enforcing the law and the other for not obeying the law. If some worker breaks any laws he is thrown into jail, but these logging companies can break the laws with impunity, cause considerable loss of property and sometimes loss of life, and no action is taken against them. Its time the government was compelled to take action in this matter and we suggest that our Labor members start immediate action in having the government enforce the law regarding the cleaning up of slashings.

These fires burn up vast amounts of green timber every year and thereby decrease the potential wealth of the province. But the most disastrous thing about these fires is the fact that the soil is burned up, thereby destroying any chance of a new growth of timber for thousands of years to come. There are many places within view of Vancouver where evidences of this can be seen. It is only logged-over ground that burns up the soil, hence the logging companies should be compelled to clean up the waste they leave behind.

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"Behind the prosecution of the brothers Barmat there lurks beyond doubt, an intrigue of German reactionaries who succeeded in urging German juridicial authorities to an action based on alleged rather than on proved misdeeds.

"In the law courts, as in the public schools and in the universities, the enemies of the Republican institutions and parties are in the majority. Hence it was possible to initiate the prosecution of the Barmats and their alleged helpers on what was barely more than hearsay." No date, Herr Bernstein adds, has yet been fixed for the trial.

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REFLECTIONS

By W. W. Lefeaux.

What to think and how to go at it! I am assured with an almost convincing positiveness and assurance that things are not as they were and that a drastic change is imminent. Of one thing I am certain and that is that I have heard that somewhere before. But they assure me that things are now really different. Maybe they are. If they are I am in no way sorry and shall not use much energy in disputation. Possibly I am getting older and my observation senses are not as keen as of yore.

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Apparently on the surface the affairs of mankind are being conducted by the gods or are conducting themselves as we have noticed they moved before with a tendency to a slowly awakening consciousness to the fact that all things are not as well as they might be. But what to do about it?

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Governments rise and fall; power groups re-align themselves; much noise of reform and of interest in the dear people; tariffs, finance, immigration, emigration, taxes, social standing of smuggler and rum-runner; saviours and reformers emulating the star shell; soul salvors shout their warning at us; pessimists prophesy damnation. I.W.W., O.B.U., A.F. of L., Syndicalists, Socialists, Anarchists, Communists and Christians, Open Shoppers, Professional Associations, Chambers of Commerce Boards of Bombast and Royal Commissions each hold forth on their special road and solution of man's ills. The Federation of the World—The Parliament of Man—not yet.

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The War and the Bolshevik Revolution jarred preconceived notions somewhat. The World stood for the War and is busy getting ready for the next; finance became somewhat demoralized in parts but the resources of governments and of those whom it has pleased the gods to place in authority over us were rather unexpected; confiscation of property through debased currency and stabilisation would appear to be an operation on society with chloroform that eases the pressure and has great possibilities. A revolution led by socialists in an agrarian country, backward even from an agricultural point of view and the proclamation there of a communist state completed the jarring and the recovery is not yet. The picture show or a 1914 model to re-organize, if not hunting a job or working twelve hours per day, holds the stage and testifies to poor visibility.

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But small items may be found in the news of the day; Banks amalgamating; railroads to be consolidated; wheat pools; co-operation necessary in marketing fruit; Heathen natives defying France and Spain; Labour indigestion in China; Japanese and German competition; Industrialization of India; International combines; Exit Colonialism, advent of financial Imperialism. These seem to touch in spots and indistinctly to touch things that touch me. They touch gently at first and then just a trifle harder. They are very persistent. Slowly I awake to the fact that my standard of living and even my job is a stake. But it is slow, very slow, and I dose off again perhaps tomorrow will look better.

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If anything the morrow looks worse for my news consists of more industrial stagnation and huge aerial navies. If not a mansion in the skies I may yet get a job up there albeit somewhat unsteady.

With an occasional good war and a fairly regular sequence of fires, earthquakes and other desirable disasters I may plug along until I'm say sixty providing the fellows on the list ahead of me don't live too long, or too many don't climb over me.

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I wish somebody would get that Old Age Pension matter arranged and then let me get old quickly. 'Spose somone is attending to it?

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Yes, I'm coming! What's the show tonight? The Mermaid Murder Mystery? I" be there! Damn that fellow that spoke to me at noon and accused me of knowing nothing but work, sleep, eating and picture shows and said he hoped I starved to death when I get old and many other far from pleasant possibilities he prophesied in the meantime! Good job the show tonight is a thriller. "Old—down and out—without a nickel—except what you can beg—!" Oh damn that man! Let's go!

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See! the villian gets her! The hero shoots!! He shoots too well—they fall—dead—both!! He turns the gun—another shot and he too falls!! Gee but that was a good dime's worth!

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No men wanted today? No job? Market full of depressed currency products? What's that mean anyhow? Gosh this is a hell of a world! Who's running it? Too much cheap stuff on market nobody buying—industrial depression—no work! What we want is a change of government! Chuck the Tweedeldum out and put in the Tweedeldees! That'l fix it!

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AMERICAN COMMUNISTS SPLIT BY FOSTER AND RUTHENBERG

CHICAGO — A controversy for supremacy in the Workers' Party, the Communist organization in America, between W. Z. Foster, who, as president of the party, was also its presidential candidate in the last election, and Charles E. Ruthenberg, general secretary of the party, apparently has not been settled, notwithstanding a long "decision" by the Communist International. The "decision," published by the Daily Worker, the party organ, found the Foster and Ruthenberg factions both right and wrong on some questions. Foster, however, has with him a majority of the Central Executive Committee.

ONE-MAN CAR OPERATION

In the "One-man Car Case" in the federal court at Dayton last week, the big thing was the quiet testimony of statisticians for the street railway companies that "the total saving in wages" from installing the one-man cars in the place of the two-man cars was $332,335.12. We pause to remark that this saving went into the pockets of the private owners of the franchises. It meant $332,335.12 less in the pockets of workingmen, and $332,335.12 less spent across the counters of our Dayton retailers. —Miami Valley Socialist.

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Co-operators Escape Big Mortgage Tolls

America's biggest cities long ago reached the condition where wage earners are unable to provide their families with decent living quarters because of outrageously high rents. New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and a dozen other metropolitan centres not only are disgraced with slums, but are making little effort to provide suitable housing for their unskilled and semi-skilled workers.

The worker who seeks to own his own home, declares the research department of the Federal Council of Churches, is being made a victim of usurious rates of interest, discouraging even the most highly paid craftsman from erecting or buying a shelter for his wife and little ones. Rates as high as 25 per cent are being exacted on second mortgages, assert the Federal Council investigators, who quote President Samuel Reep of the National Association of Real Estate Boards as saying that building speculators charge almost any rate of interest they can exact.

While at the mercy of the mortgage companies and real estate speculators when seeking funds for their individual homes, workingmen nevertheless can command respect in the money market when they pool their housing wants and decide to build co-operatively, declares the All-American Co-operative Commission. Numerous trials have been made in New York and other American cities, while the co-operative building efforts of European workers have been uniformly successful.

Co-operative Apartments Solve the Housing Problem

Co-operators solve the housing problem by building co-operative apartment houses or garden courts, obtaining the economies of joint building while retaining exclusive possession over their living quarters. In the Bedford-Barrow Co-operative Apartments, New York City, families are paying an average of $50 a month for the purchase and use of their living quarters, although in the neighborhood of $100 a month is being asked for merely the rent of similar apartments, without any such title of ownership as the co-operators in the Bedford-Barrow apartments will receive upon the retirement of the mortgages.

Workers in every city can not only parallel the New York achievement of acquiring title to their apartments while spending less for rent than foolish non-co-operators, but they can expect greater success, says the All American Co-operative Commission, for New York admittedly is burdened by heavy obstacles to any form of housing reform.

The Co-operative Commission, 806 Engineers Building, Cleveland, O., has prepared a Co-operative Housing Plan to guide home builders into the advantages of co-operation in solving the housing problem. Copies will be furnished gratis to inquirers.

Grow or Die

The Montreal Gazette of July 8th prints the following news item:

"Germans must colonize Siberia in order to save the German race from decay and ruin, according to a noted German statesman who keeps his name secret. It may be stated, however, that he recently held one of the highest official posts in Germany.

"Since Africa, America and other parts of the world with relatively sparse populations are closed to Germany, he declares that only in Siberia can Germany find an outlet for her growing population.

"He maintains that soon the western European nations will attack and defeat Soviet Russia, since the latter has shown herself hostile to occidental ideals and bent upon bolshevizing Europe.

"When the European attack upon Russia comes, he continues, Germans must participate in order to get her share of Siberia, which will be divided among the European nations after they vanquish the Bolsheviki.

"Since Siberia is climatically suited to Germans, he says, and is full of practically unexploited wealth, millions of Germans could live there, thus solving the problem of overpopulation in Germany, which was largely responsible for the world war and is threatening again to become a serious European problem."

Girls would dress sensibly if more men were not insensible to sensible changes.

As a general rule, man isn't a good housekeeper, and there are times when he doesn't want one around the place.

Political Parties

Their Historical Development

By Alfred Hurry.

It is true we find in history abundant evidence and mention of Parliaments or popular assemblies, but their form and substance were entirely different from parliamentary institutions as we know them today.

The origin of political parties coincides in each country with the establishment of a constitutional and parliamentary regime. The term parliament being derived from the word "parler" (Fr.) it means "to talk," and is highly appropriate.

The object of a political party is to elect a sufficient number of men and women of their own status and political convictions for the purpose of controlling the government ostensibly in the interests of the people as a whole, but actually in the the interests of the section of society which they represent.

In 1215 with the granting of the "Magna Charta" (Great charter) we have the first indications of a desire towards the control of national revenues, reaching its climax in 1689 with the passage of the Bill of Rights establishing English political liberty! and vesting all legislation functions of the United Kingdom in Parliament.

In 1295 during the reign of Edward 1st, (1272-1307) the first "Model Parliament" was called together, though not quite so model as the name would imply.

It consisted of Barons, representatives of the Church, shire and borough—the landed aristocracy.

It was more convenient to negotiate for money grants with one assembly at Westminster.

It was the money of his subjects that Edward wanted and not their advice or control.

The King's necessity was the nations opportunity, and the model Parliament was the result of Edward's need in 1295. **Taxation** was the mother of representation.

The British Parliament has served as a model for all other constitutional countries.

Prior to the Long Parliament, in England (1640) parties were unknown, but immediately following the civil war of 1642 we see the beginnings of well defined parties known as the Cavaliers and Roundheads, later, Tories and Whigs, and finally Conservatives and Liberals.

The Conservative ever seeks to conserve or preserve the existing order of society with land as the source of power and wealth while the Liberal "Liber" (Lat.)—Free—seeks greater freedom and liberty for the purpose of general expansion.

There were no parties in France before the Revolution of 1789, which was purely a class conflict between the landed aristocracy and the rising commercial classes with the workers as usual being the pawns in the political chess game.

Following the first National Assembly and adoption of a constitution in 1791 two groups formed consisting of Royalists and anti-Royalists, and later known as "Party of Resistance" and "Party of Movement," the most expressive of any party names yet applied.

In Germany parties arose after the Confederation of 1867.

In Italy, Hungary, Belgium, Holland and Russia, the unification of a country, the grant or conquest of a constitution was followed in every case by the formation of political parties.

In the United States of America with the declaration of independence (a conflict between the "Mother Country" and the rising manufacturers of the Colonies) two parties were formed and then known as Federalist and Anti-Federalist, eventually adopting the name of Republican and Democrat being identical with the Conservative and Liberal of other countries.

In Canada the Constitutional Act of 1791, opened the way for the formation of the well known class parties Conservative and Liberal.

Constitutions, representative governments and political parties thus have a common origin and manifest one historical phase in the development of political institutions——a phase on the whole corresponding to the modern economic system.

The rise of representative governments and political parties marks in all countries the ascendency of the modern industrial classes over the landowning classes formerly in power.

Each party is the result of the conflict of economic interests and seeks to control the powers of the state to protect and advance their particular class interests.

The rise of labor parties which are fundamentally socialistic seeking the establishment of the industrial commonwealth with production for use instead of for "profit" marks the passing of the political and military state and the rise of an economic administration abolishing class privileges and substituting the free use of the countries of the earth and a scientific and highly industrialized system of production and distribution.

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Freedom in Its Relation to Capitalism

By F. W. MOORE

Man's freedom can never be attained under capitalism any more than fruit can be produced during blossom time.

Capitalism represents blossoms and like them produces many beautiful effects temporarily. A co-operative commonwealth of world states must necessarily be the fruit.

The raison d'etre of capitalism like that of the blossoms, is complementary; for just as the fruit is protected by a palisade of petals so is the embryotic commonwealth developed in the womb of capitalism.

Nevertheless, capitalism, even in its present stage of decrepitude serves the very useful purpose of stimulating thought, and that in itself is no small step towards the goal of freedom.

The everlasting struggle between rival capitalists and between capitalism and labour has an irrepressible tendency to awake the powers of logic that lie dormant in the constitution of the human race.

But logic is not everything: Its essential complement is distress; indeed, if men reasoned out the best road to follow towards freedom, all our experiences of human nature lead us to expect that they would take that road, only when it presented to travellers less resistance than any other.

Creating a Furore

Fortunately, perhaps, as far as the state of the road to human freedom is concerned, many obstacles to progress are now noticeable. Capitalists insist on directing economic activities in such a way that her produce in bulk can never reach the limit that ought to be normal; and if she did, she couldn't dispose of it for lack of a sufficiently extensive market. Nor can such a procedure be ascribed to truculence on her part; as a matter of fact, she is struggling to preserve a life that is well nigh spent, but, in trying to inject an elixir, she is driving her hypodermic syringe to the hilt in humanity's arm, and humanity is roaring with pain.

Permanent Unemployment

The long expected complement that gives efficiency to logic, has materialized, and in the meantime, the logicians are reading the following: "In the United States from ten to twelve per cent of all workers are out of employment all of the time." —Bulletin, Methodist Federation for Social Service, Oct. 15th, 1924; or they can turn to the Vancouver Star for July the 10th last, where the following appears:

"Unemployment is now generally accepted as a permanent economic ill in Great Britain. With the war six years past . . . . it seems to be growing steadily worse."

In the early days of the New World, when machinery was little used, Charles Dickens is said to have remarked that an unemployed man or a beggar was a sight that caused as much amazement as if a flaming sword had made its appearance in the air.

The great change in the world since then was brought about by the introduction of machinery.

Capital's Travail

"But why should machinery make this difference?" says our logician. And the pain of the hypodermic syringe causes him to exclaim: "Something must be done; this life is becoming intolerable."

To a man from Mars a comic opera would seem to be in progress—an opera of discordant noises and philosophical diatribes.

Thus does Mother Capital give indications of her travail.

She is a tough old lady, nevertheless, and will put up a memorable fight for her life. Age, however, is against her, and in the long run she must succumb.

The New Order will begin life as an orphan, but in her birth a step on the road to freedom will have been achieved.

JULY IN HISTORY

By GEORGE F. STIRLING

July 1st; July 4th; July 12th; July 14th. Canada! The United States! The Orange World! France! Each in turn is thrilled by the commemoration of a Day, and celebrates it in its own peculiar way by the waving of flags, the shooting of fire-crackers, and the yelling as of Apaches on the War-Path.

Man is a curious animal. One of the first presents he receives in life is a rattle. In time he acquires also a horn which he blows in season and out of season. But when the great Day comes around he gets together in crowds, and at a given signal of some half drunken reveller or devotee of the goddess of Noise, he lets off a combined yell. For days afterwards, the big noise reverberates through his alleged brain and forms a topic of conservation beginning thus, "Say, didn't we have a swell time last night?"

On the first of July we celebrate the day on which the Fathers of Confederation consummated the sublime idea of making a huge Dominion out of a number of petty Dominions and fusing them together into one homogeneous whole. Unfortunately the heterogeneous mass would not fuse, and only the other day our Governor General deplored the fact, and gave us as his last message to the people his urgent desire that the East, and the West and the Noisy Middle would forget their differences and confederate. Still it was a great Day.

Liberty's Tomb

On the 4th of July if one should climb over the 49th parallel, or slip through the wires, he would be astonished to hear the people of that great country who pass laws to confine science within the boundaries of Babylonian myths; yelling themselves hoarse, and some even sacrificing themselves upon the altar of their country, in defence and in honor of the Goddess of Liberty. But as Bernard Shaw has well stated, "The Statue of Liberty is well placed—at the entrance to Liberty's tomb." Still it was a great day.

But who can measure the thrills of enthusiasm which unbalance the Orange World when the 12th of July breaks into sunshine. That great day when the Hosts of Sin were shattered on the Boyne by mercenary foreign troops, at so much a day. For it is a well-known fact that it was the glorious, noisy, beer-drinking Brandenburg mercenary troops who in the nick of time turned the tide for King Billy, and registered a glorious victory for the Almighty. These mercenary foreign soldiers were hired by any country to fight in any cause so long as they received their ration of beer, and their tale of shekels. If there were any glow of patriotism in any breasts upon that day surely it was to be found in the breasts of those whose country was invaded and who fought desperately and heroically in defence of their misguided opinions. Still it was a great day.

Those days are more or less of interest to certain sections of humanity, but July 14th touches a chord which makes our nerves tingle with glorious satisfaction. July 14th, 1789, will be remembered as long as man is remembered on this noisy bubble of a world. It was the day on which a monument was unveiled. The day on which the secrets, the gruesome and diabolical secrets of the Bastille were unveiled to the gaze of man.

Storming the Bastille

The Bastille of Paris was a monument to the ruthless power of a decadent aristocracy. The Bastille with its drawbridges, rampart bastions and towers had stood there for four centuries defying the liberties of the common people. Many an innocent son of man without trial, without accusation, had been left to rot and die in its deep dank dungeons. But on July 14th Nemesis had called her troops, ill-armed, ill-clothed, and hungry, to tear down with their very finger nails the mighty walls of that citadel of hell. The noisy battle raged for hours, till at last the defenders, thinned out and weary, surrendered—on terms. Immunity for all the defenders. The terms are accepted; the drawbridge sinks with groans, and the teaming mass of the sons of Liberty break like a tidal wave through the entrance and into every room and dungeon. The terms of surrender are not kept. Nemesis keeps no faith with the tools of tyrants. De Launay, the gallant defender is slain. Along the streets of Paris seven heads are carried aloft on pikes. The walls of the Bastille are torn to pieces to form a bridge over the Seine, over which millions of emancipated Frenchmen have tramped in triumph these one hundred and thirty-six years.

In the Name of Liberty

And today the troops of France, singing the Marseillaise may be, are being hurled into Morocco to crush the heroic tribesmen who are fighting for their political independence against the combined imperialisms of France and Spain. And in China all the powers are gathering like vultures to suppress her demands for political liberty.

Liberty is not worshipped yet; she is mocked by lip service. But Nemesis, the goddess of Vengeance, stands by once more with a smile of implacable defiance. July 14th was a great day, but there will be a greater day when imperialistic and patriotic cant is swept into the limbo of humbuggery, and Liberty is worshipped in very truth. Speed the day.

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Railway Carmen Enjoy Another Annual Picnic

The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America held their annual picnic at Second Beach, on Saturday July 25th and apart from ideal weather conditions enjoyed the bracing summer westerly that blows down upon English Bay. Everybody present discarded their business and became as children for the day, except probably the committeemen, who may not recuperate sufficiently over the week-end to make the grade to the time clock on Monday. Ice cream and soft drinks there were in plenty, to say nothing of the toys and candy for the youngsters. The sports were a success in every sense of the word, although some of the best athletes and most willing workers were absent, being called out early in the day to a small line disturbance up country. The pie-eating contest was very keen as far as competition and appetites went, although after this event the said appetites were somewhat dulled, the obstacle they had been confronted with having been juicy raisin pie. plus a liberal coating of molasses. The old hands at the shop, lost to the officials in the tug-o-war, but this last victory was annulled by the younger, perhaps amateur, mechanics. It was generally conceded that the officials had the tonnage, although their cylinders were not as efficient, and that they had too little weight on their drivers. The finishing touch to a perfect day was added by Mr. W. C. Hodgson, former general car foreman, now retired, who distributed the prizes, which were very appropriate, and gave a delightful address.

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Plasterers Enjoy Bowen Island Picnic

The Plasterer and his wife and children were out in force last Saturday when the Lady Alexandra landed nearly 200 adults and 100 children on Bowen Island for a day of fun and pleasure. The affair was held under the auspices of the Plasterers' Union and all who went had a thoroughly enjoyable time, especially the committee men, who worked like trojans.

There were all kinds of sports, so many, in fact, and so many winners that it was late in the afternoon before they were over. Over $100 worth of prizes were given away, besides eighteen gallons of Fraser Valley Union -made Ice Cream, 24 cases of pop and loads of candies.

The picnic was a huge success and the committee men were applauded by everybody, especially the children. The committee men were: W. Strickland, A. Hurry. T. Terry, B. Shutteworth, B. Leonard and M. Galway.

WRESTLING MATCH TONIGHT

Two wrestling champions of world-wide fame will vie for supremacy on the mat at the Arena tonight. The fun will start at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets are selling like hot cakes, it seems, and the keenest interest has warmed up this match. The contestants will be Jatrinda Gobar, the great wrestler from the Far East, and Leo L'Heureaux, of Winnipeg, and winner of many trophies. The winner will be awarded honors as heavyweight champion of Canada. The contest will be for best two falls out of three to a finish. The winner will be matched to meet Joe Stecher for the world's title. In addition to the star feature, there will be good preliminaries. Mr. Emil Klank, who is handling the affair, predicts a big house and a very lively match.

Carpenters Have Big Crowd at Picnic

In spite of the fact that the sun failed to shine last Saturday morning, almost six hundred adults and an unestimable number of children boarded the Union S. S. Lady Alexandra for the Carpenters' picnic at Bowen Island.

Soon after the boat arrived however, Old Sol showed his face and did faithful service for he rest of the day. The crowd were a jolly lot and became thoroughly acquainted before the sports committee started the events. There were so many events, and so many participating that they cannot be enumerated here, but everybody appeared satisfied with the results, especially the kiddies, because those who did not win prizes received candies. There were $300 worth of prizes given away besides the following: 25 gals. of Fraser Valley Union-made ice cream, 3 cases of oranges, 60 doz. bottles of pop, 800 all-day suckers, 40 gals. of milk and tea and sugar.

The committees were kept busy most of the time and everything went off smoothly in spite of the big crowd. Most of the picnickers left the six o'clock boat and finished up the day with community singing.

The chairmen of the various committees were: Transportation, H. Ross; sports, G. Richardson; refreshments, J. Bruce; tickets, W. Dunn; grounds, W. Page; purchasing, J. McKinley.

Union Ice Cream Has Featured All Picnics

The universal button proposition having been defeated by the local unions affiliated with the Trades Council, the Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees Union has been compelled to secure a buttton of its own and these will be issued to the members during the month of August. The buttons are very attractive having a cut of a bottle of that delicious cows milk that is only obtainable from the union salesmen.

We take this opportunity to urge all readers of the Statesman to insist on their milk salesman showing the button.

We wish to thank all the unions for their support in having union-made ice cream for their picnics and we have yet to hear of any union taking non-union ice cream, or milk. This is an uphill fight but we have made an impression this year, that, with continued support, will help in lining up the other companies next year. It is interesting to note that Alderman Almond has not even deigned to answer any letters sent his firm in reply to the one he sent out and should be remembered when election time comes around.

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