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A Vote for LABOR is a Vote for Yourself

THE LABOR PARTY is a workingman's and a working woman's party. Grafters have no use for it. Bunco men steer clear of it. It is on the level and on the square. It stands for "Human Rights" for the toiling masses. Is it nothing to you that a province like ours, filled with potential wealth, should be exploited for the benefit of a few while the great mass of men and women are ever crying for enough to properly feed, clothe and shelter them and their little ones? A vote for Labor is a vote for a better distribution of the good, beautiful and nourishing things of life. Mothers, your children expect you to vote Labor.

Why Women Should Vote for Labor

The Canadian Labor Praty is a woman's party as well as a man's. Women on the whole suffer more than men under many evils of present day society. The feeding and clothing of their children, paying the landlord and buynig the general necessities of life all fall heavily upon the shoulders of the wife and mother when scant wages and unemployment of the bread winner are ever present features of the family's existence.

Human Rights

The Labor party is essentially a working class party because it is the working class that suffers most under the evils of our every day existence. Whatever policies are brought forward by the Labor Party or its representatives, are those put forward by the rank and file of labor. It is you who dictate the policy of this party if you take enough interest in it to become a part of it. But whether you do or do not join it, there are thousands who need just the same things as you do to make life worth while and who are ever busy shaping the policy and demands of the human family. Even though you stand aloof, when poverty, misery and unemployment demand that "Human Rights" be safeguarded, the policy of the Canadian Labor Party will always be in YOUR interests.

A Sham Fight.

Never mind about the promises of the old parties or the "sham fight" of the Provincial rarty. Get behind Labor, vote for Lal or and then join us in legislating in the interests of yourself, your children ard your breadwinner.

A Vote for Labor is a vote for yourself. Is it nothing to you that working men and women should be banded together in this fight for all humanity? Let us follow the splendid achievement of the British workers and start to legislate in our own interests.

TRADES COUNCIL DELEGATES

The next regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held **next** Tuesday, June 24th, on account of the regular meeting taking place on a holiday—Dominion Day.

Compensation Act Needs Amending

Credentials were received for delegates from the Barbers, Electrical Workers 213 and the Musicians Unions at the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council Meeting Tuesday evening.

The attendance was small on account of the interest in the political campaign.

The Spillers Lockout and strike of the carpenters on the grain boats is still in progress with good prospects, now in sight, for a satisfactory settlement. Attempts have been made to obtain strike breakers from the Fink Hall. Sixty promised to help to line the boats but only three men (?) turned up. Even former strikebreakers have had enough of strike breaking.

Bakery Salesmen Join C.L.P.

Del. Bowron of the Bakery Salesmen's Union reported that his organization had affiliated with the Canadian Labor Party.

The Painters and Paperhangers Union reported a number of new members and the Devonshire and St. Julien Apartments jobs lined up 100% with the help of other trades.

Contractors Active

The School Board Trustees are alleged to be in favor of having all painting done by contract. The work has been done by day labor in the past and has been very satisfactory both in work and cost. Influence is apparently being brought to bear on the Board to change the policy, so the Trades Council has decided to enter a protest. These trustees all plegded themselves to have the work done on the day labor plan and this is going to be brought to their attention.

The Plasters Union start a five day week on the first of July with a fifty cent increase in wages.

The Lathers Union report a few new members. The union is not growing as fast as other unions, but there is plenty of material to work upon. Help from the other building trades would be appreciated.

No Compensation

The need for an amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act was brought to the attention of the delegates by Secretary Bengough. Workmen receiving rupture or strained backs in the course of their work are not entitled to compensation unless they get it BY ACCIDENT, such as falling or being knocked down. The council will attempt to have the words —By Accident— eleminated from the Act.

An Organizing Campaign

Del. McDonald informed council of the successful organizing campaign of the Edmonton Trades Council and stated that he would bring in a motion at the next meeting to start a similar campaign in Vancouver.

The Council decided to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 24th, next week, instead of Dominion Day.

The meeting adjourned and went in a body to the Labor Party meeting at the Orange Hall.

MOTHERS

Do you know that organized labor and its parliamentary representatives have consistently demanded social legislation in the interests of the life and happiness of children of the province and Dominion? Do you know that Labor has tirelessly, year in and year out, demanded, such legislation as the franchise, mothers' pensions, minimum wages, sanitary factory legislation, etc., in the interest of women and children, and that **without** this **persistent** demand not a single piece of such legislation would be on the statute books today. LABOR has had to fight hard for every act and it has yet to fight hard for improvement in the existing acts. A vote for LABOR this time is a vote for better legislation for women and children.

Edmonton Organization Campaign Flourishing

The organizing campaign of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council is well under way and considerable headway is being made. About 125 laborers and 75 carpenters as well as a number of painters and railway workers have been brought within the organized Labor Movement.

An open meeting of painters and workers in that industry was held in the Labor Hall. A packed meeting of laborers working on the government elevator job was held and a large number joined up with the organization.

Women's League For Peace in the East

OTTAWA, Can.—The Pax Special, representing the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, got a mixed though on the whole favorable reception in Canada. In Toronto, an imperialst city, an effort was made to prevent the advocates of peace from speaking in the largest music hall, nad the city council declined to give an official welcome. A large women's organization, the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, is credited with being behind the opposition to the peace delegates. The meeting, however, was largely attendd.

In Montreal and in Ottawa the attitude was more sympathetic. In Montreal the local council of women and other women's organizations took charge of the arrangements. In Ottawa the president of the local council of women presided at the meetings, and the speakers were entertained at an unofficial dinner in the parliamentary restaurant, when representatives of all parties were presnt.

No More Help Wanted

"The Hook" complains of a Vancouver firm that advertised in the Daily Province for workers but advised that "No British need apply." This kind of advertisement may cause a great deal of wailing and nashing of teeth, but the same thing, worded in a different way, happens every day. Unemployed are walking our streets and many signs can be seen which read: "Notice; No More Help Wanted." That notice means: To hell with every man woman and child out of whose labor we cannot make a profit." There is no sentiment in business under this system. People need food, clothing and shelter, but, they have to work in order to get these thnigs. No work, no food, etc., hence they are turned away from the factory gates, hungry, ragged, insulted, desperate, while they and their loved ones starve, though the workers are willing to produce **Plenty For All.** Every ballot marked for others than a Labor Party candidate means endorsement of this kind of thing. What about it?

Oriental Issue In Present Campaig

The employers of labor introduc Oriental Labor into this province o a quarter of a century ago to g cheap labor for the mills, mines a factories. Ever since that date organized labor movement has actively trying to stop the influx all to very little avail. In the year or two the business men, ha been compelled to compete with ch ese storekeepers and factory owners have been protesting also. But t damage appears to be permanent will possibly remain so until Labor g into power to take drastic steps remedy it.

Against Labor Party

The Provincial Party appears to making a big campaign against t Labor Party because of a resoluti passed at a recent convention. But o of the biggest employers of Chines labor is the Leader of that Party.

In justice to all foreigners ad ed to this country by the powers t be, the Labor Party feels that they sh be accorded the same privileges all citizens. When the Labor Pa gets into power it will have to eit stop further immigration or force the standard of livi g of the otient so that it is impossible for him to wo for any less than any oth r citizen.

Being Roundly Abused

The campaign of the Provincial Party is a vote catching effort of politicians who are out of a job. Some of their candidates are being roundly abused by the officials and polticians of the party because they dare to o pose the dirty, unhealthy habit of ha ing doctors inject deceased cow-p into human beings. A vote for t Provincial Party is a vote for Dict torship by Big Business and parasite of the present system.

Everybody's working now for Labor and they'll soon be voting, too.

FEATURE EDITION NEXT WEEK

Next week's issue will be our Dominion Day Special. It will contain many more pages and advertisements from our friends among the manufacturing and business firms of the district.

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PRISON OVERCROWDED

SAN QUENTIN, Cal.—So crowded has San Quentin prison become that beds are being installed in hallways to accommodate newcomers. The prison population is 3,005. The buildings were constructed to hold 2,000 prisoners. About 100 of those in San Quentin are victims of the California criminal syndicalism law, and other industrial prisoners.

Correspondence

1610 - 11th Ave. East,
Vancouver, B.C.
June 16th, 1924

Editor,

In connection with the coming Provincial Election there is one think I would like to suggest (**perhaps it is being done now**) and that is I think you should preach in season and out of season to your auditors and readers that when they vote for Labour men they should vote for Labour men only, and not distribute any votes they may not feel inclined to give to any of the labor candidates of the other parties.

I guess you will know what I am getting at. For example, I may vote for five of your men and for some reason or other decline to give my vote to the sixth. In a case such as this I would suggest that you impress on your frineds to **waste the sixth vote,** rather than give it to anyone else, otherwise it will cancel one of the five votes cast, and I can see that labour will need every single vote it can dig up

H. G. HUNT.

The Ethics of Labor

ALAN MUIR.

Paper Read Before Carpenters at the Last Meeting of Local 452.

All public movements grow from some popular sentiment, based upon some real or fancied necessity. Every successful movement has a characteristic driving force, a spirit of ethical value that folds its members in loyal unity.

What are the ideals and difficulties of the Brotherhood of Carpenters?

Unfortunately we find mixed motives among the members. That which each man considers best should be examined in the local to prove its relative value.

A popular object of Unionism is: "A Higher Wage." In some cases this becomes crystallized into this slogan: "Give as little as you can (labor) for as much as you can get."

Such sentiments cause friction in the labor market, hardship in the home and living by illegal means appears less strenuous.

Higher wages induce higher prices. They are no defense against a merchant's greed. Higher wages must be based upon equity to the public. The seller of labor should be equally satisfied to change place with the buyer of labor.

The next aim of labor is: "A shorter working Day." The slogan is: "Have work for all." This excellent object if obten brought into disrepute by the poor sentiment expressed by workmen in the saying sometimes heard on the job, "Don't do it all yourself, leave some of it for the other fellow; help the repair man to a job. Cut out labor saving devices. Wait for the office to order them. You are not paid to think. Trip up the speedy workman, he may get your job. Hang on to the steady workman, and his big tool kit; it slows him up and you get equal credit for a fair day's work."

The next object is, "Advance the interests of the Trade." The slogan is, "Unionise the Trade and exploit it as a class monopoly."

Two examples of Union Monopoly are Lawyers and Doctors. In the one case we get more law than justice and in the other example we meet with a conspiracy of silence, because "a doctor is bound by the ethics of his own profession not to say a word in a court of law that will incrimminate a fellow practitioner."

Hidebound unionism is a creed that seeks the closed shop, raises the initiation fees to freeze off outsiders and yet would make heaven or hell dependant upon the production of the Union Card.

The next union ideal is, "Industrial Control." The slogan is, "To have and to hold." Unless that aim was tempered with better sentiment it would be a lever for the red element to force an industrial militant despotism. A victorious industrial army would conscript all wage payments. A new criminal code would judge Dissenters to Unionism as invalids, parasites, frauds, thieves, or heretics.

The last primary object is, "The Universal Minimum Wage Scale". The slogan then would be, "Punch the clock and register the Wage." Would the hammer and saw man, enjoying the same pay as the all-round mechanic, be inspired to carry more tools? Would he waste time after work hours in gaining efficiency for next day's work? What prevents an assured income from breeding selfish indifference?

Having shown how some ideals suffer at the hands of a few nominal followers, it becomes necessary to blend those aims and objects in the right way to produce justice.

The first necessity is Sound Economy. Each trade must give a fair proportional output to the community. Any society using a trade as a monopoly to squeeze the public of the last cent is promoting national disaster.

The second necessity is Sound Brotherhood. Therein we find mutual help in delivering better service, safety induced by harmony, and a cheerful swing on an industrious job. Therein would be the elemination of all forms of sabotage and vicious critical watchfullness, for Brotherhood means the guardianship on some public trust.

The last necessity is, "The principal of equity in human contact." Old conceptions of trade unionism must make way for the new. Labor is not a commodity,—it is a service. Service by master or man is relieved by the spirit of the gift.

No Trade Union can truly boast of sucess if it deliberately passes by some wreckage upon Life's Highway.

Three British Trade Union Amalgamate

LONDON.—A British laborers' union of 400,000 members will come into being July 1 through the amalgamation of the National Amalgamated Union of Laborers, the Municipal Employes' Union and the National Union of General Workers.

The Amalgamated Engineering Union is expected to amalgamate with the molders and ironfounders; the bricklayers with the plasterers and carpenters, and several woolen textile groups to form one body. The general council of the British Trades Union congress is promoting amalgamation energetically.

College Students Are Getting Interested

NEW YORK.—"College students are no longer indifferent to the struggles of the workers and the demand for a new social order," is the observation of field secretary Paul Blanshard, League for Industrial Democracy, who has returned to New York from a seven months coast-to-coast tour. His report is based upon contact with 35,000 students in 85 colleges where he spoke and held conferences.

"The success of the British Labor party," says Blanshard, who is author of a recent book on that subject, "has produced a profound impression on American college communities." He believes that formation of a labor party in this country would bring into the political field large numbers of students who will serve the labor cause here as the intellectuals of England have served the British Labor party.

The League for Industrial Democracy reports that its work has expanded more rapidly this year than in any year since the war. League chapters exist in Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia, Wellesley, Vassar, Oberlin, Wisconsin, Stanford, Reed and other colleges.

Far-Reaching Miners Convention In Illinois

By TOM TIPPETT
(Federated Press Staff Corespondent)

TAYLORVILLE, Ill.—The convention of subdistrict 5, District 2, United Mine Workers of America which adjourned here June 9 was probably the most progressive meeting ever held within the miner's union. There was complete absence of the petty condemnation of leadership within the organization during the dbeates that carried the convention on to unanimous decisions on the militant subjects which confronted the delegates. This convention did not deal with personalities.

The June 7-14 Farmer-Labor convention at St. Paul was indorsed and two delegates elected. Duncan McDonald, Labor Party of Illinois, candidate for governor was enthusiastically applauded when he declared, in a convention speech, that he intended to campaign the state for hte Labor Party.

In the report of Wm. Daech, president of this subdistrict an excellent description of the bankrupt coal industry was presented. "An industry that can only afford a part of life—and a miserable part at that—to those who do its work is bound to failure" the report says, and points out that the miners are "feeling that failure now." The report summarizes a worldwide breakdown of the present order and cites Russia, England, France and Australia as countries where the workers are being called upon to assume responsibilities in the affairs of the world. Daech predicts a change in the United States and recommends the opening of a department of education in this subdistrict for preparing union members for the coming responsibilities in the leadership of the union "and the body politic of the state as well."

The convention unanimously accepted this recommendation, selected a committee to direct the education department which immediately drew plans for employment of a fulltime director. Educational work will begin July 1st this year.

POSTPONE BRITISH LABOR CONFERENCE

LONDON.— Postponement of the British Commonwealth Conference, which was to have met in August, may be due to possibility of a general election in the autumn which would require all the time of the British Labor Party.

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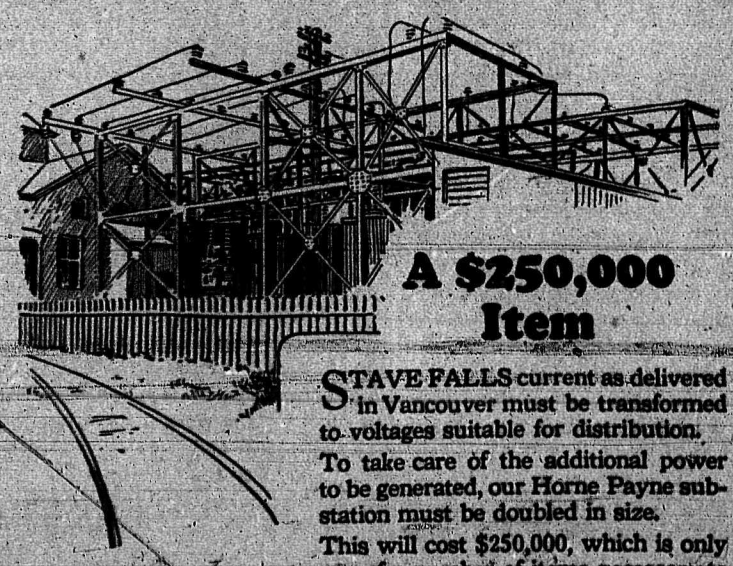
SEATTLE.—Foreclosing on farms and homes by moneylenders should be forbidden by law, declares Joel Shoemaker, Farmer-Labor candidate for governor of the state of Washington. "The man who forces the farmer from his land or the homebuilder from his home because he cannot pay his debts should lose his money and be denied the rights and privileges of citizenship," Shoemaker says.

The C. L. P. is going strong in Alberta. Another new branch has been organized at Edson among the miners and railroad workers.



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MADRID.—The Vigilance committe of Spain is making numerous raids on labor organizations, imprisoning many organizers and officials.

The Lumber Agents

(By J. M. Clarke, Gen. Sec'ty, Lumber Workers' Union of Canada.)

Who owns John Oliver? Is the be-whiskered old gentleman father of his own acts or is he merely a medium the casual instrument used by Big Business to deliver legislation beneficial to their interests? Let those who claim to be representatives of this province—the lumbermen—make answer.

A year ago, when Oliver and his barn yard cohorts passed the Order-in-Council reducing the wages of loggers engaged in fighting fire to twenty-five cents per hour, C. L. Shaw, writing in the "B. C. Lumberman," official mouthpiece of the B. C. Council of Timber Industries, said: "Those who are re- have actively bbYfvnOobnstrylpe sponsible for the Order-in-Council, who have actively negotiated for its adoption for more than two years until finally winning success predict it will be duplicated in the Northwest States within the near future." Who does the writer mean when he says: "Those who are responsible for the Order-in-Council, who have actively negotiated for two year"? Who negotiated with whom? This can only mean that those who desired the measure—the lumbermen—used "Honest" (?) John and his satellites to bring it into being. Just think of the saving which this order effected for the lumbermen. Just think on the value in cold cash which such a measure would have.

The current issue of the "Western Lumberman" published by the lumber dealers of Western Canada, contains the following bald headline: **It is essential that the lumber industry of British Columbia have a representation in parliament.** Not a representation of human beings but a representation of lumber. The article which follows goes on to state: "Irrespective of politics, creed or religion.....the lumber industry of B.C. must have representation in the Legislature of this Province;" this because they have "an investment of $200,000,000" and "one of the most important questions which will come before the next session of the Legislature will be the shaping of a fair and equitable policy with reference to the timber resources of British Columbia." We are further informed that Chris McCrae, liberal candidate for Vancouver City, and Perry D. Roe, Conservative candidate for Vancouver City "will if elected be in a position to advise and suggest to the Government" how this fair and equitable basis may be arrived at.

In their own trade journals the lumbermen make no sceret of the fact that they have determined that lumber shall be represented no matter which group gets into power. They openly proclaim that lumber contributes a greater amount to the provincial treasury than anything else, and because of the unwritten law that he who pays the piper calls the tune, they should be the controlling group. For this reason they put forward a candidate on each of the three capitalist party tickets, knowing that should either of them be elected their interests will be looked after.

Chris McCrae in his own stuttering incoherent way states that it will not be safe to send General McRae to Victoria because of his large timber holdings. Chris, however, omits to mention that he himself owns timber limits, and operates logging camps, and a saw mill. However, this is offset by Perry D. Roe's statement that the lumbermen can be counted upon to look after themselves, which is in turn further illuminated by General McRae's statement that the electors should insist upon the lumbermen telling "what they asked for last fall." Seeing that the General has been mixed up in so many transactions of a more or less shady character, and seeing that he is one of the lumber candidates he should know what the lumbermen "asked for last fall." "When thieves fall out" etc.

In everything which affects the lives and well being of the fourteen thousand men working in the woods of B. C., in everything which would redound to the interests of Big Business the old fossilized farmer premier, whose knowledge of political science was gathered milking cows and hoeing turnips, has proved himself to be the willing subservient lackey of the lumber companies. He has wantonly allowed hundreds and hundreds of men to be blacklisted and driven out of the country by the lumber companies for no other reason than that they were members of a labor union; he has enacted legislation, with a high-sounding name, but which he has made to attempt to enforce because he only desired it for self aggrandizement, and to catch votes; at no stage of the game has he ever evinced the slightest interest in the well being of those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. There is something almost pathetic in this spectacle of this effete old man, over whose mind there is daily creeping the withering hand of senile decay, puffed up with his own self-importance fawning upon those who only tolerate him because they can use him. What a tragic picture of how little real knowledge some people can gather from a life's experience.

That he and his motley crew of unemployable lawyers, and small town, second rate ward heelers have in all things aided and abetted the diabolical designs of the lumber interests is not to be wondered at. They are the representatives of that section of society who live by their wits, and their ability to rob, pillage and destroy. They dwell amid the crumbling corruption of a past age, oblivious to the changing conditions, changing social relations and needs of today.

To the future they dare not look. Upon its door their doom is written in the unmistakeable signs of a world wide awakening of the working class. Such little knowledge as they do possess, the heritage of a dead past, will not suffice to carry them beyond its portals. Under the stinging lash of necessity the workers are moving forward. The future is their heritage. They who produce, create, and build everything that mankind requires for his sustenance can be counted upon to solve such problems as may confront them.

Prison-Made Goods Flooding Country

By TOM TIPPETT, Federated Press Staff Correspondent.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Kate Richards O'Hare has started another crusade. It is a crusade against the prison factory trust. After spending 14 months in the Missouri state penitentiary as a political prisoner, Mrs. O'Hare has first-hand information on how prison-made merchandise is manufactured, how the contracts are negotiated with political crooks and how the market is flooded with working-class wearing apparel tainted with the prison-task system.

Mrs. O'Hare is in Illinois with a staff of field workers campaigning against the sale of prison-made material. She exposes the prison trust before trade unions and gets a boycott pledge. Then she secures from the merchants a signed agreement against handling prison-made materials.

One concern alone manufactured in 17 prison sweatshops in 1923 more than 16,000,000 work shirts.

"All of these prison-made garments are sold in competition with the products of free labor, are purchased by farmers, workingmen and their wives, who would revolt at wearing the products of sweated convict labor," says Kate O'Hare. "Cleverly worded advertising conceals the fact that these articles are prison-made. This advertising of the vicious prison factory trusts comes into millions of American homes in the pages of respectable publications, daily newspapers, farm journals and magazines published by fraternal societies."

Huge profits are gouged out of the prisoners by a task system imposed by ignorant and degenerate prison foremen. Failure to complete the task is punishable by prison torture sometimes ending in death. Mrs. O'Hare cites two instances. A tubercular and a narcotic woman prisoner succumbed to the rigors of the punishment when they could not turn out enough work.

Flooding the market with convict labor products puts free labor out of business.

"The girl who sat next to me in the prison workshop in Jefferson City, Mo.," Mrs. O'Hare relates, "was in the last stages of syphilis and tuberculosis. There was a great open sore on her mouth from which the pus dripped. This girl was making baby unionalls and she would use the garments to wipe this pus from her face, and toss them into the pile of finished goods. She coughed and sprayed her work with tuberculosis germs. These disease-laden garments went into the commerce of the United States under false labels, and were sold to innocent purchasers to put on the bodies of little children."

CASTLE FOR SOCIALIST YOUTH

WEIMAR, Germany.—A castle for the workers—this dream has been realized by the Socialist Youth of Germany. They have acquired Taennich castle as a summer home for their membership. The castle is in the beautiful Thuringian forest.

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Manager's Note—Ye Editor is busy campaigning on Vancouver Island. There is every indication that he will be elected for Nanaimo. He is also helping Sam Guthrie, who is having an uphill fight because the government has increased the size of his constituency.

Farmers Ready for Canadian Labor Party

Western farmers, members of the Federal Parliament, are not in accord with the policies of the Liberal govrnment and all the attempts to line them up behind the government are of no avail. Before the next election a great many of these will be lined up with the Labor party, as many of them have already intimated.

Mr. Garland, one of the Alberta members in a recent address in parliament said:

"There is nothing wrong with this country. We have the most fertile soil probably in the world. We can raise in my province crops that cannot be raised anywhere else in the world. I have never heard of their like. We have mineral resources beyond those of any other in this country. We have stock that walk off with the Chicago award year after year. We win your dairy prizes at the Chicago fair every year. We won first prize for wheat for the world this year. We won first prize for oats. The barley king of the world lives at Claresholm, Alberta. There is nothing wrong with the country. What is wrong is that I see my people there digging in year after year in a well-nigh hopeless effort to overcome the handicaps placed upon their industry by the crass stupidity and greed of their fellow-men. I have been called a pessimist for uttering truths that have never been successfully contradicted, for picturing conditions that must, in Canada's own interest, be remedied, for saying things that if whispered on the roaring front pages of a Montreal newspaper or ripped down the columns of a Toronto magaznie, would be called courageous publicity, or if uttered by a Lieutenant-Governor of a province, would be called "frankly facnig the facts." Let me, however, tell honorable members that at every meeting at which I have spoken during the last recess—and I addressed forty-five of them—I made one appeal consistently, that my fellow-farmers at that meeting should stay in this country and fight it out with us here; that nothing would be gained by leaving this country and going to the United States or anywhere else. We want to keep them here but we want a policy that will keep them here. Thes men are encouraged to know that even though our utterances are largely nullified by the attitude of opposing interests, they at least have representatives who are pleading their cause without fear of party or of press, and who will not be silent while injustice still stands.

I intend to go on fighting for my people telling the truth about conditions in the centre of Canada and no more name-slinging politicians or journalist will intimidate me, nor cause me to slacken in that attack. I appeal to this govrenment to recognize the condition of the West where high prices and high interest rates are destroying the people and driving them from us, and to recognize that they must do something more effective than mere tickling the tariff."

In British Columbia we have a great many farmers whose opinions are practically the same as Mr. Garland's. It remains for the Canadian Labor Party to take time by the forelock and start an intensive campaign, immediately after this election, to get the farming communities lined up in the C. L. P. for the Federal elections which are not far off.

Powder Trust Aids In 71 Explosions

Between 1908 and 1923 71 explosions in the coal mines of the United States have been caused directly by black blasting powder and dynamite, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines. These disasters killed 857 men and injured 173 others.

Disasters of this kind have continued in spite of the fact that the government has stressed the special dangers of black blasting powder in gassy and dusty mines. The interior department of which the bureau is a part issues a warning that the continued use of this explosive constitutes a great menace to the lives of miners. Combinations of black blasting powder and gas or coal dust, it states, are vicious hazards all of which have resulted in terrible disasters.

The callousness of the powder trust when the lives of wage earners are concerned is illustrated by its failure to design a safe keg for the marketing of black powder. These corporations which fatten on war continue, according to the interior department, to market this most dangerous industrial explosive in dangerous metal kegs.

FEAR MAIMING BY NON-UNIONISTS

NEW YORK.—Refusing to call their action a sympathetic strike, 2000 bricklayers, hoisting engineers and laborers have walked out on construction jobs which are struck by iron workers in New York.

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ODD BITS

By SYDNEY WARREN

"So long as society is founded on injustice, the function of the laws will be to defend and sustain injustice. And the more unjust they are, the more respectable they will seem."—Anatole France.

Two Prespectives on Labor

I like to view the Labor movement from a broad perspective. When I see Labor in the mass it inspires me. I am thrilled with its noble ideals. I marvel at the dauntless courage and heroic achievements of its men and women. The story of Labor's advance down through all the ages of oppression stands out like a beacon light of human liberty. It makes my blood run swift and fills me with new life.

This is how the Labor movement looks to me at a distance.

But what happens when I get a local perspective—when I see Labor right here in Vancouver?

Have you ever walked past one of those mirrors that distorts your shape? In one you appear an elongated giraffe-like creature and in the next as squat as a fairy-tale dwarf from the Black Forest.

Viewing the Labor movement in Vancouver one might get such a picture at times.

The election just ending is an example. In the present election Labor for the first time in many years presented a united front on the political field—that is so far as the different class parties were concerned. But two members of the Labor movement of Vancouver saw fit to do battle against their comrades on a capitalistic party ticket.

There is something ironic in this pair of "two-fisted fighters for labor" standing on the same political platform with Genreal McRae who spends $25,000 a year to maintain his Shaughnessy Heights mansion and naively justifies the expenditure by saying that it affords employment to workers.

One of these pseudo labor stalwarts has seen fit to oppose Harry Neelands, the present Labor member for South Vancouver, on a capitalistic party ticket.

Why these men should allow themselves to be used as decoys by a hybrid aggregation of swashbucklers, backstair opportunists and political Don Quixotes who brazenly style themselves the political messiahs of this province, is baffling.

The spectacle is enough to make the Wesylan angels weep.

In charity let us believe their action is the result of faulty judgment rather than a betrayal of principles.

The Franks Case

You read in the newspapers this week the latest development in the Franks murder case. By this time every person who reads any of the daily newspapers knows the gruesome details of the crime. Two boys, the sons of Chicago millionaires, both still in their teens, kidnapped and murdered the son of a millionaire neighbor to gratify their sexual perversion. Since the crime was committed both youths have been identified by a Chicago reporter as the pair who kidnapped him more than a year ago and performed a gland operation on him.

After a confession of the crime had been secured from the youths, they cooly suggested to the prosecuting attorney that he allow their people "to get to the jury and fix things up." Had their victim been a working class youth this might have been possible—certainly worth the attempt, anyway. And in that case you may be sure that hanging would never have been suggested. They would have been sent to an asylum and when the case was forgotten released.

Leopold and Loeb made a mistake in selecting their victim from the fashionable Harvard boys' school, where the sons of Chicago's plutocracy receive their education in 100 per cent. Americanism and sexual perversion.

Upton Sinclair nearly twenty years ago told of the vices of New York's 400 in his novel, "The Metropolis," and at the time he was denounced and ridiculed as grossly exaggerating.

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This week's offering, "John Graham of New York," is a realistic comedy-drama of the "Grumpy" type and it is going over with a bang.

TAXI DRIVERS WIN INCREASE

NEW YORK.—Victory on the industrial and legal front has been won by the union in the New York taxi war. Union recognition, 40 per cent. of receipts for day men and 35 per cent. for night drivers with half the receipts above $90 a week, are terms of the new contract with the Mogul Checker Cab Corp., which runs until November 1.

Refuse To Help Relieve Situation

By LAURENCE TODD
(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON.—LaFollette drove the senate to three rollcalls to determine its willingness to stay in session this summer and legislate in the temporary interest of the farmers, the railroad workers and the consumers who are robbed by extortionate railroad rates.

He was downed on every vote, by a combination of Republicans and Democrats that represent the two old party machines. They would not remain in session, after a recess for the convention period, to consider economic measures that might help the bankrupt farmers, the railroad workers and the victims of rail rate robbery.

Strikebreaking Militia Hard to Mobilize

CLINTON, Ia.—Frantic efforts to recruit the Clinton machine gun and artillery unit, Iowa National Guard, to full peacetime strength are falling down because nobody wants to be a uniformed strikebreaker. The new unit has been enlarged to include two machine guns, 12 caissons, four howitzers, five trucks and trailers, six motorcycles and 14 tractors, to say nothing of bicycles and motor cars. The local press is whooping it up for enlistments, but admits that the youngsters are not biting as good fish should.

"Candidly, some look upon the liability for strike duty as reason for not enlisting," the Clinton Daily Herald blurts out. "While that liability must be accepted when enlistment is made, history in this state does not point to the fact that it should be considered as much of a deterrent."

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This scheme was perfceted in 1920, but while the German government agreed, the French declined. Nothing worthwhile has been done for the people affected.

MEUSELWITZ, Germany.— At a meeting of the miners' delegates from Central Germany it was decided to go on sympathetic strike with the miners in the Ruhr valley, Upper Silesia, and the Saxon district of Lugau-Oelsnitz. The Ruhr miners are at work again.)

The strike takes the form, not of stopping all work, but of leaving the pits after 8 hours. At present central German miners are working 9 and 10 hours.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD HELPS BREAK STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Confirmation of charges made in Washington by Thos. F. Rice that U. S. shipping board money was used to break the San Francisco longshoremen's strike in 1919 was given by Capt. Walter Petersen, deposed chief of police of Oakland and now head of the marine service bureau of the Waterfront Employees' Assn.

Petersen, known for years as an antiunion man, admits the Rice charge, but says the money was used only to fight one specific union—the Riggers and the Stevedores. It was used to form a company union. The bonafide union almost went down for a time, but has now made the company union (the "blue card" union) almost a dead letter.

Rice also said money from the U. S. shipping board was used by shipowners to break the sailors' strike in 1921. Union men here say that at that time Admiral Benson, then head of the shipping board, gave active support to the employers.

POLITICAL PRISONERS STRIKE

SAN QUENTIN, Cal.—Another protest strike is on at San Quentin among criminal syndicalism prisoners. Following imprisonment in solitary of R. Kuilmen and R. A. Gibson, their fellow-workers stopped work immediately, the men in the jute-mills standing at the machines with folded arms.

Kuilmen, sent up from Eureka, and Gibson from Sacramento, had served as long in the jute mill as any prisoners except criminal syndicalism victims would have been required. They applied for transfers to other jobs, and were rewarded by being thrown into the dark, damp dungeon which has ruined the health of many labor prisoners. Eighty-six other men then struck and are confined in solitary cells on bread and water.

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Locomotive Engineers Turn On Old Parties

By ALBERT F. COYLE
(Federated Press Staff Corespondent)

CLEVELAND.—By approving and fully supporting the political and financial acitvities of its grand officers since the 1921 convention, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' fourth triennial convention in Cleveland puts its wegiht behind the progressive political policy of Grand Chief Warren S. Stone and behind its broad development of labor banking.

To make its approval unmistakable the convention amended the union constitution to provide for "the political education of members to understand their rights and use their ballots intelligently" so that "the government may no longer be used to further the ends of capital."

Economic action alone is not enough, engineers have found after 60 years of experience as an effective labor organization.

The two old parties will nominate reactionaries, the union chiefs told the delegates.

The international feeling of the delegates expressed itself in a donation of $1000 to the Railroad Transport Workers federation of Germany.

Civil Servants' Wages Reduced

The Lemieux Act, sometimes called the Industrial Disputes Act aims at preventing strikes and producing amicable relations between employer and employed in services classified as Public Utilities. The method used in short, is for employers to select their representative, employees to select theirs and both to agree on a third person to act as chairman, failing such agreement, the Government selects a chairman for them. This constitutes the Board under the Act. The Board receives the evidence submitted by both sides to the dispute, and makes an award. While it is not obligatory for either to accept the award, the award is not only given to both sides, but is also made public. Both sides can review the report, and accept or reject as the case may be. How different this is from the attitude the Government adopts towards its own employees, recent events will show. On April 1st, 1924, (a most appropriate date), the Government arbitrarily reduced the stipend of a large number of its lower-paid help, without any attempt at justification, and without warning. The Civil Servants of this country, have, for considerable time, been asking for the end of the bonus system, and the substitution of an adequate salary schedule. The Government in March, 1923, appointed a Parliamentary Committee for the purpose of investigating the Civil Service Act, taking evidence submitted by the employees' representatives, heads of departments, etc., on such subjects as Superannuation, Political Patronage, Joint Councils, Salary Revision, etc. The committee's report on the latter subject was to the effect that the bonus system was unsatisfactory and should be abolished, the salaries revised, pending such revision the **BONUS** to be contined. The Government, in spite of the report, cut the bonus of a large number of Civil Servants, and for single employees, abolished it altogether without revising salaries at all. Consultation with representatives of the employees was altogether a forgotten principle, as far as this subject was concerned, and would have remained so had not the service organizations by a telegraphic barrage, mass meeting protests, and in some places threats of strike, etc., forced attention to the question. The Government then **APPEARED** to get busy, and instructed the Civil Service to go ahead with salary revision, giving the Post Office and the Customs-Excise, the largest departments, the first consideration, the balance of the Service to follow. Representatives of the Service organizations went before the Commission to state their claims, the departmental heads submitted schedules on behalf of their departments, and the Commission placed its report before the Government on April 30th, 1924. At the time of writing, the employees affected by this report do not know its contents. One thing that they do know, however, is that their paychecks are still at the reduced rates. We have no complaints with the Civil Service Commission on the salary question at this moment. They at least had their report ready on the date promised. But we would like to know the reason for Governmental secrecy, and why the employees' organizations have not access to the findings of the Commission. Is it any wonder that the principle of arbitration, as practiced by the Government, is being termed in more than one quarter, as pure BUNK? If the Government is sincere in desiring efficiency and the co-operation of its employees for the good of the service why this procrastination? Are not employees of the Government at least entitled to the same measure of justice that the Government expects private employers to give through the operation of the Lemieux Act? Civil Servants do not come under the scope of the Lemieux Act. They are prohibited from taking active participation in politics. They, apparently, are expected to accept an arbitration scheme that positively does not arbitrate. What then have Civil Servants to do to obtain redress for wrongs that are patent to every one? Does the Government desire that the Civil Service organizations should adopt a policy of FORCE? WE WONDER.

—"The Organizer," Official Organ of the Amalgamated Civil Servants of Canada.

HIGH LIGHTS IN CIVIL SERVICE DISPUTE

The maximum for letter carriers in the United States is $1,800 per annum; in Canada it is $1,260.

Some employees are receiving less wages than before the war.

Some civil servants are drawing the magnificent sum of $31.17 for two full weeks' pay.

KEEP AWAY FROM CANADA

AMSTERDAM, Holland.—"Do not emigrate to Canada" is the advice given European workers by the International Federation of Trade Unions. The bulletin states that "experts of all trades are agreed that Canadian towns cannot possibly absorb any more emigrants. The small farmers say that they are getting such low prices for their produce that they cannot manage to lead a decent existence."

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Snapshots

By MURPHY

That's Where They Come From.

Possibly the Tacoma gentleman who answered the charge that they were bank bandits by saying that they were well to do business men, never heard of the Home Bank of Canada.

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Hard on Vancouver

A local publication tells of a port bound sailor who in twelve months qualified for Third Mate. As the principal duties of a third mate is to bawl out a repeat of any orders that he might overhear and take up the "cussing" when the first and second mates have exhausted their vocabulary, twelve months in Vancouver should make the man fairly proficient.

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If Not, Why Not?

Now if all the sailors would be studious and get a "third mate's" Certificate there would be no sailors left to "cuss" at and thereby would profanity become a lost art.

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To the tenant of the auto park who objects to the smell of the animals at Hastings Park we beg to suggest that the animals might also object to the smell of the Auto Park—and that of the two an automobile is much more easily moved than a bear cage.

"A Nigger in the Wood Pile"

"The Timber Industries Council," which is a pet name for the logging camp operators' O.B.U. are doing considerable advertising to inform the public of the importance of the logging industry.

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To have jitneys compete with the B.C. Electric was so morally wrong that we had to enact a Law, burainst it as we do against arson, burglary, etc. How comes it that it is quite right for the B. C. Electric to compete with the jitneys on the Public Highway?

Sheet Metal Workers Convene In Montreal

WASHINGTON.— Wages average about $1 an hour, the hours are 8 daily, and written agreements protect a majority of the membership, in the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Alliance, which will meet in its 21st general convention at Montreal July 21.

Wm. L. Sullivan, general secretary-treasurer at headquarters here, states that approximately 200 delegates, representing 25,000 members in good standing, will meet in Montreal. Membership has steadily increased during the building boom, but employment has been on the down grade since January 1. The loss in employment since last June is about 25%. On the other hand, many locals have secured increases in wages. St. Louis and Pittsburgh have established a rate of $11 a day, New York $10.50 and Chicago $10, while the rate in the smaller cities and towns is 90 to 95c an hour. The late spring has retarded building, Sullivan says, and this has reduced employment.

Two delegates will represent the organization at the July 4 political convention at Cleveland.

Ault Resigns From Seattle Union Record

E. B. Ault, editor manager of the Seattle Union Record, has resigned that position.

Lack of financial support from unions amply able to give it is assigned by Ault as the reason of his withdrawal after 12 years in command of the paper first as a weekly and for the past five years a daily. Both circulation now around 30,000) and advertising are on the upgrade. The newspaper is valued at $400,000, with only $130,000 indebtedness against the entire concern, including real estate, plant and business.

"There are hard times ahead for organized labor. The action of the Post-Intelligencer in forcing a strike, the lockout of the taxi drivers, the reduction of wages in the logging camps and lumber and shingle mills are but forerunners of another great offensive against all organizations by the wage workers. More than ever there is a need for such a powerful publicity agent as the Union Record has proved itself to be," said Ault.

Mortgaged Homes In A Land of Plenty

NEW YORK.—Mortgages on farms, homes and business properties in the United States are increasing at the rate of a billion dollars a year and now amount to almost $25,000,000,000, according to a report of the National Assn. of Real Estate boards. This is greater than the total money in circulation in the country plus all the gold and silver reserve in the U. S. treasury. Nor do the figures in the report include mortgage loans and bond issues secured by coal, timber, and mineral lands, railways, city transit companies, industrial plants and the like.

Unions Help to Bring Home the Bacon

NEW YORK.— That wage gains depend upon union efforts and that unorganized workers get it in the neck is demonstrated by a survey of wages in the construction industry in the past 50 years made by the Engineering News-Record. Common labor with the least proportion of union organization is shown to have received the least proportion of wage increase and suffered most from the unsettled working conditions.

Bricklayers are recorded with the greatest gain, from 43c an hour in 1872 to $1.50 today both for 8-hour day. Carpenters are second with an increase from 23c in 1874 to $1.31 1-4 today, with 8-hour day since 1890. Structural iron workers are third with a present average the same as carpenters.

Foreign Policy Essential Thing, Says Herriott

In an intreview reported by Reuter, M. Herriot, the French Premier, said: "For the moment foreign policy is the essnetial thing. We cannot discuss the reduction of the military and financial burdens which we have to bear until we have put France at her ease in regard to Europe and the world in general. That is the first duty of the new government.

"Let us understand England. The financial situation in Great Britain is good; ours is lamentable. On the other hand, her economic future is uncertain, while ours is brilliant. France is far from having exhausted her resources throughout the world.

"Great Britain, in reality, is one of the great victims of the war, during which America fortified herself, and her Dominions have become economically autonomous. Let us, therefore understand the needs and difficulties of Great Britain. Let us admire her fiscal courage, which it was a pity we did not imitate during the war. It is by such understanding of the situation that alliance will be achieved."

Pay Up or Get Off Job, Says Boss

SALT LAKE, Utah.—Union organizers who find membership dropping off may take a hint from the following letter:

"Mr. Lamb—Car-washer—Dear Sir,

"It has come to our notice you have been automatically expelled from Shop Employees' Assoc. for non-payment of dues. Make arrangements to pay same at once or get off of the job. This is final.— NORTON, LEMON, STANCLIFFE, Committee."

The letter is the final step taken by the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway in keeping the men lined up in its company union. The men signing the notice are the committee at one of the company's shops of the Shop Employes' Associaiton. The object of the company is to show the U. S. rail labor board a large membership in the hand-fed union so that bona-fide railroad unions cannot speak for the men.

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STRIKE TO HELP JOBLESS WORKERS

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—About 700 ironworkers are on strike at the ironworks near Sydney, owing to the management dismissing two workers who refused to work overtime on Sundays. The men's reason was that there were fellow workers out of employment and they didn't think it right to earn overtime while others were starving. The men refuse to resume until the two men are reinstated and overtime is given to men out of employment.

LEIPSIC, Germany.— A warning not to study medicine has been issued to university students throughout Germany by the Assn. of German Physicians. The reason is overcrowding of the profession for years to come.

SAN FRANCISCO.—So persistent is the San Francisco Builders' exchange in its fight on the building trades unions that it is circularizing everyone who secures a building permit, no matter how small the job, to use only "American plan" contractors.

Chinese Cotton Spinning Industry Is Growing

Low wages, long hours, night work, the worker of women and children, no rest day and general absence of protection of the workers are characteristic of the cotton industry in China, according to an article for the International Labor Review by acting-pres. J. B. Taylor, Pekin University, Cotton spinning has assumed the lead in the industrial development of China. It has grown from 1,000,000 spindles in 1915 to 2,000,000 in 1922 and another 2,000,000 are being added.

Taylor says children from the age of 8 are working 12 or more hours a day in factories for 50c a month and board. Some plants keep their workers at the machines 17 hours a day without holidays except Chinese new year.

Maximum daily wages in 29 of the chief industries of China, he points out, range from 20c to 53c (American money). There are 221,000 women in the same industries averaging 4c a day.

Cotton Serfs of Grand Old (?) France

Industrial serfdom has been developed mathematically in the cotton mill regions of France. Wage earners receive a bare subsistence for a single individual which is adjusted to changes in the cost of living.

Children are scientifically allowed for by fearfully figured supplementary allowances. By this system wage costs are kept down to enable the French cotton industry to undersell the producers of cotton cloth in Great Britain, the United States and other industrial countries.

Hourly wages in the Roubaix-Tourcoing region, according to a department of commerce report, amount to 3.975 francs for spinners, 1.976 for cardroom operatives, 1.946 for speed tenders, 2.59 for weavers and 2.05 francs for ordinary labor. With the franc worth less than 6c this means hourly wages ranging from a maximum of 18c to a minimum of about 11½c. And this one of the better districts in France.

EDUCATION STILL MEDIEVAL

GREEN BAY, Wis.—"Every other department of life has been revolutionized by science. Education alone persists in making medieval requirements of 20th century citizens," declared Ellen T. Nagler before the Wisconsin conference of social workers in Green Bay. "Education today does not cope with the delinquents, criminals and insane that are increasing in numbers and does not remedy the brutality and corruption that flourishes everywhere."

AN OPEN SHOP ADVOCATE

Dawes, vice-presidential nominee of the Republican party in the U.S. is a flamboyant Mussolini-like reactionary who has attempted to build up a fascist organization in the middle west called the minute men of the constitution. He battled to the rank of brigadier-general as government storekeeper in the A.E.F. in France. He is a wide open shopper, a stonyhearted Chicago banker and an expert at inciting silk stocking mobs by his intemperate platform excesses. He is a superpowered gasser.

EDMONTON PRESSMAN COMES TO VANCOUVER

Leon Mercer, secretary of the Edmonton Printing Pressmen's Union, who left last Saturday for Vancouver, where he will take a position with the Vancouver Sun, was the recipient of a handsome travelling bag from the members of the pressmen's organization.

Mr. Mercer has been a resident of Edmonton for twelve years and has been connected with the pressmen's union for the whole of that time.

Miss Bondfield, M. P. Coming to Canada

LONDON, Eng. — An important statement with regard to emigration was made in the House of Commons recently by Mr. W. Lunn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department.

He announced that the Government was going to send a delgeation to Canada, under the chairmanship of Miss Margaret Bondfield, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labor, to inquire into the placing of children in that Dominion.

Many complaints have been made regarding the stranding of boys and girls from charitable and orphan homes and this matter is to be gone into thoroughly, along with the opportunities offered by railway company and other advertisements for adult emigrants.

He deprecated emigration by which families were split up, and said that if a husband wanted to go abroad means must be found to enable the mother and children to go also.

Any such system, he added, would have to be carried out by means of a common understanding between the Governments of this country and the Dominions.

The Use of Troops In Strikes Before House

By JOHN ROBUR

(Fed. Press Staff Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Can.— As a result of the troubles over the calling out of the troops to Cape Breton last summer resolutions are now before Parliament to alter the conditions governing the use of troops in aid of the civil power. At present troops may be requisitioned by a mayor or by a country or district judge, and the expense is to be met by the municipality concerned. The troops were called to Cape Breton on the order of a country judge, the mayors holding that their presence was unnecessary.

The proposals now before the House of Commons provide an additional method of calling out the troops. Under these resolutions they may be called out on the authority of the Attorney-General of a province, acting on an application by a judge. "In every case," declares the resolution, "the Attorney-General who made the requisition shall within seven days thereafter cause an inquiry to be made into all the circumstances and send a report thereof to the Secretary of State." The Attorney-General is the chief legal officer of a province and is a member of the provincial government; the Secretary of State is a member of the Dominion Cabinet.

There are further provisions in the resolutions of a financial character. In the past it has been found impracticable in almost all cases to collect the cost of the troops from the municipalities. It is now to be provided that, when a provincial Attorney-General calls out troops, the province shall be liable for the cost. Moreover, to make the collection easy, it is added that the Dominion may withold the amount expended from monies due to the provinces for provincial subsidies.

STUTTGART, Germany.— German employers are now reaping the harvest of forcing down workers' wages. They are finding a great dearth of skilled workers. Thousands of highly skilled workers are emigrating, many to North and South America, others to Austria, Switzerland, Russia and Scandinavian countries.

One of the hardest hit by the emigration is building. During the first four months of 1924, 1200 skilled building tradesmen left for Switzerland.

AROUND THE TOWN
by "Quedoc"

Said Mr. Dooley "If you tell me a thing often enough I will begin to believe it." Acting upon this principle the old political parties keep on saying the old worn-out phrases and shouting with child-like simplicity the catch-words of a century ago. "Good heavens, is there not an original phrase among them?" Looking at their literature I see phrases as: "It Is Time for a Change." "The Solid Six" — such old bewhiskered bunk.

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Colonel Roosevelt travelling on one of his political campaigns had his private car stopped off near an Indian settlement in Oklahoma, where he addressed a large gathering of natives. He delivered a brilliant speech in his well known strenuous style; and as he clinched each argument with a sounding smack of his right fist into his left palm, an old Indian Chief in the front row would shout "Matatewaw." The whole band would instantly repeat with all the lung force at command, "Matatewaw," and cheer and laugh until the hills re-echoed. This was repeated again and again as the Colonel sent home his logical points of argument; then, getting into the spirit of his discourse and feeling their appreciation of his eloquence, at the end of each paragraph he would lift his hands high and shout with them "Matatewaw! Matatewaw!" The Indians would then shout and laugh louder than ever. After shaking hands with them and joining for the last time in a great general chorus of "Matatewaw," he boarded the train and was soon out of sight. Turning to an Indian Agent he remarked that the band of Indians were the most intelligent and appreciative he had ever had the honor of addressing. "How they did enjoy it when I joined them in their slogan 'Matatewaw,'" he remarked. "Bye the bye," he asked, "I don't quite call to mind the full meaning of that word 'Matatewaw'; can you give me its definition?" "Well, answered the Agent, "As near as I can make it out it means something like what you would call in English 'Cow-Dung'."

Apropos the question of voting for or against Beer by the Glass. Some of our churches are instructing their congregations to vote against the measure, as increasing the facilities for drinking.

The minister of a colored church down South presented in person a petition to the revenue officer. "Ah want's to get some sacriligious wine for my church if yo' please," he requested. "Sacramental wine," corrected the official, "Well, what kinds do you want: White Wine, Red Wine, Port, Sherry, or Blackberry Wine? "Well," informed His Dark Reverence, "Ma congregation they done took a vote last night at de church, and we decided on GIN."

BRITISH WORKERS USE BIRTH CONTROL

ALTRINCHAM, Eng. — British couples in the working class are using birth control methods to keep down their families, according to the medical officer of health of Altrincham. His annual report relating to the fall of the birth rate says: "Many young couples, married since the war, still in rooms and with no prospect of a house of their own, having had one child, or perhaps two, are careful to avoid further births."

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