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Trades Council to Insist On Day Labor Work

City Engineer Opposes Day Labor—New Westminster City Council to Insert Fair Wage Clause in Contracts—Annexation Reaffirmed—Federal Prisoners to Erect Steel.

THE CITY ENGINEER seems determined to have the big job on the Seymour Main done by contract labor, but the Trades and Labor Coucil is just as determined that it shall be done by day labor. The council contends that it can be done at a great saving to the taxpayers, but the city engineer is not concerned with that end of it, He wants to be relieved of the responsibility of superintending the job although he is paid six thousand dollars a year to do something useful for the city.

The Trades and Labor Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday evening, appointed a committee composed of dels. Scribbins, Deptford, Bengough and Neelands to approach the city council on this matter and urge for day labor. In a very short time the 250 men may be laid off the city work unless the money by-laws are carried on Saturday.

Money has been saved by day labor and there is every reason to believe that some money can be saved by it again on the half a million dollars, that it is estimated will be used in wages, on the Seymour main.

To Make Secretary Notary Public

Attorney-general Manson reconsidered his decision not to appoint Secretary Bengough a notary public by informing the Trades Council that he will make the appointment.

The Point Grey Fire Fighters made application for affiliation with the council and was received and delegates seated.

At the request of the Printing Trades Collier's Weekly has been placed on the unfair list.

The Motion Picture Projectors Union and the Musicians Union requested that the Princess, Fraser, Progress and Heights Theatres be placed on the unfair list. This was complied with.

Reports on the quarterly button plan were received from a number of unions, the majority being opposed.

Reporting for the organizing committee del. Bartlett stated that splendid progress was being made among the metal trodes. Organizer McCutchan stated that a strike had been called among the boilermakers at Wallace's and the B. C. Marine Ways for an increase in pay and a signed agreement.

Fair Wage Clause

Word had been received to the effect that the New Westminster City Council will include the fair wage clause in all its contracts.

Del. Hanafin of the Beverage Dispensers reported that prospects were good for signing up the remaining three beer parlors that were not yet displaying the union card.

Del. Smith reported that the painters were having trouble with work being done on city bridges by non-union men.

Dairies Signed Up

Del. Showler reported that the Purity Dairy and the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Assn. had signed an agreement with the union.

Del. Hunt reported that the Engineers had opened their charter for one month from June 15. Initiation fee $10.

Prisoners to Erect Steel

Reports were made to the effect that the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers had been asked to supply a foreman to direct the erection of steel with prisoners in the Federal prison at Victoria.

Shingle weavers reported big increase in membership and every member working to continue the increase.

Unorganized dairy employees were working seven days a week and long hours. The worst offenders being the men employed by the Ayrshire Dairy. Some men start with no wages and try to build up a route and then work long hours thus undermining the conditions of the organized workers.

Union Ice Cream

A del. asked for the names of union ice cream firms, in order that the same could be obtained for picnics. He was informed that the Fraser Valley Ice Cream is the only union made ice cream in the city, it being made and delivered by union men.

Del. Floyd asked that a protest be forwarded to Ottawa against the use of troops in the Nova Scotia strike situation. Endorsed.

In connection with annexation the Trades Council re-affirmed its stand in favor of annexation. It was pointed out that quite a lot of propaganda was being put forth to defeat the measure, and that a lot of hustling would have to be done on Saturday to get out the favorable vote.

United States Expert Explains Chinese Strike

Washington—William Philip Sims, chief foreign news editorial writer for Scripp newspapers, who has visited China and has never been a radical or a pro-Chinese enthusiast, says this about the Shanghai strike which has inflamed the Far East and shaken the imperialst diplomacy of four continents:

"Two opposing interests are at work in China. One is foreign greed. the other is education. Foreign interests are exploiting the masses, driving them as a brutal master would an ox. And when, as now, enough of the workers get up enough spunk to strike for better conditions, they are shot down in an effort to cow them into submission.

"The educated Chinese are trying to lead their suffering compatriots upward out of this degredation. Interested foreigners are opposing every step. They call it bolshevism when native students tell the ignorant Chinese they ought to fight to better their conditions.

"Better conditions! Do you know that the foreign-owned cotton mills in Shanghai employ children seven and eight years old? That they work seven days a week and 12 to 14 hours a day for only a few coppers? Did you know that a recent effort on the part of English and American social workers in Shanghai to get a 12-hour day maximum for 9-year-old children failed? And that an effort to get a day off every two weeks for these children also was unsuccessful? The present trouble began with a strike against these conditions. . . We hope Washington will not serve as an international catspaw to the extent of allowing our sailors to be used as strike-breakers under such tragic circumstances."

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Fraser Theatre
Progress Theatre
Heights Theatre

WHAT OUR READERS WANT TO KNOW

When the people are going to hear tidings of the new B. C. Agent-General, Mr. Pauline, who was sent to London to do things? Also, if he has done anything in return for the fat salary the tax payers hand him, since he settled in his cosy arm chair there?

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If "Honest" John Oliver got his whiskers amputated as an overture to the Moler Barber "College", with an eye to getting the votes of the "beauty parlor" and trade school "students" of that enterprising institution?

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Who were the contractors responsible for the rotten concrete work on the Charles Dickens School, and if they will have the nerve to turn in any more bids for public work?

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If certain bathing beauties at English Bay intend it as a tribute to Unionism by wearing skin-fitting union bathing tights?

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If Hemphill intends working off another trade school with his acquiring of the woollen mill that has never proved much of a success in its own line since it started?

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If the example of another victim of the employment-with-investment fraud, as advertised in the "Help Wanted" classified ads, does not call for immediate action by the prosecuting attorney and detective department?

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When Woodward's Department store will close at 5.30 like the other department stores, and give the employees more time to get the benefit of the sun?

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Why are there complaints about a certain beer parlor, regarding alleged short-changing, and if there mustn't be something to this with so many reports?

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What kind of concoction is used to color the water sold by the Sunsette Orange Juice Vendors in their Hastings and Granville stores?

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How much longer is the shyster money lender going to be allowed to work among city employees and teachers, gouging his victims of extortionate interest?

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If the disappearance of two young girls employed in Oriental Cafes lately isn't making it imperative to enact laws against white girls working in Asiatic eating places?

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Why shop girls do not register a complaint about the gay and gallant department manager who is making himself obnoxious with offensive overtures, and if it isn't true the girls are afraid of losing their jobs?

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If it is not a sad and sickening commentary on our industrial conditions when a young wife and mother, in desperation, went out on the street, heavily veiled, to "earn" food for her ailing husband and two children?

CHILDREN'S AID DISMISSALS TO BE THRASHED OUT

Mr. Appleby, who recently resigned from the board of the Children's Aid Society, has invited the discharged employees and the management to a meeting to get the truth about the recent dismissals. The meeting will be held in room 213 of the Holden Building next Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Both sides will be given a chance to explain and the audience (open to anyone) will be permitted to demand any action that is necessary for the straightening out of the controversy.

VOTE FOR ANNEXATION

The principle of annexation is correct. The experience of all modern business proves it beyond question.

It is also progressive, and labor being a progressive force, will support it on Saturday.

Ald. Tracey made the statement last Tuesday, that the figures quoted to show that taxes in Vancouver would be increased by annexation were only a wild guess at the best.

Economics of administration can be effected—by amalgamation of the two departments—sufficient to decrease rather than increase taxation, and at the same time give greater efficiency over the combined area.

This result cannot be expected, however, from the present city council, who have twice, during 1924 and 1925, raised the salaries of the heads of departments by thousands of dollars, and at the same time forced unfortunate citizens to work at sewer construction for two dollars a day.

Vote for annexation on Saturday and then start right in to elect Labor Party men to the Council in January to replace the present reactionary crowd who, judging by their attitude—or lack of same—on this question, have no thoughts beyond ward politics, political patronage in the employment of city workmen, and the enrichment of their friends the contractors, at the expense of the city.

Food Merchants Are Attacked For Greed

"Greed—insatiable greed—is driving manufacturer and distributor alike into practices which two decades ago would have brought the blush of shame to the face of thoughtful, God-fearing, man-loving man."

This declaration was made by J. H. McLaurin, president of the American Wholesale Grocers' Association, in his address opening the annual convention of that body at Washington last week.

"Greed," said he, "as exists in trade circles of America today has created a situation that commands the attention of thoughtful men. I say thoughtful men, but the outstanding element of the tragedy being played in business is that we are no longer thoughtful. Reason has been dethroned while false economic theories, born of selfishness, hold sway."

This outspoken language, in the nature of a confession, by the head of one of America's big business organizations, created something of a sensation among the delegates and there was talk of censoring the speech before giving it to the public.

"Let me remind you," continued Mr. McLaurin, "that any consideration or discussion of food distribution is in vain unless it embraces as of fundamental importance the highest and best interest in the final and ultimate party at interest—the consumer.

Give the Consumer a Thought

"During the months that have passed since we last came together in our annual meeting, there has been borne in upon me a belief that most food manufacturers and wholesale distributors have lost sight of the consumer. We speak glibly of the rights of the manufacturer and, as wholesale grocers, talk smugly about the protection of our own interests; but I hear very little said concerning the welfare of the consumer for whom this food is produced and distributed.

Restaurant Employees Install New Officers

Officers were installed at the regular meeting of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Local, No. 28, on Wednesday evening. They were:

President, Gilbert Coleman; vice-president, Herbert Ford; business agent, Harry Wood; press agent, H. Ford; chaplain, A. Graham; inspector, B. Kelsall inside guard, J. Cedarberg; recording secretary, H. Harding; executive committee: J. Cumming, W. Allen, P. Howard, H. Ford, H. Harding; local joint board, J. Cumming, G. Coleman, W. Hayes; trades and labor council, A. Graham, H. Aldrick, Margaret Clarke, Flo Allen, Herbert Ford, H. Wood.

The machinists are holding a joint smoker this (Friday) evening in connection with their organizing campaign. All machinists and motor mechanics are invited.

Arctic Exploration May Lead To Wars

By ART SHIELDS

While newspaper readers are engrossed in the adventure and ice colored romance of Amundsen's flight into the unknown polar seas the workers of the world must not forget that arctic voyages of today, for all their romance, are adventures in imperialism that may mean more wars in which the workers pay the price while their masters reap the spoils. The spoils of the Arctic are the islands that will be needed as way stations for the new trans-arctic airlines that will cut down the distance from America and Europe to Asia. Rival nations are just beginning to see this value in the polar lands that some explorers have pointed out for years.

Vilhjalmur Stefanson is the most consciously imperialistic of arctic writers and discoverers and it is natural that his latest book, the Adventure of Wrangel Island, should urge the importance of his favored regions to the British Crown. Indeed he has a special reason for such propaganda in this book for he feels it necessary to defend himself against the criticisms launched at the ill-fated expedition he sent to Wrangel Island recently for the purpose of planting the British flag there.

Wrangel Island, named after a Russian explorer of a century ago, is fifty miles or more in length and lies eighty or ninety miles north of eastern Siberia. It is so hard to reach by ship, because of persistent ice flows, that it has always been uninhabited except for temporary expeditionary forces, but it has—insists Stefansson, a coming value as an air station and a present value for its fur trapping and its reindeer grazing grounds.

Russia, England and America have claimed this island that lies closer to Russian mainland than to the land of any other nationality. There had been official Russian and American naval visitations. England's claims rested on the sighting of the island by a British captain in the middle of the last century and an accidental occupancy by the crew of Stefansson's ship, the Karluk, shipwrecked off the island in 1914. But the Stefansson crew, though they flew the British flag, had no official authorization and Stefansson decided to strengthen his country's claims by a lengthy occupancy a second time.

So in 1921 he organized a company and sent out a party of four white men and an Eskimo woman, without explicit authorization from England or Canada, however. The plan was to occupy the island two

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Trades Union Picnics

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Painters Union
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Bowen Island : July 25

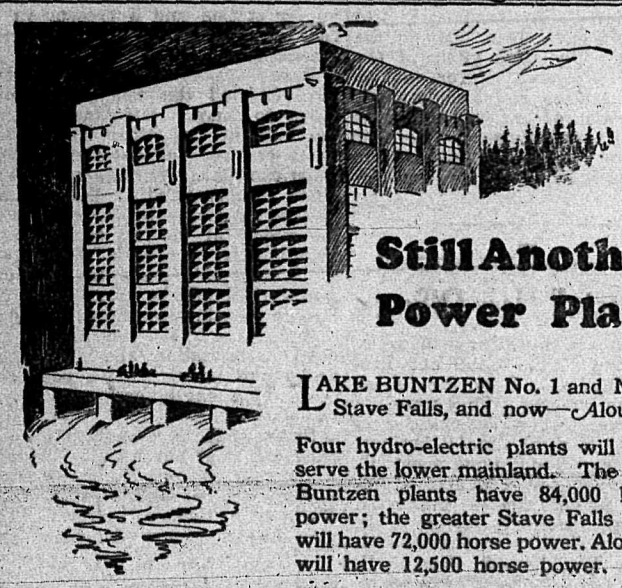
Plasterers
Bowen Island : July 25

Tailors
Wigwam Inn : July 29

Plumbers Union
Bowen Island : August 1

Bricklayers Union
Bowen Island : Aug. 8

An embargo on Chinese laborers entering Japan has been declared. One hundred and fifty thousand are working in Japan at low wages, seriously aggravating the unemployment problem.



Still Another Power Plant

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Four hydro-electric plants will soon serve the lower mainland. The Lake Buntzen plants have 84,000 horse power; the greater Stave Falls plant will have 72,000 horse power. Alouette will have 12,500 horse power.

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BUDGET DEBATE

By J. S. WOODSWORTH, Labor M.P.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: There are just two observations which I should like to make at this point. If conditions are really as they have been stated by members of the government, that is an excellent reason why we should abolish any appeal to the Privy Council. Further than that, I do not know of any greater service that I could render to the people of Canada to-night than to place before the public at large the attitude of the government in a crisis of this kind. I am quite willing to let the strictly legal aspects take care of themselves. The other day I came across a clipping with regard to the situation in Europe. This is an article by Rothay Reynolds in the Montreal Standard quoting from the great industrialist Herr Arnold Rechberg, the oil magnate. He said of conditions over there:

"The captains of the coal and iron industries are more absolute masters of Germany than was William II."

Defy the Whole of Canada

I think we can almost say that of the captains of the coal and steel industry in Canada if the contentions of ministers of the crown are correct. I should like to ask: After all, who are these people that are holding up the country? We have talked about the responsibility of the government here and I think it has responsibility. We have talked about the responsibility of the government of Nova Scotia and I think it has responsibility. But I would say that the first responsibility lies immediately with the directors of the corporation. Who are they that thus defy the whole of the people of Canada? It is of interest that the people of Canada should know this. Who are the directors of the British Empire Steel Corporation? They are:

"R. M. Wolvin, President, Montreal, Que.; Major General Sir Newton J. Moore, K.C.M.G., Vice-President, London, Eng.; J. E. McLaren, Vice-President, Sydney, N.S.; Hon. C. P. Beaubien (Senator), Montreal, Que.; Sir Trevor Dawson, Bart., London, Eng.; Hector MacInnes, K.C., Halifax, N.S.; W. D. Ross, Toronto, Ont.; J.F.M. Stewart, Toronto, Ont.; Galen L. Stone, Boston, Mass.; J. P. Middleton, Glasgow, Scot.; Right Hon. Lord Invernairn, Glasgow, Scot.; F. W. Ross, Quebec, Que.; Geo. F. Downs, New York, N.Y.; Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain (Senator), Montreal, Que.; R. F. Hoyt, New York, N.Y.; Lorne Webster (Senator), Montreal, Que.

I would note here that three of these directors are residents of Great Britain; three are residents of the United States; only two live in the province of Nova Scotia. One of these is the company's attorney and, according to the papers, one of the men implicated in the bribery of the ex-premier of Newfoundland. Three of these men are senators, distinctly responsible at this crisis. I would say that all except the vice-president, Mr. McLurg, are absentee landlords. What is the spirit of McLurg, the vice-president? We have read his words:

"They Cannot Stand The Gaff"

"They cannot stand the gaff. We hold the cards. Let them stay out for six months. It matters not, eventually they will come to us."

Here we have capitalism stark-naked and unashamed! That statement of McLurg's in future years, I have no doubt, will be placed side by side, with that other characteristic statement of Mr. Paton, who was more truthful than some of the other captains of industry when he declared that "These mills were not built for the glory of God, but for the profits of the shareholders." These men hold in their power the destinies of large numbers of our fellow Canadians. This morning the relief authorities in the city of Ottawa received a telegram which states that today there are in Nova Scotia 27,200 individuals absolutely dependent upon the public for relief.

Mr. MacDONALD (Pictou): Might I remind my hon. friend that Mr. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America, has stated that that organization is financing the strikers?

Serious Malnutrition

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Whatever may be true of the future finances that may come from the United Mine Workers, I think we must accept the word of the relief agents who are absolutely disinterested and who only this morning sent this telegram to Ottawa:

"Red Cross nurses report serious malnutrition. Local relief committee $11,000 in debt with the situation growing worse."

We cannot as a House pass by such a situation as that. Surely we have responsibility. The responsibility may rest primarily upon this board of directors whom I have named. There may be responsibility upon the labour organization over in the United States to come to the help of their comrades in Canada. But this federal government cannot escape the responsibility of taking action at this time. We have in our hands certain powers that, I think, will be admitted even by members of the government. We are proposing to grant still further concessions to this company at the very time that this outrage is being perpetrated. The least this government can do is absolutely refuse further concessions until we have some settlement of this dispute along right lines.

An Alarming Situation

I wish to pass now for a short time to another field. Sometimes Nova Scotia members ask us why we confine our investigations to the eastern coal fields and have little to say with regard to the west. I have tried on several occasions to call the attention of the House to the situation prevailing in Nova Scotia because it is more acute than the conditions obtaining elsewhere. But tne situation in Alberta has recently been developing at so alarming a rate that I feel, even although the hour is late, since apparently it is not the wish that the matter should be carried over till tomorrow, that I should deal as briefly as I may with the larger aspect of the situation as it affects the province of Alberta. First of all may I say to my farmer friends that perhaps they have not quite realized the importance of the coal industry in Canada; they have hardly realized how essential it is that this whole question of the development of our coal measures should be settled on some permanent basis. May I then quote a few statistics with regard to the general importance of the coal industry. In the first place, I should like to give the words of Mr. C. V. Corless with regard to agricultural areas. He says:

"Adding together all these areas, suitable in surface, soil, and climate for profitable cultivation, including the cultivable valleys in the highlands, we find a total of rather less than 15 per cent of the area of Canada suitable for profitable agriculture. This leaves 85 per cent, of which the principal or only permanent basic industry is or will be mining. But fully one-third of even this agricultural part of Canada is known to be enormously rich in minerals."

Tremendous Coal Deposits

Here now is a statement of the figures given by Dr. Dowling in the report of the Twelfth International Geological Congress. Referring to this, Mr. Corless says:

"From the latter striking report, which is the best estimate yet made, I cull these startling figures for Canada's estimated total coal reserves.

Unit, one billion tons	
Maritime prov's (chiefly N.S.	10
Prairies prov's (chiefly Alta.)	1,132
British Columbia	76
Yukon Territory	5
North West Territory (Mackenzie river basin, north of Alberta	5
Arctic islands	6
	1,234

This inconceivably large figure, 1,234 billions of tons roughly 35,000 times Canada's present total annual consumptoin, baffles the imagination. It is nearly sixty per cent greater than the total estimated reserves of the whole of Europe; nearly equal to those estimated for the whole of Asia; and one-sixth of those of the entire world."

I would urge that we should not continue to allow this vast natural inheritance to be developed in any haphazard, wasteful, uneconomic way, as we have done up to the present time, and that altogether aside from the unsatisfactory relations that have so far existed between operators and employees. Many of you will recall the fact that a few years ago Great Britain made a serious investigation into the production of coal in that country, and we have the report of Mr. Justice Sankey which declared that—

"Even upon the evidence already given the present system of ownership and working stands condemned and some other system must be substituted for it, either nationalization or a method of unification by national purchase or by joint control."

When we hear so much about private ownership and vested interests it is well for us to read some of the evidence submitted before that very important commission. The replies given to the labour men, Mr. Smillie, Mr. Hodges and Sir Leo Money, are worth being pondered by the people in this country, where we have thought that vested interests have not secured so strong a foothold.

(To be continued.)

Brisbane editorial headlines "1... on, Dry Ladies," which leads us to s... impect that Arthur has been visit... apple Vancouver, incognito, and taking ... the sights of English Bay.

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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. 505—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, J. C. Thom; recording secretary, W. Page; business agent, Wm. Dunn. Office, Room 808 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m.

City Hall Employees' Association meets first Wednesday of each month at 445 Richards St. 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 445 Richards St., at 8 p.m. President, R. K. Brown, 2527 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.

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Motion Pictures Projectionist's Union, Local 348 of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.C.—Meets at 991 Nelson St on first Sunday in each month at 7:30 p.m. President, J. R. Foster, 1161 Granville St.; Secretary, Geo. Gerrard, Box 345. Business Phone: Sey. 3923.

Musicians Mutual Protective Union Local 145, A. F. of M.—Meets at the G. W. V. A. Auditorium, second Sunday at 10 a.m. President, Ernest C Miller, 991 Nelson Street; secretary, Edward Jamieson, 991 Nelson Street; financial secretary, W. E. Williams, 991 Nelson Street; organizer, F. Fletcher, 991 Nelson Street.

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Street and Electric Railway Employees, Pioneer Division No. 101—Meets K. P. Hall, Eighth and Kingsway, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. President, F. A. Hoover, 2409 Clarke Drive; rec. secretary, F. E. Griffin, 447 6th Ave. East; treasurer, H. W. Speed; financial secretary and business agent, Angus MacInnes, 3544 Pr. Edward St. Office: corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Fairmont 2150L.

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Tailors', Journeymen Union of America, Local No. 178—Meetings held first Thursday in each month, 8 p.m. Executive meets third Thursday of every month in Labor Hall. President, A. R. Gatenby; secretary, C. McDonald, P.O. Box 503. Executive meets third Thursday of every month.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 310 Holden Bldg. President, F. Grantham, 1030 Robson St.; secretary-treasurer, A. P. Black, 519 Hamilton St.; recording secretary, R. Reynolds, 1790 3rd Ave. E.

The Vancouver Theatrical Federation—Meets at 991 Nelson Street, at 11 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the first Sunday of the month. President, E. A. Jamieson; secretary, G. W. Allin; business agent, Lochley Clark, 991 Nelson St.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; vice-president, R. Gouthro; Secretary-treasurer, R. H. Neelands, P.O. Box 66. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Holden Building, 16 Hastings St. E.

In the Tonsorial Chair

By SPUD TAMSON

Good afternoon- sir; haircut and shave? Yes, sir. Lovely weather we are having. So I see, the Eastern States are sure having a hot time. You hail from there I suppose? Oh, is that so. No, you don't mean it. Henry Ford, eh? Well, I have many notables visiting my establishment from time to time but you are one man I am interested in because you have tried to demonstrate that a well cared for worker is a better ASS-et to his employer than an ill-fed one. and you have succeeded. Glad to hear me say so. Oh, well, I am not throwing any bouquets, I look upon you as a dangerous man. I know you are a pacifist but nevertheless you are dangerous because you are giving the workers better conditions and higher wages but you demand, maximum output by mass production and profit. You have lulled many an earnest reformer into the belief that the workers can be their own masters under Capitalism. No, no. Henry, you are wrong, for no matter how well cared for some of the workers may be, there must be a large percentage who cannot obtain employment, because of mass production. Yes, they could be cared for under the Capitalist system but that would not be fair to the man who had to contribute to keep the unemployed, particularly since there is no necessity for unemployment. Got any solution? Why certainly, I have. Yes, it entails confiscation, if you like to term it so, but in reality it is merely getting back that which we have given. Now, look here, Henry, if you "passed out" do you think Fords would fade from the market. Of course not. You are just a cog in the wheel of the Ford machine and there are plenty of spare parts around if you cease to function. Yes, you have mastered one of the problems of the system and that is waste but what we need is the cutting down of the hours of labor, as the needs of the people are supplied, until the workers are working the minimum amount of hours necessary to produce, with a safe margin, food clothing and shelter for everybody. Then men would be able to retire when they could enjoy retirement. Say, at 40, instead of having to keep thousands of parasites who are born retired, never do any useful work nor contribute anything to the welfare of humanity. No, I am not suggesting that you do not work, but what about the millions you have put aside that you, personally, did not earn, that will keep some simp for a long time after you have "cashed in" and they are not entitled to it because it was earned by somebody else. H-m-m. yes, my solution may be a long time in coming and that is just the point, you are staving off the day because you have workers who are getting a decent living but don't forget they produce it and more and it is the "more" that matters. If we produce it all we should have it ALL, and there's an end to it. You see the logic? Why, of course you do, but why don't the boneheads who dig our ditches, lay our sewers, and live half of their lives underground hewing coal and minerals for us? Why don't they see it. A kept press, hired thugs, the ability to pay for brains and keep them on the side of capital. But, as you say, Henry, the change will come some day. Yes, sir, speed the day. . . . . Half-a-dollar, please. Good day, sir. Next please!

PHOTOGRAPHY WILL ELIMINATE RECORD TYPISTS

New York.—The photostat machine or photographic method of reproducing records, will put an end to typists' copying of records, Annie Matthews, register of New York county, announces after an investigation. Application to the board of estimate for immediate purchase of a photostat machine is being made. Miss Mathews estimates that $500,000 will be saved by general use of the machine in place of hand typists. The rate for copies of documents is now 15 cents per 100 words. The register or New York paid $54,000 last year for recording work.

Print paper on which photographic records would not fade had to be guaranteed before photostat could succeed, says Miss Mathews. She claims that the recording offices of Cook County, Illinois, Chicago's county, are using photostat.

ENGLISH BAY IDYL

"Mother, may I go in to swim?"
"Yes, my darlink daughter—
"But don't go there to show your limb—
"Really go in the water!"

Apple Sause

(By Geo. F. Stirling)

The writer of this article can eat one box of apples in four weeks, either raw, stewed, baked or frittered. That figures out at thirteen boxes per year, which means that he could consume, allowing for wastage in keeping, fifteen boxes per annum. The reason we have taken the trouble to put this in print is not at all because we think this is a feat of a remarkable nature, but simply because Mr. R. F. Wynne in a series of articles to The Vancouver Star has explained to the world that the trouble of the Apple Growers in the Okanagan arises from the fact that they produce too many apples for the domestic market.

There are people so depraved in their tastes that they don't eat apples. On the other hand there are many healthy boys and girls of school age who would smile in derision at the idea that 15 boxes per year meant a stuffing of apples.

We think it is a pretty conservative estimate therefore that the people of Canada could consume say ten boxes per head of apples in one year. According to the Government figures however the production of apples in Canada would scarcely give the people of Canada one box per head. Yet Mr. Wynne has arrived at the conclusion that there is over-production of apples, and many people believe it.

Have We Produced Too Much?

Just as in the field of theology the theory of the Damnation of Unbaptised Infants still persists altho it is utterly at variance with the other theory of the Fatherhood of God; so in economic affairs the theory of over-production exists along with the facts of destitution, misery, malnutrition, and starvation. It is so easy to say, when viewing the orchards in the fall littered with tens of thousands of dollars worth of good apples, behold we have produced too much. But we venture to state that not one in a thousand of the readers of this paper could say that they and their families had received and consumed as many apples as they would like.

According to the Canada Year Book, the production of apples in all Canada for 1922 was a little over 5,000,000 barrels. That is about 15,000,000 boxes for 9,000,000 people. That is less than two boxes per head if every apple was consumed, and no apples exported. When we take into consideration the export, and the wastage in keeping there is **less than one box per head** for the domestic market.

The production of apples therefore could be multiplied ten hundred per cent. before we could stuff the market by Over-production **if the people could get all the apples they want.**

Mr. Wynne says to mention Over-production to the growers is like waving a red rag to a bull. To us it is more like waving the "bull."

Under-Consumption

It is not over-production but under-consumption. This is not the same thing. Those who persist in calling it over-production look for a remedy in curtailing the supply. Whilst those who call it by its proper name "under-consumption" look for the remedy in removing the cause of the under-consumption.

The writer has shown in a recent pamphlet "Mind Your Own Business" that eleven-twelfths of each apple is swallowed up on its way to the consumer by the ridiculous whirligig system of distribution. This not only makes the price so high that the ordinary housewife cannot afford to buy a sufficient supply, but it leaves the producer with but one-twelfth the value of his product, thus curtailing his purchasing power, and putting him during the past few years on the verge of bankruptcy.

Cheap to Call In Doctor

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away," but owing to our ridiculous system of distribution, the price becomes so high that many families find it cheaper, as one has well said, to call in the doctor. Why we don't sell our apples to a Dominion wide broker, who would get a commission, and then sell them to a Provincial broker who would get a commission, and then sell them to a District broker who would get a commission, and then sell them to a jobber, who would take a commission, and hand them to a salesman who would take a commission and sell them to Retailers who would take a commission, is beyond my comprehension, unless it would kill entirely the Goose that lays the Golden Egg.

Lacking Courage To Kick Them Off

Rip Van Winkle did seem to be waking up recently when the management of the Associated Growers decided to sell direct to the Retailers, but on the first breath of opposition, he recanted of his wild radical impulse. A few weeks ago the apple growers owing to the disclosures regarding the crooked work of the brokers and jobbers were ready to kick out of the country bag and baggage the whole bunch of useless parasites. To-day through the lack of courage of their Sales Department of the Associated Growers they intend to take the same circuitous methods of distribution with the only exception that they themselves will take on the Brokerage, and sell to the same Nash interests who comprise over half the jobbers on the prairies.

So the working class family in the city must still continue to go without apples for the kiddies whilst thousands of dollars worth continue to rot in the orchards of British Columbia every year.

COLLEGE STUDENTS GRAB MACHINISTS' JOBS

Milwaukee.—The scheme of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road and other railways to squeeze the regular shop crafts in the spring and take advantage of the large amount of semi-skilled college-student labor that floods the market the beginning of June is being realized at Milwaukee.

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ANNEXATION AND ITS POLITICAL ASPECTS

Both the Trades & Labor Council and the Canadian Labor Party have supported the policy of the city of Vancouver annexing the municipality of South Vancouver. A vote will be taken tomorrow by the taxpayers in both areas to decide the question on the terms drawn up by representatives of the two districts. In South Vancouver the result is a foregone conclusion—the vote will carry by a good majority. In the city the outcome is not quite so easy to forecast. For this reason the workers of South Vancouver ask the help of their brothers in the city to support, either by vote or influence, the passage of the proposed conditions of amalgamation. The principal objections to amalgamation used in the city are possible increases in taxes and increases in wages paid to workers now employed in South Vancouver to bring them up to the city standard. From a worker's viewpoint these are good reasons for voting for it. According to a circular sent out by the "Associated Property Owners of Vancouver" the increase in taxes will amount to $291,725. If this is all the resident taxpayers have to worry about it is no great barrier to voting for amalgamation. It has been worked out that even if the suggested increase becomes a fact the added cost to a lot held by a worker in any or the working class districts of the city would be only a few cents a year. However, the big property owners are much concerned with saving ten cents a year on the workers' taxes providing it will also save themselves hundreds of dollars on good revenue-producing property downtown. There is another aspect to the case which should not be overlooked. Ordinary tenants who are not direct taxpayers have no vote on the question. This is not a great obstacle in South Vancouver, but in the city proper thousands of workers just as permanently established as others who own a lot are disfranchised. This makes it all the more necessary that those who are able and willing should see that every effort be made to cast the vote of those in favor of the project. Whilst it is true that some people would need a very powerful microscope to see the advantage in supporting annexation the fact remains that those in our unions and other labor bodies who live in South Vancouver believe good results to the Labor movement can be made by amalgamation. The election of two or more labor aldermen to the city council would be more likely under the proposed changes than is now possible. This might make it necessary for "Jimmy Smith" to buy a new silk hat for state occasions but we might be able to stand even that if something could be accomplished in the council chambers.

—S.

"THEY CANNOT STAND THE GAFF"

That is what vice-president McLurg of the British Empire Steel Corporation said about the 12,000 miners who are on strike in Nova Scotia. By that he meant that they could not withstand the starvation tactics of the corporation. "We hold the cards," he said. By that he meant that Besco controlled the mines, the machinery, the provincial and federal governments, the company stores of food and clothing; the very lives of the thousands of men, women and children who existed in that territory by permission of the corporation.

For three solid years these men, women and children have been half-starved by Besco to satisfy the greed of the corporation. That is why he thought they could not "stand the gaff" of a long strike. Their hovels and cupboards and bodies were bare. The women and children were not in a physical condition to "stand the gaff." The miners were human beings who were expected to "come to us" rather than see their kith and kin slowly starve to death. But Kaiser McLurg and the rest of his gang reckoned without the hosts that came to the support of the striking miners.

From end to end of Canada money and clothing poured into Nova Scotia. But there was 27,000 people to feed and clothe. For a time the situation was relieved but the response to the appeal could not be kept up and so the miners finding that they could not "stand the gaff" started mass picketing and prevented the office staff from going into the mines. Arrests were made and the miners became more desperate. Their wives and children could not "stand the gaff" so in desperation the power house was raided and stores and supply houses were broken into to supply food and clothing for the women and children who could not "stand the gaff." And who shall say that these tactics were not right? Who shall say that the miners should bow to the dictates of the octopus? Who dare say that property should be left alone and human beings left to starve in the midst of plenty?

The Nova Scotia government refused to interfere in the settlement of the strike. It now interferes with provincial police. The federal government said it could not do anything in the matter. It now sends troops. The Besco octopus said it would not arbitrate; would not permit a commission to investigate. It now asks for the powers of the state to protect its property. Does any liberty loving man or woman say that the miners should not attack the property of such a corporation? Police, soldiers and money are now arrayed against the miners; labor, from end to end of Canada, must take side with the miners.—W.

NATIONALIZE THE MINES

The miners in Nanaimo are back to work at the sixty cents a day reduction. These men have been unorganized for several years and quite a number of them helped to break the last strike in that locality. Some of them are men who lined up at the dock when a shipload of special police composed of thugs, etc., were sent over to protect the interests of the operators, took their guns away from them and put them back on the boat. The sixty cents a day cut on top of a two or three day work week will subject these men to greater hardships until, unable to bear it any longer, there will be another revolt such as is taking place in Nova Scotia.

An organizer for the One Big Union by the name of Dave Rees (not of South Vancouver) has been in the field for about two months, but has failed to get the men interested. Tim Buck of the Communist Party has been over there endeavoring to interest the miners in the mission of that organization, but without apparent results. The men are completely cowed either by the months of short periods of work, or by the spectre of further idleness, and with it starvation, that goes with a long drawn out strike. If the company so desired they could employ Chinese underground, just as has been done at Cumberland and Extension for these many years.

At the best, the miners' lot is a hard one and the nearest approach to a solution (aside from socialization) is nationalization, as is being advocated by the British miners.

To those who think that the revolution is "just around the corner," nationalization is a reform that must be opposed on every hand, but if the coal mining situation can be adjusted to provide a living wage for those who dig "black diamonds," it is worth the effort of all who condemn capitalism as a useless system. Half starved men are not the best fighters, neither are they inclined to be very active in the labor movement. The condition in the mining industry of Canada has about reached the stage where nationalization should be demanded by the labor movement.—W.

HALF WAGES IS MAPLE LEAF'S PLAN TO MAKE MONEY

Working for **half wages**, because he sorely needed the job and also because he expected to eventually receive his back wages when "business picked up" a war veteran was employed as pianist at the Maple Leaf Theatre, 881 Granville Street for many months. When he found it impossible to obtain the amount he felt was due, under the union scale, he quit and was informed that he had nothing coming to him. Of course, he was wrong to work for anything but union wages, but he explains that he was led to believe he would "sometime" get the balance, so he drifted along, accepting the dole that was handed out, and which fell far short of one-half the standard wage for musicians.

Now he is ill. He applied to the military medical authorities who say he musst go to Tranquille Sanitarium near Kamloops, for consumption. as he suffers from lung affection. In other words, the Maple Leaf Theatre, of 881 Granville Street, has been scabbing upon an unfortunate invalid, and paying him less than half-wages for full time work, because he was "easy" and foolish enough to yield to the rapacious selfishness of Manager Brown, who conducts the Maple Leaf. Vainly, the musician sought legal advice. He had no legal grounds, and the management of the Maple Leaf Theatre was shrewd enough to see this.

We have our own opinion about places like the Maple Leaf Theatre!

CORRESPONDENCE

DON'T BUY LAND DOWN SOUTH

Fellow Unionists,—

We find that many members belonging to Unions in the north-east and west are buying land in the south. The south has a charm all its own and while we do not blame men for buying from prospectus, we believe it would be better for them to write and secure informatoin from their fellow union members. We will gladly assist any union member in other states to secure what they want and we believe that we can save them some "good heard earned dollars too".

Central Trades Council,
Mobile, Alabama.

SENDS $100 TO NOVA SCOTIA

The Editor,
Labor Statesman:

Dear Sir,—On Friday, May 29th, a concert and dance was held in the G.W.V.A. Memorial Hall, Coll. East, in aid of the Nova Scotia miners. The sum of $100 was realized and has been sent on to Nova Scotia.

Kindly insert in your next issue and oblige.

E. P. CROSBY, Sec'y,
Collingwood Br., F.L.P.

RATTLE HIS BONES

Editor,
Labor Statesman:

Dear Sir,—We are told that City Work is to be rushed, but new money bylaws are needed. This, after handing out all that was asked for a few months back. It is evidently the taxpayer that is being rushed, $1,000,000 (say it quick as that is the way it vanishes). Can you tell us how many times the piece of main street opposite the C.N.R. Depot was laid, torn up and relaid and what it cost? Also, keep some track on the aldermen's annual excursions which are now commencing. Of course it is necessary for them to have a vacation at the taxpayers' expense, salaries raised and so forth. Our noble city engineer wishes to keep thirty men employed at $2.00 per day. The R.S.P.C.A. have a tag day for the prevention of cruelty to animals; why not one for these poor fellows? Why work them if they are unfit for work and keep them that way by paying them starvation wages? Good God, think it over! The example we are setting the other fellow, rattle his bones over the stones, he is only a pauper whom nobody owns. Keep the home fires burning, have a city beautiful. I could write on but what is the use; I am only putting your own thoughts into words.

BERT SMITH.

The late Mr. Beadle Bumble said a mouthful when he mentioned that "the law is an h'ass". Consider the parallel cases of a man being sentenced to four years for swiping a suit of clothes, and the luckier individual who got off with a suspended sentence of 90 days on conviction of robbing poor people with a get-rich-quick swindle.

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The manager of the Heights Theatre that has just been placed on the unfair list of the Trades and Labor council, also owns Culley's Dye Works, 1837 10th Ave. E.

A Fishing Story

By WM. LAW

Three citizens went fishing along the Capilano, a banker and a baker, and an old Nanaimo miner. They talked about the weather, the women and the nation, then began to criticize our source of information. "The daily press is rotten with its lying and its bluffing," said the miner to the baker, but the banker he said nothing. "It's surprising how they fool us by every daily paper, with cooked-up news from Russia, Australia and Jamaica; with highjinks of the gentry 'mong the Austrians and the Polocks, and Hollywood its scandals and little drunken frolics, and now and then a picture of a busted prince's lover wearing veil across such places as a petticoat should cover. 'The Bolishes cause a riot 'mong the blacks of Buliwayo'; 'Jack Dempsey lost decision by the matrimonial K.O.'; 'Churchill's Clyde-side statue casts a shadow on the river'; 'Vancouver bathed in sunshine while all other cities shiver'. The press is sure disgusting with its lying and its bluffing," said the baker to the miner but the banker he said nothing. "The Fed's the only paper," said the old Nanaimo miner. The baker gasped and stumbled near into the Capilano. "What!" he yelled in anger, "Do you call that rag a paper! The itching hand of Lewis and the cringing voice of Draper. The Statesman is the journal, it's the dope that you should follow." "Rot!" exclaimed the miner, "such bunk I cannot swallow." The banker he was smiling and in his mind computing profits from the toilers, while the toilers were disputing. A bluejay on the alder said: "Quit the spiteful chatter. If you've on the way to Mecca the roads will never matter. The Fed's an honest paper, you'll find within that organ more truth than ever published by the trusts of Hearst or Morgan. The Statesman is a freelance that spears the cruel defrauder. It's the champion of the workers from Alaska to the border. I see the banker smiling he likes your silly capers. Get on with your fishing and boost the labor papers."

CHICAGO PAPERS MAKE HEROES OF GUNMEN

In Chicago the gunman is a favored citiezn. When one passes out, invariably at the hands of a jealous rival, the newspapers play the story up with bold type streamer headlines across the front page and a graphic history of his usually short but "successful" life.

These papers enter the homes of Chicago families and instill into the minds of youth the idea that being a gunman is the short cut to fame and fortune. Rarely does one of these glorified thugs pay the penalty of the law.

Last week one of these favored citizens was killed by another gunman, and the papers told all about the funeral. Twenty thousand people jammed the streets to see the procession. The dead man had a record of more than twenty killings. Not once had he ever been called to answer.

Municipal judges, state senators and representatives, police officials and the usual crowd of bootleggers and denizens of the murder circle, followed the hearse. Four auto trucks carried floral offerings that cost $50,000. The coffin was of solid silver and the undertaker charged $15,000 for it. A gold plate recorded the name of the deceased and date of his birth.

Church rites were denied this otherwise most favored citizen, but a platoon of police led the way to a hall where services were held by his clan.

When the daily press makes heroes of such criminals, and judges, state and city officials join in paying a last tribute, there is little wonder that the murder colony of Chicago continues to grow and thrive.

—Labor

Mexican Labor's Way—Senor Riva Palacio, a Mexican Labor Deputy, is to request President Calles to expel Mr. T. N. C. Mitchell, the British manager of Rich Mexican Mines Ltd., Mr. Mitchell is accused of obstructing Labor's programme by the use of "white guards" to protect the mines.

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SPIES ME!

* * *

"Keep inside those fire lines there!"

"But I'm a reporter."

"Well, if you want to know anything about the fire, read tomorrow's paper."—Brown Jug

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Fascisti Hurl Deputy's Body Into The Canal

London.—The political situation in Italy is becoming tense, according to private advices received here today.

Fascist extremists took the body of the slain deputy, Matteotti, from a tomb in the Fratte Polesine cemetery near Venice, and threw it into the canal, the advices said.

The fascist extremists were said to have declared after disposing of the body:

"Matteotti shall not stay in Polesine, dead or alive."

The kidnapping and murder of the socialist Deputy Matteoti following his opposition to fascism has been one of the principal political problems with which Premier Mussolini has had to contend. The fascist party and Mussolini has Matteotti killed because of his increasing influence.

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Huge Benefits Paid To Loco. Firemen

General Secretary and Treasurer A. H. Hawley made a most comprehensive report to the thirtieth general session of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of finances covering the 3-year period ending December 31, 1924.

The average dues-paying membership for 1924 in the United States and Canada was 112,264. From January 1, 1922, to December 31, 1924, nineteen new lodges of the Brotherhood were organized and only one surrendered its charter.

The total receipts for the 3-year period amounted to $11,861,297.30.

Perhaps no other labor organization in the world has so comprehensive a beneficial and protective system as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. In 1922 it paid $1,075,992.45 to disabled members and beneficiaries of deceased members; for 1923, $1,172,203.05; for 1924, $1,294,581.15.

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Since 1881, when the insurance fund was established, the Brotherhood has paid $30,214,438.61 to such beneficiaries.

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Workers in Palestine Have Community Spirit

The Labor Movement in Palestine is at once the product of, and means towards, Jewish immigration into Palestine. This fact accounts for much that is original in the character of the Movement, in its organization and policy.

The General Federation of Jewish Labor was founded in 1921, and now numbers 15,000 members, grouped in about 50 unions. As recently as 1918 organized workers in Palestine numbered only a few hundreds.

The Federation is affiliated to the International Federation of Trade Unions in Amsterdam. The driving power within it is the Socialist Party of Palestine, Achduth Haavoda, which is a constituent part of the Poale-Zion Confederation.

Land Communes

The stronghold of Palestine Jewish Labor is in agriculture. There the human and material factors making for constructive Socialism and workers' control have the fullest play. The bulk of the rural settlements established in Palestine from 1910 onwards consist of and are controlled by workers.

Out of 38 such settlements, 26, with 1,400 members, consist of groups of workers who live and work together, shoulder joint responsibility, and have equal voice in the management of the farm.

They have a common kitchen and dining-hall, bring up their children together, educating them in the spirit of fellowship.

The remaining 12 settlements, with 800 members, are individualistic. They are also opposed to private ownership of land and the employment of hired labor, but believe in individual effort and responsibility. They co-operate in the use of machines and in marketing, and, to help the handicapped, a labor reserve pool is created, to which every settler gives so many working days a year.

Agricultural Workers Union

The settlers of both types belong to the Agricultural Workers' Union, whose Executive exercises supreme control over their holdings. The union also includes workers employed by farmers, whether at wages or as contract groups. As new opportunities of colonization develop, groups of settlers are recruited by the Executive from these workers and new immigrants take their place.

Building Industry Guild

Next to agriculture, it is in the building industry that Jewish Labor has achieved a standing of economic power. The Public Works and Build-Guild, "Solel-Boneh," is now the biggest contractor in the country. In the last four years it has carried out contracts for the construction of metalled roads, railways and bridges, and for the erection of town quarters and villages to the value of nearly £1,000,000.

It employs over 2,000 workers, and has its own quarries and subsidiary workshops. It has trained thousands of immigrants in various branches of the constructional trades, and introduced into Palestine superior methods and standards of workmanship.

Labor Control

The General Federation of Jewish Labor controls a number of institutions, each catering for a specific need of the working class, and promoting immigration in its own particular way. A consumers' Co-operative Society. Hamashbir, markets the produce of the guilds, supplies them with materials and implements, and serves as retailer for all workers in town and country. A Workers' Bank promotes co-operative and guild undertakings by grants of credit.

Aid to Arabs

The Executive of the Federation wields real power over its constituent parts. Its word in industrial disputes and inter-union conflicts is final. It holds the Founders' Shares of the Workers' Bank, the Consumers' Co-operative Society, and the Building Guild, and is thus entitled to 50 per cent. of votes cast at any general meeting.

One of the main planks in the platform of the Federation is the solidarity of Jewish and Arab workers. The Jews are conscious of their duty to help their Arab comrades to economic and intellectual emancipation. The raising of the Arabs' standard of life is, in fact, their vital interest.

But the progress of organization among laborers and poor peasants swayed and exploited by their "nobles" and sheikhs, and accustomed for ages to servile submission, is slow and laborious. And yet the work of unity already shows positive results.

The Palestine Union of Railwaymen consists of Jews and Arabs. So does its Executive, which publishes a bulletin in Hebrew and Arabic. Attempts are now being made to form a nucleus organization among Arab agricultural laborers, and help is rendered to Arab workers when on strike.

An Open and Frank Diplomacy Needed

Many hundreds of thousands of listeners-in in England recently, heard Mr. Ramsay McDonald speak over the radio on "Open Diplomacy".

"An open and a frank diplomacy," he declared, "is not only for the protection of the nation against those secret commitments that make for war, but also the creation of the educated democracy whose intelligence is the only secure foundation of States.

"Open diplomacy does not mean, and never can mean," continued Mr. McDonald, "that at every stage in negotiations—say at the recent London Conference—the thoughts of the diplomats should be broadcast.

"The point of publicity comes when the diplomats have done their work, and have either agreed or disagreed.

"Then Parliament and the public must know to what they are being committed, so that nations may not live in fools' paradises or make-believe worlds.

"No treaty or agreement should be binding unless openly ratified, and no undertaking involving national obligations should be given without the knowledge of those who are committed by it.

"This is not only simple commonsense; but from my Foreign Office experience, I can say that it is sound policy and diplomatic wisdom.

"Open diplomacy does more than merely publish treaties. It gives general information in order to enlighten and guide public opinion.

"Crude Panic"

The crude panic that some primitive peoples show on the arrival of foreigners in their midst has not been completely eradicated from the most civilized and advanced races. Political Party managers who study nothing but partisan advantage will therefore always be subject to the temptation to raise cavemen scares about Foreign Offices, international movements and national defence and security.

"Not only should the Foreign Secretary have the same and intelligent support of his own people, but he should be understood by the people of the country with whose representatives he may be in dispute."

The Firing Line

TELEPHONE OPERATORS DEFEAT WIRE MONOPOLY

Boston, May 16.—The record made by organized telephone girls justifies their demand on the trade union movement to aid in uniting these workers, wherever unorganized, said Miss Julia S. O'Connor, president of the telephone operators' department of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

"When the power arrayed against them is considered, no trade unionists have made such progress as the telephone operators," declared Miss O'Connor. "The American telephone and telegraph company, the Bell system, is the largest corporation in the world. It is the most impregnable monopoly known in this age of huge monopolistic enterprises. Its labor policy is viciously anti-union. It fosters one of the most pernicious forms of the company "union" ever enforced on workers. It employs the blacklist, the spy system and all the favorite artillery of the anti-unionist, with a few specialties of its own.

"The telephone operators were the David that wrestled the eight-hour day, doubled wages and improved working conditions from this Goliath of wealth, power and prestige.

"Within a few years we made these gains. We had little experience, less funds, and an organization that was far from 100 per cent.

"But we had spirit and grit.

"Trade unionists always benefit themselves when they strengthen the labor movement," continued Miss O'Connor. "Let trade unionists help themselves by helping us to rescue the telephone operators from exploitation by the world's largest corporation and to transfer their organized energies and resources to the public service, the good of the labor movement and the adoption of better standards of life and work."

Berry Growers' Union Seek Earlier Payments

MISSION CITY, June 18—Earlier payments to berry growers this season is the vital object of interest to the directors of the B. C. Berry Growers' Co-operative Union, and to all the members who are putting their heads together in an effort to expedite cash returns to the growers who ship through the organization, which is to the farmers what the trade union is to the skilled mechanic. The central executive and directors are conferring with the members throughout the district and with other channels. It is anticipated that a favorable result may be reported in a day or two. The problem of earlier payments is serious to the growers, who are now pinning their faith upon the directorate. The officers of the union have pledged their earnest and loyal support, and while some anxiety prevails, the growers evince faith in the eventual success of their fight.

UNSUSPECTED WATER UNDERLIES CANADIAN NATIONAL

Montreal.—How and why the capitalization of the Canadian railways jumped up by over $1,000,000,000 in a year or two is worrying railway employees. In 1922 official railway statistics gave all Canadian roads a total capitalizatoin of $2,155,277,131. The latest official returns give the roads a capitalization of $3,264,574,000, the increase being due to a jump in the bonded debt of over $1,100,000,000. Apparently when the government took over the roads now forming the Canadian National it acquired liabilities which were not revealed at the time to the public.

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A nation-wide combination of manufacturers engaged in almost every line of furniture making which goes into the home or the office has been indicted before the Federal grand jury in Chicago.

The 269 firms indicted are members of three different national organizations and are charged with maintaining a combine which destroyed competition and exacted excessive prices.

These firms are located in New England, New York, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin and Virginia.

Electricians at Lockport, N.Y., street car employes of Canton, Massillon and Akron, Ohio, and plumbers of Hazleton, Pa., have received wage increases as a result of strikes terminated through the efforts of U.S. labor conciliators.

Strikes involving textile workers, building tradesmen, elevator constructors, clothing and upholstery workers also were settled by agreements of various kinds.

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Military Expenditure

The following remarks were made in the House of Commons by J. S. Woodsworth in reply to the supply estimates for Canadian National Defense:

I should also like to call attention for a moment to the anti-Japanese propaganda which apparently is being carried out very carefully and systematically. We are told of the oriental menace. I for one am anxious that the standards of the Canadian people should be protected, but it is quite possible to protect our standards and also to maintain control of our own immigration policies without antagonizing other nations. The trouble is that it is so easy for us to be influenced by press propaganda, and that propaganda is carried on at the present time on such a wholesale scale. Debates of the British parliament have already established that British war-time propaganda in America was a thousandfold more virulent and widespread than the feeble propaganda of the German imperialists. Lord Northcliffe himself admitted that England had spent $150,000,000 for propaganda purposes in the United States during the war, and he said he considered that money to be spent to better advantage than any equal amount spent during the entire conflict. There were over 4,500 British publicity agents in the United States, it was admitted in the House of Commons. The British government subsidized its own news agencies to disseminate official war propaganda. Mr. McCurdy, M.P., declared in the British House of Commons, August 5, 1918, that the government had paid Reuter's agency £126,000 for services covering a certain period of the war. We are already subsidizing Reuter's agency, and it is comparatively easy at any time to have only those particular items go through that will carry out the purposes of the particular group that happens to be in authority. Sir Gilbert Parker, who was in charge of the department for American propaganda, confessed in Harper's Magazine, March, 1918:

Profitable Propaganda

"Among other things, we supplied three hundred and sixty newspapers in the smaller states of the United States with an English newspaper which gave a weekly review and comment on the affairs of the war. We established connection with the man in the street through cinema pictures of the army and navy, as well as through interviews, articles, pamphlets, etc., and by letters in reply to individual American critics, which were printed in the chief newspapers in the state in which they lived and were copied in newspapers of the other and neighboring states. We advised and stimulated many people to write articles; we utilized the friendly services and assistance of confidential friends; we had reports from important Americans constantly, and established association by personal correspondence with influential and eminent people of every profession in the United States, beginning with university and college professors, and scientific men, and running through all the ranges of the population. We asked our friends and correspondents to arrange for speeches, debates and lectures by American citizens, but we did not encourage Britishers to go to America and preach the doctrine of entrance into the war. Besides an immense private correspondence with individuals, we had our documents and literature sent to great numbers of public libraries, Y.M.C.A. societies, universities, colleges, historical societies, clubs and newspapers."

Sounds A Warning

After the expose of the way in which the propaganda for the last war was carried forward, it is surely time that the common people of the country should ask themselves whether they are not in danger of being trapped a second time.

Let me pause for a few moments to visualize the international political situation which confronts us. We have a large number of independent states, and their attitude to one another is that of very keen rivalry. The final court of appeal, as it has been for a great many years, is war; hence we have on the part of all these independent nationalities, with very few exceptions indeed, the theory and practice of preparedness. This takes two forms. First of all, military preparedness; the army, navy and air forces must be kept up. It was very clearly shown before the last war that armament firms egged on one nation to certain forms of preparedness and then turned round and urged its rival to meet it along similar lines.

The Desire to Dominate

In addition to the military preparedness we have what I might call psychological preparedness. We maintain the attitude of boosting our own. We have our own song, "Britannia Rules the Waves," and I am not at all sure that is much preferable to "Germany Over All." They both exhibit the same spirit, the same desire to dominate. Of course, as a Britisher, I suppose naturally I like to think of the British dominating; it is hard to get out of one's own skin. But at the same time, I say both of them manifest a spirit that will never bring us peace, but will always lead to war.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that the hon. gentleman is verging very nearly to a statement of disloyalty, which ought not to be permitted in this committee.

The National Spirit

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I await the Chairman's decision on that matter. I should like to repeat my statement—and I have no hesitation in doing so: that the spirit which leads us to assert that Britannia rules the waves is precisely the same spirit which led the Germans to assert that Germany should be over all.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): That is slightly different.

Some hon. GENTLEMAN: The same thing.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I think it is the same thing.

The CHAIRMAN: I would suggest to the hon. member that it is a little difficult for me to see the application of his address in this debate in committee to the question of this vote that is before the Chair. I do think that he is getting somewhat away from this vote.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Mr. Chairman, we have had definitely placed before us today the urgency of the situation and the need for preparedness. I submit with all respect that those of us who do not agree with that policy have a right to state our disagreement and the grounds on which it is based.

To Arouse Antagonism

As I was saying, we have constantly the glorification of our own nation, and side by side we have the habit of decrying other nations. One of the commonest ways of doing so is to call them nicknames. We have the Hun, the Dago, the Jap, the Chink, the Turk, and so on. All these names are derogatory in character, so that there is hardly a nation today but that if occasion should arise, could be designated by some term of approbrium, thus it is easy to arouse great antagonism on the part of our people.

The fact is that even peace has been very largely an armed truce or simply a defensive alliance. Let me point out at the same time that we have recently experienced some very remarkable world developments. Today we have an economic interdependence that has brought all the nations into close relationship the one with the other; I do not think I need to elaborate that statement. No nation today is self-contained. Each nation is inevitably connected with all other nations. It is absolutely impossible for us, as it were, to put a corral around our own particular piece of property and say we will have nothing to do with outsiders. The whole of modern industry, commerce and finance is international, inter-communal in character. Thus there is a growing sense of world community. We have seen this for a great many years in the scientific world. We recognize that advancement in any one nation along scientific lines means advancement in other nations. We have seen it more or less in the cultural spheres, literary, artistic and religious. We know that what happens in any one part of the world is of more or less concern to all the rest of the world. But let me point out that with this growing inter-dependence, world-wide in its character, we have group and class conflicts that are also world-wide. The financiers do not stop within the bounds of one nation, but stretch their operations over into other nations. The present highly concentrated system of finance is also international in its viewpoint, and we have also our international labor unions, our international socialist parties, just as we have our international groups of financiers and industrialists.

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H. M. S. Pinafore At Orpheum Next Week

The fourth week of the summer engagement of the Brandon Opera Company at he Orpheum Theatre in Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" was one of the most interesting that the theatre has had in months. The famous Gilbert and Sullivan gem brought happiness to hundreds who are habitual theatregoers and many hundreds more who had not been inside a theatre for months and many more saw a comic opera for their first time. On Saturday afternoon in conjunction with "The Vancouver Sun" the company entertained more than a thousand boys and girls from all walks of life and they all pronounced it "the greatest treat of their lives." That the company has grown in popularity and has struck the right chord in Vancouver's amusements is evidenced by the packed houses that greeted every performance of "the Mikado".

The present offering "The Spring Maid" is going over with just as much zest and merriment. It is one of those light, airy and popular operettas, the strains of which you will hear whistled in every nook and corner of the city during the week. All Vancouver is whistling "Day Dreams" or "Two Little Love Bees."

The sixth weeks starting Monday, June 22nd, will bring back some more Gilbert and Sullivan. The offering will be "H. M. S. Pinafore" which was the first great success of this famous pair. This will be another great week for the youngsters. They will want to get acquainted with "Dick Deadeye", "Little Buttercup", "Sir Joseph Porter" and the gallant "Captain Corcoran" and hear those popular melodies, "The Merry, Merry Maiden and the Tar", "We sail the ocean blue", "The Captain of The Pinafore" and "He's an Englishman", Pinafore is one of the most popular and successful of all the Gilbert and Sullivan contributions. It will run for the entire week with popular matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

Tie Vote For Business Agent of St. Car Men

The semi-annual election of officers of the Street Railwaymen's Association was held on Monday, June 8th. The vote for the chief office that of Financial Secretary and Business Agent was a tie. W. H. Cotrell and Angus MacInnis, the present holder of the office, receiving 357 votes each. Another election for this office will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd.

Other officers elected were as follows: Pres., F. A. Hoover, re-elected; 1st Vice-Pres., J. E. Smith, re-elected; 2nd Vice-Pres., H. T. Ford, re-elected; Recording Secretary, F. E. Griffin, re-elected; Treasurer, H. W. Speed, re-elected; Auditors, W. H. Arnold, A. V. Lofting, and E. G. Kermode; Executive, Thomas Elliott, E. Hicks, T. R. Carson, W. A. Harris, F. Wheatley, John Auton, and M. G. Roberts.

Further Aid to Nova Scotia

At the meeting on Monday, June 15th, the call for the International Convention, which will be held this year at Montreal, was read and it was decided that instead of sending delegates to the International Convention and the Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada further assistance be given to the miners of Nova Scotia. While we realize the importance of these gatherings of workers, we believe that aid to the miners is at this stage, of more importance.

This local has, so far, sent to the miners of Nova Scotia $600.00.

PAINTERS' MEETING

At the special meeting of local 138 Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators, Thursday, June 11th, with a large attendance the vote on question of assessing members who failed to attend one meeting per month was defeated. Report and concurrence of Secretary Bro. R. Stevenson's action re burial of Bro. W. McFarlane, amount to cover the same was passed by meeting. Matter re universal Union Button laid on table. Notice of motion for assessment of members for a contingent fund to meet any emergency had 2nd reading. Reported some non-union men were working painting the city bridges. A number of new members were initiated. Tickets on sale for annual picnic from committee or at office, 319 Pender St. W. E. S.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION MAY LEAD TO WAR

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years. He did not go himself but he expected that his men would have a comfortable time shooting and eating polar bears, walrus and seal—subsisting as he had subsisted in many arctic winters he has written of in a series of books. But it didn't work out that way. Either his men were too inexperienced or they had worse luck. When a relief expedition came in 1923 all the men were dead, the Eskimo seamstress being the sole survivor. Disaster on the ice and scurvy had gotten the men. On the surface this failure dealt a blow at Stefansson's theories of the "Friendly Arctic." Another blow followed at his theory that the island by right belonged to England for the British labor government ceded its claims to Russia—an act Stefansson hopes the conservatives will rescind.

In 1923, Stefansson, short of funds, and wishing America to get the island, rather than the Bolsheviks, if he was not able to keep the work going, sold his properties and claims to the Lomen Brothers, capitalists of Nome, Alaska, who saw in Wrangel new grazing lands for the reindeer they were amassing at the expense of the Alaskan Eskimos. The Lomen Brothers planted a force of 13 hired Eskimos and a white commander named Wells, who stayed on the island till the summer of 1924 when they were taken off by the Russian warship, the Red October. Previously the Russian government had warned the world that trespassers on the island would be removed.

The American capitalists called for intervention but Hughes and Coolidge felt America's claims too weak, or though it inadvisable to interfere for diplomatic reasons. This virtually admitted the Russian claims which would seem strongest anyhow because of the island's contiguity to Russian territory. What the American government will attempt to do in the future when air transportation develops and the need of arctic air bases becomes more apparent is of course a question. Meanwhile it behooves workers reading arctic news to consider more than the mere sporting aspects played up in the headlines.

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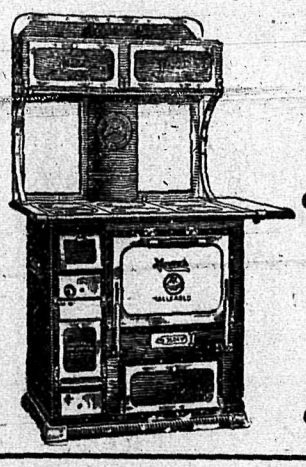

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