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16 Hour Day; $50 a Month; Then Fired Without Pay

Something Seems Wrong With Operation of Children's Aid Society —Underpaid, Overworked Staff Is Summarily Discharged Without Notice, Following Official Praise in Reports —Institution Needs a Thoroughly Probing.

WHAT IS WRONG with the Vancouver Children's Aid Society? The question is suggested by some amazing changes centering around the present "reorganization" plans, coupled with complaints and whispers that indicate clearly that all is not well there. The LABOR STATESMAN pointed out that employees were overworked and underpaid in an article earlier in the year. The facts were later confirmed by further complaints. Now comes the announcement that the former matron and other employees were "let out" summarily, without explanation, while, as a sort of change of heart, three of the discharged workers were taken back.

The employees, it is stated, were discharged without notice, and without payment of their board, which forms part of their meagre remuneration. The secretary, Mr. Grayson, described as a lovable character, a hard working and efficient official, was dropped from the payroll without notice as his reward for long and faithful service. Incidentally, he has a very large young family to support. He was almost idolized by the children and the staff.

16 Hours a Day; $50 a Month!

The matron, who is a trained nurse of long experience, including war service, worked for $50 a month. Her hours were usually from 6 a.m. until as far into midnight as she could stand. After the kiddies were put to bed, this worthy woman and the two nurses had their additional toil of two or three hours. The matron's husband, a war veteran, performed the multi-tasked job of general factotum at $50 a month. Between them, by dint of working 16 hours each per day, the couple managed to eke out $100 a month.

Single-handed in Epidemic

The matron, by the way, nursed scores of children through a couple of malignant epidemics, including diptheria, when she, single-handed, cared for many patients, in addition to her other work. She had 2½ days off in 8 months. Her arduous labors nearly wrecked her own health and she needed a rest, but had to "carry on." She could not afford to lay off, and the Society could not afford to give her a brief holiday on pay. This woman is now discharged without stated reason. Prejudice and "cat" spite by a woman director are openly stated to be behind the affair. One of the employees says the lady director announced: "I don't like that woman and I want her fired." Which was done. When asked for the cause of discharge, Mr. R. Glass, who heads the Society, said: "I don't have to give any reason. We are reorganizing. That's enough." Mr. Glass, by the way, heads the Confederation Life Assurance Co., Rogers Building.

What About These Rumors

Some of the employees hint that it might be well to demand a showdown on the complete disposition of the Christmas Fund, but this would be up to an Enquiry Board, if one is appointed by the city to clear up the present miasma of rumors and unrest.

There are several outstanding facts that seem in need of clearing up. The Children's Aid Society is supported by the people's money. It is a public institution and certainly is not to be regarded as the private agency of preferment or petty prejudices. It should be placed in government hands, under proper official control.

Receives Official Praise

Recently, the Grand Jury turned in a highly favorable report that extolled general conditions toward which the matron and nurses are now discharged, proved contributory forces. Their work was commended. Dr. White, physician for the school board and an experienced practitioner in children's cases, is quoted as saying the children of the Children's Aid Society were in 20 per cent better general condition than any other class of children coming under his notice. He, too, is said to have paid a tribute to the discharged matron and her meagre staff.

Why Were They Fired?

If anything has been wrong with the administration, and these women have been discharged for cause, it is interesting to enquire what that cause may be. Official reports praise these women and their work, yet they are fired without any definite cause being given.

In face of the fact that the institution, with 114 children in care of three overworked, tired and underpaid women, has received commendation by the Grnad Jury and Dr. White, there should be some explanation.

Different From Union Hours!

Union men work eight hours at fair wages and call it a day when the job's done. But the matron, at slavery wages, has been obliged to work over 16 hours a day, with lots of unfinished work to carry over for next day. And now she is "canned" without notice of obvious cause. And hardworking, underpaid nurses have been included in the sweeping changes.

What are the real facts behind all this?

SOUTH VANCOUVER LABOR GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Owing to the fact that the Horticultural Hall will not available for regular meeting of the group it has been decided to hold the business meeting next Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m. in the same hall. All members are urged to attend.

Labor Club Dance At Belvedere Court

Plenty of free refreshments and admission by collection at the door are two of the features of the dance which will be held in the Belvedere Court Saturday evening under the auspices of the Vancouver Centre Labor Club. Miss Enman's Orchestra will provide the music for the dance which will start at 9 p. m. There will be one or two other surprize features which will be enjoyed by both old and young who take advantage of visiting the place.

$1319 Is Raised Here For Mine Sufferers

$1319.73 was collected by workers last Friday on behalf of the Nova Scotia Relief Fund. Secretary P. R. Bengough who had charge of the arrangements issued 110 boxes and these were taken to various corners of the city, mostly by women, who worked hard all day selling tags which netted the above amount. If the committee could have secured Saturday for the collection there would have been very much more, because more workers would have been downtown.

Among the collectors were seventeen Japanese women who succeeded in collecting $82.12 among their countrymen. Among these women were the wife of the Editor in Chief of The Daily People, and the wives of the president and vice president of the Japanese Workers Unions and the secretary of the Japanese Consulate. Kisa Mitarai, editor of The Daily People arranged this part of the work.

The Tag Committee, through the Labor Statesman, desires to thank all those who took part in the collection. The collection, minus 30.05 expenses has been forwarded to Nova Scotia.

South Van. Saves By Day Labor Work

The first day labor work undertaken by the Municipality of South Vancouver has resulted in a saving of approximately 15 per cent. The work was undertaken through the efforts of Councillors J. Smith and McDonald. When the Elgin Street Sewer was contemplated the Ward Three Ratepayers Asso. asked to have the work done by day labor. Councillor Smith moved that the request be complied with and this was agreed to. The following week, however, Councillor Coltart moved that tenders be called for and Councillor Smith asked if the council intended to go back on its previous action. It appeared that the Reeve and other members of the council were under the impression that the letter from Ward Three had been filed. Councillor Smith had the minutes read and the council agreed to stand by its previous action. Now that a saving has been made through the day labor plan, the councillors are somewhat elated.

Germany—There has been such a lack of female skilled help in the Chemnitz textile industry, that it has been necessary to secure employees from far distant employment offices.

Organizers Concentrate On Men in Metal Trades

Ranks of Union Labor Movement Greatly Increased by Campaign—New Unions Going Strong—More Campaign Work to be Done in Vancouver District

CLOSE to three thousand men have been added to the trades union movement in Vancouver and district during the organizing campaign and there is every prospect of that number being doubled before the summer is over. Quite a number of trades that have yet to be handled, which, although small, will add to the numbers of those already organized. All of the dozen unions recently organized are making good progress, and continued growth and objections raised by some employers have been straigtened out.

Just at the present time a drive is being made on the metal trades. International Organizers McCutchan of the Boilermakers, and Somerville, of the Machinists, are working, along with the local committee, on that. The machinists are holding a meeting every Tuesday in the Holden Building for the next few weeks. The Boilermakers are holding a meeting on Thursday evening in the Holden Building, and in the Odd Fellows Hall, in North Vancouver on Friday evening of this week.

Organizer Cory of the Boot and Shoe Workers is leaving to attend a convention in Eastern Canada and upon his return will attempt to line up a few more factories.

International Organizer Barry of the Papermakers Union, is in town, and intends to look over the situation in Powell River and Ocean Falls.

Organizer J. W. Bruce of the Plumbers and Steamfitters, is going to Victoria to look into the situation there.

Workers in any industry or calling wishing for information in connection with the campaign, are urged to get in touch with Organizer Bengough, at 803 Holden Building.

FOR A HOUSEWIVES' UNION

Pointing to a "great success," the Housewives' Union of California wonder why it is not organized in Vancouver. Mrs. Anna Morgan, state secretary and past president, writes to say it is something every city should have. The advantages, she says, are: Protection from rapacious stores; adjustment of standard prices for household commodities; proper control of school boards with the demand that one-half the board shall be composed of mothers; curfew laws that will keep kids of both sex from running wild late at night; amended juvenile court laws; a mother's governing board on the hospital committee; with other ideas designed to better conditions for the home of the plain people. Will this happen in Vancouver? It sounds feasible, so why not try it?

WATCH MAIN STREET GROW

It is a pretty good sign to see eastern capital interested in Main Street, Vancouver. Just now, there are representatives of vast American capital in Vancouver, quietly looking over the possibilities of Main Street as a great future commercial artery of this city. This is a good sign. It suggests the expenditure of a lot of money in building and remodelling that neglected thoroughfare which has fallen into the disrepute of being a sort of back alley entrance to Vancouver, instead of being recognized for its real value as Vancouver's most promising commercial street. With the real boosting spirit the organization of a Main Street Property Owners' Association, and civic encouragement for prospective investors, Main Street could be transformed into a wondrously bright business section, and this would incidentally provide employment for hundreds of men for many months to come.

HOW CHINESE GRAB OUR CAFES

More than 60 per cent of Vancouver's restaurants are operated by Chinese. The Celestials are picking up the choicest cafes in town, and they are scattering into all parts of this city. At the present rate of progress, Chinese will leave only a few white places. The Chinese are slyly clever at the game. Some of the places deceive passers-by until they enter. The entrance gives the impression that the cafes are white places. Sometimes there is a white girl cashier in sight. But when the visitor gets inside he sees it is all Chinese. These places are using deceptive signs, one enterprising Chink even Irishing his place with the name of "Cassidy's Cafe". Others are named "The Golden Rule," "The Maple Leaf," and the like. Any old thing to deceive and whitewash the fact that these places are Chink joints. Here the Hotel and Restaurane Employees' Union as well as employing cafe men, have a real grievance.

The next meeting of the Greater Vancouver Central Council of the C. L. P. will be held in the Holden Building, Friday, May 29th. The special order of business will be the nomination of candidate for the next Federal election.

Spain—Since the present Government came into power in the Bilbao district, it is stated that there has been a complete absence of strikes and labor disorders, and, on the other hand, a decided betterment in the rate of production in most industries.

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BREAD TRUST TAKES HOLD

The American Bread Trust was promoted last year. It is authorized to raise a capital of $600,000,000. This is $100,000,000 more than the combined capital of all the commercial bakeries in the United States in 1919. This concern has taken control of leading bakeries in Montreal, Toronto, and other Canadian cities.

It may start a price cutting crusade to compel other bakeries to enter the combine or go out of business. But if finally it is going to pay dividends on its enormous capitalization, then when it dominates the situation bread prices will soar again.

BUDGET DEBATE

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

Log Rolling Tactics

"The old Intercolonial itself only represents a capital investment of $120,220,000 according to the public accounts of Canada for 1923 (schedule F. to balance sheet). But in the great railway building age the politcians in the east as well as the west got charters and subsidies to build small branch lines to open up forest areas or mining districts. Then when these lines had served the purpose of stripping the more acceptable and valuable timber areas, they, in many cases, managed to persuade the government to buy the line and add it to the government system. There was much log-rolling in those days. And thus in the construction of the government system its capitalization was augmented by practices, legal enough perhaps, but hardly justifiable from a moral point of view. The railway history of Canada is replete with stories of railway promoters amassing snug fortunes, for which they rendered no adequate service to the country.

"It is scarcely fair—"

And this is the point I should like to press in this connection and the reason for reading these figures—

"—that the burdens of the sins of the politicians and the promoters should be visited upon the railway workers to the third and fourth generations."

The article goes on to point out that according to the public accounts for 1923 in the national balance sheet there are the following assets:

Government railways	$423,000,000
Railway accounts (old loans)	88,000,000
Rly. non-active loans....	558,000,000

The billion dollars which the government counts as assets are liabilities of the C.N.R.

Included in this we have guaranteed bonds to the amount of $296,000,000, and debenture stock (outstanding in 1923) amounting to $216,000,000. The article proceeds:

Interest on $75,000,000

"The sum of these accounts is $1,581,000,000, and that is the sum on which the Canadian National Railway is expected to pay interest, a matter of nearly $75,000,000 per year. That sum is $300,000,000 greater than the capital valuation of all the railways in Canada would be if they represented the same proportion of the national wealth as the United States railways do of the national wealth of the republic."

I will not go into this question in detail; it simply suggests a line of reasoning which I am glad to say is very frequenty met with across this country; and I am very sure that if the government could see its way to write off some of this over-capitalization as simply bad debts we would be in a very much better position to carry forward our national lines to success.

There is just one other point I should like to mention in connection with the railway situation, and in doing so to take my place beside the hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean) who has been a veteran advocate for public ownership. In the first session of this parliament I can remember advocating the unification of our two-company system. At that time the whole idea was regarded as absolutely impracticable, and apparently there was no use in urging it upon the House. I am glad to think that in the last four years when the hon. member for North Waterloo (Mr. Euler) came to the support of the hon. member for South York, I am sure that we all felt that perhays the time might not be so remote as some of us imagined, and place us in a fair way towards the solution of one of the most important problems which confront us in Canada today.

With regard to the question of free trade and protection, the discussion of which has occupied so much time up to the present, I might say that the labor movement does not regard this as by any means a fundamental issue. Later in the discussion I should like to deal more fully, but at this time perhaps I might be permitted to comment very briefly upon a few of the arguments which have been advanced. A year ago we found the government making a great deal of the fact that it was granting certain reduction on agricultural implements. We have had from the opposition a great deal of criticism and the supposed adverse effects of these reductions have been pointed out. I think one hon. member has already referred to some statistics as to what these reductions really amount to. I hope that some of the Progressive members will take this matter up more fully. I shall content myself at this stage with calling attention to the bare facts of the case. On imports of all dutiable agricultural implements valued at $3,156,986, April 1 to October 31, 1924, there was a reduction of 4.7 per cent or an actual reduction of duty paid by the farmers of the whole of Canada of $148,378. Dividing that amount by the acres in field crops we find that the saving to the farmer amounted to only 83 cents per half section.

The hon. gentleman from West York (Sir Henry Drayton) the financial critic of the opposition, made quite a bid for labor support in his speech advocating protection. In the course of his speech he stated that prices of manufactured products to consumers embody labor costs equal to 60 per cent, and in some cases 80 per cent of such prices. The inference would seem to be that under protection high enough Canada would manufacture $700,000,000 worth of goods now imported, and pay labor 60 to 80 per cent of that amount.

Wages 11 Per Cent of Price

Now, according to the Bureau of Statistics for 1922, at the point of production the gross value of Canada's manufactured products was $2,439,000,000. The combined salaries and wages amounted to $497,800,000. The ratio of salaries and wages at factory valuation was therefore 20.2 per cent; the factory value of a hundred dollars, plus wholesaler and retailer and transportation, would make the consumer's price anything above $130. Assume the average consumer's price is $140, which would be very conservative, then the factory labor cost would be $140 divided by 20.2 or 143 per cent, instead of 60 or 80 per cent. I might call attention to the fact that in many industries labor costs form a very much smaller proportion than this. In the flour mills they represent something like 3 per cent of the consumers' flour prices. If we cut our salaries, the average wage labor costs of all manufactured products would be about 11 per cent of the consumer's price. Of course, labor costs are embodied in raw material, but the producer of raw materials in Canada would have the same wage bill whether the raw materials are manufactured in Canada or elsewhere. Similarly, consumer's prices embody wage bills of transportation companies and merchants; but from the wage point of view, whether they handle Canadian or foreign manufactured articles is immaterial. The statements of the hon. member for West York refer only to factory labor costs. I would say that, in view of these considerations, decidedly they are not convincing. Further than that, the hon. member for West York rather gave us the impression that our salvation economically would be along the lines of following France.

It is most unfortunate for him that the recent developments in France took place so very soon after his speech was made. I think I cannot do better than quote from an editorial which appeared in the issue of the Grain Growers' Guide of April 15:

"Fairness to France demands recognition of the vast outlay she has had to make for the restoration of the devastated districts, but if comparisons of national welfare are to be made it is also necessary to recognize that the outlay has been by way of currency inflation, and to such an extent that the franc has depreciated 74 per cent. The financial position of the country now is such that the government of M. Herriot is staking its life on a financial proposal involving the issue of two billions of currency, and a forced loan of 100,000,000,000 francs for ten years at 2 or 3 per cent. The currency issue is necessary to meet issues of the Bank of France in excess of those already authorized by law, and it is stated that these unauthorized issues of the bank have been concealed from the people.

"On her foreign debt France is paying neither interest nor principal, and it is very questionable whether the French war debts will ever be redeemed. France, as Sir George Paish stated in his recent speech in Winnipeg, is on the verge of bankruptcy, and if the inflation continues it will mean the complete wiping out of the internal debt. Protection has nothing whatever to do with the condition of France; if anything, it is making a bad situation much worse."

I take it that we shoud be very careful in making comparisons between two countries that differ so widely in their general economic development as do France and Canada.

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Immigrants Are Guaranteed (?) Jobs

The Canadian Government disclaims any responsibility for employment. Yet it has guaranteed employment to immigrants sent here under the Empire Settlement Act. This is what the British Home Secretary, Hon. L. A. Amery, told the British Commons, at any rate.

There should be no government assisted immigration to this country until the immigrants can be guaranteed employment. But the first duty of the government is to assure employment for people born here.

Nothing could be more contemptuous than the attitude of the Canadian Government to Canadian workers. It tells them to starve or get out of the country while guaranteeing jobs to immigrants.

This Government taxes workers to subsidize immigrants to compete with them in an already over-crowded labor market. It's a fine game. If the workers had any gumption they'd refuse to pay taxes while the Government spends a cent on immigration. Under present conditi Government encouragement of immigration is a crime against the adian workers. But apparent Government and its short nt bosses, want to drive out Ca and bring in Europeans, unm of the dangers of Bolshevism Europeans are introducing.

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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; sec., T. Rigby, 37 Broadway West.

Bakery Salesmen, Local 571 — 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 26th 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. Crosser; 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 308 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m.

City Hall Employees' Association meets first Wednesday of each month at 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, 2537 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, B. H. Morrison. Office, 319 Pender Street West.

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

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

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

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

Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 28—441 Seymour Street. Meets first and third Wednesday at 2 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesdays at 9 p.m. President, G. Coleman; business agent, A. Graham. Phone Seymour 1681.

Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Asso. of Bridge & Structural — Meets every Monday, Room 804 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, W. Finlay, 1655 22nd Ave. E.; Secretary, James Dunn, Box 1196 City; Phone High. 4384L.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207 — Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays in month, at room 299 Holden Bldg. President, V. R. Midgeley, 3751 Keefer St. E.; secretary, J. G. Finlayson, 2635 12th Ave. W., Phone Bay. 4942R.

Machinist Local 182—President, R. B. McLean, 455 6th Ave. W. Secretary, S. A. Boardman, 3385 Parker St. Meets second and fourth Friday at 8 p.m. in Room 313 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East.

Machinist Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1352 Burrard St. Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, 807 Labor Hall, 16 Hastings East. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in month.

Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, Amalgamated—Meets first and third Tuesday in Holden Bldg. President, W. R. Walter, 762 Hamilton St.; Sec., W. L. McGregor.

Mental Hospital Attendants' Federal Union No. 35—Meets at Essondale 1st and third Thursdays in month. President, J. A. Gibson, 312 4th St., New Westminster; rec. sec., Will Mackie, Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale.

Mill and Factory Workers' Union, Local No. 1599 — Affiliated with United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners. Meets first and third Thursdays in Room 313 Holden Bldg. President, Allan Graham; Fin. Sec., H. Brewer; Rec. Sec., B. Holden, 1710 5th Ave. W., Vancouver, Phone Bay. 3123-R.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Meets second and fourth Friday in Labor Hall, 16 Hastings St. E. Business agent, Birt Showler, 1115 Robson St.

Molders Union Local 281—International of North America—meets first and third Fridays in month in room 313 Holden Bldg., at 8 p.m. President, Sam Wilson, 1728 Yew St. Corresponding representative, J. Pinkerton, 2159 Victoria Drive.

Motion Pictures Projectionist's Union, Local 348 of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—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.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Editor, Labor Statesman:

Now that the convention of the B. C. section of the C. L. P. is over, Henry Dubb, who was not privileged to be present at the deliberations, is trying to discover what took place, but judging by appearance his efforts are going to be no more successful than if he tried planting stable refuse in Hastings Street in the hope of reaping a tannery. Even those who were present appear to have but a dim understanding of what took place.

In your issue of the 8th inst. appears an editorial, signed "W," in which we read the following: "The work of organizing local units in other parts of the province is to be left entirely to local workers or the existing parties, but the convention provided that an effort was to be made to organize existing bodies into central councils."

In the same issue of your paper, in a summary of the proceedings of the convention, J. Sidaway, Secretary of B. C. section of the C.L.P., makes the following statement: "A motion by Del. Arthur MacDonald 'that B.C. executive be instructed to formulate ways and means of putting an organizer in the field was carried after considerable discussion, the mass of arguments advanced in its favor giving the executive committee no doubt as to the opinion of the convention."

To those who were present at the convention the above two statements may not appear contradictory, but to an outsider the only conclusion that can be reached is that either "W" does not know what he is talking about, or that the Secretary in his report tells of a motion that never passed. It is somewhat difficult to see how both can be correct.

The convention either "left **entirely** to local workers" the task of organizing, or else a motion was passed instructing the executive "to formulate ways and means of putting an organizer in the field." If both decisions were arrived at the delegates must be fit subjects for a lunatic asylum, and the chairman must have been asleep during the session that passed one of these conflicting motions.

Will you please inform us whether "W" was talking through his hat, Sidaway publishing inaccurate statements or the delegation crazy and the chairman suffering from sleeping sickness? We will then be able to judge whom we can believe in the future.

Yours for Clarity,

HENRY DUBB.

(Ed. note: "Henry Dubb" has a genuine kick coming, but while we will endeavor to straighten out the tangle through these columns, it will in no way straighten out the deliberations of the convention. The statement made by "W" is the correct one. An organizer "may" be put in the field, but only for the purpose of co-ordinating EXISTING organizations into Central Councils. The reason for this and other motions was to prohibit the C. L. P. from organizing branches or locals of any description bearing the name C. L. P. That field is left entirely to the Communist Party and the Federated Labor Party. If workers in some town desire to organize politically, they may apply for a charter from the Communist Party or the Federated Labor Party, but if neither of these appeal to them, then they may organize a labor party **under some other name**, but must not use the name C. L. P. For instance, a group of workers in Ladysmith organized and called themselves the Ladysmith Branch of the C.L.P. Their application was turned down and they are left to take either of the three courses. While the C. L. P. in other provinces permit branches of the C. L. P. to be organized the whole idea behind the B. C. convention was to make the C. L. P. in this province purely a delegate organization.

POPPY DAY IN VANCOUVER

Sandy: Come awa oot, Alick, and tak a wee dander.

Alick: I canna, ma brither's oot.

Sandy: What's that to dae wi't?

Alick: He has the poppy.

Chiropractic Is Not Medical

By DR. ALMOND E. HARPER, D.C., Sp. C.

Chiropractic is a science based on a principle which from the time of its birth has never changed. It came into existence because of its need to make the sick well who had not and could not be made well by any other known method. It will remain because of its merit. If the sick had or could have been made well by any other known science or means there would not have been any need for Chiropractic, but because of that need to make the sick well Chiropractic came into existence, and, because it does make the sick well, it remains.

That Chiropractic has never changed or will never need to change its principle to make the sick well suggests that it must be **different.** It had to be different or it would not be here, and it must remain different or it will not stay. In proportion as it assimilates medical features, to that extent does it become mongrelized, loses its identity and becomes a hybrid, like a mule that ceases to produce itself, it becomes self-emasculated. Therefore, it becomes imperative to maintain its **exclusive difference** from all else medical.

Chiropractic is not a **cure all,** it is a science and has its field of activity, and is the only sane treatment in existence for the **cure of those diseases which are caused by the impingement of the nerves.** Therefore, the many diseases which Chiropractic will cure are those which arise from nerve impingement, and those diseases which are caused by impinged nerves **cannot** be cured by any other method other than Chiropractic.

Chiropractic is therefore not a medical treatment, it is a science separate from **any other method of healing,** and consists of palpation, finding a subluxation and adjusting the subluxation, and **nothing else.** Neither is anything else required to make the sick well whose sickness has been caused by **subluxations.**

It is being said, and very truly, that great changes have and are being made in medicine, that "scientific" medicine is making wonderful strides in method of treatment. This is a patent fact that no one can deny. The medical treatment for the different diseases (which are caused by impinged nerves) are always changing, and have been for hundreds of years and will continue to change because medicine is not a cure. Medicine cannot take an impingement out of the spine and therefore cannot cure those diseases which are caused by subluxations, and the outstanding proof of its inability to cure is the fact that it does not remain staple in any **but one thing,** and that is its inability to cure.

Chiropractic proves the truth of its philosophy because it will never require to change its principle which remains the same today as yesterday and tomorrow.

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Manufacturing industries in Canada in 1922 employed 26,000 fewer persons than in 1911, thanks to machinery. Their output was six per cent greater in quantity and more than 100 per cent greater in value. But machines couldn't buy the product; so manufacturing was mostly working part time.

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LOOK FOR THE BACKGROUND

The tabloid form of news which is dished up to us regularly by the press of the world is one of the earmarks of our hustle and bustle of modern business and industry. We get our news much like our meals, in snacks, hurriedly prepared and more hurriedly consumed, with the same inevitable result, indigestion; either mental or physical, or both, as the case may be. If one reads that Sam Slick has pulled off a crooked deal, or the Duke of York has bagged a tiger it may be very difficult to form an impartial understanding as to these acts from the brevity of the statements. Furthermore, most people believe things they wish to believe, so that when they read that the I.W.W. has started a campaign of sabtage in the States, or the Communists have planned a revolution somewhere else they generally believe it without question, their minds having previously been prepared for it by a succession of misleading statements. As the distribution of news is in the control of those whose interests are opposed to Labor we should be very careful how we form conclusions regarding events and those participating in such happenings. Much of the stuff that passed for news during the war would now be ridiculed by all thoughtful and rational people. Time, and the absence of the war fever, has given us a new estimate of statements from certain sources, usually making an allowance or discount in such cases.

As Labor is in a continuous struggle to improve or maintain its principles and standards of life it should be cautious in the acceptance of news from strike areas and such other places where political or industrial unrest is in a ferment. Whilst the capitalist press has been somewhat fair in the reports of the Nova Scotia strike the same has not always been the case, nor need we expect it always to be so in the future. It is quite a contrast to read the brief tabloid statements of the press on various happenings abroad and then read the full, well prepared and authentic articles in the various weeklies or monthlies devoted to such purposes. The war on the Riffs, the bombing of the cathedral in Bulgaria, the native unrest in South Africa, and India, and many other affairs of world importance — though they seem far removed from us they have some bearing on our lives—take on a different color when viewed and analyzed in the light of reason with ALL the circumstances available. In nearly all these cases the background, —that is, the racial, religious, economic and social and other factors which do not always show on the surface—these are of more importance than the causes usually accepted. It took a relatively small affair to start the World War because the skids were greased by years of careful preparation by those who considered that the war had to come, much the same as we are now being prepared for the "next war." The strike in Nova Scotia is merely the culmination of years of underemployment at such low wages and under such slave conditions that the thing had to come to a head sooner or later. But in reviewing the strike we must consider the events leading up to it and thereby be better prepared to estimate and understand its significance. To most people the miners' strike on Vancouver Island some years ago was just a plain strike. But serious investigation showed that it was much more. It was a political struggle to safeguard their economic interests, and bound up with this was the same old struggle of the ages to right the existing wrongs arising out of slavery.

Superficial, random, distorted and exaggerated statements constitute a serious factor in the Labor movement. For years Socialists have had half their time taken up in refuting statements as to what Socialism is. The same is true of every other phase of the movement out to combat the system. Under these cirsumstances workers should think and investigate before swallowing wholesale statements which may be political propaganda cleverly concealed, intended for his own undoing. —S.

THE JANET SMITH CASE

If anybody expects any tangible results from the present court case they might just as well make up their minds right now that while the chinaman might be the "goat" he is not the guilty party. The kidnapping case forced the authorities to play another card in the hushed up murder, but to make the charge against Wong Foon Sing is nothing but a farce to again place a red herring across the trail. When The Labor Statesman opened up the question last year, with some very interesting facts that pointed to a debauched section of "our best citizens" and to a deliberate attempt to cover up the case, a "guilty" person had to be found to satisfy the demands of an aroused public, and the chinaman was selected at that time. Realizing that the cry for justice might die down and the necessity of producing a "goat" avoided, nothing was done in the matter and the chinaman was allowed to continue his daily task in the same house where the murder was committed, for the same family. Thinking that the Chinaman knew more than he had told, some enterprizing citizens endeavoured to force it out of him, but they did not know that a Chinaman can keep a secret better than almost any other national. But it forced the hands of the authorities and it remains to be seen whether or not some slip of the tongue on the part of some witness will open the way to the discovery of the real murderer. This prospect is very slim because the trail is cold and plenty of money can always be found to cover up the deeds of a debauched fiend who ravaged and murdered a poor Scotch nursemaid. —W.

FIFTEEN HOUR DAY SLAVES

As a result of a recent petition, grocery store owners in the city of Vancouver are now permitted to remain open and do business after six o'clock. Eventually this will effect other lines of business and may also effect the hours of labor of shop assistants. These petty business men who will keep their shops open to obtain another dollar are the same class of people who think that the worker should put in ten and twelve hours a day at a small wage. These are the people who make all the noise against a reduction in the hours of toil and who act as strike-breakers whenever the opportunity affords. Such business houses should be boycotted. There is not a single sensible argument in favor of keeping a store open till the last resident has put the cat out. They have all kinds of excuses, most of them based on the assumption that because Mrs. Jones forgot to buy a bag of salt during the day, that her husband won't be able to eat his morning's breakfast.

These storekeepers are a danger to the best interests of the workers. Every hour these stores keep open over eight hours is an argument against the eight hour day for the workers. Every woman who values the eight-hour workday for her husband should cease to patronize such stores, and tell them why.—W.

TOUCHING THAT HUMAN SPOT

After all, humanity's heart has a very vulnerable spot, when the touch is made with poignant point of human suffering. If you want new proof, consider the case of those Nova Scotia mine sufferers. After considerable difficulty, the Trades and Labor Council induced the city council to grant permission for a Tag Day. This was for Friday, which is always an unpropitious day, whereas Saturday was set aside for Tag Day for some sort of Woman's Building in what has been dubbed by the press, as a kind of real estate boost. But, even at that—on a Friday, when so many working folk had not received their pay, and at a time when poor people are often hard up—the response came in the sum of nearly $1400. Perhaps this is not a very great sum, but it represents many a widow's mite and little offering by people of poverty. And these good folk may know that this money has done much, indeed, toward softening the sorrow and assuaging the anguish of want that haunts gaunt Nova Scotia's stricken mining Purgatory of Poverty at this sad hour. The little offerings were truly free will gifts. We saw working men, little, poorly paid shop girls, and even kids, going out of their way to hunt up someone with a tag day box. They felt the urge and obeyed the call of humanity.

Japanese, too, did their bit, as evidenced by the appeal made in Japanese papers here, and by the fine work performed by Japanese women and girls who collected on the streets for the stricken mining people of our Atlantic coast-town. Human hearts beat alike under the skins of the white and the yellow.

This is an instance where Vancouver's Tag Day touched that human spot—the heart!

LOW WAGE FREAKS

The Carpenters secured a quick victory in their demand for the $7 a day as previously agreed upon by the contractors. During and since the strike, however, many people have made statements orally, and through the medium of the press, against the strike and the wage. Many claim—and among them are working men—that seven dollars a day is too much for a worker; that unions should not be allowed to exist; that the more money these men get the less prosperity exists, and many other peculiar arguments of a like nature. In another part of this paper, J. S. Woodsworth is quoted as stating in the House of Commons that the average wage labor cost is about 11 per cent. of the consumers' price. This statement was not challenged in the House of Commons where all the statistics needed to refute that statement—if it could be refuted—were available. That means that Labor is not getting a fair share of the value that it creates. It explains why we have millionaires and paupers, riches and poverty, and men who are willing to work for a miserable pittance while their masters smile on the spineless animals who are satisfied with a mess of porridge or a hunk of bread. Even at that how many mechanics put in a full week, month or year? The higher scale per day for a mechanic very seldom covers the same amount per year received by a lower paid but more steadily employed worker.

If unions were not permitted to exist, there would be more anarchy in production than exists at the present time. But it is folly to talk of "ifs" because trade unions are simply a part of the evolution that is taking place in industry. The industrial machine is organized, hence the Manufacturers Association and Trade Unions.

As for high wages affecting the prosperity of the country that is a stale argument that will not stand analysis. A well paid worker will have more money to spend. The more money he spends the greater will be the demand for the products that he uses. The greater the demand for the products that he uses provides more work for those engaged in that industry who in turn spend more because they have earned more and so on.

Low wages do not create a demand for the cheaper article. It does not always cheapen the article but if it does the tendency would be to again lower the wages because the demand or the ability to buy would have been lessened by the lower wage. Employers in China and India and Africa where wages are at the lowest, fight every attempt to increase the wage. If low wages bring prosperity we suggest that these low wage freaks migrate to India or China and share in the prosperity that must abound there. —W.

PAINTERS TO HOLD CONVENTION IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Montreal, Que.—As a result of the recent referendum vote the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America will hold a general convention in this city during the month of September next. The decision to hold the convention carried by over 20,000 majority.

The last convention was held at Dallas, Texas, in September, 1921.

EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR FRENCH MERCANTILE MARINE

The long-awaited decree of reintroducing the eight-hour day in the French mercantile marine has at last been published, and came into force on April 10. Although it does not meet all the requirements of the French Seamen's Federation, it reestablishes the Labor Code of 1919 in respect of a large part of the seamen, and may therefore be regarded as a step in a forward direction.

PREDICTS INCREASE IN PRICES FOR BEEF

Washington.— Wage earners of America will be compelled to pay constantly increasing prices for beef products during the next six years if the predictions of the economists of the U.S. department of agriculture relative to a shortage in beef cattle are reliable. According to the department's figures beef cattle have declined during the past year from 41,720,000 to 39,609,000, a decrease of more than 2,000,000 head.

"All signs indicate that the beef cattle industry is headed towards lower production and rising prices," declares the department. "If the present cycle runs true to form the general trend of cattle prices should be upward for six or eight years."

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THE PERMANENT LOAD

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"The Chancellor of the Exchequer who evolves some successful scheme for lifting some of this burden from the nation's shoulders will certainly deserve well of his countrymen. The tragedy of the matter is that while all efforts to reduce the figures have produced such small results, **the fall in prices and the rising value of our currency have almost doubled the actual burden when the interest payments are translated into goods or services rendered.**"—Forward

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Boring From Within

From the Communists' point of view the Toronto convention of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party was highly successful. And without beating about the bush it might as well be admitted that the Communists captured the convention. Not only did the "left wingers" put through their resolutions, but they elected nearly all of the nineteen officers, including delegates to the Canadian Labor Party convention. The Communists controlled and dominated the convention irrespective of the fact that there are only ten Communist branches affiliated with the Ontario section of the C. L. P., against 42 local trades unions. In passing it might be mentioned that according to the Executive Council's report the combined membership of the 10 Communists branches totals 700, while the aggregate membership of the 42 trades unions is 4,815. What happened at the convention goes to show that the Communists took advantage of the unfair basis of representation and turned out in force, while most of the trades unions neglected to send delegates. Also the Communists' delegates stayed until the end of the convention, while the trades unionists beat it home. The executive report shows a substantial increase in trades union affiliation. The report adds that it has been demonstrated that if trades unions can be visited and informed of the value of the C. L. P. to their membership, a much larger number of affiliations can be secured. It seems to us that in future members of local unions in Ontario won't be so anxious to link up with the C. L. P. in view of what took place at the Toronto gathering. In our opinion the Communists "pulled a bone" at Toronto. Capturing conventions and labor parties is easier than electing men to Parliament and municipal office. But all the same it behooves trades unionists to look to their laurels, because the Communists' success at Toronto indicates that the "borers from within" are making some headway. And it should be understood that the disciples of the Red International of Moscow hate International trades unionism, although they don't mind spending trades union money to spread their insidious propaganda.
—The Labor News, Hamilton, Ont.

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WHAT OUR READERS WANT TO KNOW

Why the up-town wealthy office block owner tries to skimp on his expenses by making three elevator operators do all the work, including the job formerly performed by the "starter?"

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Also if this same office building owner, who pays his married male elevator operators $2 a day isn't the same individual who wanted to pay Main Street-hand-me-down prices for tailor-made uniforms for his underpaid elevator men?

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It it isn't time for Vancouver's elevator operators to get into a union of their own and get fair wages all 'round? (Especially two local department stores.)

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Why the Janet Smith investigation doesn't get at the real inside truth about embalming, which rarely includes the genitals in its cavity work?

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If it might not be a good idea to summon a board of disinterested undertakers to give inside facts concerning the secrets of mortician work by way of throwing some startling bright lights upon one feature of the unfortunate girl's murder?

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Also why two local dailies gave clear reports about the embalming feature, while the third daily said a lot without telling much on this point of the Janet Smith case?

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If it isn't time to investigate the "apprentice" system in a couple of our department stores?

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It it wasn't pretty cheap stuff for that big Granville Street store to dock an underpaid little shop girl half her week's pay because a slick customer pinched some goods when the girl was busy with another customer?

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If it isn't time for Woodward's to install printed directories of the various floors in their elevators, instead of making the poorly-paid girl elevator operator recite her tiresom piece a hundred times a day for the customer "going up?"

ONTARIO PAPER MAKERS RENEW 1924 WAGE RATES

Hamilton, Ont.—The annual wage conference between the Ontario Paper Company and representatives of the papermakers, pulp and sulphide workers, machinists, electricians and firemen and oilers, was held at Thorold recently. Business Agent R. Riley, International Association of Machinists, was present. The firm employs 600 union men, who enjoy a closed shop. A renewal of last year's wage scale was agreed upon. Machinists receive 84 cents per hour.

STILL SHOUTING FOR WAR

Is there anybody who believes that the people would not stand for another war? A popular American magazine, of which there are thousands of copies sold in Canada, has in its current issue a vividly written and illustrated article about the control of the Pacific by the United States. The fact that such articles are printed in popular magazines shows that that there is a public demand for them. If war is to be abolished from the face of the earth the forces that are working for peace will have to spread a tremendous amount of propaganda to counteract the war propaganda.

The Edmonton City Council has appointed a committee to undertake the raising of relief for Nova Scotia miners and their families.

Intellectuals In the Labor Movement

The question of intellectuals and their part in Labor Politics was eagerly debated at the Scottish Trades Union Congress recently, says the London Daily Herald.

The matter was raised in a resolution moved by Mr. Andrew Smith (Railway Vehicle Builders), which declared that "the need had arisen for the trade union movement assuming full control of its political machine, independent of all other sections."

The resolution was criticized strongly by Mr. Neil Maclean, M.P., who maintained that there was no danger of the so-called intellectuals dominating the working class movement.

They had eight M. P.s from the Clyde, not one of whom wanted to be classed as an intellectual—laughter—and who would take care that the intelligencia did not dominate Labor. The resolution was a factionist one, the adoption of which would cause disruption and dissension in their ranks.

The resolution was rejected by 114 to 44 after a keen discussion.

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The American tourist is welcome—that is, if he doesn't come here to try and sneak off our contracts, or stick up jerry-built houses that our own good union carpenters should build, or come over in a battered flivver and put the whole family to work at jobs that are needed here by our own people.

There are, also, other American "tourists" who are not wanted. These are the ribald, libidinous roisterers of both sexes who regard Vancouver as a convenient week-end cess pool. The tragedy of last Sunday was an instance.

Vancouver doesn't want this type. If they want to pull off their illicit loves, or shoot each other, or commit murders or suicides, let them do these things at home, where their own people can clean up the mess. It isn't fair to ask Vancouver to attend to these sordid things.

U. S. POSTMASTERS ORDERED TO JOIN COMPANY UNION

WASHINGTON—Postmaster General New has directed postmasters throughout the country to join the local organizations of federal officials known as federal business associations and to take an active part in the organization of new associations.

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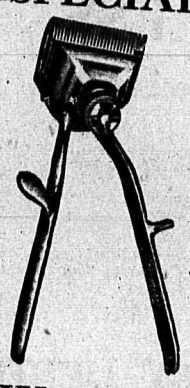

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And spoiling and building again.
And I long for the dear old river,
Where I dreamed my youth away;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

I am sick of the showy seeming
Of the life that is half a lie;
Of the faces lined with scheming
In the throng that hurries by,
From the sleepless thought endeavor
I would go where the children play;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

I can feel no pride, but pity
For the burdens the rich endure;
There is nothing sweet in the city,
But the patient lives on the poor.
O, the little hands too skillful,
And the child mind choked with weeds,
The daughter's heart grown wilful,
And the father's heart that bleeds.

No, no, from the street's rude bustle,
From trophies of mart and stage,
I would fly to the wood's low rustle
And the meadow's kindly page.
Let me dream as of old by the river.
And be loved for the dream alway;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

WORKERS' CONTROL BEGINS

I.F.T.U. News Service.

In Holland, where workers' councils have not yet been established by law, a collective agreement has nevertheless been concluded for the first time which recognizes the right of the trade union to examine the books, and empowers it to appoint its own auditor. Although the agreement in question only affects some 60 workers engaged in the limestone industry, it is still a step in the direction of the right of the worker to a voice in control, and it is to be hoped that other workers will also succeed in getting this principle recognized in their collective agreements.

News in Brief

Argentina—Scarcity of labor in the interior and an excess of wage-earners in the centres of Argentine bring about a problem of distribution which the Government is trying to solve.

Australia— Membership in the combined branches of the Australian Workers' Union, as reported at its Annual Convention, held in February, 1925, has increased to 120,000.

Austria—During 1924, only 2,500 Austrians emigrated to oversea countries, as compared with 15,000 in 1923.

Belgium—While certain elements of the Belgian laboring class are migrating to France, industries of Belgium are frequently finding it necessary to import Polish, Italian, Portuguese and other foreign labor, and the demands of agriculture for labor are being inadequately met.

France—The City of Boreaux is carrying on a rather interesting municipal experiment in building and renting, at comparatively low prices, small houses designed to furnish homes for laborers and other persons of restricted means.

The seameh's unions at Marseille, whose relations have been unfriendly for a number of years, have submerged their differences, come together, and elected a common group of officers.

Chicago—Organized ladies' garment workers have established an unemployment fund along lines similar to New York employers and unionists in this industry. The local manufacturers will contribute 1½ per cent. of their pay roll and the employes ¾ per cent. of their earnings.

A young fellow with success stamped all over him said to another young fellow:

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.15 Hansens Junket Powder, assorted flavor 2 for	.23	.25 Le Parfait Castile Soap	.17
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Empress Stars Leave, "Guest Stars" Appear

Miss Verna Felton and Mr. Lee C. Millar, stars at the Empress Theatre, are making their adieux this week in "Daddy Long Legs." The theatre, however, is NOT closing.

The Empress management has planned a novelty for its patrons that should pack the house for the next few weeks.

Supplanting Miss Felton and Mr. Millar will be two of the world's most celebrated international stars—Allan Doone and Edna Keeley, who were on their way to London from Australia to make arrangements for opening with their company in the world's metropolis when Mr. Allen induced them to stay here for a few weeks as "guest stars" at the Empress.

Meanwhile, Mr. Millar and Miss Felton will go east to line up big productions for next year at the Empress.

The new arrangement will start next Monday with Mr. Doone and Miss Keeley heading the Allen Players. Mr. Doone will direct the company for the balance of the season, as well as playing the leading masculine role. A series of elaborate costume dramas and comedies will be presented, the first of which will be the scintillating Napoleonic comedy drama, "The Cross of Honor."

Incidentally, Baby Lee Millar ("Spuddy" they call him) is also making a big hit in the same play in his first "speaking" part. He is one of the brightest spots in the bill.

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McQuarrie

By WM. LAW

I've hunted for work in the midst of the city;
In forest and camp and in places remote.
Some offer me words of derision or pity,
Some glance at the button, then give me the boot.
The little brown button,
The volunteer button,
The sacred brown button
I wear on my coat.

So sang McQuarrie as he kindled the fire, then he sat down on the floor in the doorway between the kitchen and the bedroom and watched his daughter Mary preparing the potatoes for cooking. McQuarrie was hungry. It was yet early, but he had been out before the dawn. The big stores in the city dump damaged fruits and vegetables in the lanes, and if one is early one may search the stuff before the garbage men arrive. McQuarrie had brought in the potatoes and the coal together, but it would be hard to say as to where he had obtained the latter. As he sat on the floor, he looked around the empty rooms. There was nothing he could sell. Nothing left but his greatcoat, which augmented the flimsy blankets that now covered his sick wife. Of course, he would not sell the coat, but as his eyes rested upon it he pondered over the probable sum the Jews would loan him on it. It reminded him of other lands, of tragic scenes and strenuous efforts. His wife's voice broke his meditation and awoke him to the stern realities of the present.

"Robert," she asked, "what shall Mary tell the man when he calls today for the rent?"

"Tell him to go to—" McQuarrie checked himself. He had never used foul language in the presence of his family, and he now evaded any further reference to his wife's question by chiding her for being sick. "If you would only get better, Jane, I could go further away to hunt a job."

"But Robert," she replied, "Mary can wash the baby and take care of Sonny. If we had food, dear, you could go."

Then, after a pause, she continued: "I cannot understand, Robert, why you will not tell the V. O. N. of my case. They would—"

"No!" he ejaculated hotly. "No! not that, Jane. Would you have me beg? This country owes me the chance to earn an honest living. When we went over they—" He was rudely interrupted by his little three-year old son, who had slipped out of the bed from beside his mother, ran across the room and into his father's arms, pleading in his baby voice: "I'se hungry, daddy. Bread for I, daddy?"

McQuarrie sprang to his feet, went out, slammed the door and ran right into McLean.

"'Lo, Mac!" exclaimed the latter. "How are tricks?"

They had gone over in the same oufit, and since their return had searched for employment together. McQuarrie did not hesitate, but told his old friend of his present troubles, adding hard words against his King and Country, cursing himself for a fool for having volunteered in their defence, but he backed away when McLean forced his lunch basket into his hands. "It's all right, old man," he said. "I'll make out today and call for the can this evening."

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New Farmer-Labor Party Launched

In order to get rid of the "red" stigma which attached to the Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota, by reason of a handful of Communists becoming identified therewith, the name was changed to the Farmer-Labor Association at a unity conference held at St. Paul, Minn., recently.

Several Communists who sought admission to the meeting were escorted to the outside. Farmers and Labor delegates were present from all parts of the state. It was decided to inaugurate a vigorous campaign for membership preparatory to the 1926 election. Membership dues were fixed at $3 per year.

A new constitution was adopted which declares that "no person or organization advocating political or economic change by means of force or by means of revolution, nor advocating any other than a represntative form of government shall be admitted to membership."

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Comic Opera at the Orpheum

The music lovers and theatre goers of Vancouver and vicinity are indeed fortunate in that the Orpheum circuit has engaged the Brandon Comic Opera Company, an organization of fifty gifted voices, to play a summer engagement at the Orpheum Theatre in some of the world's standard light and comic operas, presenting a new opera each week with popular matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Some of the brightest gems of the comic opera field will be offered during the summer, including many of the Gilbert and Sullivan favorites.

The company is heralded as "the best light opera organization in America." The principals are all singers of national reputation and the chorus of more than thirty voices is the best heard by a travelling attraction in many moons. The admission prices are a veritable bargain.

The first week's offering on Monday evening, May 18, will be "The Chocolate Soldier," one of the most popular and tuneful musical plays that the comic opera world has seen in many years. The music is by Oscar Strauss and the story based on George Bernard Shaw's brilliant, satirical comedy, "Arms and the Man." There are no less than twenty lasting song hits in "The Chocolate Soldier," many of which have been among the world's best sellers for nearly twenty years. Among the outstanding hits are "My Hero," "Sympathy," "The Tale of a Coat" and the famous "Letter Song."

Vancouver music lovers and theatregoers need not be reminded of the youthful vigor and singing ability of the principals, among whom are Theo Pennington, Harry Pfeil, Carl Bundschu, Ed. Andrews, Jeanne Rae, Jessie Evans and George Olson with Clarence West, conductor.

With such a splendid singing organization and the class of opera that the company will offer this summer (all sung in English) and at popular prices the engagement will undoubtedly prove so popular that the Orpheum will make this summer musical festival an annual affair.

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Ry. Carmen Endorse Co-operative Program

OTTAWA. — Unanimous endorsement was given to the co-operative programme for the shops of the Canadian National Railways by the biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen of America (joint protective board C.N.R. central region) which was held at Ottawa recently.

The discussion occupied the greater part of one day's session and when George Smart, chief of car equipment for the national system, addressed the convention he was frankly told that the Carmen have laid down as the fundamental basis of co-operation the principle that before changes were made in local conditions the local committee should be consulted; that before regional changes were made operative the regional committee should be called in, and that the same principle be followed with respect to system changes

The convention was the first one since the co-ordination and consolidation of the various lines now comprising the C.N.R., and every lodge in the region was represented. H. D. Davis, general chairman of the Carmen's Protective Board of the National Western Lines, was also in attendance.

Endorse Thornton's Policy

In his annual report, the chairman, Joseph Corbett, said: "I am convinced that Sir Henry Thornton's plan of centralizing general policy and decentralizing details is the only solution of the enormous task of taking care of the work on a railway of the size of the C.N.R.

"Division No. 4 sets out national policy in the form of a national wage agreement and other understandings. Our Carmen's general executive of the C.N.R. Canadian lines, and the regional joint protective boards do the spade work."

This policy was endorsed, and will be continued.

Many schedule changes were recommended. These included instructions to the officers to press for the restoration of old Rule 6, whereby carmen will be paid overtime rates for all Sunday work for the running forces, full mechanics' rate for car inspectors and an increase in wages for car cleaners from 38 cents to 45 cents per hour.

Opposed to Communism

Owing to the action of the Canadian Labor Party (Ontario section) to which the Carmen affiliated their entire membership, in endorsing many Communistic propositions, the convention placed itself on record as being very much opposed to Communism and the executive was instructed to take whatever action it deemed necessary with respect to continuation of the affiliation.

The report of the secretary-treasurer shows the organization to be in excellent condition, despite the heavy lay-offs in the shops during the past year. There are 31 lodges with 3,856 members in the central region and the balance in the treasury was over $16,000.

Thomas Broad, a member of the international executive board, addressed the convention outlining the general work of the board and giving a report on conditions now prevailing in many United States shops.

He announced that a general convention of the brotherhood would be held at Kansas City, Mo., commencing September 14 next.

Joseph Corbett of London and F. J. Cullum of Stratford were re-elected chairman and secretary-treasurer, respectively. The next convention will be held in the city of Quebec.

"What do you like the best?" he then asked of one of his little co-eds.

"Well," replied she, "I always like the Scotch."

British Laborites To Visit Canada

LONDON.—A number of distinguished leaders of the British Labor Party will visit Canada and the United States this autumn.

Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labor Party and former home secretary in the MacDonald cabinet, will go the first week in October. He will remain for a month, delivering a few lectures and speaking before labor and socialist meetings.

After visiting Canada he will study prohibition enforcement in the U.S.

Ramsay MacDonald will reach Canada on the same ship with Henderson. He goes on the invitation of the Canadian government. He expects to spend a vacation in the United States, but has no plans for speeches.

John Wheatley, former minister of health in the MacDonald cabinet, will be in America in September to study industrial condition, especially wages. Incidentally, he will look after business for his firm, which publishes Catholic books on a large scale.

Wheatley is regarded as one of the very able leaders of labor. Just now he does not expect to make any speeches in America.

Henderson will be accompanied by Rhys Davies, former undersecretary in the home office, and Morgan Jones, former undersecretary for education. They are billed for lecture trips.

C. G. Ammon, leader of the British postal workers and former undersecretary of the admiralty in MacDonald's cabinet, is going across to attend the American postal workers' conventions.

Farmers and Labor to Co-operate in Election

Arrangements for co-operation between the Canadian Labor Party and the United Farmers of Alberta in the federal election in connection with the East Edmonton and West Edmonton ridings, as made by a joint committee of the Edmonton Central Council of the C. L. P. and the East Edmonton U. F. A. Political Association, were approved with the exception of one amendment, at the meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday, April 28th.

The following resolution was passed unanimously at a joint conference between the two organizations, and was also adopted at the meeting on Tuesday:

"That the committees of the East Edmonton U.F.A. Political Association and the Edmonton Central Council of the C.L.P. recommend to their respective organizations that they agree to the general principle of co-operation on the basis of the membership of the Edmonton Central Council of the C.L.P. and the East Edmonton U.F.A. having the privilege of nominating and voting in the selection of a candidate, and further, that a joint committee be appointed to work out the details of voting, etc. in connection with the nomination of a candidate."

Announcement was made that Branch No. 1 C.L.P. will hold an open meeting on May 5, when Alderman James East will speak on "The Ultimate Aims of Labor." Branch No. 1 has commenced a series of educational lectures which will be given every two weeks in the future.

Sympathy with J. S. Woodsworth, M.P. Winnipeg, on the recent death of his mother was expressed at the meeting.

WAGE INCREASE FOR MINERS

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July 22—The Cult of Mediation.
July 29—The Materialism of the Supernatural.

These studies are open to the public and are quite free, all contributions are of a voluntary character. Questions invited.

TENDERS FOR SHOES

The undersigned will receive tenders up to noon Wednesday, May 20th, for approximately 200 pair shoes for Fire Department. Samples to accompany tender.

JAMES STUART,
Purchasing Agent.

Rather an unfortunate slip of the type the other day when it was announced that "An Aching Head" was to be appointed to the Vancouver Exhibition Board. Of course, we all know it was intended to be "Acting" head, but it reminds us that there is, after all, an aching head left with creation of the vacancy.

SOUTH VANCOUVER

Readers of the Labor Statesman are reminded that the Mutual Dairy is a subsidiary dairy, under another name of the notorious non-union Ayrshire Dairy. There are two 100 per cent. union dairies delivering all over South Vancouver, who employ all white help. These are the Purity Dairy Ltd., Fairmont 4181, and the Fraser Valley Dairy, Fairmont 1000.

Carpenters Initiate Forty-five New Memb'rs

Carpenters Local 452 held their regular meeting last Monday evening. A big attendance was present and a lively interest shown in the proceedings. 45 new candidates were initiated.

The Secy. reported that the strike had been satisfactorily settled and all the men who came out are back at work.

An open meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, May 20th, in the Holden Bldg., to which members of the Amalgamated Society have been invited to discuss organization. The meeting was originally slated for Thursday, May 21st. Please note changes in the date.

Mental Hospital Attendants' Concert

As predicted by Bro. Gibson, our Smoking concert at Elks Hall, Port Coquitlam on Monday night, 4th inst. was a great success.

The string of entertainers procured from Vancouver by Bro. Gibson was a surprise to all present.

The local numbers were also appreciated, they being Bros. Slater, and Pollard and Messrs. Talbot and Ayling. Bro. Chas. Percy accompanied throughout to the satisfaction of all concerned. Bro. J. A. Gibson presided.

Bro. Jack Cowley took advantage of the spring tides to launch the basement of his floating residence.

At our last meeting Bro. Will Mackie was installed as recording secretary, vice T. P. O. Menzies who has left the service to better himself.

Will Mackie, Rec. Sec. No. 35

New Compensation Act For South Australia

ADELAIDE, South Australia, Australia.—The new workmen's compensation act of South Australia introduced by the Labor Government embraces within its provisions employes of every class, including domestic servants, clerks and pastoral and rural workers—all of whom were either wholly or partially excluded by the former act.

The minimum amount payable to dependents in the event of the death of a workman has been increased from 200 pounds to 400 pounds and the maximum from 400 pounds to 600 pounds.

The weekly compensation payment has been increased by adding to 50 per cent of the workmen's average weekly earnings the sum of 7 shillings 6 pence for each child who is dependent or mainly dependent.

BULL

Headline in the Sun the other morning said "Bull sells for $110,000," while a despatch from Kamloops tells of another bull selling for $400. So you see it all depends upon what kind of a bull it is. We have observed that bull is frequently peddled for as low as 15 cents in Vancouver.

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How Employers Seek To Skin Worker Inventors

John Blake, a mechanic, is employed in a local machine shop. Being an ingenious soul, he saw a way by which work would be quickened and results perfected by a little device of his own, so he installed it. The management said it was a splendid idea and patted John on the back. But that pat on the back was all he got, although the firm, so 'tis said, is in line to make a great deal of profit from John Blake's inventive genius.

They Grab His Idea

By all his accounts, the firm has applied for caveat rights in their own name, and the innovation is likely to be adopted widely, which ought to be some satisfaction to the lowly inventor who is supposed to be contented with his mere job, no matter how much the firm may make out of it.

May Go to Court

John, like many other working men, is not a business man, being more of a philosophical plodder. But some friends came to his rescue with advice. The firm refused to make any allowance for the device, claiming it as their own. This is a matter that Messrs. Yarrow & Durrant, barristers, will take to the highest courts, on behalf of the mechanic, if the niggardly corporation does not see fit to reward John Blake honestly.

Manitoba Adjusts Minimum Wage Act

The Minimum Wage Board of Manitoba has issued new regulations governing the employment of girls in laundries and in dyeing and cleaning establishments. Former regulations applied to laundries only but certain consolidations have been effected recently, making for efficiency and better control. The new rules provide that experienced employees of eighteen years of age or over shall be paid a weekly wage of not less than twelve dollars, which is one dollar increase over the present rate. Inexperienced employees are to be paid not less than nine dollars for the first six months, and not less than $10.50 for the second six months, after which they are to be classed as experienced. Two changes occur in this provision—an increase of fifty cents per week for the second half-year, and the elimination of the class "minor inexperienced employees." The latter under present regulations receive a minimum of eight dollars per week, which by the abolition of this classification becomes nine dollars.

Two conditions governing the hours of labor for these workers are added. One provides that there shall be a period of not less than eleven hours between the close of one day's work and the beginning of the next. This clause will affect cases where, under permit, girls are allowed to work overtime. After working such overtime they must be allowed at least the eleven hours' rest. Another rule provides for a minimum of one hour for lunch. The new regulations become effective on June 1st, next.

CO-OPERATIVE PROTECTION

A small monthly payment enables our organization to provide Insurance, Doctor and Hospital Benefits for its members.

"We need you; You need us."

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"You mustn't interfere with our starving process," Wolvin tells the people of Canada who are trying to extent relief to the stricken in Cape Breton.

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VANCOUVER

New Exposition Boss a Live Wire

Capt. J. K. Matheson, Vancouver newspaperman of good repute and proven abilities as an exposition booster, now replaces former Manager Rolston, whose removal should have happened long ago. Rolston was long enough on the job (at a fat salary) to understand what the people wanted, but the trouble with him seemed to be an eye to his own ideas, without regard to the requirements of a job for which people paid him. Some opine he "soldiered" on the job, toward the end, thereby making the familiar mistake of feeling too secure. Something like the old chap that knows his "rights" as a squatter. Nobody wants to chase a squatter from his cabin and little lot, but when the unhappy taxpayer has to foot the bills it is different. Ex-Manager Rolston, also did not worry himself much about providing employment for good union men, nor did he spend money that was properly needed for results that could only come from skilled labor in perfecting the exhibition.

However, Mr. Rolston is off the job. Probably he has a nice little wad salted away from his fat salary, so he should worry. This new manager, Mr. Matheson, seems a bright chap with bright plans for a brighter exhibition. If Manager Matheson will see the need of using more workmanship, more skilled labor, and more Vancouver-made material in making the exhibition and his job an improvement, the change will be welcomed, just as much as **The Labor Statesman** now welcomes him to a place in which we wish him the best of luck.

A young man with a jealous disposition and a pretty and flirtatious fiancee wrote to his supposed rival as follows:

"I am told that you have been seen kissing my girl. Come to my office at 10 o'clock on Wednesday and we'll settle this matter."

By the next morning's post came the reply.

"I have received a copy of your circular letter. I will be present at the meeting."

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Junior Labor League

The steady increase in the membership of the J.L.L. has made it necessary to engage the Horticultural Hall, 45th Ave. and Fraser, for the educational meetings. The next will be held on Thursday, May 21st. at 8 p.m. The subject for the evening will be "Has the invention of machinery been a benefit to the working class." Mr. J. Webster will be the speaker for the evening. Questions and a general discussion on the subject will follow.

The interest shown in these meetings and the rapid growth of the J. L.L. should be encouraging to those who have spent years in the Labor movement. The education of the young people has been neglected in the past. The result is the ignorance shown by many workers today.

Make yourself a booster for the Junior Labor League.

"Daddy Long Legs" at the Empress

Verna Felton and Lee C. Millar will make their final appearance at the Empress theatre this week in "Daddy Long Legs" in which Lee C. (Spud) Millar, jr., will also make his stage appearance as a member of the cast.

"NEXT WAR WILL BE A SORT OF MASSACRE"

"If you have the next war," declared Sir Oliver Lodge at Salisbury, England, "it will not be a young men's war. It will be a sort of massacre. I hope that the horror of it will wake every nation up to see that it is not to be."

Pleading for international co-operation, Sir Oliver proceeded: "All the scientists of all the countries of the world co-operate, they all pool their resources, their discoveries. That does obtain in the atmosphere of science, fortunately, and if only it would obtain in all other activity the world would be richer. That is what we have to aim at.

"The bar of language," he added, "does not obstruct free communion. The more one knew of people the more friendly one felt toward them."

A child was sleeping on a bench
Clothed in a common wrapper,
So that's the reason why I think
She was a young kidnapper.