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C.P.R. Rewards (?) Faithful Employees

The following confidential letter was posted up in the C. P. R. shops all across the country recently. It congratulates the employees on the spirit they have shown in maintaining efficiency, etc., and then the C. P. R. evidently forgets the letter and posts up another notice informing all its employees that the shops will close down for five days. Thus good and faithful service is rewarded by a greatly reduced pay check. The letter reads:

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To all Officers and Employees:

On May 3rd, 1923, I addressed a circular letter to you on the subject of maintaining the Company's reputation for courtesy to its patrons, and asking you to use your best efforts to foster and promote the excellent reputation which it has earned.

Since that time you have had two years of experience in meeting competition of an active and intensive character involving extensive propaganda and publicity of a kind that would not be open to a private institution. This competition has been accompanied with lavish expenditures of the public moneys, and this is, of course, the principal factor in it. We all appreciate that fundamentally it is in many respects competition of an unfair kind, but it has been sucessfully met by unfailing zeal and loyal service on the part of the Company's officers and employees.

I wish to congratulate you on the spirit you have shown and to have you know that your efficiency, courtesy and devotion to the Company's interests is deeply appreciated by the Executive. We are, I think, justified in concluding that the Company's prestige and reputation with the public has not been impaired, and we all recognize that your work has important consequences — both direct and indirect — to the success of the Companys' operations. One of the most important of these is the esteem and good-will which an honest and intelligent effort always provokes.

The Canadian Pacific spirit is like the Nelson spirit of the British Navy. It does not admit of any possibility of failure, and at the same time it means unceasing efforts in the service of the public and the Company itself.

E. W. BEATTY.

Notice to Women—It is better to have your husband miss the cuspidor at home than at the corner tavern.

There's nothing which pays dividends like enthusiasm. Be a booster! Enthusiasm and optimism are contagious. Disseminate enthusiasm and optimism through a sincere consideration of your fellowman.—Made.

IN PRESENTING this Special Annual May Day Edition of THE LABOR STATESMAN, we desire to express our sincere thanks to the firms that have contributed their moral and advertising support in recognizing this publication as the official organ of the Trades and Labor Council and the Canadian Labor Party. The support thus tendered carries a value deeper than its mere surface significance, for it implies an understanding sympathy with the true aims of organized labor.

THE LABOR STATESMAN, it may be added, enjoys a record that is unique in its struggles and achievements. One year ago this paper was created for the sole purpose of serving organized labor under the official auspices of the Council and the many trade unions in this district. We now have a circulation that reaches practically every union worker's home. It goes further, too, for employers of labor are also readers, for here is the real barometer of labor—the mirror that reflects labor conditions and the periscope of the industrial horizon.

The mission of THE LABOR STATESMAN is constructive, not destructive. It is aggressive without being hysterical. It confronts the vexed problems of labor with common sense and carries no prejudices. We wish to be understood as being progressive and helpful of purpose to the masses. It is our desire to aid the development of the district and province in order that those who do the useful work of human society might enjoy more of the good things of life.

The labor movement in this district is making splendid strides, both politically and industrially. During the past two months the Trades and Labor Council has been conducting an organizing campaign that will have added several thousand members to the organized labor movement. The political movement, represented by the Canadian Labor Party, has reached its first year of existence, during which time it has banded together several thousand members and there is every indication of a more intensive campaign for the future.

Organized labor feels that Vancouver and district is destined to become a great metropolis. Organized labor desires to grow with it, and at the same time to keep the district clear of sweatshops and slums; to obtain a standard of living for the citizens that will make them a happy, contented, well housed, clothed and fed people; to make this district not only an ideal place in which to work, but a most desirable place in which to live.

In this effort we ask the co-operation of the employers of labor. If their greed causes them to ignore the welfare of their employees, organized labor and THE LABOR STATESMAN will always make it their business to take up the fight to enforce better conditions.

C.L.P. Convention Saturday, 3 p.m.

The B. C. section of the Canadian Labor Party will hold its second annual convention in the Holden Bldg. beginning Saturday, May 2 at 3 p.m. Representation will be on the basis of one delegate for every fifty members of organizations whose per capita has been paid for 1925.

Quebec C.L.P. Demands Action for Miners

The Quebec branch of the Canadian Labor Party recently adopted and telegraphed the following resolution to the Prime Minister:

"Whereas the miners of Nova Scotia have exhausted all constitutional means in an effort to secure for themselves and children their rights as citizens to earn a livelihood, and

"Whereas the Provincial Government has absolutely failed to affect any settlement, we demand that the Federal Government exercise its duty to maintain peace and good will and take immediate steps to grant relief to the destitute citizens and to make a full enquiry as recommended by the report of its commission."

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P. for Centre Winnipeg, and several local speakers addressed a big meeting.

Junior Labor League

The Junior Labor League is holding an Educational Meeting at the home of Mr. Sutherland, 6195 St. Catherines St., this Friday, May 1st.

Another dance will be held in the Elks' Hall, cor. 49th and Fraser Ave. on Saturday, May 9th. Dancing from 9 to 12 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission by collection at the door. Ladies bringing cakes admitted free.

Labor Day

By VERA MOLLER

Worker, 'tis the hour for choosing,
One law shapes the lives of men,
It is this, there must be progress,
Or a lower stage again.
See the ancient slave in shackles,
Struck, if in his master's presence
He should dare to stand upright.
And behold him show his manhood,
See him struggle in his chains
Till he marks the road to freedom
With the bright blood from his veins.
And still on, through all the ages,
See that road brought ever higher,
Though its builders brave the scaffold,
Crucifixion and the fire.
Will you prove yourself unworthy
Of a heritage like this?
Will you carry on the struggle,
Or sink back in the abyss?

Come, stand forth and claim your birthright,
'Tis no time to dream and wait,
For within your hands this May Day
Lies the shaping of your fate.
Forces working through the ages,
Brought this hour, 'tis time to strike.
Rise and fling them from your shoulders,
King and parasite alike.
'Tis your hands that built the cities,
Filled the rich fields of the earth.
Since the world has claimed your labor,
Then stand forth and claim its worth.
Let each toil for his just portion.
Then with greed shall vanish crime,
And the golden day of labor
Shall embrace all lands, all times.
There shall be no want, oppression,
Graft or fear or tyrant's sway,
Work for it with hand and spirit,
Bring the last great Labor Day!

Do you realize that every time you buy non-union made goods you become an employer of "scab" labor and therefore a union labor oppressor? Buy only union-labeled goods.

Nova Scotia C.L.P. to Contest Every Seat

The Nova Scotia section of the Canadian Labor Party intends to contest every seat in the province at the next election on account of the stand taken by the government against the miners. The Labor party is represented by only two members at the present time, but it is believed that many more can be added by putting up a strenuous campaign. All the unions of the U. M. W. A. are affiliated with the Canadian Labor Party and other unions, including the Glace Bay and Sydney Trades Councils. Where no unions exist branches are being organized.

More Mileage --- and Less Workers

Last year all Canadian railways employed 26,0000 fewer persons than they did in 1919, when they employed 185,177 persons on the average. The pay roll of the railways last year was $59,000,000 less than in 1919.

Yet there are complaints that the railways are over-staffed, and the workers over-paid. What, because of the 26,000 discharged workers, representing with their families over 100,000 perhaps?

Last year the Canadian railways employed nearly 10,000 fewer persons than they did back in 1913. Yet the railway mileage has been increased about 40 per cent.

TRADES CONGRESS DONATES $500 TO RELIEF FUND

The President and Secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada sent a check for $500 to the Nova Scotia Relief Fund and endorsed the strike and urged organized labor throughout the Dominion to support the miners.

Belvedere Court Dance Saturday

The regular social and dance of the Vancouver Centre Group of the Canadian Labor Party will be held Saturday evening at Belvedere Court commencing at 8:30 p.m. sharp. The committee has secured the services of several good artists for the social. The usual orchestra will provide the music for the dance, which will commence at 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the evening, consisting of coffee, tea, sandwiches, cakes, etc. The collection will be taken up at the door, but ladies bringing sandwiches or cakes will be admitted free.

Tag Day Granted for Relief Fund

The City Council has granted a tag day to the Trades and Labor Council in aid of the Nova Scotia Relief Fund. The committee expects to organize the tag day for Friday, May 8th.

Help Wanted

All men and women willing to aid in the effort are urged to turn in their names to the secretary of the Trades Council at 803 Holden Bldg. Phone Sey. 7495.

The situation in Cape Breton is more critical than ever. The company refuses to revoke its wage reduction ultimatum and the miners, half starved for the last two years, decline to accept the starvation wage of the British Empire Steel Octopus.

Your help is needed for next Friday.

Carpenters Initiate Sixty New Members

Carpenters Local 452 held another big meeting last Monday evening when sixty new candidates were initiated, making a total of 118 new members for the month.

The work of organizing goes merrily on and the services of Organizer Page has been secured for another couple of weeks.

Some of the contracting firms who cut the wages to $6.50 a day last year have signified their willingness to restore the $7.00 rate on May 1st, and if the small percentage of men still receiving the $6.50 rate will only make a stand on the first of the month, little difficulty should be experienced.

An open meeting for all carpenters has been called for tonight (Friday) in the O'Brien Hall, corner of Hastings and Homer Streets, at 8 p.m. Good speakers will be there and a lively meeting is expected. If you cannot come get another carpenter to come in your place.

"Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself by trade unions, etc., as any other form of capital might claim for itself." — Cardinal Manning.

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A GHASTLY JOKE

The Canadian Minister of Finance claims that for the last financial year the revenue has exceeded the expenditure by some couple of million dollars. Sir Henry Drayton, a gentleman equally versed in these matters and himself a former Finance Minister, claims that, instead of a surplus, there is a deficit of something over a hundred million dollars. To any one unacquainted with Canadian political methods it will be impossible to understand how a dispute of this nature and magnitude could arise, and any one applying the ordinary methods of reasoning to the puzzle never will understand it. The key to the problem lies in the fact that by the common consent of both the major political parties, the moral law—that is, the accepted standard of truth and honesty—does not apply to politics, and, unfortunately, the government of the country is considered to be a matter of politics. The purpose, the ideal and the end to which a political party applies itself is to "get in" and when that is accomplished, to stay in, and when the accepted ideas of right and wrong stand between the party and its purpose—well, so much the worse for the accepted idea of right and wrong! In the ordinary walks of life common decency requires us to put the best consistent construction on our neighbor's actions, but in politics it is the rule to put the worst possible construction on every action of the opposing party, and even down-right deliberate lying is quite permissible, the only question being whether the lie can produce a "worth while" effect before the other party can catch up to it and prove its falsity or neutralize its effects with a more effective lie of their own. During an election the most useful agent is the person who can invent a falsehood that has sufficient plausibility about it to keep the other party busy explaining it away, and it is considered the very height of political strategy and good generalship to have one or more damning stories on the other party or its candidates ready to release on the eve of an election. This latter story is always centred in such a way that its falsity cannot be shown until after the elector has voted.

While we are not going to follow this phase of matters to any extent just now, it is to the point to suggest that when the individual members are elected by such methods as these, and with the assistance of a "slush fund" of questionable origin, there is no very valid reason to expect either honesty or efficiency in handling the affairs of the country. The aggregate of the party is no better than the units of which it is composed and it is contrary to all experience to expect that men who stoop to such methods to secure a position will use it when obtained for the sake of the public rather than their own advantage. At first sight, there would appear to be some protection in the fact that the party that is "out" in its wild desire to get "in" will expose anything tending to discredit the opposing party, but it does not work quite in this way. When the one party learns that the other is shaping for the most vicious mistake or even crime, it does not attempt to prevent it. It is considered far better politics to be able to convict the opposing party for the acomplished act than to prevent it, and then have it righteously and indignantly denied that any such act was even ever intended. Occasionally, too, when the corruptive influence is of some considerable magnitude, both parties are taken into the game with the result that neithr will expose the other. The P.G.E. political fund in our own province is a good sample of the latter situation.

While the sessions of parliament are compelled to deal with many necessary affairs, the party spirit bedevils everything. Each party considers matters from the standpoint of party advantage, and the whole session is a preliminary sparring match for the next election, and endeavors to so handle every proposal as to make political capital for itself, or to reflect discredit on its opponents. A vicious purpose is found in everything that the opposing party does, or tries to do, and if it did not propose to do this particular thing its failure would also be charged to its discredit—such is the muck of which Canadian politics is made—and Canadian Government is merely an incident to this.

With the foregoing as a background it becomes possible to see how a dispute of a hundred million dollars in the Canadian balance sheet for the year is possible. The party in power, wishing to claim credit for the economy and efficiency which a surplus always suggests, adopts a method of book-keeping that leaves out the whole national railways and some other non-productive expenditures. These are charged to capital account, the contention being that the expenditures have created an asset equal in value in itself. The opposition claim that these expenditures should be included in the annual outlay, and, of course, if this was done the shortage would be over a hundred million dollars as stated. The joke of the whole matter—a somewhat ghastly joke it is when we consider that this is the attitude of the parliamentary representative towards the problems of conducting the affairs of the country—is that the gentleman who now complains kept the book in exactly the same way himself while he was Minister of Finance three years ago.—M.

OUR MAY DAY OUTLOOK.

In Europe the political aspect of May Day takes the form of parades, demonstrations and sometimes protests against some form of tyranny or oppression, or the advancement of some much needed reform. It has long been used as a day for collective working class effort to combat the encroachments of capital. Occasionally a few broken heads have come as a reminder that the power of the state is on the job to look after the interests of those in control. Even so, governments have come to regard the day as emblematic of working class solidarity, and fear as to what might happen has caused them a certain amount of uneasiness. In this country there is less of the May Day spirit for reasons that need not concern us here.

Except for a few mining centres and several groups of European workers, there is very little interest in the custom, although of recent years the left wing in the United States has boosted it as a means of injecting a little solidarity into the labor movement. However, if we lack the custom, tradition, and general background of the May Day celebrations, we can profit by a review of our activities, and the problems confronting us.

Twenty years ago workers entering this country had little difficulty in finding some kind of work. It may not have been the kind desired or at suitable wages; the hours were long and, excepting a few favored trades, organization was very limited. But one had a certain amount of security that is rapidly vanishing. The strides made in industry have given us a few luxuries (to those of us who can afford them) but our prospects are decidedly inferior to those of twenty years ago. When conditions enabled one to get plenty to eat there was no desire of workers to take even a passing interest in politics. The consequences are that a succession of governments in Canada has produced nothnig in the form of legislation (unless we consider the Industrial Disputes Act) to counter the growing evils arising out of our agricultural, railroad and industrial expansion. They have given concessions to railroads, juggled tariffs, first to suit the manufacturers and then to suit the farmers. As for us, a small delegation has meekly made an annual pilgrimage to ask for certain legislation, but without any political backing it has resulted in nothing being done. The other interests have been on the job to protect their economic interests and have done it well. On the other hand, we have held back either from a lack of interest or because of the apparent fertility of trying to organize a political consciousness to deal with working class problems. We have neglected to take advantage of opportunities and, as a consequence, find ourselves well in the rear of labor's army. It is true much ground work has been done, but practical results have not been achieved and the sooner we adjust ourselves to suit our present needs the better our chances of producing real results. With the chronic unemployment, accidents to workers in certain occupations, the hounding of organizers and others engaged in educative work along working class lines, the system of slavery in force in such areas as Nova Scotia—these and other problems are awaitings ome concrete effort on the part of Labor to solve or expose the rottenness of the system in the attempt. Such questions as prohibition and opposition to horse racing find champions among our clergy and moralists, but the champions of Labor's aims are and will be found only in the ranks of the workers. It is very necessary that the unrest and general discontent now permeating the rank and file be given adequate expression in a manner to bring about a solidification of the various factions of the Labor movement.

Locally, May Day finds us convening to choose prospective candidates for a possible Federal election in the near future; also to revise the C. L. P. constitution and to plan the carrying out of the necessary work of organizing the outlying districts. One of the most needed extensions of our activities is the carrying out of propaganda and developing new speakers to break new territory, or to revive interest in old ones. This will require a certain amount of work, but, if the Labor movement is going to be worthy of the name, it is time we set to work at some real spade work.—S.

A NEW STATE OF CHAOS

Once again Europe seems to be dashing headlong into a new chaotic condition. During the past year, there seemed to be a tendency to straighten out the tanglements brought about by the war. With the advent of the MacDonald, the Ebert and the Herriott governments, progress was being made in this direction, but now reaction is again in the saddle and there is no saying what it will bring about. Old hatreds are being revived, war alliances are being suggested and secret treaties have, in all probability, been signed.

The masses are being swerved from one extreme to another. The old party diplomats are engineering coups that upset all the plans of Socialist and Labor parties in power and out of power. Europe still appears to be suffering from shell shock. Its nerves are still jumpy. It cries for peace one day and shouts for war the next. It listens to and applauds a wild communistic agitator one minute and acquiesces to the suggestions of the "die hard" Conservative orator the next.

It seems to us that this condition of affairs will continue for some time yet. But it cannot continue forever. Just as the reaction from Communism is receding so will it recede from that of Conservatism. Neither can make permanent headway against the sane, steady progress of Labor. The Labor Party in Britain and the Socialist Parties of France, Germany, Belgium, Spain and even Fascisti Italy are firmly entrenched, the assaults of the Communists and Conservatives notwithstanding.

The turmoil has, to a great extent, been accentuated by the Communists through their violent activities. Yet these activities were but the aftermath of world war conditions. These men and women were the exploited slaves of a ruthless system. They wanted to end it quickly. Their methods, however, only tended to give the reactionary the chance to use the club he has used in Hungary and Italy, and is using now in Bulgaria and is likely to use in France and Germany.

Capitalism is still healthy, although it has a high fever, but it can only be changed by intelligent, persistent action. Raving orators and gun play only drives the masses to the support of the reactionaries who uphold and desire to continue the present insane system of wealth production.—W.

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Dollar Purchasing Power Is Test

By PROF. IRVING FISHER
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To the person that can not understand that money changes, and that a thousand dollars today is apt to be very different from a thousand dollars last year, or next year, the postman's argument that he is poorer now than he was in 1913 seems unreasonable.

"He got $1,200 in 1913," they say, "and has since been raised 50 per cent, getting $1,800 today. Surely he ought to be satisfied." But money has changed in purchasing power so that $1,800 today is worth only $1,044 "pre-war dollars."

If this is true then the postman really hasn't $600 a year more than he had in 1913, except on paper. On the contrary, in actual purchasing power he has $166 less. The dollar of today and the dollar of 1913 are very different in purchasing power, although the same in weight of gold. The $600 raise in terms of gold, or of money representing gold, is not a real raise. He cannot eat gold, nor clothe and shelter himself with it. He must convert his gold—or his money—into food, clothing, and shelter. The question then becomes: Will his $1,800 today buy him more of these things now than his $1,200 bought him in 1913?

Many Trade Unions Buy Office Homes

By the purchase of a large residence for office purposes at Indianapolis, the International Typographical Union has joined the increasing number of international organizations that have adopted this policy.

With the A. F. of L. building at Washington, and the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress building at Ottawa, Canada the following international affiliates of the A. F. of L. own their office headquarters:

Machinists, Washington; Pressmen, Pressmen's Home, Tenn.; Railway Clerks, Cincinnati; Hod Carriers, Quincy, Mass.; Blacksmiths, Chicago; Bakery Workers, Chicago; Brewery and Soft Drink Workers, Cincinnati; Street Car Men, Detroit; Boiler Makers, Kansas City, Kan.; Steel Workers, Pittsburgh; Carpenters, Indianapolis; Ladies' Garment Workers, New York; Painters' Lafayette, Ind.; Plumbers and Steamfitters, Chicago; Lathers, Cleveland; Printers, Indianapolis.

O Death, Where is Thy Sting?

Skaggs had a fine stenographer, a lady, blithe and fair,
With eyes as blue as violets, and sunny golden hair,
A face and form like Venus, but not so "bare" as she,
For this one wore silk stockings rolled down below the knee.

A flapper skirt of gauzy weave, a waist decollete,
And Skaggs stuck close to business—he never missed a day;
Dictation to this steno was in honey tones expressed,
Till Mrs. Skaggs dropped in one day—I hate to tell the rest.

She grabbed Skaggs by the collar—she smote him "hip and thigh."
The steno grabbed her bonnet, nor stopped to say "good-bye."
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HOW ABOUT IT?

By SAM HILL

The writer is an avowed socialist; a socialist first and a trades unionist afterwards; a socialist from political conviction, a trade unionist from economic necessity. He would like to see all workers made trade unionists, and all trade unionists made socialists. And, whilst this is rather a tall order to achieve, some small portion of it is worthy of the effort.

The trade union movement locally shows signs of a general improvement. One of its present features is that working class politics are freely discussed at meetings which twelve or fifteen years ago would have been taboo. There seems to be a genuine desire to support, financially and otherwise, a political Labor Party. The members are not so much concerned with platform or philosophical platitudes as they are in seeing a "good labor man" elected to parliament to stir up a little lively interest in working class problems. The one thing to understand is that, irrespective of what may have been preached in the past, the Labor Party idea has come and come to stay.

How Socialist Party Wanes

Whilst the trade union movement is taking a greater part in matters political, the Socialist Party has let up on its efforts. Where it used to pack one of the local theatres with a well-informed audience Sunday after Sunday to listen to its propaganda, it now not only does not hold any meetings, but, to the average man, has ceased to exist as a party. There must be some reason for this. Let us see.

Years ago the very mention of a Labor Party would bring ridicule on such a proposal and it would be smothered in abuse. The propaganda of the Socialist Party of Canada locally and nationally tended to keep Labor Parties in the background. Its work was educational, scientific and revolutionary. Its meeting were well attended, and whilst the actual membership of the party was small it had an "outer fringe" of considerable size that could always be relied upon. Its speakers were small in numbers, but were sound, and certainly not sloppy. Reforms were scoffed at or ridiculed, and this "outer fringe" absorbed the viewpoint of the party to a considerable extent. But there was one thing it did not do which the party did. It did not make a religion of its policy, nor immunize itself to new ideas. It had an open mind and was responsive to new viewpoints arising out of a changing world.

Wartime's Change

The World War had come, followed by the Russian Revolution; the peace parley portioned out the spoils and Russia was blockaded and invaded. Old political parties were breaking up and new ones forming. The British Labor Party recovered from the shocks of war and began a fight for the maintenance and extension of living conditions. If they have not succeeded they have increased their following in the attempt.

Locally, we pinned our faith on the S. P. to take some action and adjust itself to new conditions. Opportunity knocked at the door; the "outer fringe" was expectant; here was an opportunity to do something to solidify the working class movement. Some of its members were helping to organize the O. B. U.

Echo of Big Strike

Would the S. P. give the new union its blessing? It made a gesture, hesitated, and with the big strike on from Winnipeg to Vancouver, its membership was in the fight, but the party was not. One of its members was victimized, given a year in jail, and on his home-coming from Stoney Mountain was met by a greater throng than had previously greeted the Prince of Wales. The "outer fringe," heavily reinforced by others in the making, wished to capitalize the occasion. The union movement could do nothing, split as it was. Would the S. P. take advantage of the situation? Without a doubt, the time was ripe for a change in tactics to conform to the new outlook; the followers had given the lead and the S. P., after a few enthusiastic meetings, fell back into the old rut. No action was taken and the opportunity was lost.

Not Much Left

Then came the "Twenty-two demands" of the Russian Communists; the split of the party followed; the active element, though not necessarily right on this question, left the party, leaving behind very little more than the name, the constitution and the platform with the the official organ, The Western Clarion. Those who left formed the Workers' Party and gave blind support to Russia; whilst those remaining settled back to review the situation. Some of the membership realized that they must adapt themselves or die, politically, and advocated Labor Parties in the columns of The Clarion. Now, even this appears to have waned and the shell-hardened crust which has grown around the party is impervious to anything new.

In the meantime, the F. L. P. had come into existence, followed by the Workers' Party; and now we have a Labor Party made up of the two parties mentioned and many of the unions, all affiliated by sending delegates and finances to plan working class action whilst still retaining their own identity.

Will S. P. Unity Come?

The question arises: Will the Socialist Party respond to the call for unity? Will it consider the "outer fringe" which it built up in the old days and assume some responsibility for directing and extending the movement to the point where it can do some practical work? This old world is not what is was ten or twelve years ago. Conditions demand that any group claiming a knowledge of history, politics and economics, as does the S. P., should bring that knowledge within the realm of practical politics. To theorize in the past was excusable; the present demands action. With the well-informed and capable propagandists, the prestige and the stabilizing influence of the S. P. membership, the Labor Party would be considerably strengthened by such an acquisition; the movement would undoubtedly grow and possibly be able to elect some members to either of the houses of parliament. But this can only be done by united efforts. The rank and file are ready and anxious to dig in and help in the work if they can only see some attempt on the part of the various factions composing the Labor movement to come to a common understanding.

This is Opportune Time

It is the writer's opinion that all who lay claim to being socialists should be prepared to make some sacrifices if need be for the general good of the movement. Some doubt may be expressed as to the wisdom of such sacrifice at present, but, from the viewpoint of many who are in a fair position to judge, the time is most opportune for the S. P. to regain some of its lost prestige and at the same time put some meat and muscle onto the scrawny skeleton of the present Labor Party by joining that body. If this should not be realized, it is almost certain that the movement in general will suffer and that the gradual decline of the S. P. influence will terminate in the demise of that organization. Who can say in those circumstances but what it would not be for the best? The survival of the fittest will weed out all those groups that fail to adapt themselves to new requirements.

In conclusion: The present chronic state of unemployment, the struggle to maintain living standard, and the chaotic and hopeless condition of the workers in general—these, coupled with the cruel, callous and cold-blooded capitalist expressions, such as Besco's "They Can't Stand the Gaff," should make it clear to the dullest of us that the present gaps in Labor's ranks must be closed. How about it, comrades?

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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.

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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.

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This was the advice of J. G. O'Donoghue, K.C., to a meeting of members of the Canadian Labor Party in the Hamilton, Ont., Labor Temple. Mr. O'Donoghue spoke from a fund of experience gathered while he acted as agent of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada in Ottawa securing Labor legislation from the government, and frequently finding it turned aside by the Senate. Mr. O'Donoghue surprised his audience by telling it that in demanding the abolition of the Senate they should have the support of Right Hon. A. Meighen, Conservative leader, who, in 1909, was one of the twenty-two members of the House to vote for a resolution of this description.

Meeting Favors Abolition

In opening his address, Mr. O'Donoghue asked for a vote of the meeting on the question of abolition or reform of the Senate, and found that all but three of the several hundred present favored abolition. He noted that there was little prospect of Labor representation in the Senate at any time, since one qualification of a Senator was that he must possess $4,000 over his debts. He described formation of the Senate, pointing out that it had been decided on at Confederation as a protection to minorities and sections and that its failure to live up to its functions had been an outstanding feature.

"The latest example of this was its refusal to give the Northwest provinces branch railways which were in the interests of the country. It took a side against the provinces," he said. "It has been conceded by all that it would be difficult to find a case in which it had protected the rights of minorities."

Old Age Pensioners

In pointing out that the Senate had not served as a check on the House of Commons, he referred to the bill in 1919, which it had accepted, and by which a British subject was denied the right of trial by jury unless he happened to be of Canadian birth. He declared that the Senate, when its political persuasion was similar to that of the House, became a rubber stamp, and when it differed from the House it proved a stumbling block to legislation. Mr. O'Donoghue had little faith in the Senate as a body faithful to public duties, and remarked that the people had at least some control on the House. He likened members of the Senate as old age pensioners for political service, and expressed the belief they would fail to recognize this if an old age pension bill ever reached them.

Mr. O'Donoghue dealt with the number of Senators holding seats on the directorate of industries of the country, and of its banks and trust companies. He thought there would be little chance to secure anything from it by way of remedy for conditions which workers of the British Empire Steel Corporation were fighting against.

Mr. O'Donoghue enumerated Labor legislation rejected by the Senate. He stated that he had frequently found members of the House who had voted for certain bills lobbying Senators to destroy these measures.

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Industrial Development In British Columbia

By A. A. MILLEDGE

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The relation between labor and capital has long been the subject of much comment. It is the intention of the writer to deal with the relation of the two of them to industrial development in British Columbia.

Being the chief essentials necessary for the upbuilding of a prosperous country, both labor and capital are in great demand, but an adequate supply is not to be found within the borders of our own province and only a limited supply is available in the whole of Canada. This situation necessarily means that on the one hand a sane progressive immigration policy must be adopted, and on the other hand, British Columbia must follow the path of steady development, must make the most of the opportunities which await here by using every means compatible with the true principles of economy of attracting that outside capital which is available for the establishment of those industries which are basically and economically sound.

Consider the Policies

It may be said that these two policies have both received the attention of the government authorities; but has the average citizen ever thought of the part that he can play in improving labor conditions in inducing people with money to use it in the development of this province and in building up a prosperity which will re-act for the mutual benefit of all citizens?

While it is imperative that a good class of immigrant should be encouraged to come to British Columbia, it is undoubted folly and false economy to bring them here unless there is work for them to do if they are numbered among the ranks of industrial workers, or unless there is a market for their produce if they should happen to prefer the rural life. It is equally true that while industries are needed, it is absolutely essential that they are offered a steady market for the goods which they produce.

Bettering the Markets

The question which faces us, then, is: Have we those markets to offer them, and, if not, how can they be created or strengthened?

There are two kinds of markets, the home and the foreign; the former being the more staple owing to the fact that it depends upon local conditions and it is not affected by unsettled conditions in other lands to the same extent as the foreign market. The foreign, or export, market is one in which the producer or exporter must meet the keenest competition with other countries. It therefore follows that export trade is surplus trade, which is necessarily erratic, depending as it does on competitive prices, unsteady demand and unsettled world-wide conditions.

Increase the Demand

If, therefore, the industries of the country have a strong loyal home market which they can depend upon, it follows that prices will be stabilized and labor conditions settled owing to a steadier demand. To increase this demand should be the aim of every citizen, whether he be laborer, merchant, professional man, mechanic, farmer or of any other calling. It will inure to his benefit and re-act to his advantage in various ways. It naturally follows that an increased demand for products of an industry will mean that that industry which operates to capacity, and it is an accepted law of economics that the which operates to the capacity for which it was planned is the industry which will produce at the lowest cost. This may be particularly applied to British Columbia because we have a number of plants which are struggling to establish themselves and are faced with enormous initial costs and overhead expenses. Hence an increased demand will mean that the operating costs will be spread over a larger demand and individual prices will be lowered.

It Means More Work

If economic conditions are thus improved and the industries of this province can sucessfully operate and compete with those of Eastern Canada and the United States, it will mean steady and lucrative employment for our many thousands of workers and the securing of employment for many thousands more. Stabilized labor conditions will go a long way towards increasing business and improving economic conditions and will result in a sound and lasting prosperity the benefit of which will be felt by all.

Buying British Columbia products means something more than prosperity for the producer and manufacturer. It means that British Columbia will be placed in a position where she can take a prominent place in the world of trade and commerce, the place which nature intended her to take when she endowed her with the wonderful resources which are being steadily developed and which should be exploited not for the benefit of foreign workers in far-off countries, but for the citizens of British Columbia.

Building Our Future

By giving preference to the products of her soil and factories, where quality and price are equal, a sure foundation will be laid for a province that will be economically sound, a future will be assured the growing generation and our greatest asset, the children of today, will thus be fully realized. Such a preference means nearly as much to British Columbia as the establishment of new industries, for it is the power which develops existing industries and attracts new ones. It is the power which will convert an unsettled partially developed province into one replete with successful industries and prosperous communities. It is the power that will go a long way towards bringing contentment to the homes of every class of our people. It will cause the eyes of the world to be directed towards British Columbia and they will see it as a prosperous province, prosperous because her own people have had confidence enough in themselves and in the industries of British Columbia to patronize and encourage them, and thus build up a country of which all Canada and the British Empire may be proud. That power is held by both labor and capital. Both should exercise it to their mutual advantage and in the interests of industries, for upon a steady industrial development depends the future welfare and general prosperity of the Province of British Columbia.

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Being insured these employers thought they could go to the limit and when their employees made reasonable demands upon them they arbitrarily refused to do them justice with the result of a strike being pulled. This didn't worry the bosses as they thought they could pile all the losses on the insurance company.

And the failure of this insurance company shows that the various concerns who had taken out such insurance entered claims within one year to the extent of $6,000,000. The company's resources amounted to only a quarter of this great sum. And the result is a receivorship for The Employers Mutual Insurance and Service Company.

It would seem that the firms forming this company didn't even play square with each other. One of the first acts of the receivors was to bring suit against a number of firms who had failed to pay the assessments made by the company. In looking over the lists of these firms one finds some names quite prominent in the advocacy of the "open shop."

There was a great beating of the pubiicity drums when this mutual insurance against losses by strikes was formed. The labor unions were to be shown that the employers knew how to stand together and make it impossible for the workers to gain their demands for the wages and conditions that they thought were their due. And all that happened was that the employers conducted their relations with their employees so recklessly that strikes and resulting losses were a foregone conclusion.

When the losses began to pile up each employer tried to get from under and keep from paying the assessments levied upon them by this mutual company. It was a sorry spectacle. Concerns who refuse to play fair with the labor that keeps their business going would of course not play fair with each other and the breaking down of this much heralded scheme in successfully fighting union labor was to be expected.—The Advance.

TRY THIS ON YOUR PIANO!

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Mr. John Evans, mechanic of the North Shore, lately bought a piano from a Granville Street firm, part down and balance on terms. When the instrument arrived last week, he took his first lesson and was laboriously yielding up a one-finger rendition of the banana ballad when something went wrong. He had laid down his lighted cigarette stump on the far-eastern key, and flames started. In a moment the flames spread along the key board. The piano was a wreck. Now John is suing for return of his money which the music house refuses to pay. The case will go to court, states J. H. MacLeod, barrister, if the money is not refunded. Which points to a moral. Make sure the keys are not celluloid when buying a piano.

BIG TWO PACKERS IN SIGHT

Washington, D. C.— Instead of having a Big Five among the meat packing companies, the United States will soon have merely a Big Two, if the proposed Armour-Morris merger is approved, says Benj. C. Marsh, director of the Farmers' National Council.

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Evolution in Home Building

By J. W. CURRAN
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Whether Darwin's Theory of Evolution will ever be substantiated or not is a question no man can answer definitely. At the present time it is only a theory and it will not become a fact until such time as it is proven. Whether our pre-historic progenitors wore tails, lived in the trees and ate cocoanuts or not is really not a problem that concerns us today. As the old song has it "We're here because we're here," and we might as well let it go at that.

There are, however, two facts that stand out most clearly in the history of the human family, and they are: As far back as we can trace the history of mankind a process of evolution has been at work in his mental machinery, and there has always been that instinctive desire to "Own a Home."

The "Homing" Instinct

That process of evolution is going on today and its progress is as irresistible as the tides of the ocean. This onward march is evident in every field of human activity and, while it may be more spectacular in some particular development than another, for the moment the great point to be remembered is that the movement is general and all things are included in this great mental river of progress. This kind of evolution is not a theory but a demonstrable fact and when we couple this fact with the other fact mentioned above of the "homing instinct," it is but a simple matter to draw the conclusion that our ideas of a "home" must be constantly changing and always for the better. The day has gone when a "home" is a building which has four walls and a roof with some means of getting in and out, and with a few holes in the wall to let in the sunshine. There are, of course, those among us who still live in the past in regard to home building, just as they do in regard to other things. You cannot expect the man who thinks a "crystal detector" is a man who inspects diamonds or who thinks a "full floating axle" is some kind of a life preserver to concern himself with the matters pertaining to evolution in home building. Such men will continue to build ordinary houses and will discover that when for one reason or another they desire to sell their a house a year or two later that nobody wants it. They seem to forget that just because they are standing still it does not follow that the other fellow is. They are like the small boy who is enjoying the ride of his life sitting in a moving picture theatre watching a film taken from the pilot of a fast running locomotive. They only think they are moving. The shrewd man builds a home that is not only modern in every respect, but, if possible, is just a little ahead of the times and he has the satisfaction and enjoyment of living in a comfortable home, giving his good wife a chance to enjoy the benefits of modern equipment, such as he enjoys in his office or workshop and then later cashes in on his shrewdness when he decides to sell the house.

Wood, the Home Maker

Just as there is a strong revolutionary movement taking place in such matters as heating, plumbing, electrical equipment, etc., so, too, we are changing our ideas in regard to the interior woodwork of the home. The sawmill supplies the lumber that goes into your home, but, in the case of sash and doors, the lumber first goes to the sash and door factory. Sash and door manufacturing is a trade quite separate and distinct from lumber manufacturing. The sash and door manufacturer has in his plant the necessary machinery to make all of the interior woodwork in your home and because this woodwork is used for the purpose of beautifying your home and because you come into constant close personal contact with it, it is necessary that it be as beautiful and as decorative as it can be made. For this reason, the product of the sash and door plant is called "architectural woodwork."

The day may come, even in the present generation, when wood will be so scarce that substitutes will have to be devised to take its place, but when that day does arrive, the substituting will take place in the walls and roof, and what lumber is available will be used for decorative purposes. You may drive on cement pavements, spend your working hours in buildings of steel and concrete, you may prefer to travel in steel ships and on steel trains or even in "tin lizzies," but when it comes to "home" you want wood about you. Wood is nature's greatest gift to mankind, it is a bit of the great outdoors we all love. Wood has an intense human appeal. There is a warmth about it—an atmosphere that is genial and hospitable. It is not so long ago that floors were put in houses to keep you from falling into the basement. Today floors are part of the decorative scheme of the home. They have a two-fold reason for existence, for we still walk on them.

The Triumph of Woodwork

In the modern home you have plenty of built-in features, such as linen cabinets, medicine cabinets, clothes chutes, broom and vacuum cleaner closets, bookcases, hall seats, built-in buffets, dressing tables, kitchen cupboards, breakfast nooks. And the kitchen! What a transformation is possible in this "workshop" of the home. Instead of four walls, against which must be placed detached equipment, bought after wall spaces have been irrevocably fixed, consider the well-planned kitchen, arranged to handle the routine of cooking, service and dishwashing easily and with the fewest possible steps. Ample cupboard areas, cabinets to the right and left of the sink, which finds its natural location under the window. Shelving in the proper places. Utensils out of sight behind cabinet doors when not in use. All in beautiful white enamel spic and span, or in the natural color of the wood ingrained into it by that wonderworker, the living wood cell. In the well planned home it is surprising how little movable furniture is necessary, and, on the other hand, it is at once apparent how important is the work of this architectural woodwork, the sash and door manufacturer. It may be argued by some that all this work can be done by the

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carpenter "on the job." It is true that the carpenter can do such work. The carpenter could make your dining room and bed room furniture, too, but it is only reasonable to suppose that it can be made much better and far more durable by a plant equipped for the work and by artisans who are skilled in the trade and who have at their disposal, not only the finest grades of specially selected materials, but the necessary tools and machinery for properly gluing, sanding and finishing the work. A door will last as long as the house, and so will all of the other woodwork that is made in the same plant as the door.

See How It Works Out!

But, argues the carpenter, this policy, if allowed, will do me out of a job. Not at all. If the built-in work is not put into the house, other furniture must take its place and that furniture, in most cases, will be made in some eastern or foreign factory and the carpenters will not even have any hand in installing it. In the case of built-in furniture, the carpenter must install it and therefore the more millwork that goes into the home the more there will be for the carpenter to do. If every home that is built in Vancouver in the next ten years was properly designed by a competent architect along modern lines and the work executed by a contractor who has a reputation for reliable work, the payroll of this province would be increased millions of dollars. The owners would unquestionably save money in the long run, as their house would be more easily saleable to the stranger coming into our midst to make his home with us, we would have a more prosperous city and a more beautiful city in which to live. The owner or contractor who builds a house with the one great idea of building a house that will pass the building regulations and keep the rain out and accomplish this with the least expenditure of money probably attains his objective, but, in the long run, somebody pays. It is perfectly true that you can build a house without calling in the services of an architect, but you will build a better house and have considerably more satisfaction if you employ an architect and the small fee that you pay him will be returned to you many times over when you sell your home later on.

Specialization is Need

This is an age of specialization. The field of human activity is becoming so complex that specialization is a necessity, and you see the evidence of it on every hand. The sash and door manufacturer is a specialist, just as the architect or the contractor is, and his work is more intimately connected with your welfare and happiness than any of the other sub-contractors because his work is the basis from which all other decorative schemes are planned. His work is not hidden, but lives with you every day and becomes part of your very existence. Just as in other lines of business, his institution must be founded on a basis of quality and service if he is to continue as an important factor in the commercial life of our community. If he is to turn out the high-grade of work that is expected of him he must receive a fair price for his product. Every home builder before awarding any contracts should make himself familiar with this most important branch of manufacture of home building equipment by visiting one of these institutions and learning for himself just what constitutes "quality and service" in architectural woodwork.

The Determined Spirit

There is no chance, no destiny, no fate
Can circumvent, or hinder, or control
The firm resolve of a determined soul.
Gifts count for nothing, will alone is great;
All things give way before it soon or late.
What obstacles can stay the mighty force
Of the sea-seeking river on its course,
Or cause the ascending orb of day to wait?
Each well-born soul must win what it deserves.
Let the fools prate of luck. The fortunate
Is he whose earnest purposes never swerves,
Whose slightest action or inaction serves
The one great aim. Why even death itself
Stands still and waits an hour sometimes,
For such a will.
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Big Increase of Union Women Shown

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The report states that the number of women in trade unions more than quintupled in the decade from 1910 1920.

In 1910, the statement says, the female membership of the American trade unions totaled 76,748, divided among thirty-four organizations. In 1920 the total woman membership was 396,600, divided among thirty-seven organizations.

Three New Organizations Add 100,000 Members

All organizations but two, the musicians and the brewery workers, had a larger membership at the close of the decade. Three large new organizations, it is pointed out, that were not in existence in 1910—the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Amalgamated Textile Workers and the telephone operators' branch of the Electrical Workers — contributed practically 100,000 members, or nearly one-fourth of the total rise.

Another organization, the railway clerks, whose female membership in 1910 was negligible, was responsible for 35,000 more in 1920. In both years the membership of the clothing unions was the dominating item. The International Ladies' Garment Workers had in 1910 forty per cent of the total and in 1920 the same organizations, together with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, had 42 per cent of the entire membership.

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Love's Mystery

By Edwin Markham

Soft, soft, as the steps of a dove
Move the beautiful feet of Love
In the wonderful house of life;
And rich are the gifts he brings
Afar from the world of our strife.

And the harp that he strikes with his hand
Came down from the Luminous Land
And was made by the seraph choir,
By the sons of the Holy Breath,
By the rulers of life and death,
By the spirits of flight and fire.

Let him enter the door and shine,
And the water will turn to wine,
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Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, M.P., considered that at the present time there was a magnificent audience in the country ready to listen to the case against war.

The religious argument against war, he said, had failed; the humanitarian argument was hardly likely to induce a great resolve against it; and the financial argument that war meant ruin and bankruptcy would not be sufficient to prevent it.

Regarded as Puppets

The War Office, the Admiralty and the Air Service dominated the various Governments. The Committee of Imperial Defence, a body which was outside the control of Parliaments, stamped militarism on the policy of the Government.

These fighting services laughed at their political chiefs; they regarded them as puppets, and this applied to all Governments—Tory, Liberal and Labor.

"The seeds of the next war are being sown now. Tell your audiences," urged Mr. Ponsonby, "that next time there is war they are going to be called on to fight on lies, and to sacrifice their lives on lies."

—Daily Herald.

THE LAUGHTER OF A CHILD

The laugh of a child will make the holiest day more sacred still. Strike with hand of fire, O weird musician, thy harp strung with Apollo's golden hair; fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, deft toucher of the organ keys; blow, bugler, blow, until thy silver notes do touch and kiss the moonlit waves, and charm the lovers wandering 'mid the vine-clad hills. But know, your sweetest strains are discords all compared with childhood's happy laugh—the laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart with joy. O rippling river of laughter, thou art the blessed boundary line between the beasts and men; and every wayward wave of thine doth drown some fretful fiend of care. O Laughter, rose-lipped daughter of Joy, there are dimples enough in thy cheeks to catch and hold and glorify all the tears of grief.

Robert G. Ingersoll.

A'int Life Funny?

My greatest ambition,
Ere I pass from this life,
Is to see a young husband
Make love to his wife.

To know a young matron
So dumb that she thinks
Her husband won't flirt
Never chews, smokes, or drinks.

An old man of sixty
Who won't cast an eye
On a shapely young maiden
Who passes him by.

A woman of forty,
All chocked full of pep,
Who will pass up a petting,
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Though life I have painted,
It is sad to relate,
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The Argentine and the Clyde

By J. T. Walton Newbold, M.A., in "Forward."

It was my endeavour in the last article, which dealt with South America, to bring home to the reader how long established and, therefore how deeply embedded in the very foundation of the fabric of British Capitalism are the interests which our masters have in that vast continent. It is these older property forms and the policies to which they have given birth and enduring life which determine the outlook and the action of the Tory Government. When we talk of the land, we do not speak of it in the sense that it and its values to-day concern our masters. When Kirkwood and Smillie speak of the land they think of the land here at home. When the Hamiltons and the Blythswoods, the Belhavens and the Elphinstones speak of land they think not only of the glens and the straths but also of the vast eustacias the forest lands, the rubber belts, the cotton plantations, the mineral properties, the town lots of their far-flung domains in Canada, Argentina, Kenya, Queensland.

We have to realize just exactly what constitutes the economic power of our masters. Generally, alas, in our Movement, we talk of the concrete in relation to things at home and of the abstract when discussing the International. We speak of international Capitalism, but rarely do we visualize what it means we speak and tend. inevitably, to think of it as something to overthrow without considering what relations we must have with the production of all lands when once we have prised up the clutching fingers of Capitalist monopoly. We forget in our temporary (yes, quite temporary pre-occupation with the struggle of the classes that what we are really concerned with is to) build the new world or, as I would rather phrase it for accuracy, to continue the historic process of building a world economy, a world society, a world polity.

Big Investments

British Capitalism has almost £500 million invested in the railways of South America. This colossal figure represents about one-third of the money invested in the railways of the United Kingdom. It has, during the last fifty years more particularly, been no inconsiderable factor in the filling of orders in Lanarkshire and Glasgow. Railway construction outside of Britain was what, mainly, from 1860 to 1900 deferred the crisis in the heavy and engineering industries of this country. The exports (and the consequent imports to pay for them) of railway and other material for development purposes built up the vast shipping interests which are, in their origin, so often to be traced back to Glasgow or to Greenock. Having to do with the trade in wool, in cotton (where the Dennistouns made their pile!), in tea, in sugar and so on, the shipowners who dealt with the West Indies and West Africa got into the South American trade as surely as those of the Indian and Chinese trade got into the Burmese and Australasian business.

Before me as I write are the particulars of the first shipping company in which Lord St. Davids and Lord Kylsant laid the foundations of their present stranglehold upon the chief shipping companies plying to the West of Africa, to South Africa and South America and upon the railways and much of the town and grazing and agricultural land of Argentina and Uruguay.

Its name is the King Alfred Steam Ship Co., Ltd., and its registered address—12 Renfield Street, Glasgow. The date is July, 1889, and Lord St. Davids appears as John Wynford Philipps, M.P.—he had defeated Keir Hardie in a bye-election the year before. The Mirrlees were among those backing the Philipps brothers.

Gradually, the Philipps brothers have come to control more and more the traffic to and from the Argentine and the Cape. In the Observer I note that the Furnesses, the other big interests in the group trading to the Plate, are raising new capital for a line from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil to South Africa.

These are the two shipping interests who, during and after the war, secured control of many of the shipyards (i.e., Harland & Wolff amongst others) on the Clyde, of steel works in Motherwell, and of collieries in Lanarkshire.

Glasgow and the Meat Trade

It was Glasgow butchers who largely helped open up the chilled and frozen meat trade of the Argentine. Apparently, a Scotsman took more kindly to that stuff than the Englishmen.

The Balfour, Williamsons, one of whom used to sit for Partick and another for a constituency on the Moray Firth, have been and are very deeply interested as merchants in Chili.

The West of Scotland has had very much to do with the development of South America. They have built locomotives, carriages, bridges, ships; they have rolled rails for tramways, and railways; they have sent out coal either as coal or in the iron and steel.

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Our Observations Are—That father is coming into his own. He is about the only member of the family that is wearing pants.

The Onward March of Time—The lawyers of our land have an organization known as the Bar Association. But what we started out to say is this, that most of our readers know that when the saloons were open, that was the greatest bar association.

Her—"Mabel is just crazy about art."
Her Husband—"Art who?"

These are the outlets, as Wheatley and others should most carefully observe, which have formerly made Parkhead so busy and kept Clydebank, Tradeston, and Govan so regularly employed. They are outlets which it will be very difficult to keep open and to control.

Yet such outlets are vital because the export trade is necessary to maintain now and in the future the import trade. We must have the meat and the grain, the hides and the quebracho tanning extract, the coffee and the cotton, the iron ore and the manganese which are to be derived from Argentine and Brazil.

According to E. F. Wise, writing in the Manchester Guardian Commercial Reconstruction (No. 14, 26: 4:23), the United Kingdom has to rely for most of its beef supply upon South America. In 1922, we took 3,130,766 quarters of chilled and 1,382,823 quarters of frozen beef from the Argentine, besides more than 3,000,000 carcasses of frozen lamb and mutton. Sometimes the amount of frozen beef taken ranges even higher.

Argentina is and will remain one of our main sources of supply. Uruguay is another. Brazil is a third. This latter will become increasingly important.

Argentine wheat is most important and will become relatively more so as time goes on.

Where Britain Beats the U.S.A.

Brazil, of course, is, together with Central Africa, a treasure-house of incalculably prodigious wealth.

With the progressive conquest of the swamp and the jungle and the elimination of tropical diseases by modern medical science, there can be no question that the future belongs to those who control the tropics, where with the minimum expenditure of human labour power the greatest use values can be produced.

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Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Brazil and Portugal control the tropics. The United States most emphatically does not. That is a direction where she has been checkmated. Her position in respect of raw materials, other than minerals—and not all those, and certainly not in their accessibility to economical exploitation—is so serious that the British capitalist class believes in a few years it will have American Capitalism at its feet.

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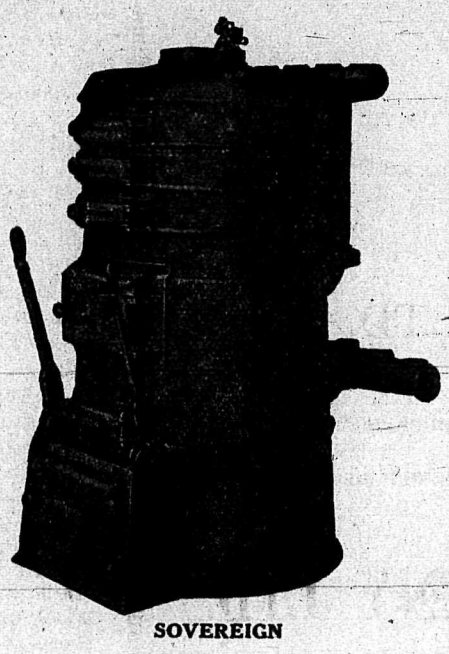

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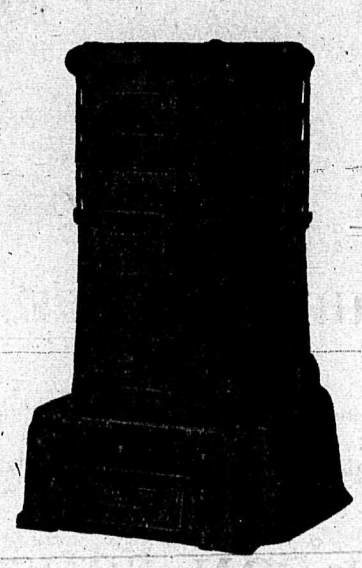

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Few things so startle the traveler when he reaches New York from the bucolic quiet of Washington as the armored cars which chase about the streets, presumably with loads of treasure. The comment on our post-war civilization is obvious, but it has not been better phraed than in these two paragraphs from Gordon Strong's summary of papers read at a recent meeting of real estate men:

The saving of money and its placing out for the sake of return is probably the most important factor in civilization. As you know, it is only two or three centuries ago when it was not safe to place money out at all, for whatever return. The only safe thing to do was to put it in a stocking, put the stocking under a loose board, and sit on the bed with two horse-pistols and a blunderbuss. To have money involved a sedentary life.

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THE BATTLE OF GLACE BAY

By Floyd Roberts, The Press Gallery Ottawa

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The battle thickens, the foes ring round
Closer and closer, death's in our face.
Steady there, steady, hold your ground,
Each in his place, lad,s each in his place.

Who will say that we have not fought well,
Armed with pick and shovel and bar,
Blackened and burned in the fires of hell—
The rank and file of a Holy War?

Courage, then, comrades, lest we forget
The World's my country, my brother, Man;
Though the foes increase we will see it yet—
The fields grew green where the red blood ran.

The little ones cry, the mothers are still,
But their crying, their stillness rings over the Bay;
I can see the white banners like dawn on the hill—
The hosts of Humanity march our way.

Close up your ranks there, steady your eyes,
It is better to struggle, though the ground runs red,
Than falter one step from the ultimate prize,
In the Battle of Bread, lads, the Battle of Bread.

The women are weary, but steady, but steady,
The babies are dying, the hot tears blind;
We perish, we perish, but steady, but steady,
The battle is Man's and the peace Mankind's.

Tomorrow, perhaps, we will hear the sound
Of His great Voice ringing across the land;
Today the fierce foes ring us round,
Stand to your faith, lads, stand!

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UNION BANK GAINS

New York.—The Federation bank is preparing to celebrate its second anniversary with a "birthday party." The principal speakers, it is stated, will be Governor Smith and William Green, president of the A. F. of L.

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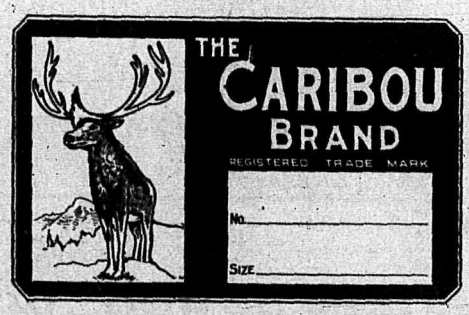

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Labor's Reply to Old Calumnies

LONDON, Eng.—Mr. Jack Hayes, M.P., speaking at Newport (Isle of Wight), recently, effectively dealt with the remarks of a speaker at a local Primrose League meeting, who had said, inter alia, that Socialism meant the abolition of the marriage tie, and the handing over of children to the State.

Was it likely, asked Mr. Hayes, that the party composed mainly of workers, would destroy the only beautiful thing Capitalism could not wholly take away, home life?

Such prating about abusing the sacredness of the marriage tie and the nationalizing of children was probably inspired by the class of people responsible for the filthy law cases which had recently filled the columns of the press.

The most disturbing thing about such statesments, said Mr. Hayes, was that members of a Christian civilized community should so far forget the principles of their professed Christianity and brotherhood as to debase themselves with the hope of gaining some political advantage.

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TOM MOORE ANSWERS ONTARIO LABOR PARTY

From Ottawa it is learned that Tom Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, stated in an interview that the resolution demanding complete independence from Great Britain which was passed by the convention of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party, does not voice the sentiments of the organized workers in Canada.

"For the past forty years," he said, "the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has been the recognized authority to speak for the trade unionists of Canada on legislative matters. Foiled in their attempts to capture the trade union movement through the Trades and Labor Congress, the Communists are now making a political labor party the medium of propaganda for their policies. The resolution referred to is somewhat similar to one introduced by the Communist minority in past conventions of the Trades and Labor Congress where they demanded severance of international affiliations on the trade union field and the setting up of a Canadian National autonomy. These policies, however, were overwhelmingly rejected by the organized workers," concluded Mr. Moore.

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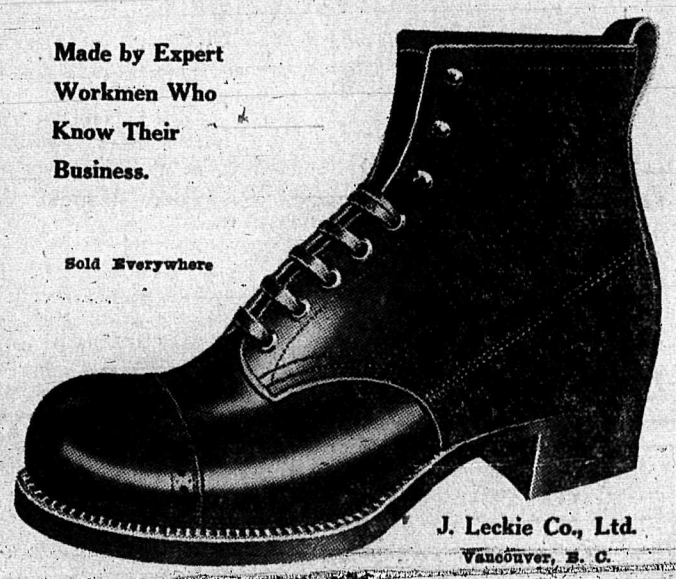
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A DOG CHASING ITS TAIL

LONDON, Eng.—The Right Hon. F. W. Jowett, First Commissioner of Works in the late Labor Government of Great Britain, opening a fancy fair and festival for the Bradford Independent Labor Party recently, said that the president of the Federated British Industries had been saying that what was wanted was more production.

In order to have more production, he said they must consume more; to consume more they must produce cheaper, and in order to produce cheaper we must produce more—back to the beginning, like a dog chasing its own tail. There were two methods of cheapening production which Colonel Willey did not mention.

Seven hundred millions a year had been taken off the wages of working classes. That was not the way to increase consumption.

One other way the capitalists had not tried, and that was by reducing the amount that goes to the parasitic class. (Hear, hear.)

When they talked of cheapening production, they might consider dealing with the huge amount of watered capital, bonus shares and the fictitious fabricated capital on which industry had to pay high rates of interest.

Let them think of the million a day which is being drawn out of labor as interest on war debt. Let them puncture the balloon of watered capital and let out the water and have a capital levy to prevent the huge drain of interest on production.

Increase wages to enable working people to buy more clothes, more boots and the things they needed, and then there would be more and cheaper production.

Comparing the prospects of the coming Tory budget with the achievement of the Labor Chancellor last year, Mr. Jowett said Mr. Snowden relieved taxes on foodstuffs, put 150,000 persons on old age pensions who were not entitled to them before, gave full pensions to another 60,000 persons who were only on part pensions before, increased the unemployment benefit, removed the gap, etc.

In contrast they were now looking forward to a budget which would give no relief to the poor. All the talk was of sixpence off the income tar.

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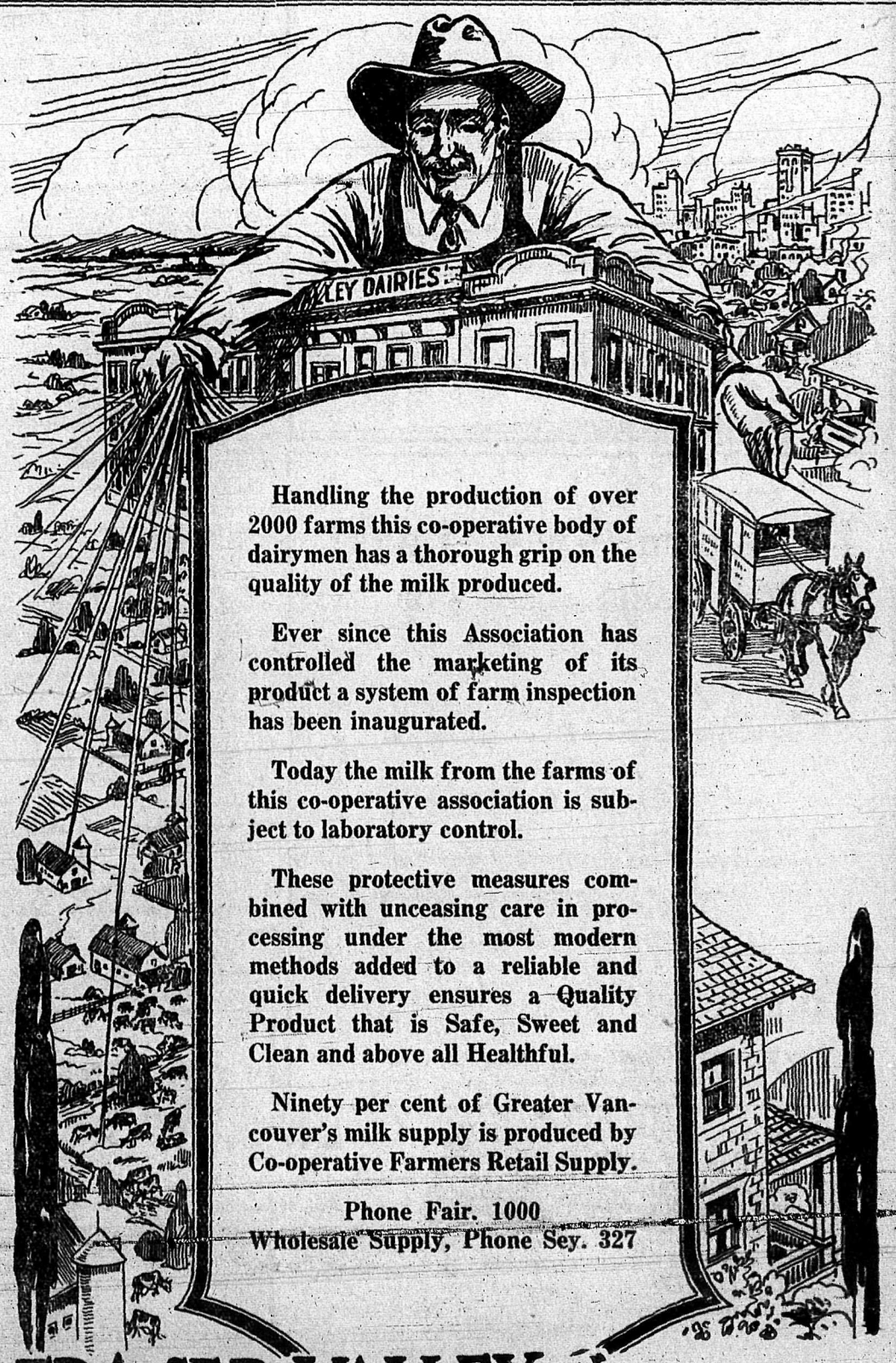

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Radio Industry to Be Unionized

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1920	$2,095,347
1921	4,160,844
1922	.....
1923	26,394,789
1924	54,848,131

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On the banks of the River Smile.

A FEW DEFINITIONS

A pessimist is a fellow who has the choice of one of two evils and takes both of them.

A pessimist is a fellow who expects to find skunk cabbage at a flower show.

A pessimist says, "Is there any milk in the pitcher," but the optimist says, "pass the cream."

The optimist quietly takes his sour grapes and when no one is lokking turns them into preserves.

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JAPAN HAS HUGE UNEMPLOYED ARMY

Unemployed in Japan now total 3,400,000, according to figures compiled by the union chambers of commerce. The report says that 40 per cent of the out-of-work are of intellectual or non-manual labor class, and these find it virtually impossible to get even part-time work.

NOT SO FREE, AFTER ALL

"Give the Government at Victoria a free hand—" exhorts correspondent in morning paper. That sounds cheap, but the free hand is not always economical. Usually it is dearest in the long run, as the groaning taxpayers know to their sorrow.

It is interesting for the unemployed of Britain to have brought to their attention by **Forward** that during the life of Queen Victoria the Royal family drew in emoluments from the nation, twenty-eight million pounds sterling — approximately $140,000,000. Quite a tidy little sum. It would keep the unemployed doles going for quite a while.

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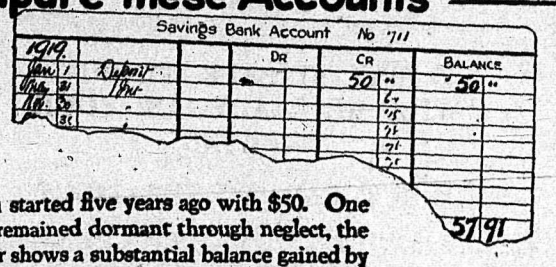

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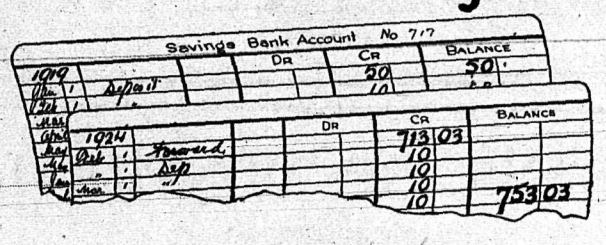

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So. Van. C.L.P. Holds Its Final Dance

The final social and dance was held by the South Vancouver Group of the Canadian Labor Party in I. O. O. F. Hall, cor. 30th and Main, on Saturday night and drew a splendid crowd. The hall was filled to capacity and arrangements will have to be made for a larger hall for the next season. President J. Rankin was in the chair and, after introducing the various entertainers, delivered an interesting address on the activities of the group and outlined a possible programme for the future. The Social Committee, composed of Mrs. Speed, Mrs. Enman, J. Hacking, W. Ford and H. E. Rees, were especially commended by the president for the splendid manner in which the socials had been organized and stated that at no time had such co-operation and good feeling existed. Comrade Rankin, on behalf of the group, presented the ladies of the committee with a very handsome souvenir as a sign of appreciation for valuable services rendered. The orchestra also came in for its share of comment and Miss Nettie Enman, the pianist, received a suitable presentation.

The participants in the concert programme were: Miss Mary MacDonald, piano solo; Elsie Schultz, song; George Ellis, saxophone solo; Mr. McLaughlin, song. A splendid supply of refreshments was on hand and a dance programme concluded a splendid and successful evening.

Empress Put on Interesting Play

Saturday night is expected to see the termination of the Empress Theatre's engagement of "The Fool"—the most costly production ever staged by the Allen Players.

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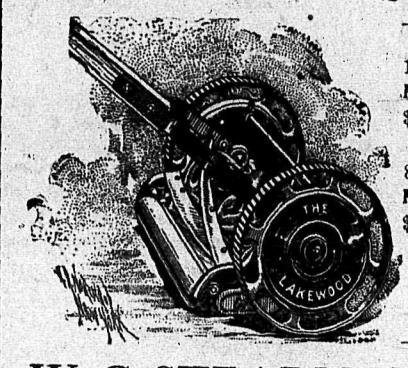

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This the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, but the best of men.

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Since Duci De Kerekjarto, the brilliant Hungarian violinist, left the concert stage to accept the first Orpheum circuit vaudeville tour, he has been one of the most popular musical acts on the circuit. It is with pride that the Orpheum Theatre announces that Kerekjarto will be a feature on next week's programme, this being his third consecutive tour, a record for musical offerings of this kind.

Five members of the same family will appear in one vaudeville act on this programme when William Morris, his wife and three children present a gem of a satirical sketch, entitled "All the Horrors of Home." This sketch is called an "Observation in One View," and was written by Mr. Morris himself.

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