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The Season's Message

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE VANCOUVER, NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

THE most pleasing feature associated with the Christmas season is the exchange, between friends, of kindly greetings of good will and cheer.

Throughout the length and breadth of Christendom, this happy custom prevails, and, in common with others, it is our sincere desire to take this opportunity of extending to all our friends and associates the season's most cordial greetings and good wishes.

It is timely on this festive occasion to remember that the same lowly Nazarene, who inspired that greatest of all commands, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," was also responsible for the equally inspiring injunction that reads: "Be ye not weary in well-doing." The thought of these words comes uppermost in our minds in inditing this message.

The Labor movement is a humanitarian movement. It seeks to protect the weak and to help the needy. It is a movement of men and women banded together, not for personal and individual gain, but, rather, for the attainment of justice for all mankind.

May our message, therefore, inspire you with greater faith, hope and courage, conscious in the righteousness of our mutual endeavors and convinced of the ultimate achievement, and may your efforts during the coming year be filled with the desire for greater accomplishment in the task of uplifting humanity.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

TO WISH You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—no more kindly thought was ever uttered than this age-old greeting handed down through the generations. It still retains its humane appeal, unchanged by the vagaries of time and unspoilt by the materialism of the modern skeptic. It remains, as of yore, the sincere expression of good fellowship and goodwill among mankind on this festive occasion.

We know of no occasion that lends itself more than this to the practical demonstration of the principles upon which our movement is founded, the commemoration of the birth of the lowly carpenter of Nazareth, the prophet and preacher of the brotherhood of man.

Living as we do in an age when social inequalities and consequent injustices predominate, it is safe to say that no occasion gives rise to greater rejoicing, while, paradoxically, no day gives cause for more poignant sorrow and regret.

It is to the elimination of social injustice that our movement is dedicated. It is to this task that our members are pledged. Ours is the duty of protecting the fatherless, strengthening the weak and helping the needy. Ours the obligation of making that grand old message, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," something more than mere words.

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Dean Laird of Montreal advocates a larger training course for school teachers. School teachers believe their training now is longer than their pay cheques.

The financial writers call this bear market a readjustment. We know a lot of people who would like these "pencil pushers" to tell them how to readjust a nil bank account.

The reason a neighbor allows her husband to sit in an easy chair and put his feet on the radiator is because she frequently finds [illegible] change on the floor next day.

Labor Has Won Right to Partnership in Industry

By SIR HENRY THORNTON, President, Canadian National Railways.

"I think this is the largest grievance committee that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting," said Sir Henry Thornton, at the beginning of a notable address he delivered before the Toronto convention of the American Federation of Labor, and then followed this significant statement:

"I always welcome grievance committees, because a man with a grievance can usually be made a friend, but he who has no grievance leaves you nothing whatever to work upon."

Sir Henry had been invited to discuss with the "grievance committee" of the American labor movement, the plan of Union-Management Co-operation between the management and employees of that great government-owned transportation system, the Canadian National Railways, operating more than 23,000 miles of rail lines, steamship lines, a great chain of hotels, and employing more than 100,000 workers.

President Green introduced Sir Henry as a great executive, who had taken a wonderfully advanced position in the relationship of employer and employee. Under his direction, the Canadian National is dealing in an enlightened way with its employees, said President Green, recognizing the right of the workers to organize, to work cellectively to promote their interests, and to share in the responsibilities of operating this great industry.

Sir Henry said he was unwilling to take any chance with his address before the largest "grievance committee" he ever faced, and he read his speech. His address follows in part:

"In what I hope to say to you this morning I would like you to understand that it is the presentation of an idea—an idea which I hope both capital and labor will be able to take and turn into something which will be expressive of improved mutual relations and work to the welfare of both sides of the question. I am particularly complimented that I have this opportunity of appearing before so large an so influential and so important a gathering.

Labor Never Broke Its Word

"In the course of my somewhat checkered career I have dealt with labor in the United States, in England, and in Canada. I am happy to number amongst my friends many of those who have won leadership in the ranks of labor, and I can say with truth that thus far I have never had either a labor leader or a labor organization break his or her word or let me down."

To provide the necessary perspective for the subject under discussion, Sir Henry reviewed the historical background in the relations between what was in ancient days the master and the servant, but in more modern times the employer and employee—the history of the uplift and improvement of the masses, the battle against servitude, and the progressive andvancement of labor in independence, dignity and wisdom.

"Of all the things which have characterized the advance of civilization," he said, "the improvement in the position of the masses has been the most outstanding and the most important. It may have been slow, but it probably moved as rapidly as circumstances would permit. It may have been achieved only by toil and self-sacrifice, but the result has been worth while.

"The progress is by no means finished, indeed nothing in this world is ever finished. There is still another step to be made, and now we stand upon the threshold of a new and better relationship which I describe as 'the partners.' The future contact between capital and labor and between the employer and the come, find its greatest progress and its finest expressions in the era of The Partners.

Brains and Muscles

"Industrial pursuits are fundamentally the utilization by efficient method of men and materials. The steel rail, the bridge, the building, the locomotive, the automobile, and all of those thousand and one things with which we are familiar, represent the application of men and materials; materials in their raw form wrought into some useful device by brain and manual effort, and the inanimate material is of lesser importance than the human contribution which turns those materials to useful purpose. We investigate, analyze and test the materials we purchase, we store, protect, and treat them with something akin to paternal care. Those whose brains and muscles revolve the wheels of industry, converting bricks into buildings, and steel into structures, merit equal care. The skilled mechanic, the trained employee, is commercially worth quite as much as many units of material. When for one cause or another he leaves the service of his employer, there is lost knowledge, experience, and productivity. These are the things which enlightened employers cherish and protect.

Partnership Between Capital and Labor

"It is obvious that capital as plied to production becomes qu useless unless accompanied by labor Both are equally essential for economical and efficient production. One cannot proceed far without the other. Dissatisfaction on the part of one or the other interferes with the smooth running of the whole. In the true sense of the word, these two great elements must be partners if the interests of each are to be served. No industrial or commercial enterprise, no matter how scientific its formulae, or how efficient its administration, can be successful unless there is contentment on the part of workers, and a desire born of pride to give of their best. No general, however great his skill, ever won victories with a discontented army. Labor has won its right to partnership, and sagacious capital will welcome such a partnership. With a recognition of the partnership principle, there automatically must disappear that contention and strife which is just as expensive in the industrial world as it is in the relations between nations. Warfare has been described as the only game in which both sides lose. Therefore, why play with loaded dice! In the present day, and in the days to come, those industries will prosper most which accept labor as an equal partner, and labor will best prosper when it recognizes the obligations and the dignity of that partnership.

Labor Must Erect Enduring Industrial Structure

"The constructive functions of great labor organizations are not in dealing with such domestic things as hours of work, rates of pay, and conditions of employment. The right to fair treatment and fair dealings in such things has long since been won and is recognized. However essential they may be, they represent day by day activities and may be regarded as details. The great constructive work of labor organizations lies in the conception and development of those larger policies which form a foundation upon which to erect an enduring industrial structure which will best promote, in its bigger sense, the welfare of man. I believe it is given to labor to make such a momentous contribution to the advancement of civilization, a contribution which will rank equally with the great discoveries of the ages.

"The power of labor is recognized. Disciplined, organized, and well led, it constitutes an irresistible force. But great power carries with it equally great responsibility. To those who are given the ability and opportunity to create, there is also the obligation to build. To neglect that obligation is both cowardly and stupid. He who is profligate or unwise with his power is akin to the spendthrift and the fool, and this applies to labor and capital alike. So far as thought and experience lead me, I believe that labor and capital will together make their greatest contribution to the welfare of mankind in the active and unceasing promotion of the partnership theory in all forms of industrial activity.

Potentialities of Co-operation

"The moment is ripe for the prosecution of such an idea. Progressive and sagacious leaders of both sides will, I believe, lend their best efforts to implement such a theory. You have seen what, in a relatively small way, it has accomplished for the Canadian National Railways; and yet I consider that we have but hardly scratched the surface of its possibilities. Carried to its logical conclusion it means to the employee contentment, happiness, continuity of work, and pride in his undertaking. It means tranquility, freedom from anxiety, and improved results to the employer. To the world at large it constitutes an example of what can be accomplished by the development of a sound theory of co-operation consistently pursued. Surely such potentialities justify the effort!

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A Londoner visiting St. Andrews for the first time determined to try a round of golf. Furnishing himself with the usual implements and a caddie, he went out before breakfast.

It seemed easy, and his first drive was a terrific swipe. When the turf had ceased to descend he turned, somewhat dazed, to the caddie and said:

"What did I hit just now, my lad?"

"Scotland, sir."

Sound Brains Generally In Strong Bodies

Professor Ales Hrdlicka, chief anthropologist at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, has been measuring his fellow scientists when they gather at their annual meetings. He takes their height, weight, chest measurements and other records that will tell what type of men they are, in a physical sense.

He finds that these men, intellectually no doubt the foremost group that could be gathered in the country, have a high average physique. Most of them are tall, and they have staunch muscles and good chest expansions. There are exceptions, but this is the rule.

Taking them by and large, these men are of stronger physique than even the old native stock of the land.

Mr. Hyatt of the staff of Labor, recently made a similar study of the members of the United States Senate, and reached the same conclusion. Earlier studies, both here and abroad, have shown that professional men and skilled artisans average taller and stronger than unskilled laborers.

The meaning of these common results from diverse studies is clear. In the first place, the professional man or the skilled artisan has, probably had a better chance in the world than the unskilled worker—better food, better clothes, better housing, more leisure. Put in a nutshell—they get better wages, and, in the long run, buying power has more to do with the physical condition of a class than any other single element.

Then, it must be remembered that a giant brain may exist in a feeble body; but the chances are against it, and still more rarely can the feeble body stand up to the effort needed to train the giant brain.

Thus it follows that anything that increases the physical health of a people raises its effective brain power.—Labor.

THE THINGS THAT COUNT

It's the falling star at night that counts,
Not the meteor's flaming flash,
It's the softened breeze that lingers, clings,
Not the winds that rage and lash.
It's the wayside bloom among the weeds,
Not the buds in hothouse space—
It's the friendly mongrel in the street
Who looks up in your face
With honest love straight from a heart
That calls each man his friend.
It's the note of a bird swift on its wing
In the dusk of a long day's end—
It's the ship that sails by in the night —
It's the gleam of a friendly smile,
It's the music of voices—the clasp of a hand—
Oh, these are the things worthwhile.

—By Cristel Hastings.

Southern Churchmen Urge Textile Inquiry

Gainesville, Ga.—"It is humiliating to read that mills are coming to our section because of 'low wages and docile labor'," declares a report prepared by the Social Service Commission of the Georgia Baptist convention.

A "scientific study of the textile industry, North and South," is favored.

The report said of the textile situation:

"The coming of these industries to the South brings us face to face with new problems.

"Everybody is rejoiced to see these evidences of expanding business in the Southeast. However, to thoughtful people there is no satisfaction in the statement that these mills are coming because the South offers 'low wages and docile labor.' Indeed, this is humiliating rather than pleasing.

"A few years ago we Southerners were bitterly denouncing New England cotton mills for the way they treated their labor. Now that some of these mills are coming South, we find some of our Southern statesmen angrily defending these same practices in the South.

"Then they denounced high protective tariff of New England industries; now they are clamoring for that same protection for Southern mills.

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Why does patience always choose a monument to roost on?

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The older a man grows the more he has to unlearn.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Good friends, wherever you may be
And be it east or west,
Upon the plain, beside the sea,
Whatever place the place may be,
Some place you love the best,
Across the silence let us call
To each of you, and wish you all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A LOPSIDED PROVINCE

Every community contains some material number of men who are not able to stand up to the average of manual or clerical labor. Diseases, such as flu, give us men with heart or respiratory troubles that forbids them holding common employment. In addition to its cripples, war has given and is today giving us its physical wrecks. Men who over a period of years by sheer will-power endured inconceivable hardships to carry on, they borrowed from the vitality that nature has stored in youth for the later years, when the human frame wastes and not gathers. These are now being called upon to pay, but like a depositor whose account is over-drawn, they have no balance to write cheques against. When the war was over if they claimed any disability there was some interminable period of waiting for a medical examination. If they declared themselves suffering no disability, they could leave for home by the next boat. Men not bred to soldiering, when the war was over, chafed under the discipline that was a part of war, and to get into their own clothes and return to their people, thousands of men who could have shown some of the fruits of war service, allowed themselves to be listed as discharged in good health. For the sake of the Canadian officers who invented this scheme for hiding war disabilities at the time that they should have been found, we hope that there really is a Hell. However, these men who then borrowed from the future, now under a light strain break, and as broken men they bid for employment in the way of light work. To these must be added a growing army of industrial cripples. The last year's report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for B. C. shows seven hundred and seventy workmen as suffering varying degrees of permanent disability during this one year alone, and even this does not include the whole list, for there are many cases of serious and permanent disability in employments not covered by the Compensation Act, and also among wage earners, elsewhere than in the employment.

Work in British Columbia is of the heavy laborious type, and does not naturally offer employment to men who must be favored if they are to hold a job at all. In addition to this, we in British Columbia have acquired a country village storekeeper's viewpoint. We grovel and salaam to anyone who puts a man to work until our employers have persuaded themselves that even in depleting natural resources and in the most destructive way, they are great public benefactors, and "building up the province," and that the doxology should really have been directed to themselves instead of the Almighty. The results of all this is that the employers of British Columbia have never fully realized that industry in this province must not only find a place for the cripples that it makes, but, also do its share towards adjusting employment to suit the cripples of war and disease. These unfortunate people must eat, and they have the same family burden to maintain as other members of the community. Military pension pays only for the earning power that has been lost, it presumes that the victim will find a buyer for what remaining productive power he possesses. The industrial cripple fares still worse, for he is only paid for a part of his loss, while the victim of disease must, from his reduced earning power, make his whole living. At the present time the daily press is engaged in a pharisaical charity stunt, and out of the press corporations desire to advertise themselves, we learn something of the misery and ruin that arises from the fact there is no attempt to adjust employment to the needs of the broken man. Although there are many thousands of this class of worker throughout the province there is no agency working to find and maintain them a place in industry, and except for a brief spasm of charity of the kind that "doeth his alms to be seen of men" no one cares whether they sink or swim.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable character of our industries a fitting in place can be made for every man that has any earning capacity, if a sufficient number of our people so decide. But a new phychology is necessary, we must banish the corner grocer's idea that an employer is the Beauty-rose of all creation, and that the earth is his footstool, and in place of this we must insist that any industry that cannot take care of its full quota of our broken men is as welcome in our province as a brothel in the same block as a school. Our daily press can give good and lasting service if it will tell of the destitution and wrecks among these people during twelve months instead of one month. For, after all, an empty stomach is just as uncomfortable and disheartening on July 1st as on December 25th. —M.

E. T. KINGSLEY

By PARKER WILLIAMS

During the night of December 9th E. T. Kingsley "passed on." Kingsley first came to British Columbia 27 years ago at the invitation of the Vancouver Island miners. From the first day he took a leading part in the class fight. As a speaker he was ready for any emergency or any opponent, and many a hesitating Labor candidate gathered courage from the moment "the old warhorse" put a foot in his district. For some years Kingsley edited and published the "Western Clarion." This went down during the opening years of the war. He was then, for some considerable time, engaged on "The B. C. Federationist." Kingsley was, at different times, nominated both for the Provincial and the Dominion Parliaments. On Labor matters he had very definite opinions, and the courage to hold them even if standing alone. A rigid Marxian student, he found in this theory the answers to the riddle of economic tendencies, as well as human antics. On the Labor thought of the province E. T. Kingsley has left a deeper mark than any other man.

While up to recent years the name and face was familiar to most of the adult population of the province, still few, if any, really knew the man. He was ever ready to listen and sympathize with the troubles of others; his own troubles were shared with no one. As a young man he lost both his lower limbs in railroading, but he acquired a wonderful mastery over two artificial substitutes. We know that they were a pain and an inconvenience, but even this trouble he held to himself and scorned the sympathy that, to some of us, seems to lighten a burden.

During the years that Kingsley lived in our province, his life work was to make the world a better place to live in. At the end of the journey, when values become real, we know of nothing that he could regret.

"The old warhorse" passed out in the night, and alone, and, from what we know of the man, we believe that he would wish it in this way.

WHAT TUBERCULOSIS IS COSTING NEW YORK CITY

Dr. Haven Emerson, professor of public health administration at Columbia University, told the ninth annual Tuberculosis and Health Congress of New York City that by wiping out tuberculosis alone the city could add 10 years to the average length of life of its inhabitants.

"The annual economic loss for the city in deaths from tuberculosis is $73,000,000," said Dr. Emerson. "In this indirect way each person in this city is paying $12 each year because of tuberculosis alone, when the voluntary collective contribution to the fight on this disease is only 8 cents per capita."

GIVES LABOR'S POSITION IN CANADA

Not many socialists or union men realize that there is a labor party in Canada which has elected members to the Canadian parliament, forced the establishment of old-age pension systems, and the adoption of several other progressive labor measures. The leader of this group is J. S. Woodsworth, M.P. His speeches on such subjects as "Labor and Politics," "The Socialization of Industry," "The Banking System," "Social Insurance," "Taxation" and "Militarism and War," have been summarized, compiled and published in a booklet of 92 pages. This booklet may be secured from the National Office of the Socialist Party, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago, for 25c.

ORGANIZED LABOR HAS POWER IN ITS HANDS

From East to West, from North to South, wherever you may go, whatever form of transportation you may choose, you will constantly be in touch with and beholding the powers of Labor, the mighty monuments to the brain and brawn of Labor. The skyscrapers in our cities, the modern means of production and transportation, the improved farm machinery, the factory, everything that we daily use, loudly sings the praises of the workers in the office, in the fields, in the shops and in the factories.

Picture to yourself what would happen to our civilization if all labor would cease for one week, nay, for one day. We shudder to think of the consequences, and are thankful indeed that Labor realizes its responsibility to mankind and is constantly on the job.

All powerful Labor, like a mighty king, has within its grasp the destinies of mankind. Yet like a blind king, like a modern King Lear, has given away blindly, foolishly, its privileges and his kingdom. Behold him, a mighty giant, fettered in chains and unable to move. Injunctions, prohibitions, laws that aim to enslave him and his kind, official arrogance, judicial prejudices. His children still driven to work instead of school and play. He builds palaces and lives in hovels, he manufactures the finest clothes and dresses in shoddy; he produces the finest foods, but does not get the chance to consume them. He serves society well and is treated like an outcast. He is continuously worried about how long he will be permitted to work and produce, so that he may be able to provide for himself and his family. He sees his children growing up, talented, able, yet they must give way to others in the struggle for existence because they have not the same opportunities. He sees his folks sick, in need of the best medical aid, the finest food, travel to some other clime. He knows that the denial of these essentials to them means death, yet he cannot help it. Great, big, powerful, but chained, he stands there begging and praying for crumbs from a table that he built and the food that he produced, an object of scorn and pity and hatred by the very forces whom his toil enables to live. An all powerful but blind and chained king.

And through the clouds of despair and misery and privation are visible the rays of the dawn of a new and better day. A new hope is gradually taking place and a messenger appears carrying with him the instrument that will cut the chains and open the eyes of the giant Labor and restore to him the rights and privileges which are his and which he had foolishly given away.

That messenger is the Organized Labor Movement. It is dedicated to unite Labor, to teach Labor of its own greatness, to promote its welfare, to abolish child labor, to make old age more secure and to obtain for ourselves an ever greater part of the product we help to create and to give us more enjoyment and leisure that the machines we build help to create.

The Organized Labor Movement will enable us to stand erect in the full consciousness of our worth and our power and to demand for ourselves the recognition and consideration we are entitled to. With that recognition will come a further advance in human civilization and a healthier, happier and more humane commonwealth.

Let us therefore, in the Organized Labor Movement, confronted with these serious problems, forget our petty differences and personal grievances and prejudices. Let us, in the coming New Year, understand our great mission and work jointly and unceasingly for the realization of our ideal and the coming of a better day.

MONTREAL MAN ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

At the 21st convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of North America, which was held at Seattle, Wash., during the early part of September, Gerard Gagnon, president of Montreal Division No. 790, was elected to the office of 13th vice-president. Mr. Gagnon, along with two other representatives of the division, Messrs. Albert Roy and Louis Dusault, visited several cities while returning from the convention for the purpose of studying street railway conditions, stop-overs being made at Victoria, Vancouver, Regina and Winnipeg.

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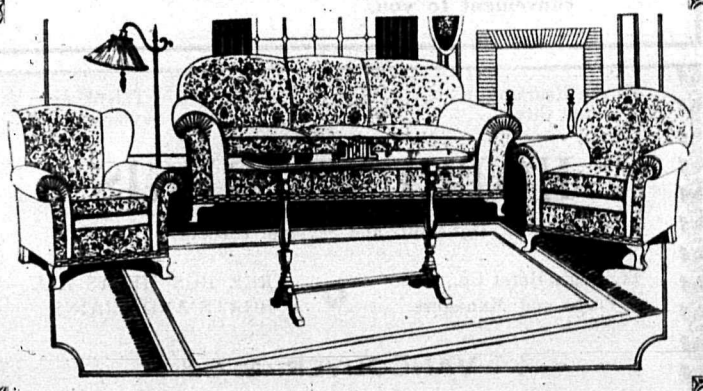

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Beverage Dispensers' Union, No. 676—Meets last Sunday at 8 p.m., Room No. 3, Labor Headquarters. Pres., W. H. Clancy; Secretary and Bus. Agent, T. J. Hanofin. Office: Room 1, Eagles' Hall, 535 Homer Street. Phones Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours: 9 to 12 a.m.

Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Assos.—Meets every Friday, Hall 311, Labor Headquarters, at 8 p.m. President, James F. Burns, 2833 Turner St.; Secretary, P. Lauret, Room 311, Labor Headquarters. Phone Fair. 2108 L.

Building Trades Council, Vancouver—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in Hall 315, Labor Headquarters. President, E. H. Morrison; Secretary-Treasurer, W. Page, Room 301, Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 7495.

Barbers' Journeyman International Union of America—Local 120, meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, in Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. President, Fred Dawe; Sec.-Treas., C. E. Herrett. Office, 304 Labor Headquarters.

Bookbinders' Local No. 105, Int. Brotherhood—Meets second Tuesday in month at Professional and Business Woman's Club, Empire Bldg., 603 Hastings W. President, G. Low, 61—53rd Ave. W.; Secretary, Thos. Carroll, 842 Hamilton St.

Bricklayers', Masons' and Tile Setters' Int. Union, No. 1—Room 309, Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Wednesday, in Hall No. 3. President, L. Padgett, 2066 W. 8th. Phone Bayview 1558 R; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 East 20th, Phone Fair. 845 R; Fin. Sec., Albert Wright, 1050 East 25th. Phone Fairmont 6582 X.

Camp and Mill Workers Federal Labor Union No. 31—Vancouver and vicinity, meets every second Wednesday at 8 p.m., at 544 Powell St. E. President, H. Miyazawa; Secretary, K. Tsuyuki.

Carpenters and Joiners, United Brotherhood of, Local 452—President, Wm. Page; Financial Secretary, R. W. Hatley; Business Agent, W. Hargreaves. Office, Room 310, Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 8 p.m., in Hall No. 1.

City Hall Employees' Association—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 251½ Hastings East at 8 p.m. President, A. J. Harrison; Treasurer, W. J. Scribbins, 3208 Pender St. E.; Secretary, J. Tarbuck, 3517 West 25th.

Civic Employees' Union, Local 28—Meets first and third Fridays in the month at 251½ Hastings East at 8 p.m. President, John McRitchie, 604 West Twelfth; Secretary-Treasurer, George Harrison, 3427 Triumph St.

Egg Graders' Union, No. 11—Meets in the Labor Headquarters, first and third Monday in month. President, G. S. Cooper; Secretary, M. A. Weightman, 3905 Fraser Avenue.

Electrical Workers, Local 213, International Brotherhood—Meets First and Third Monday, at 8 p.m., at Labor Headquarters. President, D. McDougal; Business Agent, E. H. Morrison. Office, 201 Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 3510.

Engineers—International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 844—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. Hall 315. President, J. Norris; Rec.-Sec., P. Bradley; Business Agent and Fin. Sec., George Pettipiece. Office, Room 306, Labor Headquarters.

Fire Fighters, No. 18, International Association of—Meets every month at call of president at 251½ Hastings E. President, N. McDonald, 1136 McLean Drive; Financial Secretary, C. A. Watson, 1329—13th Ave. E.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U. B. of C. & J. A.—Meets first and third Thursdays in month at Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. President, Oscar Soderman; Fin. Sec., T. H. Hamlin; Rec. Sec., John McDonald, 2905 West 12th; Business Agent, W. D. Wilson, 1535—5th Ave. W.

Hod Carriers and Building Laborers, No. 602, International—Meets first and third Fridays in month at Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. President, Glen Harding, 1110 Denman St.; Fin. Sec. and Acting Business Agent, James Binding, 52 West 24th; Phone: Fair. 6159L.

Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Marine Cooks & Stewards, Local 28—Williams Bldg., 413 Granville Street. Meets second Monday each month at 3 p.m., last Monday at 9 p.m. President, Thos. Edwards; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Agent, J. Cumming. Phone Sey. 125.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Local 171—United Brotherhood of Carpenters—Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month in Hall 201, Labor Headquarters, at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. C. J. Atkinson, 730 19th Ave. W.; Secretary, Elizabeth J. Hope, 1042 7th Ave. E.

Lathers, Wood, Wire and Metal, International Union, Local 207—Meets second and fourth Mondays in month at Hall 211, Labor Headquarters. W. Fontaine, Secretary, 1828 Commercial Dr. Phone High. 2169 R.

Machinists' Local 692—President, Thos. Sills, 1352 Burrard St.; Secretary, P. R. Bengough. Office, Room 200, Labor Headquarters. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays in Hall 313.

Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees, Local 464—Office 308, Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Fridays in Hall No. 1. President, E. Metcalfe; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Showler, 2841 Triumph. Phone High. 5327

Mill and Factory Workers' Union, Local No. 1599—Affiliated with United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners. Meets first and third Thursdays in Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. Pres., G. Campbell. Secretary-Treasurer, H. G. Avery, 7964 Montcalm Street Phone Marpole 648R.

Millwrights' Local 1638—Construction and Operating—Meets second and fourth Wednesday in Hall 315, Labor Headquarters. J. H. Campbell, President; P. H. Edge, Fin. Sec.; J. Murray Ure, Rec. Sec. Box 127.

Motion Pictures Projectionists' Union, Local 348, of I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O.—11:30 p.m., first Friday in month, in Hall No. 3, Labor Headquarters. President, J. R. Foster; Secretary, Geo. Gerrard, Box 345. Business, Phone Sey. 3923.

Musicians' Mutual Protective Union, Local 145, A. F. of M.—Meets at the G.W.V.A. Auditorium, second Sunday at 10 a.m. President, E. C. Miller; General Secretary, W. E. Williams; Organizer, F. Fletcher. Office, Suite 307-319 West Pender. Phone Douglas 2290.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Hall No. 2. President, Wm. Hunt; Rec.-Sec., A. E. Varah, 1442 Clark Drive; Business Agent, Ed. Smith. Office: Room 313, Labor Headquarters. Phone Sey. 3609.

Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders, Local No. 2404—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in 122 Hastings St. W. President, Al. Graham; James Thomson, Secretary, P. O. Box 320. Phone Sey. 7874.

Plasterers, Local 89—Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association—Meets first and third Wednesday in month at Hall No. 2, Labor Headquarters. President, F. Walsh; Secretary, A. Hurry, 861—34th Ave. E. Phone Fair. 3222R. Fin. Sec., E. A. Williams, 830 East 12th. Phone Fair. 5219X.

Cement Finishers' Secretary, J. W. Baines, 2846 Turner St. Phone High. 1238X.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Association—Meets every second and fourth Friday in Hall No. 2. President, Art Jane; Secretary and Business Agent, W. Watt, 305-7 Labor Headquarters.

Printing Pressmen and Assistants, Local No. 69—Meets every second Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m. in Hall No. 2, Labor Headquarters. President, A. G. Grey, 867 East 20th; Secretary, Thos. S. Ezart, 1603 40th Avenue E., South Vancouver.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 58—Meets first and third Friday in month at Labor Headquarters. President, H. Warde, 316 East 12th.; Secretary, J. R. Robertson, 637 West 18th.

Street and Electric Railway Employees, Pioneer Division No. 101—Meets K. P. Hall, 8th and Kingsway, first and third Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. President, J. E. Smith; Recording Secretary, J. Price; Treasurer, J. Auton; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, H. W. Speed. Office: Corner Prior and Main streets. Phone Sey. 5000.

Sheet Metal Workers Association, Local Union No. 280—Meets second and fourth Thursdays in Hall No. 3. President, Jas. Strachan, 2205 W. 11th; Business Agent and Secretary, D. MacPherson, 308 Labor Headquarters.

Tailors' Journeymen Union of America, Local No. 178—Meetings held second Monday, each month, 8 p.m. Executive meets fourth Monday of every month in Labor Headquarters. President, Colin McDonald; Secretary, W. W. Hocken, 1582 13th Ave. S.; Financial Secretary, H. Nordlund, 1930 12th Ave. E.

Taxi, Stage and Bus Drivers, Local 151—Meets second and fourth Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. President, A. C. Shaw. Office, 308 Labor Headquarters; Phone, Sey. 7495.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—311 Labor Headquarters. Meets every First and Third Monday, Labor Headquarters. President, A. A. McKay, 765 Cambie St.; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Showler, Room 308 Labor Headquarters.

Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, Local 118 of the I.A.T.S.E. & M.P.M.O. Meets second Friday in Labor Headquarters at 9:30 a.m. President, Rod Martin; Secretary, Gordon Martin; Bus. Agent, Harry Mitchel; Address, P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; Vice-President, R. Gouthro; Secretary-Treasurer, R. H. Neelands, 300-2 Labor Headquarters. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Women's Bldg., Thurlow street.

Union Label Trades Council meets in Hall No. 4, Labor Headquarters, 529 Beatty Street, second and fourth Thursdays in each month at 8 o'clock. President, Colin McDonald, 2834 St. George Street, Phone Fair. 3317-Y. Secretary, Mollie Dolk, 1587 Fifth Avenue East, Phone High. 477-Y.

Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council

MEETS second Thursday in each month. President, S. D. McDonald, Box 268. Secretary, Frank Derry, Box 498, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Christmas is Christmas All the Wide World Over

Christmas the world over! Perhaps in some distant Yuletide the applied science of television will permit Canadian folk revelling in a sparkling, frosty merry-making the privilege of watching their New Zealand cousins celebrate. Pulses will quicken as one glimpses the picnic ever a feature of Christmas Day in New Zealand, and the Yuletide Camp where "little brown Maori fairies with flowing black locks, clad in national costume, with mat and string of beads, come out of the woods and dance festive poi and haka to the delight of the little white folk." Then will come the thrilling hour of dusk, when camp fires gleam by the woodland streams to the delight of the Christmas campers.

A glance at Christmas celebration in India will also find campfires lighted. The tender pea chick will replace the famous Canadian turkey at dinner. Gaily attired Indian natives will bring their gifts and their greetings to the British officers, and much feasting will feature the merry making in Bombay and Calcutta.

New South Wales, Australia, will present the gayest of scenes, with thousands of country people thronging the streets of the city, the cafes, the theatres and the races. In Melbourne a carnival shopping scene will reward the television fan, with festivity in abundance in swimming and picknicking, for it chances that in Australia Christmas Day falls in midsummer.

"Looking in" at Christmas in the Italian highlands will be rewarded with a charming picture, with the time-old custom followed with the peasants making offerings of fruit and flowers at the shrine of the Redeemer. Christmas airs, with blazing bonfires and fireworks, will arrest the attention as the Canadian views at long distance the celebration in Naples. In Norway a charming scene will be portrayed as the Norwegians provide a Christmas dinner for the birds.

The "looker in" watching the festivities carried out in Ukraine will discover the homes the centre of merrymaknig on Christmas Eve. Many courses will mark the feast at the dinner hour and featuring strange dishes. In many homes the extra cover will be laid for the stranger, who, should he come knocking at the door that Christmas Eve, would be welcome at the table and no questions asked. It is an ancient but beautiful legend that tells how the Christ Child wanders through the town on this night of nights, and to the Ukrainian home the stranger may represent the Holy Babe. Irresistible will prove the temptation to take a peak at Christmas festivity in Switzerland, where the gay, sparkling tree will be found in the poorest of homes, and Father Christmas with his generous pack of toys a welcome visitor.

Scramble For Markets Again Gets Serious

The quest throughout the world for raw materials continues. Coal, iron, rubber, coffee still arouse bitter controversies. But markets for investments and for manufactured articles are becoming a far more important bone of contention. Germany is afraid that, after the recent stock market collapse American manufacturers may begin "dumping" in an effort to find markets and employment for idle capital. Lord Melchett, England's most brilliant industrialist, supports Lord Beaverbrook's scheme for free trade within the Empire and protection against the rest of the world—meaning the United States. Europe talks of economic union and Briand proposes his "United States of Europe" because the new Colossus of the West threatens to swamp all the rest of the world with its surplus food and excess factory products. If, as a result of reduced buying at home, we accumulate a surplus of manufactured articles, they must, in the nature of things, be exported. We shall see our high-powered salesmen sent out in search of new fields to conquer. They will compete with Germany, whose reparations payments depend on a favorable trade balance and with England's, whose life's secret is foreign commerce. They will seek additional markets in China, Australia, Russia. The result must inevitably be heightened international tension.

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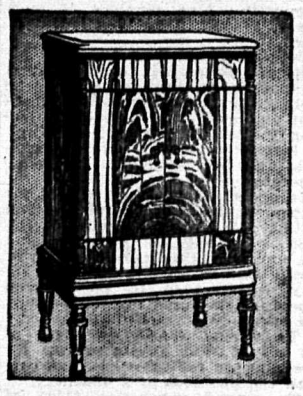

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Notice re Charter Amendments

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of the City of Vancouver for an Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," in the manner following, to provide by such amendments for the following powers, that is to say.

1. To amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act" by repealing section 3 of Chapter 58 of the statutes of British Columbia, 1928, being an amendment to section 8 of the said Act which provides that no person shall be entitled to be entered twice on the voters' list, nor to vote more than once for Alderman, Mayor, Park Commissioners, or School Trustees in any one ward or district.

2. To amend the said Act to provide that the Council may by resolution or by-law appoint an assessment commission or board of valuators to be composed of not less than three nor more than five members, one member of whom may be the Assessment Commissioner for the time being of the City to perform all the duties of the Assessment Commissioner in respect to making a valuation of all rateable property in the City where the value of such mission to be appointed by the Council.

3. To amend subsection (2 of section 46 of said Act to provide that all Crown lands which are held under lease or agreed to be sold, granted or conveyed, the fee of which is in the Crown, but which are held, or occupied otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown shall be liable to assessment and taxation while so held or occupied, and the interest of any person therein while so held shall be liable to assessment and taxation accordingly.

4. To amend the said Act to provide that where tax sale lands become the property of the City and are sold by the City to a purchaser under agreement of sale, that upon default being made in the payment of any instalment or interest thereon, it shall be lawful for the City to serve notice to the effect that if the amount of the instalments and interest in default are not paid within ninety days from the date of the mailing or serving of such notice, the purchaser's interest in such lands shall absolutely cease and determine, and the land shall immediately become revested in the City.

5. To amend section 103 of said Act by repealing section 7 of Chapter 58 of the statutes of British Columbia, 1928, which requires that an owner of property in more than one ward shall be entered on the voters' list in the ward in which he has the largest amount of real property in value, and where an owner is also a tenant, he shall vote only as an owner.

6. To amend section 135 of said Act to provide for the compounding of interest on sinking funds.

7. To amend section 163 of said Act to provide for the improvement or maintenance of any portion of a boulevard and for assessing and charging the cost thereof against the land fronting or abutting thereon where such work is, in the opinion of the Council, advisable or necessary to beautify or maintain such portion of boulevard in keeping with other portions of such boulevard in the same block already improved.

8. To amend said Act to provide for prohibiting, controlling or regulating encroachments on any street or lane for footings or foundations of buildings and for entering into agreements respecting the use of any portion of any street, lane or public place for any such purpose, and for making a charge or rent therefor.

9. To amend said Act to provide for prohibiting or licensing, regulating and controlling all persons carrying on the business of detective agencies and bailiffs, and providing as a condition of any such license that a bond of indemnity satisfactory to the Council shall be furnished and maintained during the currency of such license.

10. To amend subsection (127) of section 163 of said Act to provide for the licensing or taxing of persons carrying on the business of a distillery.

11. To amend subsection (134) of section 163 of said Act to provide for prohibiting, controlling or regulating, and for defining, classifying, differentiating, and discriminating in respect of the various vehicles and classes and kinds thereof using or which may use the public streets, and for prohibiting any kind or class from using the streets at all or between specified hours as may be provided in any bylaw.

12. To amend subsection (138) of section 163 of said Act to provide for regulating, controlling or prohibiting the parking of all varieties of vehicles, including metered and non-metered taxicabs, busses, and all or any vehicles for hire as provided in any such bylaw.

13. To amend said Act to provide for the removal and detention or impounding of any vehicle or other obstruction unlawfully occupying any portion of any street; and for the recovering from the owners all expenses or charges in connection therewith and for imposing a rent or charge during detention thereof and for power of sale of such vehicle in default of payment of such expenses and charges.

14. To amend subsection (151) of section 163 of said Act to provide for prohibiting and regulating signs or other advertising matter on telephone, telegraph or public utility poles or posts or on any other erection in any public place, or otherwise.

15. To amend subsection (170) of section 163 of said Act to provide for the compulsory vacating by the occupants of any buildings which, in the opinion of the Building Inspector may be in a dangerous condition, on the serving of notice on the owner, agent, or tenant, and by posting such notice on the building; and authorizing the Building Inspector to remove the contents of such building at the expense of the owner or occupant thereof.

16. To amend subsection (264) of section 163 of said Act to provide for prohibiting, defining, restricting, and regulating, junk yards, assembling or dissembling plants or yards in which building and other materials, machinery and vehicles, woodworking or mixing business or industry is stored, maintained, or carried on and limiting the areas in which such yards or plants may or may not be established, maintained or carried on in the City.

17. To amend the said Act to provide for the bestowing of honour or the freedom of the City upon any distinguished person for national or local service, and conferring on such person all the qualifications required by the Act of persons to be nominated and elected to hold the office of Mayor, and to place the name of such person on the voters' list to be elegible to vote at an election for Mayor and Alderman

18. To amend the said Act to provide by by-law for the prevention, growth, and spreading of codling moths and any and all other insect pests, and for compelling the destruction of such pests, and providing for the entry upon property for such purposes, and for levying any cost in connection therewith on the owner at the discretion of the Council, or as a charge upon the lands affected and for collection of the same.

19. To amend subsection (290a.) of section 163 of said Act to provide, on a two-thirds vote of the Council, for the disposal of any real property vested in the City. The chairman of such comproperty on the certificate of the Assessor, does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00).

20. To amend subsection (302) of section 163 of said Act to provide for increasing the indemnity of Aldermen to a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars per annum.

21. To amend subsections (22) and (24) of section 172 of said Act to provide that where land is required for the opening of a lane or the widening of a street, the filing in the Land Registry Office of a copy of the by-law or resolution for expropriation thereof shall thereupon vest the title in the City subject to the provisions of the Act in respect of compensation therefor.

22. To amend subsection (2) of section 176 of said Act by striking out the word "Concrete" in such subsection.

23. To amend the said Act to provide for carrying out any local improvement work on one side of any street only and for assessing the cost of any such work as a special assessment upon the real property abutting on that side of the street only upon which such work is so constructed.

24. To amend the said Act to provide for indemnification of any member of the police force where an action or prosecution is brought against him and costs are necessarily incurred or damages recovered, if the Board of Police Commissioners approve and recommend such payment or indemnity.

25. To amend the said Act to provide for the raising by by-law without submission to the electors of such sum as may be required to pay the City's share of any work ordered to be done or constructed under order of a Court, or of the Board of Railway Commissioners, or any public utility board or commission.

26. To amend the said Act by repealing section 320 relating to the repair of streets.

27. To amend the said Act to provide that where the Council has authority to direct or require, by by-law or resolution, that any matter or thing be done, the Council may direct that, in default of its being done, the matter or thing may be done at the expense of the persons directed or required to do the same, and the City may recover the expense thereof by action in any Court or in like manner as overdue taxes.

28. To amend section 84 of said Act to provide that the Council may in its discretion authorize or effect the exchange of any tax-sale land for any other parcel of land on such terms as may be deemed expedient.

29. To amend the said Act to provide that the assessment roll and tax roll of the City may be recorded by such system as shall be approved by the Council, and may include card-index or looseleaf ledger system, in the discretion of the Council.

DATED at Vancouver, B. C., this 20th day of November, A.D. 1929.

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Bankers are inclined toward high wages, not for moral or ethical reasons, but because they are tied up with installment buying.

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One of the newest features of Organized Labor's campaign to create public goodwill is a complete correspondence course in radio and television, furnished free to all who are interested. The course is issued by Labor's only radio station—WCFL, Chicago, which has just recently won its hard fight for full time on 1280 kilocycles.

Labor's free radio and television course consists of eight concise lessons, interestingly written in plain non-technical language and profusely illustrated. The course is declared by critics to be one of the clearest presentations of radio and television ever written. It embodies the very latest thought on these fascinating subjects.

While the course is particularly attractive to boys, the average age of the first 10,000 taking advantage of Labor's goodwill offer is well above 25 years. Among the early students are a man aged 62 and a woman aged 57, while one of the brightest students is a lad of 14 years. Most of the students are not affiliated with Labor organizations—but they will get some splendid information on Unionism as they study radio, a series of tracts on the Union Label being mailed with the lessons.

Radio today is one of the most profitable as well as one of the most interesting fields open to active and alert minds. The demand for radio service men exceeds the supply, while the talking movies, other public address system work, television and similar branches are alluring fields for research and experimentation. Experts declare that radio discoveries yet to be made will exceed the wonders already accomplished—and pile up bigger fortunes.

A postal card addressed to Labor's radio station—WCFL, 623 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, will bring to you Labor's Radio and Television Course. It is free for the asking.

THE WHITE LIST

When the supreme court of the United States in 1923 invalidated minimum wage egislation, it clamped down the lid on one of the darkest spots in our industrial life—namely, the wages paid to great numbers of women workers. The Consumers' League of New York, in its investigation of the wholly unorganized candy industry two years ago, cast a little ray of light into that darkness and then took positive action by establishing a white list of candy manufacturers who pay a minimum wage of $14 a week in addition to meeting certain sanitary and hygienic requirements. We are glad to note that the league is making efforts to extend this work to other large centers, Cleveland already having its own white list.

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Sinner and Saint

Bill Edwards sat in the bar of the Hare and Hounds tossing off his pints of bitter beer and smacking his lips at every gulp. His companions sat around him envying his thirst, his infinite capacity to "carry" what he drank, his genuine enjoyment in drinking beer.

Bill was a drunkard for pleasure. There was no "complex" about him. Others might go off drinking because of marital infelicity or because of a peculiar mental condition, but not Bill Edwards. He enjoyed his beer. It was a real sensual pleasure. . . .

Bill's party—for the same group assembled at the Hare and Hounds every night of every day—had of late taken to the consideration of religious questions, and the landlord, himself a good churchman, was often induced to take part in the discussion. But Bill was the silencer of doubts and the dictator of principles. Others might have ideas, Bill made judgments. And this night he was as prepared to make judgments as he was to drink beer.

"Bill," exclaimed the landlord, "have you never had any liking for religion? Wouldn't you like to go to heaven when you've finished here?"

"Heaven, is it?" answered Bill. "I've given up all thought of heaven long since."

"And you have no respect for your Maker, Bill? Remember, if you don't go to heaven you'll go to hell."

"And that's the very place I'm making for, landlord," said Bill nonchalantly. "You see, I've known for some time the kind of road I was on."

"But why haven't you tried to get on to another road?" inquired the landlord.

"It's no use," replied Bill. "It's like this. A year or two ago a parson came to visit my wife, who is a member of his mothers' meeting. I was at home. 'Will you not come along to church with your wife?' asked the parson when he saw me. 'No, thank you,' I says. 'And why?' he asks. 'Well,' I says, 'I don't want to come. I don't like church and I don't like religion and I don't like parsons. Not that I want to offend you,' I says. 'I like you well enough as a man, but I don't like you as a parson.' 'But, my friend, that is unreasonable,' he says. 'I know it is,' I answered, 'but I can't help it. I was meant to be unreasonable.' Now that finished it. He lost his smile, became angry, grew red in the face, and, turning to my wife, said: 'I am very sorry, my good woman, that you are saddled with such a husband. He will be your Gethsemane and your cross. I fear he is on the way to hell.' And with that he walked out of the house. So you see I knew long since where I was going and as the road was rather pleasant I've kept to it." And Bill Edwards gulped down another pint. . . .

The door opened. In rushed some of the villagers. They were excited and breathless.

"What's the matter?" roared Bill Edwards.

"The pit—an explosion!" they gasped.

"An explosion!" Bill Edwards' face became haggard. He rose from his seat, demanded more information and without a word strode quickly out of the Hare and Hounds. It was not far to the Sarah pit, and as a man obsessed with some important matter he forged ahead, looking neither to the left nor right, totally oblivious of those who whispered at their door or shouted to him their salutations. Soon he was at the pit-head. There, men and women alike looked at each other with questioning eyes, their faces anxious and careworn. The manager and officials stood discussing what action should be taken. Bill Edwards presented himself before them.

"You'll want somebody to help in this job, I reckon," he said, looking a man not to be denied. "I'm a volunteer. Say the word and I'm in the cage. Come on, let's get down. Something's got to be done." And with that the management gave the orders and men with masks and appliances descended into the bowels of the earth—into they knew not what. And they toiled. . . .

The crowd at the pit-head grew larger. Mothers and sweethearts held their breath in expectancy. The cage was gazed on in silence. At the least sign of movement a low murmuring of voices could be heard as the watchers waited—with hope. But the cage yielded up many dead, and grief was deepened. The rescuers fought on, and as one or another fell beaten in the task more men stepped forward to carry on the fight. Only Bill Edwards of the first volunteers had not returned to the surface. He fought like one possessed, clearing timber, throwing coal and stone from bruised and broken bodies, entering "growling" places in search of those who had been suffocated. He was burnt, bruised and bleeding, but he worked on, more than once flinging the water from the flask of an unfortunate workmate upon his tousled head or lying flat in the "road" that he might find air that did not choke and strangle.

And so long did he remain in the pit that those whose sons and husbands were still entombed in the wrecked mine asked anxiously of Bill Edwards. And finally they demanded that he be brought out of the pit. More men were sent down.

Five minutes, ten minutes, five minutes more. The cage rope trembled; the winding-engine men steadily brought the cage to bank. A clash at the gates and in another moment the occupants were seen. The Sarah Pit was still yielding up her dead and forcing to the pit-head the men who had gone down in search of their comrades. The air was rent with wailing and sobbing. Yet, in the midst of such sorrow the cry became more anxious: "Where is Bill Edwards?"

Five minutes, ten minutes, and many minutes more, but the pitshaft was still silent. The minutes seemed like hours in their passing. Waiting, waiting . . . The rapper! The cage rope quivers again. Hundreds of eyes look upon the shaft gates. The cage clashes. Who comes this time from the bowels of the earth? Bill Edwards? They watch. Yes, it is Bill Edwards, but not the Bill Edwards of the first batch of volunteers. It is Bill Edwards—crushed. The men and women know there is something wrong with him. Their cheers become stifled. Their eyes fill with tears. And in his pain Bill smiles upon them. The ambulance men rush him off.

"Badly crushed,' they whisper to the crowd. But the crowd knows.

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Sorrow, like a cloud, hung over the village of Grinstead. The Sarah Pit had taken toll of fifty lives. Men, women and children were bereaved. They buried their dead. But before the day of burial was over Grinstead learned that Bill Edwards was also a victim of the explosion. The whole village mourned him and followed him to his resting place. Bill's wife had her own minister to conduct the service. And he cried like a child. His words were broken, faltering, and almost inaudible. But the people of Grinstead heard the last words of the speech: "Bill Edwards was a hero; one of God's saints." And they agreed.

Old Friends

It's the friends who are behind you,
You depend on all the time;
Not the friends you'll meet tomorrow,
Or the friends of pomp and style.
When you're up against the battle,
For they always back you up.
It's the old friends who are with you
For a goal or silver cup.

You need not turn to see them,
You just know that they are there;
They follow where you're going
And they're with you everywhere.
You can center your attention
On the work you have to do,
For you know, should danger threaten,
That your friends are back of you.

Afraid? Go forward bravely,
You don't have to fight alone;
There are good friends glad to follow,
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This addition is estimated to cost about $35,000 and will be built in the rear of the company's factory, with railway trackage facilities at the warehouse doors.

Plans for the addition were prepared recently by Architect R. T. Perry, 427 Standard Bank building, and provide for a structure of reinforced concrete with interior of heavy mill-frame construction. It is to be three storeys in height, and will measure 99 by 107 feet in size.

Officials of the firm are considering whether to erect the structure on the day labor plan or call tenders.

If people have been buying quotations instead of values on the stock market, what have they been selling?

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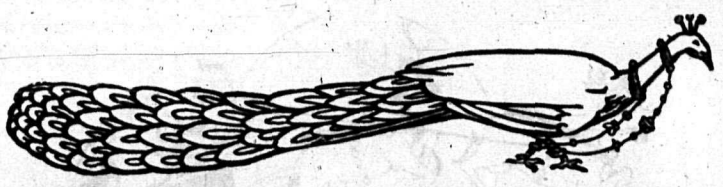
Doleful sounds — 40-mile-an-hour December wind and the postman sliding the mail under the door on the first of the month.



Three Achievements of Labor

Organized labor is responsible for three great achievements in behalf of labor, every one of which justifies your history and your sacrifices. The first is the effort to secure a reasonable wage, a living wage, in return for your efforts and your toil. Second is the effort to secure more reasonable hours. Time was when the laborer's day extended from sunrise to sunset, from the daylight to the dark, when men were little more than dumb, driven slaves. This emancipation is to the credit—I hope I am not extravagant when I say—to the glory of organized labor.

Still another achievement which justified your existence is the improvement in the condition, not only of men—that in itself would be enough to justify your existence—but the still greater achievement in securing better working conditions for women and for the younger laborers. The emancipation of men in this respect is due to justice; the emancipation of women, not only to justice, but to humanity. Both of these achievements justify your existence.—Ex-Senator Gore of Oklahoma.

Profits Are Still Soaring

New York.—The recent Wall Street crash that wiped out many individual fortunes was not caused by any falling off in the profits of the big corporations.

Unless business slows down as a result of the smash, 1929 will still go down in history as a banner year for them.

A report prepared by Ernst & Ernst, accountants, shows the total profits of 271 industrial corporations, 180 railroads and 95 utilities for nine months, and 88 telegraph and telephone companies for the first eight months of 1929 amounted to $3,204,524,686.

This is a gain of 20.45 per cent. over the same period in 1928.

Practically all the corporations which constitute American "Big Business' are covered in this report.

Rails Gain 17 Per Cent.

The railroads' profits show a gain of 17 per cent., a fraction under the power companies and other utilities. Industrials made the biggest stride —27.04 er cent. in profits over last year.

Freight traffic on the railroads has so far surpassed that of any corresponding period of any previous year. The total car loadings for the entire 12 months, if the wheels of industry can be kept going, will probably equal or pass those of 1925, when they were the largest for any year on record.

Locomotives on order October 1, 1929, were 354, compared with 113 on the same day last year. The Baldwin company reports that today its orders on hand are the best in two years. There are also many inquiries for new engines.

The Standard Steel Car Works, owned by Baldwin, is doing more business than at any time in the previous three years.

New life insurance written during the 10 months closing November 1 amounted to $18,618,000,000, a 10 per cent. gain over 1928.

Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., report an amazing profit of $17,271,-805 for the year ending September 1. This 746 per cent. gain is the largest ever reported by any motion picture company. The "talkies" are still packing the people in the theaters all over the nation, and Warners' profits for the next 12 months may go still higher.

New York bankers made a gain of a billion dollars in deposits since October 1. This record was achieved during the "crash" period.

This does not mean that the plain people have been making fabulous sums. The explanation is that the wealthy individuals and corporations which have been loaning their money at high rates to Wall Street speculators have withdrawn from the market and deposited their cash in the banks at much lower returns.

Declare Extra Dividends

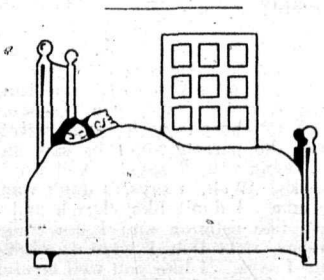
North American Car Company profits jumped 51 per cent. during the three months ending October 1.

De Forest Radio sold 594 per cent. more tubes last month than they did in October, 1928.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass is one of the many concerns declaring extra dividends. Its profits for the year will hit around the $12,000,000 mark.

General Electric is not looking for ward to spending its old age in the poor house. Its profits for this year will approach $68,000,000 more than 25 per cent. above any previous year.

What the captains of industry and finance fear is that the spirit of panic which followed the collapse of the stock market will partially paralyze business. Hence their expressed willingness to support the president's plan for restoring confidence.



Santa On the Line!

"Is that you, Santa Claus?"

"Yes, and you are little Marjorie Brown."

"What, Santa! do you know my name?"

"Yes, and I know your voice, too. Oh, yes, I know you, Marjorie, very well, and I have seen you asleep in your bed."

"Aren't you wonderful, Santa Claus, to know so much? May I tell you what I'd like you to bring me on Christmas Eve? Yes? Well, I'd like you to bring me a big dollie an' a carriage for it, an' a set of doll's furniture an' dishes, an' an——"

"Stop a moment, Marjorie; I know everything you would like, but have you been a good girl?"

"Oh, yes; you can ask Mumsy if I haven't; she is sitting right here."

"Never mind now, Marjorie, I know you always tell the truth. So I'll bring you just what you want. Good-bye, Marjorie."

"Oh, thank you, Santa Claus, you are so good. Good-bye."

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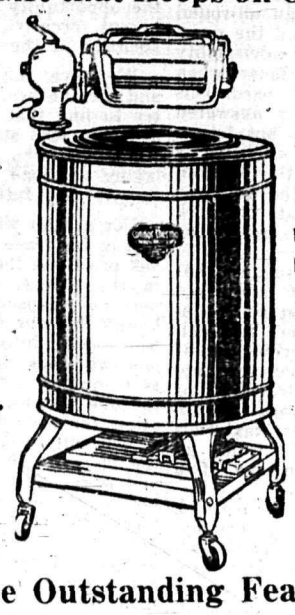

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Housewife Is Backbone of Our Civilization

"Who is the greatest, busiest business executive in the world?"

U. S. Secretary of Labor James J. Davis asked this question in a speech broadcast over a national radio hook-up Thanksgiving night, and while his audience waited for him to name some person like Henry Ford, Julius Rosenwald or President Hoover, the Secretary surprised them by giving the title to "the wife of the working man."

"The housewife," he said, "is the backbone of our civilization. There are thousands and thousands of this type of business manager in our great country.

"They are the producers and conservers of future citizens. They are the producers and conservers of economic goods, carrying on their labors not in the factories and workshops, but in the homes.

"They build patiently, unceasingly for the present and future. They hold the home and family together with the mortar of love and devotion, keeping the home fires burning and the wheels of family life turning.

"It is the wife of the workingman who plays an important behind-the-scene role in the whole industrial life of the nation."

The Secretary outlined the work week of the average housewife. On Monday there was washing, then the Tuesday ironing, the Wednesday mending and sewing, the Thursday shopping, house-cleaning on Friday, Saturday a day of all-work, and no rest on Sunday.

"She is extraordinary," he declared. "There is no more wonderful person in the world than this same wife of the working man who willingly sacrifices her youth and personality for the work of her life—the bringing up of her family in co-operation with her breadwinning husband."

Four Union Men Get Sentenced To Jail

Marion, N. C.—Alfred Hoffman, organized for the United Textile Workers, and the three mill strikers found guilty recently by a jury in Judge V. G. Cowper's court of "rioting" will appeal their conviction to the State Supreme Court.

In the meantime, Hoffman and his associates say there will be no let-up in the campaign to secure union conditions in the Marion and Clinchfield mills.

Hoffman was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a $1,000 fine. The others, Lawrence Hogan, Wes Fowler and Del Lewis, were sentenced to six months on the county "chain gang."

Liberated on $2,000 Bonds

All of the men have been liberated on $2,000 bonds. Some difficulty was experienced in securing bonds as the clerk of the court refused to accept bail offered by local men.

Hoffman refused to leave the jail until his colleagues had been taken care of.

"I will stay in jail as long as they are confined," the organizer said. "They are as innocent as I am. Hogan was at the so-called riot in the role of a peacemaker. Fowler took no part at all, and Lewis was simply a bystander.

"The real offense of these men is that they are fearless trade unionists and opposed to the mill owners' unmitigated autocracy."

The "rioting" indictments grew out of a small disturbance on August 30, in connection with the strike at the neighboring Clinchfield mills. Hoffman and 70 others were first indicted on charges of "rebellion and insurrection against the State of North Carolina."

Wanted to "Get" Hoffman ....

This flamboyant charge collapsed when the prosecution failed to produce any evidence that the men had engaged in "revolution."

Hoffman and the three men were then tried in "rioting" charges.

Defense counsel charged that the trial was an attempt on the part of the mill owners to "get" Hoffman because of his union activities. A dozen or more witnesses, including a Baptist minister, testified that Hoffman was nowhere near the scene of the alleged riot.

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never heard of any mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much yet they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls and a beautiful image it is.—Blaise Pascal.

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An All-round Mechanic

By Stewart Scrimshaw

The writer recently encountered the inquiry as to what an all-round mechcanic really was, and the question was raised as to the advisability of making all-round workmen when specialists were so widely used. This point cannot be properly answered in a paragraph or two, but let us remember that a good mechanic is the man who can take the drawing which is furnished by the engineer or the designer and execute the work from the drawing and create the product.

A little thought will suggest that the wider one's field of experience in work, the greater must be the individual's interests. There is a cultural advantage which grows out of the increase in one's powers of appreciation through the learnings of the why and how of things—an appreciation of the forces, materials and funds of knowledge which go into the proper performance of a productive process.

Moreover, one must not overlook the wider opportunity of employment which comes from the knowledge of a variety of industrial processes, nor the increased ability as a specialist after a broad foundation of training is established.

The great achievement of personal independence is something which cannot be adequately measured, but which inevitably grows out of an all-round training.

The man who gets a thorough training in his craft is one who has the opportunity of satisfying the inherent, creative impulse which is a heritage of the human race.

We have only to look around us and see the best executives of industry to find that so many times they are men who started out to learn a trade and who achieved success by laying a broad, substantial foundation for the future.

For a man who starts at the bottom in his trade and learns the various processes there are opportunities in the future, limited only by his personal capacity. The one who knows the why and the how, the one who has an interest in his work, the one who has developed that desirable quality of independence, and the one who has laid a broad foundation for success and achievements, is, without doubt, the one who gets the most satisfaction out of his life and work. Moreover, it must not be lost sight of that the man who has increased his capacity to produce has at the same time increased his ability to earn, and must in the long run receive more material benefit from his work.

We have suggested only a few of the points which show the all-round mechanic's advantage. The advantages to the employer are just as great, and the advantages to society, as a whole, are likewise as manifold.

The New Outlook

President Hoover's conferences with labor and other factors in production and distribution was intended to shake the people out of a timidity caused by the Wall Street slump.

It is idle to deny that this was a terrific blow. As usual, it caught the "little fellow"—as well as many classed comparatively rich.

The Hoover parleys will remind the people of their unlimited resources and a domestic market that consumes 90 per cent. of the nation's output.

The wealth and resources of the United States is the wonder of the world, yet they are practically untouched. This is true in every field of activity.

These opportunities are known to men of imagination and daring. Organization and the will to do are the requisites. The facilities are at hand.

Public works of all description, from roads to school houses and reforestration; from public utility improvements to river and harbor improvements; from electrification of railroads to bridge building and tunnelling; from internal waterways to abolition of slums and tenement houses; from extension of private industrial plants to municipal museums, markets, hospitals and parks—the call awaits our people in the nation and in the smallest community.

These needs have not just presented themselves, but it takes times like the present to drive home the need.

Citizens must discard old standards and penny-pinching slogans. We are living in a new era and the term "confidence" is but a realization of that fact.

Representatives of labor, in the Hoover conference, personally expressed their belief that workers would forego demands for wage increases "for the immediate present." This does not apply to existing wage movements.

There was no yielding of our faith in the need of high purchasing power nor was there the slightest intimation that labor would cease to press its demand for higher standards in normal times. But it was agreed that new wage movements can not be successfully launchced when people are alarmed.

This is patent to every experienced trade unionist.

The purpose of the Hoover parleys can be realized if labor in every community encourages the new outlook.

In former times public improvements were often considered an out-of-work palliative. Labor should insist that these improvements be considered a national policy on a scale hitherto unknown.

They should be a definite, constructive, continuous and necessary part of our social life.

These activities can go hand in hand with a study of causes for present conditions, such as inflation of credits for speculative purposes and the uncontrolled loans of millions of dollars out of the strong boxes of wealthy corporations that were used by stock market manipulators.

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Company Union Passes Out of the Picture

Chicago.—Shop craft employes of the Central of Vermont will hereafter be represented by System Federation No. 92 of the Railway Employes' Department, A. F. of L., as a result of negotiations recently concluded by General Vice-president Irvin Barney of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, representing the department, and H. T. Nowell, mechanical superintendent, representing the carrier. J. W. Thompson is chairman and A. D. Rice secretary of the Federation.

Recognition of the Federated Shop Crafts followed the organization of a great majority of the employes into the standard unions.

The officers of "The Workmen's Benefit Association," as the company union was called, admitted their defeat, notified all points that they no longer represented a majority of the workers involved, became members of the craft organizations themselves, and recommended that all employes take similar action.

Barney Conducted Negotiations

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Mr. Hunter says the five-day week is inevitable, and that machinery and new processes are bringing a revolution among "white collar" workers.

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SPREAD OF 5-DAY WEEK

Data compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that approximately 270,000 workers in widely scattered sections of the country went on the five-day week basis between June 1 and October 6, 1929.

Unionized Industry Shows Marked Gains

New York.—Marked gains are recorded in the cloak and suit industry as the result of an agreement to abolish low standards between the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and three employers' associations.

Raymond V. Ingersoll, impartial chairman of the industry, reports that the number of firms having contractural relations increased from 1,417 to 1,592. The books of practically all of these firms have been investigated to check the sending out of work to shops which have not subscribed to labor standards. The four organizations co-operate with the commission.

Between meetings of the full commission the joint committee of managers, made up of the managers of the four organizations, meet at frequent intervals with Chairman Ingersoll.

PETER HEENAN GIVES CREDIT TO UNION LABOR

Ottawa.—Hon. Peter Heenan, the Minister of Labor in the Dominion government, paid a nice tribute to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, nd labor in general, at a banquet of the local Typographical Union recently.

"I do not know of any other body of men in Canada who have contributed so much to placing on the statute books of the Dominion humane legislation designed to better the lot of the toiler," said Mr. Heenan.

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Hotels Are Now Busy Boosting 5-day Week

Enthusiasts for the five-day week include the owners of summer hotels, according to the New York "World."

These business men see for their trade increased receipts from week-end excursionists with plenty of money to spend if the five-day week becomes general.

Not that the workers will become suddenly rich, but that their bosses, straw bosses, and the better-paid clerical employees will have another day in which to spend their pay, permitting trips lasting from Friday evening until Monday morning.

Gen. J. Leslie Kincaid, president of the American Hotels Corporation, predicted recently that if two successive days of rest each week became the general rule, tourist hotels could look forward to a $500,000,000 annual increase in business. He based these figures, he said, on increases in two and three-day business already experienced through establishment of the five-day week in many trades and in department stores in the summer months.—"Illinois Miner."

Only Black Sheep

Organized labor should ignore the two or three churchmen and church organizations in the South that have lined up with mill-owners.

Such actions are contrary to every declaration by recognized spokesmen of every denomination in this country.

"Black sheep" are not uncommon, and no organization should be judged by the actions of an individual.

Organized labor in the South is being supported by clergymen and churchmen in that section, as well as in every other section.

The exception but emphasizes the general rule.

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"If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
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Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

"If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
Some highway to happier make.
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass—
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

"We can't all be captains, there's got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here;
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near.

"If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail— —
Be the best of whatever you are."

BUTTE COURT DECIDES TEACHER IS LABORER

Butte, Mont. — District Court Judge William E. Carroll ruled that the term "laborer" should not be narrowed down to only those who toil with physical effort, but includes those whose mental effort and service are employed for pay for useful ends other than personal recreation.

The decision was made in the case of a school teacher who sued for wages under a State law that protects laborers' wages.

The decision, said to be the first made in Montana and probably the first in the nation classifying a teacher as a laborer, will enable the complainant to collect wages, and in addition a 5 per cent. penalty and a $500 attorney fee.

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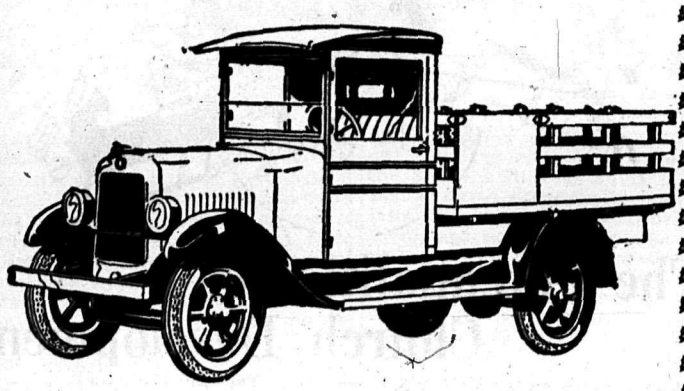

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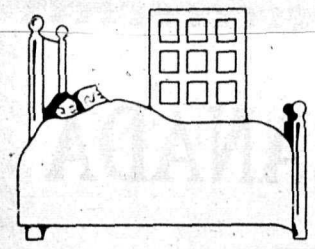

A Word to The Ladies

You who keep the home fires burning, are you interested in the great nation-wide campaign to "Build a Bigger and Better Union Movement?"

You should be; you want to see the bread-winner receive a more adequate income, which he deserves and which is so badly needed to meet changed conditions. A "Bigger and Better Union" is the only way to secure this.

Do you realize the benefits of organization and urge your "man" to attend union meetings? Or are you one of the sweet, but thoughtless, souls that say, "What! going to a union meeting tonight? How selfish of you—you know I wanted to go to the movies, for a drive, or over to the Jones' to play cards! You are away from me all day, and now you want to go to an old union meeting!" (Sniff, sniff).

The writer has heard this said many times by dear ladies, who wonder why their husbands received such small pay, and never realized they were partly to blame. Remember, it all depends upon you whether he remains an active union member or not. It's your attitude that counts.

If every woman in the homes of union members, brave, loyal souls, often faded years before their time, struggling to make both ends meet, would realize what a bigger and better union would mean to them, they would not only urge, but insist upon the men folks attending union meetings, and ask him to keep his dues paid up so that he can be in good standing in case of accident. They would see that he kept right after the "non" working next to him till he signed up. What a mighty organization we would build, with the ladies at home backing up members, inspiring them to greater union activities, and what a worth-while reward the women would reap!

We hear a lot about the balance of power these days; the hand that rocks the cradle holds that balance of power! Read the Labor Statesman, learn to use your power to protect and promote the interests of your home cricle. Start a movement to organize Ladies' Auxiliaries in your city. Don't think conditions cannot be changed for the better. They can, with your help!

—Wade Shurtleff.

Building a Bigger Brotherhood in Canada

Canada is doing her share in the campaign to Build a Bigger Brotherhood. Steady gains in membership are being reported by a number of lodges and during the past month two more new locals were formed.

Canadian railway workers, particularly clerks and station employees, are suffering from dual unionism and paying the price in wages and conditions for the folly of those who are beguiled by the flag-waving of the C. B. R. E. Dual unionism is a club in the hands of the employer which he never fails to wield effectively in a fight. Dual unionism in Canada should be stamped out and patriotism—the last resort of the scoundrel—is all that stands in the way of accomplishing that end.

The organized labor movement transcends national boundaries. Labor is international. The problems of the workers the world over are the concern of all organized labor. The problems, the aims and the aspirations of railway workers of Canada and the United States are identical, and because of the community of interests between the two nations the welfare of the workers of both nations is inextricably bound together. By making common cause, by uniting their forces in the same international unions the interests of both will be best served.

A goodly portion of the gains in our Canadian membership has been made at the expense of the dual union. If members of the Brotherhood at points where contact is made with members of the C. B. R. E. would put forth extra effort to Build a Bigger Brotherhood, it would hasten the end of dual unionism in Canada.—The Railway Clerk.

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The Potentialities of Church Development

A Commentary on the Recent Article Contributed by S.P.E. to "The Labor Statesman" of Nov. 11, 1929.

By F. W. MOORE

In talking of church development, I by no means refer to the work of the clergy alone, since laymen can to a large extent do more for or against it than they. I am therefore going to let the dead past bury its dead and say nothing of the church of bygone ages, whose power to sway monarchs and empires no longer exists.

The clergy of today are not so puissant as some people imagine. True, they have "culture," the Bible, fine ecclesiastical auditoriums, tradition and political influence that is the political influence of their congregations, the meaning of which is open to many interpretations.

At this juncture I would like to dwell for a moment on the transcendental importance to radicals of the last two features. Tradition, when properly appreciated, may be turned into a most efficacious weapon. For, as a means of projecting propaganda into the future, there is nothing like it, representing as it does the metaphorical howitzer of continuity.

The very fact that the church has centuries of tradition behind her transmutes any wholesale attack on her principles into a barrier against which mere asservation beats in vain since the great majority of her adherents the world over, like their lay brethren, are governed by suggestion rather than by reason. Therefore, from a wordly point of view, I consider a direct attack on the church very poor policy. The experiences of our well-meaning brother who wrote the articles referred to proves that a man who runs counter to the dictates of certain kinds of political influence is almost certain to ruin his prospects.

In plain English, the influence which, as we all know, accrues to the possessor of wealth belongs in a major degree to the lay favorites of political machines and worldly-wise brotherhoods.

Whatever the clergy did in the past, we know that today, if they don't to a large extent act as they are expected to their careers of usefulness, which probably varies tremendously in individual cases, will be subject to a sudden eclipse.

I might add, in passing, that there are clergy who, in the ethical world-war now in progress, have gone over the top and are at the present time directing the energies of the church militant in the sloughs of "no man's land." For proof read "Our Educational Morality," by Harry F. Ward, professor of Christian ethics at the Union Theological Seminary, New York; chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union, editor of the Social Service Bulletin, and a widely-read author.

The Downtrodden

I mention all this, not with the intention of defending the clergy, but by way of showing that whatever evils have crept into the practice of religion ought to be met by reason alone. Otherwise the social evangelist is handicapped in trying to present to church people the highly-important economic determinal complement that would restore to the putative gospel of Jesus Christ that pristine integrity that has appealed to the downtrodden of the world for ages.

As to creeds "that do not exist through merit, but only through constant repetition." I might add that, in my own case, I "believe in God the Father, Almighty Maker of Heaven and Earth."

Apart from creeds, my faith would be equally strong if I had only the doctrine of evolution supported by the elementary facts of psychic phenomena and a schoolboy's knowledge of astronomy to depend on. And concerning the Absolute One, we might say that the human mind is quite incapable, in its present state of development, of fathoming the many mysteries that surround it. We can only repeat with Goethe:

"Who dares to name His name,
Or belief in Him proclaim;
The All Enfolder!
Gleams across the mind His light
Feels the lifted soul His might,
Dare to then deny His reign,
The All Upholder!"

It is not at all necessary to fathom these mysteries. "We are definitely told that there is a Creator," says S.P.E., "but in view of the fact that matter is indestructible . . . it is extremely probable that there was no Creator; if you still insist that there was, then one may ask, in view of the Latin maxim, omne vivum ex vivo (all life comes from life), then who, if you please, created the Creator? You cannot answer," etc.

It isn't at all necessary to answer. "In the beginning was God," S.P.E. said the same thing about the world.

Later I shall show that, in accordance with one of the principles of psychic phenomena, the author of that remark and of the expression: "We are the sons of God," was talking scientifically. But just at present I shall prove by the Theory of Evolution that man's earliest ancestor was not only created, but was also endowed with the germ of an immortal soul.

Evolution

I shall take it for granted that most of the readers of the Statesman know that man's body is descended from a long line of animal ancestors, concerning which Bolsche, in "The Evolution of Man," page 98, remarks: "No matter what embryo we may study, lizard, snake, crocodile, turtle, ostrich, stork, chicken, canary, duck-bill, whale, rabbit, horse, monkey or man, it always shows a perceptible fish stage; its neck shows the mark of gills; the limbs have the outline of fins; further development transforms them to actual fins here; into the swift legs of a horse there; into the wings of a bird or the flying hands of a bat."

Analagous records occur in the concentric strata of the earth. The greater the depth of the ideal stratum, the older must the fossils found in it have been. But the most striking feature of it is that their order in time corresponds to the succession of changes that characterize the embryonic phenomena.

Then, again, the fossils have their living types. There is the amoeba or one-celled animal; the infusoria, the jelly-fish with rudimentary eyes and ears, the starfish with organs of sight and a nervous system, ants, spiders and crabs possessing a nervous system knotted into ganglia; the lancelot, a creature like a fish possessing in its headless body a single eye, its important characteristic being a spine of gristle. It also possesses gills and a gullet, but no heart. Following these come the vertebrates fish, frogs and reptiles. The ornithorhyncus, inheriting some of the characteristics of these is the next to play a part on the world's stage. His body is like that of an otter, his bill like that of a duck. He was hatched from a negg and fed during his immaturity on milk that percolated through the hide of his mother. Evidently he is closely related to his successors, the mamals, including the primates, and finally man himself.

But mark you, although there were numberless roads travelled by the forms of life, only one led up to man. Utterly impossible was it for an animal without the important tool-making hands to rise to the status of homo sapiens. But why does man possess an immortal soul if he descended from an animal? And if he has one why hasn't the animal one too?

The answers to these questions could be given with quite a degree of completeness, but space permits of only a few curt statements.

Man's soul or unconscious mind has developed from the instinct of his remote ancestor (overwhelming proof of these statements can be found in the works referred to below). It accordingly existed millions of years before a brain was developed by the process of evolution.

Says Hudson in his "Demonstration of a Future Life" (page 251): "But the evolutionists have failed to observe another cognate fact of even more profound significance; namely,

that in the very beginning of psychic evolution the foundation was laid for the development of an immortal soul. This foundation was laid when the first organic being having a dual mental organism was evolved from protoplasm. And on every line of evolution from the lower animals upward this dual mental organism is a salient, nay, the dominant mental and physical characteristic. . . . As the ultimate goal of organic evolution is the creation of man so is the ultimate goal of psychic evolution the creation of an immortal soul."

Of the fact that the soul is immortal there is the strongest kind of presumptive evidence in the deductions we can make from the findings of the London Psychic Research Society, including some of the most famous, learned and painstaking scientists this world has produced.

Man's Unconscious Mind

Here are some of the divine faculties of man's unconscious mind: Intuitive cognition or the immediate perception of essential truth (that is truths depending on natural law) independently of reason, experience or instruction; inerrant deduction, or the power of correctly interpreting what has been intuitively apprehended; perfect memory and the faculty of telepathy (see Law of Psychic Phenomena): "I submit," says the author of the above (Hudson) in his "Evolution of the Soul," "that the inheritance of the potentialities of the divine attributes of mind presupposes the inheritance of the potentialities of the divine continuity." And since these faculties perform no function in this life we must conclude they are meant for use in another sphere of existence. Here is how it is put in the syllogistic form:

"Every faculty of the human mind has a normal function to perform, either in this life or a future life. Some faculties of the human mind perform no function in this life. Therefore some faculties of the human mind are destined to perform these functions in a future life. Why then does the reasoning not apply to the brutes also? The answer is that 'the subjective faculties of brutes are limited to those primary instincts which pertain wholly to the perpetuation of the species and belong therefore exclusively to the physical plane.'

"On the other hand, the subjective mind of man is endowed with intellectual faculties which far transcend those of the objective intellect and some of which perform no normal function on the physical plane." Scientific Demonstration of a Future Life, 264.

Atheism and Theism

Nor is this to be wondered at, since man's soul is, according to the Theory of Evolution, descended directly from the Over-Ruling mind. Says Hudson in the "Divine Pedigree of Man," page 300: "Beginning with man, therefore, and going back through the phylogenetic series (the series denoting the nistory of the race) to the moneron Atheism and Theism will travel harmoniously together, each subscribing to the propositions (1) that all faculties of the mind are acquired by inheritance, and (2) that an inherited faculty presupposes an antecedent entity endowed with a mind in which the identical faculty actually or potentially exists."

When the moneron is reached, the atheist pauses and protests against going any further in that particular direction. He has discovered what no scientist ever found before, and what none but an atheistic scientist is capable of discovering, namely, an exception to the laws of nature.

The theistic evolutionist, on the other hand, finds in the moneron no exception to any law of nature with which he is acquainted . . . that is to say, he sees the same necessity for the pre-supposition of a mind antecedent to the moneron—a mind endowed with the same attributes and powers, differing only in degree, that he finds inherent in the lowest form of animal life."

We can truly say, then, that the words in the opening chapters of the Bible, "We are the sons of God," are quite literally true, and in that sense too must we understand being made in His image.

Evolution of the Soul

It may be asked in this connection that, if the statements above are really true, why may we not accept the Mosaic account of the Creation as scientifically correct, and here I shall quote Hudson once more. In his "Evolution of the Soul," page 321, he thus comments: "Because the province of intuition in man is that of great general principles and laws of the moral and spiritual universe, and not of the specific facts and events of physical science. If men would learn to make this broad and obvious distinction they would find no difficulty in recognizing the great and fundamental truths of spiritual philosophy with which the Bible is overflowing."

We read in "The Law of Psychic Phenomena," on page 325: "The subjective mind is the soul, and is an organized entity possessing independent powers and functions, while the objective mind is merely the function of the brain." A consideration of this fact will convince one that in matters pertaining to geological science the prophets, just like ourselves, were guided by the current knowledge of their time, but in addition to that they possessed the facu ty of intuitive knowledge of essential truth in matters governed by fixed laws.

I have now used up far more space than one article is entitled to. I shall therefore epitomize the whole situation by saying with Tennyson:

"All things will change, thro' eternity."

And so it is with our conception of religion.

Religion and Economics

A savage's opinion of God must necessarily differ from Goethe's, and with just as much reason may we say that the viewpoint of all the intervening grades of culture are liable to differ in degree. Why, therefore, should we be intolerant?

Let our friend S.P.E.'s "Hell-fire" evangelist preach to the Esquimaux, and they will probably rub their hands in glee. But let him preach to bushmen at the equator and he presents them with a God after their own hearts. It is all a matter of relativity.

Let us be content with the fact that we have excellent proof of plans laid by an architect too great for our comprehension.

The planting of the germs of instinct in the lowest forms of life, taken in connection with their subsequent development to divinely intuitional powers in man, is as much a proof of design as are the works of a watch.

But bear this in mind: Economic necessity was the instrument of the Great Designer in impelling an upward movement of the forms of life. And economic necessity is at the present moment forcing a development to the next highest order of society. But if it is not judiciously regulated in the interest of humanity it is liable to become the most gigantic seducer of public morals the world has ever known. That is why economics and religion need each other. As Bouck White puts it in "The Call of the Carpenter": "To introduce the spiritual note into industry so that workers may acquire conscience, zest and imagination, the qualities that make handicraftsmen into artists to impregnate religion with an industrial note sufficient to give its visions a real dwelling-place lest its dreamings degenerate into mere fermentation of the brain."

Those are the present potentialities of church development. Their materialization depends on co-operation between business men, labor unions, women's societies and church officials interested in the economic development of humanity as part of their Christian ethics.

For it is not hard to see with Montaigne that "we have not to train a soul nor yet a body, but a man, and we cannot divide him."

AUSTRALIA TO IMPOSE HEAVY INCOME TAXES

Canberra, Australia.—A domestic bombshell was exploded when Hon. E. G. Theodore, commonwealth treasurer, presented the new Labor government's budget. Henceforth the government will levy a super-tax on incomes varying from 10 per cent. on incomes above $1,000 to 20 per cent. on incomes above $5,000. Increased duties are imposed on cigars, textiles, metal manufactures, motor car bodies, motor car gears and motor chassis. There was no time to prepare an entirely new budget statement and therefore he had to accept some of the proposals laid down by his predecessor in the Bruce government, Mr. Theodore stated. The former government left a deficit of $10,000,000.

MARION REBELLION TRIAL SHOWS SIGNS OF COLLAPSE

Marion, N.C.—The trial of Albert Hoffman, organizer for the United Textile Workers, and four others of the 119 mill strikers indicted on the charge of "insurrection and rebellion against the state of North Carolina," is wobbling on its legal legs and may collapse at any moment.

Inability to prove its "rebellion" case against the five men was admitted in court Saturday by Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., head of the prosecution. Pless, however, contended that evidence tending to prove the "insurrection" charge had been offered.

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Laughter renews vitality, and a deep well of vitality is the secret of beauty. You have often seen women who, judged by the face value, would be deemed beautiful, yet their good looks are ruined by the depressing stillness of the "tout ensemble." Their faces are masks—there is no vitality, no personality peeping through. And invariably those around them find them dull. Perhaps they have forgotten how to laugh, or perhaps they are afraid to move the muscles of their face because some foolish beauty specialist told them that wrinkles and lined faces came that way?

Wrinkles and lined faces! Old looks! Never, whilst the sun is in the sky. They come from cares and worries which laughter dispels.

Invention and Labor

The advances in industry which are being made through the science of invention are remarkable. Scientific research is going on constantly, and through the genius of inventors, better, quicker and more modern ways are being found of performing manufacturing operations.

Yet this factor in industry is not altogether a welcome one, for it is the invariable rule that most of the inventions which are being made in connection with industry are aimed at reducing the amount of manual labor necessary in manufacturing operations. Nearly every new mechanical device of any importance means a curtailment in the number of men required. Most of the devices which are being perfected are labor-saving devices, calculated to cut down manufacturing costs by decreasing the amount of labor necessary to produce the finished articles.

It might be unwise to suggest that the wheels in industry should not be accelerated by the use of modern inventions, but it is apparent that man, by his very inventive genius, is making human existence more and more difficult for those who earn their daily bread in the manufacturing industries. It is not possible to suggest any remedy for this condition, since it is only right that manufacturers should be ready to take advantage of the most modern machinery possible, but, at the same time, there are the working men to be considered, and it is not a pleasant thing for them to contemplate the loss of their jobs as mechanical means of production become more and more perfect.—(From "Oshawa Times").

WHAT TO DO

(By Grenville Kleiser)

If you're feelin' tired and blue,
And you don't know what to do,
Do nothin'.

If your appetite's not right,
And your waistband's gettin' tight,
Stop stuffin'.

If your plans are all awry,
And you feel you want to cry,
Go fishin'.

If you can't see far ahead,
And wish that you were dead,
Stop wishin'.

If you know you talk too much,
And your neighbor's feelin's touch,
Stop talkin'.

If your nerves are all askew,
There is one good thing to do,
Go walkin'.

If you're runnin' into debt,
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Organize

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Here is a clarion call sounded many years ago by one of America's foremost poets, Longfellow. He surely must have visioned in his poetic mind the workers of our land, and especially the poor deluded non-unionists, when he cautioned them: "Be not like dumb, driven cattle." This applies in a more general way to the great armies of textile workers toiling in the mills, with every condition governing their daily lives subjected to the orders of the owners or their representatives. These workers have no say regarding wages, hours of labor, or conditions. All is entrusted to their bosses. The immortal Longfellow pictured with a true poetic vision the deplorable state of these men and women workers. Leo XIII., in his great letter on labor, had a clear vision of the unhappy condition of these same workers, when he cautioned the employers to treat their employes with every consideration of fairness, and said that men and women working in groups should have an association of their own, with their chosen advocates to represent them, and further said the state should see that they are not despoiled of these rights.

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(By O. Lawrence Hawthorne, in the Railroad Trainman)

Oh, how many hearts are longing
For a cordial word of praise,
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That will cheer their dreary days!
Everywhere are men whose labors
Earn for them our friendliness
And that frank appreciation
We should readily express.

Life is brief and time is fleeting;
Always there is urgent need
For fraternity and kindness
Yet we pay so little heed
To the problems of our fellows;
Men must have encouragement
And full credit for their efforts
Or they cannot feel content.

Let's resolve to greet our neighbors
With a friendly word each day;
Let's be more than merely civil
As we rush along life's way;
Each of us should scatter sunshine
That will gladden every mile,
For the souls of men are yearning
For the comfort of a smile.

CARPENTERS ENFORCE CITY EIGHT-HOUR LAW

New York.—Organized carpenters won their fight against violations of the eight-hour law in subway construction in this city.

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Tories To Speed Up Fight Against Labor Government

London.—The Tories have apparently made up their minds to fight the Labor government on the question of resuming diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia—one of the three smoking hot issues that may bring the MacDonald forces face to face with a crisis any time within the next few weeks.

Settlement of the coal problem seemed near a week ago, but that highly charged affair has now blown up—thanks to the Tory mine owners—and leaves the government with the problem on its hands.

Philip Snowden's budget may furnish the third opportunity for the Conservatives to tip over the government.

While Snowden has not made public his plans for financing the Labor party's ambitious schemes to relieve unemployment, there are rumors that he has in mind a tax on land values—a modified form of Henry George's single tax—and an increase in the estate taxes—what the man on the street calls "death duties."

Mine Owners Aantagonistic

The proposed coal and tax legislation, of course, is what is "biting" the Conservatives. Most of them are large estate owners or "have their pockets full of coal."

If they can beat the government down on the "Red" issue, the Tories reason, they will have disposed—temporarily, at least—of the other two problems.

At the Tory convention, held last Friday and attended by delegates from the Conservative associations throughout the country, it was definitely decided to "go the limit" to prevent resumption of relations with Russia.

An extreme resolution condemning the Soviets because they had not "paid back the billion dollars plundered from the British people" was adopted with a whoop.

Calls Russia a Moral Leper

Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson stirred up the delegates to a wild pitch by a speech in which he declared "Soviet Russia is a moral outcast and a moral leper."

"How dare MacDonald talk about peace when he is bringing war into England and the Empire?" the commander thundered.

"Britain has already lost Egypt and nobody seems to mind. She will lose India if MacDonald has a free hand, and now he has sold the pass of the British citadel to these alien enemies from Moscow!"

Only one voice was raised against the resolution.

Land Barons Are Scared

In addition to the "red" bugaboo, Baldwin used "British preference," or "trade within the Empire," as an issue around which to rally his followers.

The Labor party leaders seem set against the scheme, holding that it is "Protection" camouflaged and that it would increase the price of food and thus add to the burdens of the poor.

The Conservatives, however, believe it is an issue which will appeal to the imagination of the people.

Snowden's reported plan to tap land values is causing insomnia among the landed aristocrats, but the Laborites expect considerable Liberal support.

They recall that Lloyd George once won wide popularity with a similar scheme and deprived the House of Lords of its veto power in order to put it across.

At Mercy of Liberals

Snowden estimates that approximately $300,000,000 could be raised by such a tax no larger than threepence on the pound.

There is also the argument that aside from the revenue the tax would stimulate the development of idle land.

The Liberals will decide the government's fate on all these issues.

The Labor party has about 290 votes in the House. Three hundred and eight are needed for a bare majority. It is almost certain that none of the Tories will vote with Labor, so unless at least 18 of the 55 Liberals stand by the government the program cannot be put through and that would mean the fall of the Labor government and another general election.

"Left Wingers" Silenced

Differences among the Labor party members of the House have been pretty well ironed out by MacDonald. Sixty members of the so-called "Left" signed a manifesto repudiating attacks on the government by James Maxton, the fiery Scot, who insists that MacDonald is not moving fast enough and that "Jimmie" Thomas' speeches on unemployment remind him of what the Tories said in the last parliament. He has some followers in the House—perhaps a dozen.

MacDonald, speaking at a "peace conference" of the Labor M.P.'s, denied that any election pledges had been broken. The pledges were made concerning a program designed to be carried out during the normal five-year life of parliament, he said, and what the government has done so far should be regarded only as an "installment."

Herbert Smith Resigns

Herbert Smith has resigned as president of the Miners' Federation. He was opposed to the union's acceptance of the government's compromise plan to make the working day seven and a half hours instead of the seven which had been promised the coal diggers.

A. J. Cook, former "left-winger," was among the majority voting for the compromise.

Then the mine owners, after the union had agreed to the government's terms, "kicked over the tent" by refusing to go along with the program.

They objected to "government interference"—especially the central marketing agency and the central wage board for the entire industry.

No further conferences have been arranged, and there is therefore little prospect of the government's two coal bills being introduced during the next two or three weeks.

The Power Problem of Future Getting Serious

New York.—"Our boasted mechanical culture that has done so much to alleviate the condition of mankind is doomed to go as other great cultures of the past have gone," declared General William Barclay Parsons, chairman of the board of trustees of Columbia University, in an address at the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Columbia University as King's College.

He predicted that if the consumption of coal and oil continues to increase at the present rate these fuels will disappear as a source of power in 100 years, adding that "elimination of wasted power in the utilization of fuel and the complete development of water power will only postpone the breaking of the storm."

To avert the crisis, some new source of power must be found, said Mr. Parsons. Then he proceeded to suggest a solution:

"The heat in the sun that falls on the waste desert spaces is sufficient to meet industrial demands, but it will have little practical value until some way is found to store and distribute the latent energy.

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Keeping Count

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"Great Grief! I would'nt wear that suit to a dog fight."

To which the Briton replied: "But, old top, you didn't tell me you were going to take me to a dog fight."

"Did you ever hear anything so perfectly wonderful?" exclaimed the daughter of the house, as the phonograph ground out the last notes of the latest thing in jazz.

"No," replied her father, "I can't say that I have, although I once heard a collision between a truck load of empty milk cans and a freight car filled with live ducks."

UNION LABEL TRADES

Colin MacDonald has been re-elected president of the Union Label Trades Council and Mrs. Frank Dolk has been elected secretary-treasurer. Special prizes will be given away at the next meeting of the Trades and Labor Council to the delegate who can show the most union bread labels.

Crime is a disease that calls for arrest cure.

French Workmen Make the Best of Their Poverty

By Israel Mufson

The only country in Europe where every one seems to be fairly happy and where poverty, while it stalks from every angle, is taken as a matter of course with light-hearted contemplation, is France. Perhaps one reason for it is that every one is busy at work. There are no idle, except the very rich. But there are few of these, nothing to compare to the private accumulations of wealth in the United States. So the atmosphere of good fellowship among a people is apparent immediately upon setting foot on French soil. Effervescence is in the air.

However, it must not be understood that the French care not for money nor that the workers are so handsomely compensated for their labors that they can afford to be carefree in their adequate economic status. The Frenchman loves his franc and there is continuous warfare between the innocent stranger and the numerous tradesmen, shopkeepers and taxicab drivers he comes in contact with. Though the franc at the present rate of exchange is only worth four cents, the extras that one has continually to guard against can mount up to a tidy sum at the end of a day if one does not watch his step. All Americans are expected to have plenty of money, so they are not supposed to check back on their bills presented to them at the conclusion of their dinner. If the diner takes that precaution and finds the total to be five francs more than can be accounted for, the waiter assumes an air of utter contempt and has a ready answer: "Ah, monsieur," he throws out his hands in a motion of despair at the diner's stupidity, "but your wine is older than that called for in the menu." One does not know whether the wine actually is older than that shown on the bill of fare. But can a mere American argue with a Frenchman about the quality of vin rouge, Bordeaux blanc, or any of the other brands native to France? So he pays. Argument over prices does not make the native sour, however, no matter what effect it may have on the stranger. One moment the former may be tearing his heart out in proof of the fact that one centime less for the commodity he is selling would send him to the poor house. The next instant he will be all smiles ready for a bit of fun.

Workers' Homes Are Dreary

And so are the masses. Delving more thoroughly into their ways of living, into their meager wages, their congested, unsanitary homes, their limited opportunities for pleasure, one can find no real reason for the spirit of optimism that prevails, on the surface at least. Outside of Russia, living conditions for the workers in Paris, and that probably is true in every large city of France, is worse than in any other European country I have visited. The tenement houses, facing narrow, crooked streets, are ancient and are devoid of what Americans would consider the minimum of sanitary essentials. Even in the country, the glimpse one gets of the abodes of workers does not lead to the conclusion that there, at any rate, is plenty of room, air and sunlight. It is no wonder that cafe life, life in the open street as it were, is so popular. The home is such a dreary place to stay in. Not having any automobiles, and the moving picture industry in as embryonic a stage as ours was about twenty years ago, the leisure hours are spent in the communion of kindred spirits at the cafe tables. This, however, is not altogether an evil. Such life makes for sociability, a more common understanding and for the keeping of the art of conversation and verbal expression in a flourishing state. People do complain that it is the dying of this art in the United States which makes people so uninteresting and boresome here.

Wages Unbelievably Low

Were it not for the fact that my information about wages came from unimpeachable sources, from leaders in the French labor movement, I would hesitate to quote them, they are so unbelievably low. Four francs an hour, or sixteen cents in American money, is the average pay of unskilled workers. Six francs, or twenty-four cents hourly is what skilled mechanics can boast of. Not much to brag about. Yet a few additional facts will bolster up the truth of this statement. Henry Ford has an automobile plant in France. He stated recently that he will inaugurate a new schedule of wages which will call for the payment of about 28 cents an hour. To American readers this would not seem to be a hair-raising announcement. Yet immediately upon its publication the newspapers in Paris went wild with excitement and they called upon heaven, earth and the French government to do something about it. It will demoralize French industry, they shouted. It will make the French worker lazy because he will have too much money to spend. And some even suggested that the whole thing was a part of a dark plot to destroy French industry and make it impossible for it to compete with American products. And all this fuss about paying workers 28 cents an hour! Another illustration will clinch this matter. No labor executive of an international union in America gets less than three to four thousand that I have been able to find as compensation for their services. And very few earn so little. Most others receive much more. An important official of the Confederation General du Travail, the organizaton corresponding to the American Federation of Labor, receives fifteen dollars a week or less than $800 a year. So much for wages.

Labor Movement Small and Divided

There are two labor organizations in France of importance at the present time, with a third, the Christian union exercising no great influence. The Confederation General du Travail and the Confederation General Travail Unitaire in France. The former is similar to the American Federation of Labor and at the convention this year reported a paid-up membership of 700,000, representing 2,037 syndicates or local unions. The latter represents the more revolutionary workers and is definitely communistic in tinge. While the C. G. du T. is gaining in membership the C. G. T. U. is waning in influence.

More than organized labor of the other continental countries the workers' organization in France after the war suffered almost utter annihilation. Broken by the demoralization of the post-war hysteria and splits due to internal dissension in its own ranks the labor movement was in a sorry state. Harmony was unknown, discipline foundered, and unity was wrecked. As one man expressed it, "The labor and socialist movement became a party of wings, red wings, right wings and left wings. So many wings and no labor or socialist movement." Within recent years, however, the Confederation General du Travail began to bring order out of this chaos and its membership consequently began to climb. By 1927 it was able to report 593,256 members. Last year it increased to 644,337, and this year to 700,000.

French labor has yet far to go to reach a strength commensurate with the number of workers engaged in industry and with the problems they have to face. It is about 10 per cent. organized and have thus far gained no foothold in the plants of large scale operation. The hours of work are comparative to those existing in the United States but social insurance is administered by the municipalities and sickness insurance, covering all industrial workers, will be applied next year. The workers, industry and the state will contribute towards a common fund out of which the workers will be compensated for periods of idleness caused by sickness.

STATE PARDON BOARD TACKLES MOONEY CASE

Sacramento, Cal.—Governor C. C. Young last week referred all the documents in the Mooney case to the advisory pardon board for investigation and recommendation.

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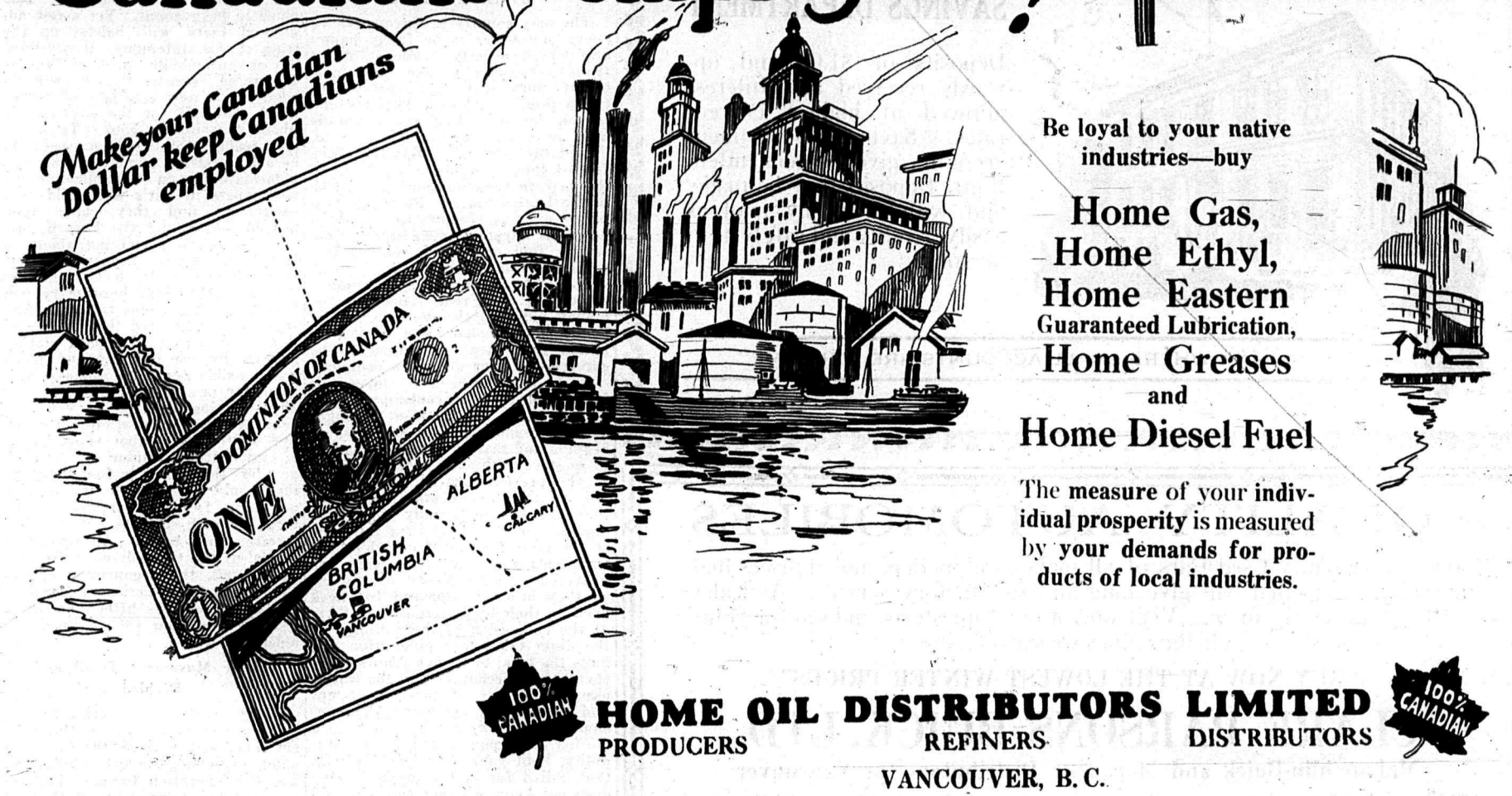

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Canadian Business Has Had Record Year

Nineteen twenty-nine has been a record year in Canada. Manufacturing production reachced the highest point in history in May of this year. Since then there has been a slight declining tendency, but in September production was still on a high level, 5 per cent. above September last year. Preliminary figures for October indicated that the downward trend was quickening. Certain factors indicate a further recession from this year's record level. The small wheat crop, barely half the bumper harvest of last year, will reduce the farmers' buying power, and the stock market crash will have a bad psychological effect and reduce purchasing power of another group. Business is on a sound basis, however, and a severe decline is not indicated.

In the first nine months this year increases in two important industries, newsprint and steel, were particularly marked. Steel production was 18 per cent. above last year, and newsprint 15 per cent. A decline in the automobile industry has recently affected steel production and output of steel ingots fell rapidly from August to a point slightly below September, 1928.

In building, 1929 was the highest year since 1920. Contracts awarded in October were 28 per cent. above last year, and the industry has $250,000,000 worth of new construction in sight, as compared with $210,000,000 last year at this time. Although the seasonal dull period set in in October, activity was still on a high level and unemployment was 10 per cent. above last year.

Employment in other industries maintained a high level in October. There were increases from September in mining and trade and decreases in transportation and service industries, but in all these branches, as in manufacturing and building, employment was well above 1928.—A. F. of L. Business Report.

Jemima, at the zoo, saw a zebra for the first time. "Rastus," she said, "what kind uv a animal am dat?"

Rastus also gazed in much perplexity and awe. He had never seen one before, either. "Why, Jem, dat ere are a sport model jackass!"—Watchman-Examiner.

Egg Pool Sign Closed Union Shop Agreement

A closed shop agreement has been signed by the British Columbia Egg and Poultry Co-operative Association (Egg Pool) and the Egg Candlers' Union (Federal Union No. 11), affecting about 60 employees of the Pool. This agreement has been under discussion for some time, with P. R. Bengough acting for the Union and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and a committee of the union composed of President George St. John Cooper, Secretary Weightman and Bros. Walmsley and Smith.

The wages, hours and conditions covered in the agreement compare favorably with other unions and the membership are very much satisfied at the result. The agreement is for one year, renewable from year to year.

China Still Playing At War With Pawns

Chinese politics are revolving at something more than their usual kaleidoscopic pace. President Chiang Kai-shek has been speeding up and down the Yangtze, organizing the resistance of the Nationalist government against its insubordinate generals. In Honan, where the major battles have been fought, he has turned back the stubborn advance of Feng Yu-hiang's armies; in the Han Valley he has avoided the oft-threatened collapse. But no sooner is one victory won than a new civil war threatens. Far to the South, Chang Fa-kwei, ousted three months ago from Hunan, is now advancing on Canton with his Kwanksi allies. If Chang Kai-shek, who has acted with superhuman and quite un-Chinese vigor, emerges victorious from these trials he may have proved himself indeed the long-sought strong man of China. It will remain for him to prove that he is also the organizer of Chinese democracy. Meanwhile new troubles loom in Manchuria. News reports from that vast region have been so consistently exaggerated and even downright false that one takes with several grains of salt the announcements of large-scale Soviet invasion. The Russians themselves report that they have captured 8,000 Chinese troops. Thus far, however, the Manchurian game is still played with the pawns; the "invasion" may be taken seriously only when it seriously threatens Harbin.

Cop—"You are doing forty miles an hour."

Motorist (whispering) — "Sh-h, make it seventy; I'm trying to sell the car to this guy."—Punch.

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The Law and The Prophets

Christmas comes but once a year, fortunately, one might say, for a variety of reasons, as one has many things to put up with at this time. One particular form of annoyance is always having someone or the other urging you to buy a raffle ticket off them, the said tickets entitling one to a chance in a draw for a variety of useful articles ranging from the usual Christmas turkey to a gold-plated concrete mixer. And the other morning, as we were trying to get rid of one of these pests, in walks Archibald, our tame poet, so we tried to make him the goat and suggested that he really should buy one of the tickets, as they were trying to raise funds for a certain church. Archie seemed rather horrified. "A church selling raffle tickets?" he said. "I suppose the next thing they will do will be to install a roulette wheel or faro layout. I would like to suggest that they arrange an occasional sweepstake on the amount they take in the collection, the same as they do on the day's run on some of the liners." Archie seems to know quite a lot about churches, and told us on one occasion at a large camp meeting in Carolina an ancient darky got up and after having given them a long address passed his hat around. It went all round the circle and returned to him empty. On which he got up and said: "Bredern and sistern, we will now tank de Lord dat I got ma hat back." —P.A.B.

At times I look up yonder, as the gates go rolling by,
For I sometimes stop to ponder on that home beyond the sky;
"Is it just a hazy notion, to a future life we pass;
Is there any real devotion, or is religion just a farce?"

As through our lives we scramble, one thing is clear at least,
That to teach us how to gamble seems the function of the priest;
So I write, but not for money, and I'll get but scant applause,
But because I think it's funny, how the church evades the laws.

Now I have but slight compunction, for I think it's a disgrace
That certain laws don't function, as for instance, in this case;
Now they're selling raffle tickets, and the fact they don't disguise,
So it can't be very wicked, and I hope to win a prize.

In the forms of their religion now no longer they insist
It's come and join our social, and enjoy a game of whist;
Why worry of the future and the saving of a soul,
For they're really much too busy raffling off a ton of coal.

Yet we say it is unlawful and officials do appoint
To close up places awful like a wicked fan-tan joint;
"We cannot help you, brother, now, or listen to your tale,
Come around some time or other when we've had our rummage sale."

And they pray with much devotion, that in future war shall cease,
But it seems a funny notion then to drape the Prince of Peace
With the warrior's blood-red emblems, I learnt whilst yet at school
The very trenchant maxim that, "Consistency's a jewel."

Now I'll doubtless hear a rumor, my remarks are out of place,
But a subtle sense of humor seems my only saving grace;
So I'll make no long oration, but it seems so very odd,
Just to note this occupation of these worthy men of God.

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Employers Change as Workers Organize

"Trade unionism is forcing employers to change their attitude toward textile workers," declared Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of United Textile Workers, in reviewing the tidal wave of organization that is sweeping this industry.

"Employers are now preaching the necessity of human relationship and more consideration of the workers —an idle gesture intended to retard the labor movement," said Mr. Gorman.

"A year ago we heard nothing of human relationship and the need for improving the condition of labor in textile mills. It took rebellion, education and organization to make these employers admit that their persecution of workers may some day haunt them.

"We are demonstrating that the union is necessary in the textile industry. This is recognized by many employers. Our bitterest opponents are those who will not even play fair with fellow employers. When it comes to regulating the industry they juggle with prices on a product made by cheap labor, working long hours under the speed-up system, and, to gain an advantage, they will operate 70 hours on the night shift, double-crossing their associates in the manufacturers' organization.

"With the Southland in line with Northern textile workers, we will drive slavery from the mills and set up freedom and decency for workers who spend the greater part of their lives at the machine producing wealth for the owner, while they become poorer, more destitute and discouraged."

The 150 playground teachers of Chicago have formed a local, with a 98 per cent. organization, of the American Federation of Teachers. The decision to unionize came when the playgrounds were about to be closed for lack of money. But the established teacher unions, backed by the Illinois State Federation of Labor, went in a body to Springfield and pushed through the tax law that permitted the playgrounds to remain in operation.

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Freedom of Seas Is Held Obsolete

Philadelphia.—"Freedom of the seas," so strongly urged by the United States, is a formula that has lost its humane significance, said Henry Fletcher, until recently Ambassador to Italy, in an address in this city.

Since this theory was evolved, said Mr. Fletcher, methods of communication and warfare itself have so completely changed as to make the doctrine obsolete.

"As the whole nation goes to war," he said, "the old distinctions of absolute and conditional contraband have disappeared. Everything is now contraband, even propoganda. This is what the great war did to the so-called freedom of the seas.

"The United States, in its infancy, advocated neutral rights of trade because it was good business with all Europe more or less continuously at war. Considering the war was waged by mercenary or professional troops, it was humane doctrine as well.

"But when it got into the Civil War, when it became a question of the life or death of the united nation, we blockaded the Confederate ports, and by our extension of the doctrine of continuous voyages interfered with the trade of the neutral countries as well.

"Freedom of the seas is a war term, not a peace term, when neutral powers are for freedom of the seas. When at war, all are against it."

Is It Worth While?

Is it worth while that we jostle a brother,
Bearing his load on the rough road of life?
Is it worth while that we jeer at each other—
In blackness of heart, that we war to the knife?
God pity us all in our pitiful strife.

Look at the roses saluting each other;
Look at the herds all at peace on the plain,
Man, and man only, makes war on his brother
And laughs in his heart at his peril and pain—
Shamed by the beasts that go down on the plain.

Is it worth while that we battle to humble
Some poor fellow down into the dust?
God pity us all! Time too soon will tumble
All of us together, like leaves in a gust,
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—Joaquin Miller.

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Labor Improvements

We teach that long hours and short pay do not and cannot induce hope and inspiration to noble deeds, and that mental development is thereby retarded and that the moral aspirations have been accentuated as wages have been increased, the hours of labor shortened and general conditions of labor improved.

We look back over our past efforts and sacrifices with pride, and to the future with hope. We dedicate ourselves anew with the determination to still make human betterment possible and lasting. We appraise at their full value the struggles of those who have gone before in this great onward march for human weal, and by their example shall we be determined to carry on.

We are beset with grave duties and responsibilities in this age of extraordinary and rapid development, when the machine has enhanced production to an almost unbelievable proportion, and as manpower has correspondingly decreased. As I heard said a few days ago: "Man power must keep pace with horse power" if we shall have a happy and prosperous people. That is, there must be employment, even though the day of toil be shortened and the compensation be increased to the end that all shall be consumers. Let us impress upon our minds that unemployment means restriction of consumption, under consumption means stagnation, stopping of the wheels of industry augments unemployment, bringing disaster not alone to the worker who is to the greatest extent the potential consumer, but to those engaged in industry itself. Therefore, we hold that consumption must keep pace with production and that the wages of the workers must increase with production in order that intensive production and prosperity be maintained. Again, employment must be continuous to the end that all shall be consumers; and that is but fundamental if we shall have continuous prosperity. Then will the problem of the workers who have reached middle life and are being replaced with more youthful workers be solved, for then the job will seek the worker, not the worker seek the job.

While many outside of the labor movement are accepting this new and modern theory, it will be organized labor's task to bring it to its full fruition by keeping it before the minds of this and coming generations. Necessity brought the labor movement into existence. Hunger for food; hunger for raiment; hunger for a decent habitation and for a better and fuller life was the urge that has builded the labor movements of the world. Greater advancement toward the goal of human betterment has inspired the workers to still greater efforts toward other betterments. Now, we desire education, music, recreation and spiritual opportunities, as well as that of our economic well-being.

These advancements have only come through organized effort on the part of labor, and the hope for the future manifestly will depend upon organization and the development of our understanding of the problems in front of us.

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But let it be remembered, as expressed by President Green of the American Federation of Labor, recently: "Let no one imagine there are any short cuts to a labor paradise. To build better labor conditions means the evolutionary process of hard union work. It is that work that has brought us where we are. It is that work that will carry us further along the path to better living." Let us once more dedicate ourselves to the great and noble task of still further extending the magnitude and scope of our great movement, and hope that the coming year will again show great increases in membership and accomplishments.

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Famous Players Canadian Corp. Is Fair To Organized Labor

The Vancouver Labor Council of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor has been issuing misleading statements to the theatregoing public in an effort to obtain sympathy for an organization that cannot function successfully in this country. It is making a squeal because none of its members are being employed on a job now under way at the Capitol Theatre. This theatre is being renovated, and the work is being done by union carpenters, electricians, painters, etc., all affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. A majority of the men on the job are either Canadian born or born in the British Isles, yet this scurrilous document states that "No Canadian Workmen Are Employed." It raves about the Famous Players Canadian Corporation employing only members of "United States Controlled Unions," and implies that the workers belonging to these unions are foreigners and poor mechanics.

The Famous Players Canadian Corporation and all the big contractors in the city know different, however, so the tirade falls upon deaf ears. Members of these alleged "United States Controlled Unions" have erected every one of the big and artistic buildings in this city, and contractors, architects and owners have generally been greatly pleased with the workmanship. All of the fourteen theatres owned or controlled by the Famous Players Canadian Corporation in this district were built by members of these alleged "United States Controlled Unions," and the company is following out its usual policy of employing only bona fide union men, on the work now going on at the Capitol Theatre.

Just one instance to show how much the International Union men are "Controlled" by the "United States Unions" can be illustrated in the case of the Electrical Workers' Union. Just at the present time this union has an "International Organizer" in the city. This man, J. Scott Milne, belongs to a union in the United States, and never belonged to a union in the United States, and never belonged to any Electrical Workers' Union in Canada, but this man was born in Vancouver, and his father made his home in Vancouver 45 years ago. He was sent here by the International Union officials to render any service to the local union that they may need. He may be back again in the U. S. next week, and it may be months before he gets a chance to come back to help the boys in his home town. But the point is that this man is a Canadian and one of the officials of the International office, and he is only one of dozens of Canadian-born and hundreds of British-born officials who are working on U. S. soil. Just at the present time there are about eight members of Vancouver unions who are acting as officials of the various International offices in United States territory. This "Labor Grievance at the Capitol" is all the bunk and makes this so-called "All-Canadian Congress of Labor" ridiculous in the eyes of contractors and business men who know.

Short Hours and High Wages Is Nation's Prosperity Base

By R. B. GRAGG,
Chief Deputy Labor Commissioner, Texas

The unemployment problem must be permanently solved if our national prosperity is to be made permanent.

In view of the rapidly increasing concentration in all industries, and the rapid mechanization of manufacturing processes for quantity production, it would seem that the only solution lies in reducing hours of employment for the individual worker without materially reducing his pay.

I quite agree with John J. Raskob that, because all the workers must be employed if prosperity is to be maintained, the five-day week, and perhaps the four-day week in industry, is inevitable.

It is an entirely reasonable assertion to say that, with the vastly efficient mechanical appliances in industry today, workers can easily produce in five days what all the people can consume in seven days.

Old theories, old systems that have held for centuries, die hard. But the theory that long hours and low wages mean prosperity for employers is slowly but surely passing.

Labor and Service

Working people regard labor and service as a most valuable and sacred thing. It cannot be classed as a commodity compared with tangible, perishable products manufactured and created by industry. Labor is life because workers give their lives and their minds when they work with their hands. Because of the deep appreciation of the importance and value of labor and service the trade unions are constantly endeavoring to elevate the standards of life and living. They seek to make life worth while; to creat opportunities for development of the body and mind; to regulate the hours of labor so that all may enjoy leisure and the surcease from exacting toil. The ultimate objective of labor is the realization and enjoyment of a higher and better life.

Dad

Dad is growing old and weary
And there's silver in his hair,
And his eyes are always solemn,
He has seen so much of care;
He has seen so much of sorrow,
He has known so much of tears,
He has borne the heat and burden
Of so many years!

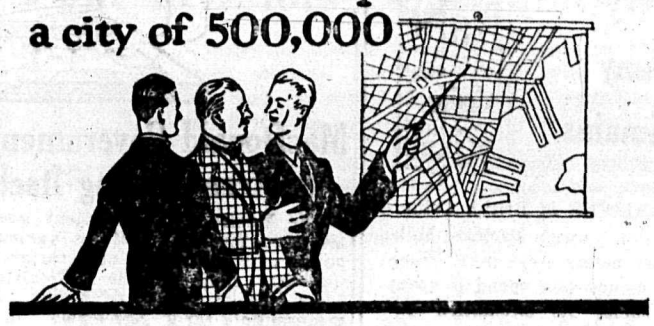
Dad's already in the twilight
Of life's fast fleeting day,
And perhaps we'll often ponder
When his load is laid away,
Of the steps we might have saved him
When his feet and hands were sore,
Of the joy we might have given
To the heart that beats no more.

We'll recall a hundred errands
That we might have gladly run,
And a hundred kindly actions
That we might have gladly done;
We'll remember how he labored
While the boys were all at play,
When the darkness hides him from us
At the closing of the day.

RAIL "BOYS" TO HELP

Chicago.—The Executive Council of the Railway Employees' Department, A. F. of L., has voted to back to the limit the campaign for organization of Southern industry inaugurated by President William Green of the A. F. of L. and plan the assignment of a crew of organizers to assist.

How shall we transport a city of 500,000



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MacDonald Government Is Strengthening Itself

The MacDonald government goes on strengthening itself at various points of its program, notwithstanding that some of the difficulties which it has to meet are serious. A preferential tariff agreement just concluded with Argentina is expected to give certain British textiles a decided advantage over American products in the Argentine market. The League of Nations has been reminded that international conferences are a law unto themselves, and that if the date set for the meeting of the naval conference at London, January 21, happens to interfere with the date of the meeting of the League Council the council may have to make other arrangements. The initial subscriptions to Mr. Snowden's 5 per cent. conversion loan have come in well. The pledge to abstain from propaganda in Great Britain, as a part of the agreement for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia, will be interpreted, according to Foreign Secretary Henderson, to cover the Communist International as well as the Russian government. Conferences on the coal mine situation have struck a snag, however, although the resignation of Herbert Smith, president of the Miners' Federation, following the acceptance by a majority of the districts of the government proposals, which Mr. Smith has opposed, has disposed of one important obstacle, and on November 28 the government escaped defeat in a debate on the new dole bill only because of the absence of Liberal and Tory members.

EMPLOYERS IGNORE STATE WAGE BOARD

Denver.—Contractors are ignoring a wage award of $5 a day to building and common laborers that was handed down last June by the State Industrial Commission. The eight-hour day and collective bargaining were also indorsed.

Happy Christmas!

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

—Clement Clarke Moore.

MERCHANTS PROTEST IMPORTED "BREAKERS"

Easton, Pa.—The Kraemer Hosiery Company of Nazareth, near here, is having trouble to secure an injunction against several hundred hosiery workers.

At the hearing in this city, copies of a "yellow dog" contract, distributed by the MacDonald Detective Agency, were placed in evidence. Officials of the company were scheduled to take the stand and place their records at the disposal of the court, but proceedings have been postponed.

Seventy merchants signed a petition against the importation of professional strikebreakers and armed thugs. This has affected public officials of Nazareth, who are less prone to stop public meetings held by the strikers.

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Montreal.—Fair wages will prevail on the $50,000,000 Canadian National Railroad terminals to be constructed in this city.

Sir Henry Thornton, president of the government-owned system, gave this assurance to the local Building Trades Council.

COURT CONTROLS PICKETS

St. Louis, Mo.—Circuit Court Judge Ryan enjoined striking cleaners and dyers from posting more than one picket in front of several struck shops. The court follows Supreme Court Judge Taft's rule that equity courts shall control picketing.

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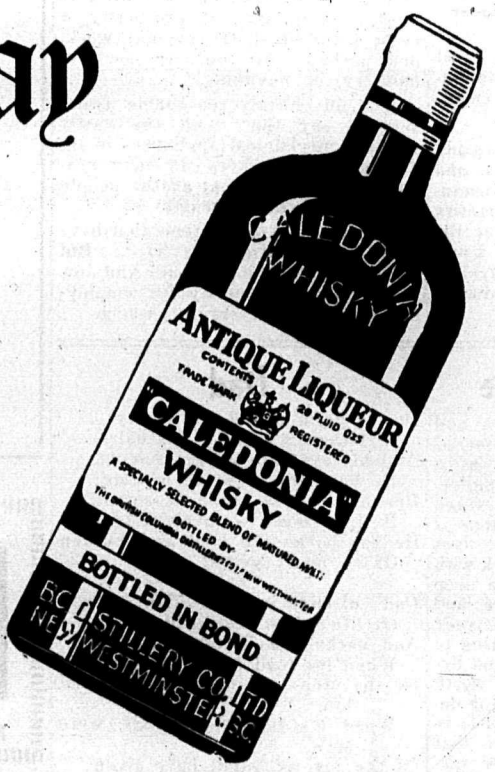

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President Hoover Has Parley With Union Labor Officials

Washington. — President Hoover broke new ground when he invited representatives of labor, agriculture, business, transportation and finance to confer with him on the industrial outlook and discuss methods that will stimulate prosperity and offset the recent Wall Street debacle.

Labor representatives who visited the White House were: President Green, Secretary Frank Morrison and Third Vice-President Woll of the A. F. of L.; these presidents of internationals: John L. Lewis, miners; William L. Hutcheson, carpenters, and T. A. Rickert, garment workers; Wm. J. McSorley, president Building Trades Department, A. F. of L.; John P. Frey, secretary-treasurer of Metal Trades Department, A. F. of L.; B. M. Jewell, president Railway Employees' Department, A. F. of L.; and these executives of railroad brotherhoods: A. Johnston, president locomotive engineers; Timothy Shea, assistant president firemen and enginemen; A. F. Whitney, president railroad trainmen, and E. P. Curtis, president railway conductors.

As a result of conferences with labor and employers, a statement issued from the White House said the president was authorized to announce that the employers stated on their individual belief "that they wlil not initiate any movement for wage reduction and it was their strong recommendation that this attitude should be pursued by the country as a whole. They considered that, aside from the human considerations involved, the consuming power of the country will thereby be maintained.

"The president was also authorized by the representatives of labor to state that in their individual views and as their strong recommendation to the country as a whole, that no movement beyond those already in negotiation should be initiated for increase of wages, and that every co-operation should be given by labor to industry and in the handling of its problems. The purpose of these declarations is to give assurance that conflicts should not occur during the present situation which will affect the continuity of work and thus maintain stability of employment."

President Green amplified this White House statement.

"The representatives of labor," said the A. F. of L. executive, "emphasized labor's economic policy regarding high wages and the need for continued high purchasing and consuming power of the people. For this special reason they announced their uncompromising opposition to any reduction in wages or any lowering of the living standards of the masses of the people. At the same time these representatives expressed their individual and collective opinion that it would be unwise to aggravate the situation by demanding increases in wages for the immediate present. The basis of such opinion is clear and well understood.

"Labor has learned from experience that movements for special increases in wages can not be successfully launched at a time when the nation has sustained a severe shock as a result of the destruction of billions of dollars in values resulting in the curtailment of buying power of the millions of victims who lost all their possessions.

"Within a few months industrial conditions will become normal, confidence and stability in industry and finance will be restored, and labor, strong and aggressive, will be prepared to demand and secure higher wages and a greater degree of leisure so that the use of the products of the mill, mine and factory will balance with the facilities of production."

President Hoover, later, notified governors of every state that the Federal government "will exert itself to the utmost within its own province, and I should like to feel that I have the co-operation of yourself and the municipal, county and other local officials" in the expansion of public works.

Replies from many state executives indicates that public works will be started on an extensive scale.

The Right to Work

By Edwin Markham.

Out on the Roads they have gathered, a hundred thousand men,
To ask for a hold on life as sure as the wolf in his den.
Their need lies close to the quick life as the earth lies close to the stone;
It is as meat to the slender rib, as marrow to the bone.

They ask but leave to labor for a taste of life's delight,
For a little salt to cavor their bread, for houses watertight.
They ask but the right to labor and to live by the strength of their hands,
They who have bodies like knotted oaks and patience like the sea sands.

And the right of a man to labor, and his right to labor in joy,
Not all your laws can strangle that right nor the gates of hell destroy,
For it came with the making of man and was kneaded into his bones,
And it will stand on the last of things on the dust of crumbled thrones.

Convention Notes From Barbers' Union

The following notes, made by C. E. Herrett, who was a delegate from Vancouver to the Barbers' International Union convention, are of general interest to our readers:

The Barbers, at their recent convention in Indianapolis, instructed their general executive board to employ an actuary to get correct data on the cost of an old age pension scheme and submit his finding to a referendum vote of the membership.

One of the important recommendations of the committee on a union label was that every effort be made by barbers to form a Union Label League in every locality, so as to create a demand for our union shop card and the labels of others.

The committee on general advertising recommend the use of radio broadcasting, daily papers, labor papers and national magazines as the best medium for advertising our profession. Report adopted.

The committee on hours and wages recommended the abolition of the straight percentage system and establishment of a guarantee. This was adopted.

Shop and publicity committee reported that a slogan should be adopted and printed forms be made and distributed to locals in large quantities. Adopted.

The committee on Sunday closing reported that two states and the district of Columbia still work on Sunday. Six recommendations were made by the committee in order to do away with Sunday work in those states.

The Barbers' Union paid out $88,000 more in the last five years from their sick and death benefit fund than was received.

There is no question who wears the trousers in the average household when the bills for clothing a ten-year-old boy arrives.

Air Forces Will Make Battleships Obsolete

General Smuts put his finger on a vital spot in the reduction of armaments business in his speech at London on November 14, when he called attention to the special importance of aerial disarmament. "Aerial warfare," he declared, "constitutes by far the most serious danger to civilization. It means ruthless warfare, not against the armed forces of the enemy, but against his civilian population, with the consequent destruction of cities and the population behind the lines. With air forces rapidly growing in many countries," he continued, the situation was one that should "be dealt with without further delay." General Smuts let his hearers at the Guildhall understand quite clearly that he felt no enthusiasm over Mr. Hoover's suggestion about immunity for food ships in time of war, for the reason that the success of any effort to humanize war seemed to him very doubtful. There were plenty of "humanizing expedients" on hand when the World War began, but "as soon as the first shot was fired" they "went by the board." The better plan, as General Smuts sees it, is to develop the method of conference between members and non-members of the League of Nations, since "the spirit of confidence is the very soul of the peace movement." Stranger things might happen than that the five naval powers that are expected to confer at London in January should find, after they had agreed to reduce and limit their navies, that the development of air armaments would shortly render all navies comparatively useless.

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Unemployment Insurance

A good deal can be said for the desirability of a scheme of unemployment and sickness insurance as advocated by Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in an address at the Labor Temple recently. It would not only relieve a good deal of distress due to both causes, but it would also lead the efforts to lessen the fluctuations in available employment by keeping the industrial machine working more regularly and by any other possible means. The attention of the government and of the public would be directed in that direction in order to lessen the burden of the cost of the insurance.

At present, the adjustment of the burden of old age pensions is keeping the provinces busy. The burden falls on the people in the form of taxes of one kind or another, municipal or provincial, and an increase of taxes is not particularly welcomed, however good the cause.

The cost of a scheme of insurance against sickness and unemployment would fall on the same people whether it was made a charge upon industry, as Mr. Moore suggests, or whether it was borne by industry, the government and the worker.

If it were made a charge upon industry, no one will suppose that it would be borne by those who own the industries any more than the cost of compensation for injuries. Such expenses are simply included in the cost of production or operation and passed on to the consumer. The cost of this insurance, according to Mr. Moore's plan, would be borne by the general public, and costs that are thus passed on are always increased in the passage. Mr. Moore suggests that industry itself is largely responsible for unemployment. But very often it is not. If there is a crop failure in the West, the factories and business houses of the East are at once affected and some unemployment results. The only advantage of placing the cost of the insurance on industry would be that it would amount to an indirect tax on the public and indirect taxes are borne with less complaint than direct levies.

But when sickness and unemployment insurance is provided in Canada, as it may be in time, contributions by the government and by those who are to benefit, are likely to form a part of the scheme as they do in Great Britain.—(From the "Winnipeg Free Press").

STAND UP FOR LABOR

"Stand up, stand up for labor!
Forget the ancient thrill,
The praise of gun or sabre,
The fame of them that kill.
And let his wealth be zero
Who lives on labor's spoil;
The workman is the hero,
The great are they that toil.

"Stand up stand up, for labor!
The strife will not be long;
The whole world now is neighbor,
And one the victor's song;
Tomorrow's strength is plighted
To labor's flag unfurled,
When workers all united
Shall so redeem the world."

California Gets New Labor Laws Enacted

A number of new labor laws, passed by the recent session of the California legislature, are now in effect. These include measures making it a misdemeanor for an employer to give a pay cheque which cannot be cashed, and a felony if the cheque is for more than $200. Last year a man was hanged at San Quentin who killed his employer because of a worthless pay cheque.

Women employees in barber shops now have the 8-hour day; home work for women which would involve more than eight hours' daily labor is prohibited; employment of children under school age in agricultural work when the public schools are in session is banned; employment agencies which fail to return deposits or fees of unsuccessful applicants within 48 hours must refund double. State aid for the blind has also been [illegible] and age pensions will not be paid before January 1, 1930.

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(Address delivered by the Right Honorable James Ramsey MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain, before the delegates attending the Forty-ninth Convention of the American Federation of Labor.

President Green, in introducing the speaker, said (in part): My friends, we are fortunate, indeed, in that we are permitted to be present here this morning on this most unique occasion, and in referring to that phase of our meeting I wish to report to our distinguished visitor that the officers and delegates and friends who are in attendance at this great congress of Labor were made inexpressibly happy when we were advised that the Prime Minister of Great Britain and his charming daughter had so arranged their itenerary while here in Canada as to make it possible for them to attend our convention this morning.

This is the American Federation of Labor and I am sure that our distinguished visitor will appreciate its significance, representing a great cross-section of public opinion, when I explain that it occupies the same relationship in the economic and industrial life of the American Continent as does the Trade Union Congress of Great Britain. We have watched with feelings of deep satisfaction and genuine pleasure the very cordial welcome and warm-hearted reception accorded this distinguished international figure as he moved from place to place upon the American Continent during the last ten days, preaching the doctrine of good-will, international understanding, and international peace. . . .

We have long desired that the nations of the world might leave the gory highway of conflict and struggle and warfare and human strife and allow mankind to travel serenely along the path of righteousness. . .

It affords me inexpressible pleasure to present to you the Right Honorable James Ramsay MacDonald, Premier of Great Britain.

Premier MacDonald

Mr. President and Friends: It was with the greatest pleasure that about a couple of days ago I found that certain engagements that had been made for me for this morning had to be modified and that in consequence of that modification, half an hour was made available for me to greet this Federation and old personal friends sitting in front of me. More than that, when I heard that you had given up the business of this afternoon in order to accommodate me, nothing on this earth would have prevented me from coming personally and thanking you for that great act of courtesy. I have been introduced to you in the name of the office which I hold—Prime Minister of Great Britain. That is perfectly true, but at the same time I want you to feel that whether Prime Minister or not I am still the old workman as I was born. The workman is distinguished neither by the clothes he wears nor by the softness nod the hardness of his hands The workman is distinguished by his mentality and his point of view upon life.

In Great Britain I am a party man. I am not ashamed of it, I glory in it. If the men and women of Great Britain who share my views elect us to the House of Commons in such numbers that we are called upon to form a Government, that is after my own heart. But here today, my friends, I do not represent a party, I do not represent one point of view, I represent the whole nation. I have come upon a mission across the Atlantic, not as a party leader, but as he who, at the moment, is not only the head of the party in the House of Commons, but is charged to represent to the people on this side of the Atlantic the opinion, the personality, and the unity of the House of Commons.

Appeals to Aeason

On our side organized industrial labor is working out a great public philosophy. It is working it out, not by revolutionary means, which are bound to be temporary, but by evolutionary means, which have a chance of being permanent. Outward changes in events created by revolution may give men and classes and sections new power, but no sooner are they enthroned in office than they have to turn back, and, as responsible rulers, face precisely the problems that we are facing in Great Britain today without any preliminary revolution. The revolution we believe in is the revolution of the ballot box, and if you cannot create great mental changes on account of appeals to reason and appeals to moral sense, you can make no permanent changes in the social construction of nations.

I have come over as a missionary of peace, and where should I come to receive inspiration for that mission more than to the ranks of labor? Labor—you supply the army, you supply the munitions, you supply the national credit, you are used to incurring the debts, and you have to pay them in fullness of time. All classes in a war share in its sacrifices. Every mother from the highest in the land to the most poverty-stricken has to face the anxieties, the dangers, the pains, and, ultimately, the sacrifices being taken, but in the mass labor bears the burdens, labor bears the pains, labor bears the sacrifices. And if there should be another war the circumstances of it are such that the pains and sacrifices of labor will be infinitely greater than they have been in past wars.

In days gone by the fighting took place in the front lines. The men who were killed were the men who were with the range of the guns, but in the next war, should there be a next war, death will be dealt out not only on the battlefield, destruction will rise from the bottom of the sea, destruction will descend from the heavens themselves, destruction will meet your wives, your children, your home. The civilian population left miles and miles and miles away back from the front—destruction will meet those silently and they will be touched by the mysterious breath of poison and in a mysterious way they will drop down in the middle of your streets and die.

A Sacred Place

Ah, my labor friends, I never have been and I never shall be one of those who believes that class this and class that alone are there to help us. My appeal has always been a national appeal, whether fighting my party battles at home or trying to lead the whole world on the smoother and better roads of reason and moral righteousness—always has been, always will be, but nevertheless in these secret corners of my heart are the well springs that give enthusiasm and power to go on and fight. It is the worker's fireside, it is the worker's life, it is the worker's wife and the worker's child that hold a sacred place. When I think of war, when I think of national enmity, when I think of strife, those are the people that come first and bear me companionship in my thoughts.

And so I come to you as an old friend, I come to you as one who would have been down there in body as well as with you up here in mind. I come to you as the leader of the Labor Party in the House of Commons, called upon for the moment to fulfil a somewhat broader mission and to give voice to a somewhat more widely humanitarian appeal. And as the missionary of peace, as one who has gone to the neighboring country in order to create mutual understanding instead of misunderstanding, in order to try to close all chapters of historical suspicion, it is a pleasure, it is of the nature of a fulfilment that, visiting Toronto when you were visiting it, I should come and shake hands with you, meet you and receive from you the support of the labor movement in the United States, the labor movement in Canada, get their support to broaden the area of peace, to lay new foundations for the new world of mutual understanding and to tell you that in the experiences I have had, the good experiences I have had, this is one of the best which I shall take away with me with greatest appreciation.

SASKATCHEWAN PUTS EMBARGO ON ALIENS

Regina, Sask.—Premier J. T. M. Anderson issued the following rather startling statement last week:

"At the meeting of the government held on Wednesday it was decided that our policy would not consent to the admission of any immigrants at the present time."

The premier is a Conservative. The Liberals had ruled the province since its formation, but were defeated in the last general election by a combination of Conservatives and Independents.

The immigration question was one of the issues of the campaign. Mr. Anderson and his supporters insisted that there should be more land restriction.

There is also a considerable unemployment problem in the province.

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Human life is a voyage in which we can choose neither the vessel nor the weather, although much may be done in the management of the sails and the guidance of the helm.—Norman Macleod.

Building Trades Council Whist and Dance Draws Big Crowd

The three halls of the Moose Headquarters were crowded to capacity last Friday evening when the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Building Trades Council put on the annual carnival. The whist players arrived early, and the two halls were filled in quick time, to be finished early to make room for the dancers. The big hall upstairs was filled by 9 o'clock with an eager crowd waiting for Bill Garden's orchestra to get started. When it did the dancers had a real good enjoyable time, and commented favorably upon the class of music given by this orchestra.

Mayor Malkin tried to be in attendance, but he was very busy electioneering for the money bylaws, so could not attend. Alderman Dean was present, as also were Alderman and Mrs. Atherton and Alderman and Mrs. Fraser.

The dancing in the lower hall started soon after 9 p.m., with Dick Gardiner's orchestra playing fantastic music for the jazz dancers.

Chris Atkinson and James Smith were in charge of dances. Eight prizes were given for dance numbers, which were presented to the winners by Vice-Pres. W. Moodie. The halls were decorated with air balloons, which contained coupon tickets for admission to local theatres and coupons for gas donated by Home Gas Company.

Winners of prize turkeys: E. Small, Dan McPherson, E. Smith. The co-operation of local business firms and leading citizens who donated prizes was the big factor in supporting Chairman Ed. Smith and his committee in making the event the success it was.

Whist Drive—Hall No. 1

W. Wilson, Director.

Ladies' 1st—Score 124, Mrs. E. Kirkham.

Ladies' 2nd—Score 124, Mrs. Livingston.

Ladies' 3rd—Score 123, Miss Galbraith.

Ladies' Consolation — Score 82, Mrs. Ashwood.

Gents' 1st—Score 120, T. Campbell.

Gents' 2nd—Score 117, J. Rose.

Gents' 3rd—Score 117, A. Steele.

Gents' Consolation—Score 81, J. Johnson.

Whist Drive—Hall No. 2

Walter Brown, Director.

Ladies' 1st—Score 127, Mrs. J. Salsbury.

Ladies' 2nd—Score 119, Mrs. W. Warner.

Ladies' 3rd—Score 117, Mrs. H. Thompson.

Ladies' Consolation — Score 82, Mrs. W. Daniel.

Gents' 1st—Score 119, H. L. Drummond.

Gents' 2nd—Score 119, H. Cook.

Gents' 3rd—Score 113, H. A. Slater.

Gents' Consolation—Score 84, J. Lloyd.

Moose Hall Drawing and Spot Dance Prizes

Grand prize, $100 in gold—Won by Ticket No. 715, F. Welch, 1050 Pacific street.

$10 in gold—Ticket No. 1023, S. Fox, 1871—29th avenue east.

$5 in gold, Ticket No. 863, B. Gleigh, 57—14th avenue west.

Silver sherbert set, Ticket No. 1111, Geo. Neil, 1266—7th avenue west.

Balloon dances. Prize tickets for Vancouver theatre, Empress, Strand, Orpheum. Tickets for Home Oil.

Hall No. 1, Spot Dance Prizes

1st Spot Waltz—

Lady—Jean Craigmyle, table lamp, value $3.

Gent—J. E. Dillion, nut cracker set, value $2.50.

2nd Spot Fox Trot—

Lady—Fancy vase, value $3.

Gent—Union cigars, value $2.50.

Hall No. 2, Spot Dance Prizes

Lady—Mrs. Maricci, table lamp, value $3.

Gent—G. Fraser, nut cracker set, value $2.50.

2nd Spot Fox Trot—

Lady—Mrs. Dodson, silk hose, value $2.50.

Gent—Mr. Dodson, union cigars, value $1.50.

Persons Selling 100 Tickets or Over

Ed. Smith—Sold 132; turkey, value $5.

D. McPherson—Sold 110; turkey, value $5.

Ed. Small — Sold 108; turkey, value $5.

Donators of Prizes

7:30 Whist Drive—Hall No. 1

Ladies' 1st—W. O'Neill Co., set fire irons, $15.

Gents' 1st—Cornett & Clark, order for pair union shoes, $10.

Ladies' 2nd—Pilkington Ltd., mirror, 24x30 in., $12.50.

Gents' 2nd—Cornfield Ltd., order Cornfield's Union hat, $5.50.

Ladies' 3rd—Bretell Electric Co., electric toaster, $5.

Gents' 3rd—Mainland Cigar Co., pipe, $5.

Ladies' (booby)—Marshall Wells Co., cut glass dish, $2.

Gents' (booby)—Reston Electric, box 6 light globes. $1.75.

8 p.m. Whist Drive—Hall No. 2.

Ladies' 1st—Farr, Robinson & Bird, table lamp, $15.

Gents' 1st—Bogardis & Wickens, order for framed mirror, $10.

Ladies' 2nd—Alexander Murray & Co., congoleum rug, $11.

Gents' 2nd — Vancouver Tobacco Co., pipe, $5.

Ladies' 3rd — Famous Players Corp., bridge lamp, $5.

Gents' 3rd—Linforth Hat Shop, black and white hat, $4.

Ladies' (booby)—Marshall Wells Co., cut glass bon bon dish, $2.

Gents' (booby)—Reston Electric, box 6 light globes, $1.75.

Lucky Spot Waltx—Hall No. 1

Ladies' 1st—Famous Players, table lamp, $3.

Gents' 1st—Marshall Wells Co., nut cracker set, $2.50.

Lucky Spot Fox Trot—Hall No. 1

Ladies' 1st—Orido Store, vase, $3.

Gents' 1st—P. R. Cigar Factory, box P.R. cigars, $2.50.

Lucky Spot Waltz—Hall No. 2

Ladies' 1st—Famous Players, table lamp, $3.

Gents' 1st—Marshall Wells, nut cracker set, $2.50.

Lucky Spot Fox Trot—Hall No. 2

Ladies' 1st—Woodward's, silk hose,

Gents' 1st—Kurtz Cigar Co., box 10 Kurtz cigars, $1.50.

Grand Drawing

1st prize—$100 in gold; 2nd prize, $10 in gold; 3rd prize, $5 in gold.

Special prize—McLennan & McFeely, sherbert set, $22.50.

Christmas Tree For Milk Salesmen's Kids

The Milk Salesmen's Union made big preparations for their annual Christmas tree for the benefit of the children of the members. The event was so big that the Auditorium had to be used for the occasion, and although we go to press before the event is held (Thursday evening) we anticipate a big crowd to get one of the thousand dollars' worth of prizes that are to be given away.

Plumbers' Union Smoker on Saturday

The Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union will hold a smoking concert in the Labor Headquarters on Saturday evening, December 14th. There will be plenty of all the things that make a good smoker—talent, community singing, smokes and refreshments—as well as the big bull to throw any out who get too boisterous. Tickets are 25c each, and any member of the union who misses this will have to stay away from work for at least a week to make good to the boys.

C. P. R. Shops Sick Club Smoker Wednesday

The annual meeting and smoker of the C. P. R. Shop Employees' Sick Club will be held in the Foresters' Hall, 2237 Main street, next Wednesday evening, December 18th. This will be the usual big affair that the club puts on and every requisite for the smoker has been taken care of so as to give the boys a good time. The tickets for this are 35c, and if you have not already obtained your ticket now is the time to help in the good work.

STRIKE OF 11 UNIONS STOPS T., P. & W. TRAINS

Chicago.—The strike of 11 organizations on the Toledo, Peoria & Western is still in effect, with little change in the general situation.

The road is practically at a standstill as far as operation is concerned, running but two trains per day, and those upon no fixed schedule.

Some men were employed as strikebreakers with provision that they would not leave the service without 10 days' notice to the company.

This plan of involuntary servitude proved ineffective, however, as many quit when called on to perform work.

ALD. MacINNIS TO SPEAK ON UNEMPLYOYMENT

Alderman MacInnis will speak at the regular meeting of the Independent Labor Party on Friday evening, December 13th. He has chosen for his subject, "Unemployment and the Future of Society." All members are urged to be in attendance.

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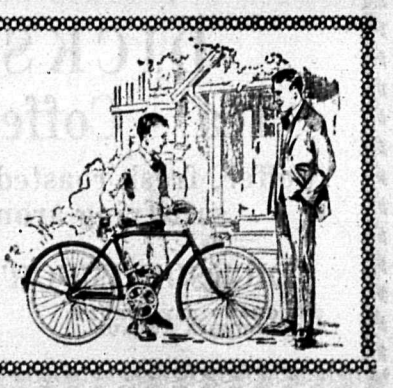

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