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Buying Power is Needed Says U.S. Manufacturers

Furniture Manufacturers Urge President Hoover To Forget His Charity Appeals and To Seek Higher Wages and Shorter Hours for Labor

ANOTHER GROUP OF MANUFACTURERS in the United States have come to the conclusion that long hours of labor, low wages, wage slashes, unemployment, charity and generally reduced buying power only tends to make the industrial depression worse. This organization, the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, in general meeting, in discussing the present situation, has practically endorsed the views of organized labor, and, in a communication to President Hoover, has urged him to forget his appeals for charity and to use his power to increase wages and reduce hours of labor.

The following communication and resolution was received by the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council this week. It comes from the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, with headquarters in Chicago. The letter and resolution were sent to President Hoover, and expresses views similar to those having long been made by organized labor, and which many prominent men and business firms are now endorsing. The letter reads:

National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, Inc.
225 North Michigan Boulevard,
Chicago, November 7, 1931.

The Honorable Herbert Hoover,
President, United States,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,—The attached resolution was adopted by action of the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers in general meeting on October 9, 1931.

It was adopted in recognition of the fact that ordinary palliatives will neither remedy the present business situation nor prevent as bad or worse recurrences.

It is recognized by our industry that wage cuts and unemployment are a tragic price to pay for reduction in prices. It does the worker no good to have the cost of living go down if his buying power is still more drastically reduced, or, as in millions of instances, is cut off completely.

Charity is not the answer—at best it is a makeshift of doubtful value. To restore prosperity we must restore balance of production and a maximum of jobs and economic opportunity.

We know that our total production capacity is materially in excess of the demand for products and is likely to so continue for some time.

Excess or full capacity operation at ruinously low prices (some even below cost of the fully-operating plants) means disproportionately high unemployment in other plants. One man working overtime at less than fair wages, or even at fair wages, throws more than one out of work somewhere else.

Fair wages, co-extensive with the field of competition, and hours of work per man so limited as to increase the number of workers required to operate our production machinery, need not prevent justifiable reduction of overhead expenses and will do much to restore buying power in exactly those places where it is most needed.

We respectfully request that you use what power and means are at your command to bring into immediate effect the recommendations of this resolution.

Sincerely yours,
A. P. HAAKE,
Managing Director.

Committee Reports Important Resolution

The General Meeting, on October 9, 1931, adopted two resolutions favoring fair wages and the curtailment of hours of work for labor as necessary to improve conditions in the industry and ordered the appointment of a committee to draft a resolution in proper form to submi to the proper authorities. The following resolution has been reported by the committee:

Whereas, there exists a real emergency in consequence of the depression of the past two years, with several millions of persons out of work and a maladjustment of production, distribution and consumption; and

Whereas, the development of science and invention as applied to industry, together with the World War, brought about an unbalanced condition in industry, with relative over-production and under-consumption, to such an extent as to constitute a public menace which will continue and possibly grow worse unless checked by emergency legislation on the part of government, and we cannot depend upon or wait for the restoration of foreign trade to remedy the situation; and

Whereas, the crux of our need is balance among our industries, with maximum of employment, adequate living wages and restoration of public confidence in values, all of which are necessary to widely distributed and liquid buying power and prosperity; and

Whereas, in numerous industries there are widespread and economically unjustifiable differences in the wages paid for comparable work by competitive concerns serving identical markets, and fairness in scales of wages requires that they be co-extensive with the field of competition; and

Whereas, curtailment of hours of work for labor, properly administered, could effectively be directed toward securing better balance among industries and as between production and consumption, and toward an undoubted and material increase in employment and public confidence in values; be it therefore

Resolved, that this association go on record as favoring:

(1) The curtailment of hours of work for labor without general reduction of wages, where such curtailment will serve to more widely and equitably distribute the total wage fund; and

The establishment of scales of wages for labor which are co-extensive with the field of competition for the products of labor, to increase and more widely distribute public buying power;

Both of the above as emergency measures to improve the situation in industry as a whole.

(2) The erection of an "Industrial Board" or "Economic Council" to administer for all industry such a law as Congress may pass and the President approve or as may be adopted by the several states, and to function for industry as a whole in securing and maintaining the necessary balance in production and maximum of sustained employment, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all possible interested groups and persons, urging co-operation for immediate action by the necessary authorities.

Edmonton Records Big Vote For Labor

Polling the largest vote ever recorded for a mayoralty candidate in Edmonton, D. K. Knott, nominee of the Labor Party,, swamped his opponent, Mayor Jas. M. Douglas with a majority of 3,445 in the civic elections Wednesday, November 11th, says the Alberta Labor News.

Labor was also successful in electing three of its four aldermanic candidates: Rice Sheppard, H. D. Ainlay and J. W. Findlay. Dr. F. W. Crang was re-elected to the School Board and S. S. Bowcott only lost out by four votes to Trustee A. T. Cushing. The Labor Party will demand a recount on the School Board election.

It will be noted by the following figures that Edmonton votes on the one ward system the same as is urged by the Labor Party and Trades and Labor Council in Vancouver.

Mayoralty

Daniel K. Knott, Labor	13,014
J. M. Douglas, C.G.A.	9,569

Aldermanic

Rice Sheppard, Labor	11,539
H. D. Ainlay, Labor	10,316
J. W. Findlay, Labor	10,186
Herbert Baker, C.G.A.	9,839
A. G. Gainer, C.G.A.	9,741
R. V. Bellamy, C.G.A.	8,780
Sidney Parsons, Labor	7,994
Thorton A. Graham, C.G.A.	7,802
R. E. Footes, C.G.A.	7,514
J. A. Clarke, Ind.	4,944
William Ross, Ind.	3,888
Lin S. Bell, Ind.	3,222
F. R. Lovette, Ind.	2,540
Jan Lakeman, Com.	1,702
Peter Glassman, Ind.	1,197

Public School Board

A. E. Ottewell, C.G.A.	11,035
Dr. F. W. Crang, Labor	10,919
L. Y. Cairns, C.G.A.	9,222
A. T. Cushing, C.G.A.	9,009
S. S. Bowcott, Labor	9,005
Daniel Powers, Labor	8,970
S. A. Dickson, C.G.A.	8,327

As nearly as a layman can understand it, wage cutters propose to increase national prosperity by lowering the income of over half the nation's people.

Crass Incompetence and Profligate Waste

It has always been considered a peculiar prerogative of the British people to "muddle through," and it is apparent that we in British Columbia have to a very large extent inherited that characteristic. Let us pray that we, having proven so successful in the muddling, will eventually be given grace to get through. If, however, we are to arrive at that happy consummation, there will be required a great change in the mentality and practicability of our present leaders. When so many staunch Conservatives, both in the upper strata and in the rank and file of the party, find it necessary to denounce the actions and confusions of the cabinet at Victoria, surely we, without being unduly biased, may equally deplore the mismanagement that is landing this fair province in a financial morass that will take generations of sane and constructive administration to offset. Faced with the necessity of providing for a huge mass of unemployed—not only our own citizens, but the influx from other provinces—it was abvious early in the summer that very extensive arrangements would have to be provided. The Tolmie Government made some hazy arrangements with the Dominion Government as to the basis of assistance they would receive for this purpose. They then gave assurances to the cities and municipalities as to what proportion would be devoted to urban relief schemes. The whole trouble had its genesis in the fact that the initial arrangements were neither definite nor binding and were not drawn up in a businesslike manner before everyone was committed to an expense for which each of them are now in some measure trying to shirk responsibility. It would be supposed that with Conservative governments in Victoria and Ottawa there would be a co-ordination and mutual trust not to be expected between two diverse parties. It is now evident that while they are of the same genus they are not of the same species. To supply the party patronage so eagerly demanded, the Tolmie Government has gone ahead and scattered throughout British Columbia camps for taking care of the unemployed on a most elaborate scale. Having spent huge sums already upon the building of such camps, their equipment and fittings, they now find themselves faced with the problem of having no money left, or any in immediate sight, to provide for the maintenance of the unemployed for whose benefit the camps were presumably erected. They are, as a result, now compelled to house and feed their charges without being able to use the services of these men in the road construction work which was the primary excuse for their maintenance at such outlying points. They are unable to give the men work because of their inability to pay the stipulated daily wage for such work—left between the devil and the deep sea, with all available cash expended for the basement and nothing left to put on the roof. There are thousands of brand new shovels, picks, wheelbarrows and other implements lying ready with their nice red and grey paint unscratched, but upon which the party contractors have already collected the "living which the world owes them." The only people who have not benefited are the unemployed, for whom the project was originally conceived, and the taxpayer, who will pay the bill.

It is no surprise that when Senator Gideon Robertson, the Minister of Labor, saw what had been done with the unemployment relief monies already voted by the Dominion the Federal Government should have decided to hold up further monies pending arrangements whereby the unemployed would receive at least a modicum of the monies voted for their relief. So far as we can learn the only men today working under the provincial section of the scheme are the cooks, flunkeys and camp attendants. They are men with slight disabilities which prevent them from participating in the heavier construction work and many of them are already in receipt of small pensions.

This crass incompetence, this profligate waste, will have to be paid for and the citizens of British Columbia are the ones who will pay. The hurried call to Ottawa of Hon. "Pay-As-You-Go" Jones came months too late. Already thousands of dollars of relief funds have been short-circuited from the mouth of the destitute to the well-lined pockets of the party faithful, whose particular specialty lay in providing "comfortable" camps for a spendthrift government. —The (North Vancouver) Review.

Every now and then some man disappears and then someone reports they saw him in some distant place with a beautiful young woman. Sounds reasonable.

Trades Council Notes

A communication from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union to the Trades Council expressed thanks to the Fire Fighters' Union in again using union help in connection with their annual ball.

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Bakery Salesmen's Union has asked the Council to put the Canadian Bakeries, Ltd. (Shelly's) and Stevenson's Bakery on the "We Do Not Patronize" list.. This was referred to the Grievance Committee.

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Upholsterers' Union asked the Council to put the following firms on the "We Do Not Patronize" list: Snyder's, Ltd., A. P. Tynan & Co., Ltd., Art Furniture Co., Dominion Furniture Co. This was referred to the Grievance Committee.

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Union Label Trades Department urged the purchase of union-made goods in connection with Christmas shopping.

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Amendments to the Workmen's Lien Act, which will give more protection to workers, will be sought through the medium of the Legislative Committee.

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The Moulders' Union is protesting the attempt on the part of the Metal Trades' Section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to cut wages. Support in resisting this cut is being urged from the other metal trades unions.

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Street Railwaymen reported that about 35 per cent. of the mechanics in the B. C. Electric Railway shops have been laid off, thereby following the lead of other corporations who place profits ahead of human needs.

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The Executive Committee will investigate the alleged attempt to break down working conditions in connection with the fill being made at the Old Hastings Mill site under contract from the Vancouver Harbour Board.

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A donation was made to the union men running on the I. L. P. ticket in the civic elections.

Boss Finds Six-hour Day Good Business

Battle Creek, Mich. — Adopted nearly a year ago as a measure of unemployment relief, the six-hour day has more than justified itself as a fine business arrangement, it was announced here recently by the Kellogg Company, breakfast food manufacturers.

The company put the six-hour day into effect by increasing the number of shifts from three to four and adjusting wages so that a majority of those employed could earn the equivalent of the scale of the old eight-hour shift. Twenty per cent. more workers were employed.

On the financial side, the company declares that there has been a marked increase of efficiency and production. There is less fatigue among workers and this has eliminated waste and carelessness toward the end of the working period.

A few weeks ago President W. K. Kellogg refused to install an improved machine that would have displaced about a hundred workers. "This is no time to discharge men," he said.

Rotating Work On Sheet Metal Jobs

Sheet metal firms in Vancouver are co-operating with the union in rotating work for the membership. For some time the Central Sheet Metal Works, Campbell & Grill, and the Neon Products Co. have had this policy in operation, and starting next week the Western Steel Co. will adopt the same policy on the Canadian National Hotel job. Several of our members who have been laid off these jobs will, with the consent of th more fortunate members, get part-time work on the job which will enable all of them to have a pay-day every week.

Please note that the Neon Products of Western Canada, 260 Terminal Ave., is the only Neon firm in the city employing union sheet metal workers and sign painters.—D.M.

Local 464, Notice!

A Whist Drive and Housie-Housie will be held at the Belvedere Court on Tuesday, November 24th. Admission will be: single 20c, a pair 35c. This social will be for members and their wives only. No. other notice will be issued. The next regular meeting will be Friday, November 27th, at which date nominations for officers will be opened and closed. A big attendance is asked for.

Engineering Works in City Reduces Wages

A general reduction in wages is being attempted at the suggestion of the B. C. Metal Trades Section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The Vulcan Engineering Works posted a notice to that effect recently, and similar copies of the following are being used by other firms to put the proposal, fostered by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, into effect. The copied notice reads:

"We regret to have to announce that commencing Wednesday, November 4th, all present rates of pay will be reduced 10 per cent.

"This reduction is general and authorized by the B. C. Metal Trades Section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

"Vuncan Engineering Works Ltd., A. L. Hiles, General Manager."

The Molders' Union has already protested against the cut, and, in conjunction with other unions, will resist it.

Fair Wages To Be Paid On Ridge Development

Our reminder to the Reeve of West Vancouver that no provision for the fair wage clause was provided for in the agreement between the Municipality of West Vancouver and the British Pacific Properties, Ltd., caused the parties to that agreement to make the adjustment. At the mass meeting held in West Vancouver on Monday the speakers stressed the fact that local workers will be paid same as for municipal work, and that where contracts are let, the fair wage clause will be inserted. This met with the hearty approval of the electors at the meeting, and practically cinched the endorsation of the project. The scheme involves the spending of a million dollars by the company on land clearing, roads, streets, sewers, etc., during the next five years on the 4,000 acres on Hollyburn Ridge. Replying to a communication from P. R. Bengough, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, on the subject, Reeve Leyland replied on Saturday as follows:

"I have your letter of November 9th, and very much appreciate the suggestions made therein, and I am glad to be able to inform you that by sub-agreement with the managers of the British Pacific Properties, Ltd., the matter of fair wages and local employment has been fully provided for, and I am sure that it will be quite satisfactory to the labor interests in West Vancouver.

"Yours sincerely,
"J. B. LEYLAND,
"Reeve."

Montreal Labor Says Relief Is Delayed

Municipal, Federal and Provincial authorities are shirking their responsibilities in not properly assuming charge of the increasing numbers of unemployed in Montreal, local union leaders told the Montreal Trades and Labor Council recently at a meeting in the Monument National Theatre It was alleged, in a resolution adopted unanimously that the executive committee of the council is of the "opinion that these public authorities are not giving the problem of unemployment the consideration it deserves." They are either "designedly or unwittingly aggravating the situation by retarding certain of the larger public works that have been approved."

The Council endorsed the stand of its committee, underlining the opinion that "such dilatory tactics merit the disapproval and condemnation of all those interested in bringing about better conditions for the masses." It was recommended that copies of the resolution should be forwarded to the three authorities.

FEDERATION BANK IN NEW YORK FAILS

New York City.—The Federation Bank and Trust Company, of which the late Peter J. Brady was founder and president, has closed its doors, winding up the career of labor's largest bank. The Manufacturers' Trust Company will pay depositors in the liquidation. It is expected depositors will get fully 75 cents on the dollar. Of this 66 2/3 was at once available. "Seepage of deposits" was the reason given for the failure. It is known that withdrawals began immediately after Mr. Brady's death. One international union is reported to have withdrawn $187,000.

Shingle Weavers' Union Gets Wage Increase

The Shingle Weavers' Union, which was organized this year, is carrying on a good organizing campaign. Conditions in the trade seems to have stirred up the unorganized workers and they are now signing application cards. Forty more applications for membership in the union are ready for acceptance and this will place the union well over the 200 mark. The Huntting-Merritt Co., manufacturers of union-made shingles finds business increasing. Reporting for the union at the Trades Council meeting on Tuesday, the delegate stated that the weavers had obtained a wage increase, which speaks well for the efforts of the union during its short existence.

Trying To Get Sawyers From American Side

Delegates to the Trades and Labor Council reported that sawyers are being advertised for in Seattle, with instructions to apply to the Employment Bureau in Vancouver. It was pointed out that there is no need to go to Seattle for sawyers as there are plenty idle in British Columbia. Another delegate pointed out that in a recent trip to Bellingham, he found it very hard to get across the line, but noticed that it seemed quite easy for anybody to come across to this side. The matter of advertising for sawyers will be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Insists That Federal Govt. Has Cut Wages

F. E. Harrison, western representative of the Department of Labor, objects to the article published in the Labor Statesman of November 6th to the effect that wages are being cut by the Federal Government on public works. Mr. Harrison claims that the prevailing rates of pay are being paid on ordinary maintenance and construction work. Delegates to the Trades and Labor Council and union officials deny this statement and claim that wages on regular construction work have been reduced as much as 40 per cent. under the guise that it was relief work. We fail to see why work that was planned before the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act went into effect can now be construed as relief work, and the pay, therefore, reduced to that paid to relief workers. The Trades Council will advise Mr. Harrison that despite what he says, the information on hand compels us to still insist that the Federal Government is cutting wages, and wages are also being cut on Federal Government contracts.

Building Trades Annual Dance and Frolic Soon

The Annual Monster Frolic Carnival of the Building Trades Council will be held again in the Moose Hall on Friday, December 11th. $250 in prizes will be given away, including $100 in gold. There will be twelve valuable prices for whist and special prizes for novelty dance events. Tickets are 50s each, and can be obtained from any ocal union secretary. Get your lucky ticket early.

"A Night in the West" Dance on Monday

Local 28, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union has planned another dance and entertainment at the Eagle Hall, 535 Homer St., on Monday, November 23rd. These events are known as "A Night in the West," and everybody who has ever attended one look eagerly forward to the next. Dick Gardner's popular orchestra will be on the job from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., and the entertainers will be just as cheerful as those in previous events. Admission tickets are 50c and can be obtained from Harry Wood at the office, or from waiters and waitresses in the union cafes. Get your tickets early.

Union Meetings at Labor Headquarters

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

Ca[illegible] 452	1
Rail[illegible] 58	2
Engine[illegible]	3
Asbestos	201
Molders	311
Bakers, No. 468	3

MO[illegible]

Carpenters, No. 452	1
Tailors' Executive	201
Stone Cutters	315

TUESDAY

Barbers, No. 120	3
Machinists, No. 692	201
Building Trades Council	315

WEDNESDAY

Policemen's Association	1
Bricklayers	2
Iron Workers, No. 97	3
Tilesetters	315

THURSDAY

Sheet Metal, No. 280	3
Label Trades Council	4
Painters, No. 138	315

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

Mile Salesmen, No. 464	1
Plumbers, No. 170	2
Engineers, No. 115	3

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LABOR HEADQUARTERS, 529-531 BEATTY STREET

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council—President, C. McDonald; general secretary, Percy R. Bengough. Office, 200 Labor Headquarters, 531 Beatty St. Phone Sey. 7495. Meets in Labor Hall at 8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays in month.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union, Local No. 468, meets first and third Saturday in month at 7:00 p.m. at Labor Headquarters. President, Jas. Brydson; Secretary's Office, Room 304, Labor Headquarters; Hours 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Phone: Sey. 3349.

Beverage Dispensers' Union, No. 676—Meets last Sunday at 8 p.m., Room No. 2, Labor Headquarters; second Friday at 10 a.m. at the office. Pres., M. J. Galvin; Secretary and Bus. Agent, T. J. Hanafin. Office: Room 1, Eagles' Hall, 535 Homer St. Phones Sey. 4783 and Bay. 1656-R. Hours: 9 to 2 p.m.

Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Int. Assoc.—Meets every Wednesday, Hall 3, Labor Headquarters, at 8 p.m. President, W. Dickson; Secretary, P. Lauret, Room 311, Labor Headquarters. Phones: Office, Sey. 7495; Residence, High. 5679X.

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, Mrs. Harvey, 4487 Quebec; Secretary, Thos. Carroll, 842 Hamilton St.

Bricklayers and Masons International Union No. 1—Room 309, Labor Headquarters. Meets second and fourth Wednesday, in Hall No. 3. President, J. C. Greenwood, Phone Bay. 8047-Y; Secretary, W. S. Dagnall, 1244 East 20th, Phone Fair. 845-R; Fin. Sec., Albert Wright, 4128 Knight Road, Phone Fair. 2005-R.

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

City Hall Employees' Association—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 195 East Pender St. at 8 p.m. President, E. Mitten; Treasurer and Business Agent, 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, Jack Wood, 4571 Fraser Street; Secretary-Treasurer, George Harrison, 3427 Triumph Street.

Egg Graders' Union, No. 11—Meets in the Labor Headquarters, first and third Monday in month. President, R. Gela, 3287 West 21st; Record Secretary, Miss D. Simpson, 627 Carnarvon Street, New Westminster; Financial Secretary, Miss Marjorie Deyell, 555 East 20th, City.

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

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, 1624 East 8th Avenue.

Floorlayers' Union, No. 1875, U. B. of C. & J. A.—Meets first and third Thursdays in month at Hall No. 2, Labor Headquarters. President, Ralph Ross; Fin. Sec., Jack Nelson; Rec. Sec., J. A. McDonald; Business Agent, W. D. Wilson, 1535 Fifth Ave. W.

The Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Marine Cooks and Stewards—Local 28, Suite 39, 413 Granville St., meets second Monday each month at 3 p.m., and last Monday at 9 p.m. President, J. R. Kitts; Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent, Harry Wood. Phone Seymour 125.

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, J. Mitchell; 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, C. Carslake, 1124 Alberni St.

Motion Picture 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, Locksley Clark; Secretary, J. C. Richards, Box 345, Phone Douglas 1574-R; Business Agent, J. R. Foster, Phone Trinity 5708.

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, J. Bowyer; General Secretary, W. Couling; Organizer, F. Fletcher. Office, Suite 507-319 West Pender. Phone Douglas 2290.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, Local 138—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Hall No. 2. President, A. B. Hodge; Rec. Secretary, A. E. Varah, 1442 Clark Drive; Financial Secretary, T. Kane. Office: Room 213, 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, A. E. Jones; Jas. Thomson, Secretary, P. O. Box 320. Phone Sey. 7874.

Plumbers and Steamfitters, No. 170, International Association—Meets every second and fourth Friday in Hall No. 2. President, Val Pearson, 787 East 52nd; Financial 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. 3, Labor Headquarters. President W. W. Quigley, 2047 West Second; Secretary, Thos. S. Ezart, 1807 East Thirty-eighth.

Railway Carmen of America, Lodge No. 58—Meets first and third Friday in month at Labor Headquarters. President, A. S. Ross, 5806 Sophia Street; Rec. Secretary, J. D. Valliamy, 2215 West 15th.

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; 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, Thos. Burke; 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. E.; Financial Secretary, H. Nordlund, 1930 12th Ave. E.

Taxi, Stage and Bus Drivers, Local 151—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. and second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. President, W. Wilson. Office, 306 Labor Headquarters; Phone, Sey. 7495.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Local 466—311 Labor Headquarters. Meets every First and Third Monday, Labor Headquarters. President, F. T. Goodrich, 1239 Woodland, High. 2095-X; Secretary-Treasurer, Birt Showler, Room 306, Labor Headquarters.

Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, Local 118 of the I.A.T.C.E. & M.P.M.O. Meets second Tuesday in Labor Headquarters at 9:30 a.m. President, Geo. W. Allen; Recording Secretary, H. Pearson; Business Agent, B. McGlone, address, P. O. Box 711.

Typographical Union, No. 226—President, C. S. Campbell; Vice-President, T. A. Holland; Secretary-Treasurer, R. H. Neelands, 300-2 Labor Headquarters. Meets last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m., in Hall No. 1, Labor Headquarters.

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.

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JUST TO PAY THE INTEREST

The Dominion Government proposes to raise $150,000,000 to finance the Government's expenditures, and will pay interest on it at the rate of about 5 per cent. Mayor Coxey, of Coxey's Army fame, and now mayor of Massillon, Ohio, proposes to raise a smaller amount for civic needs on a basis of 1 mill interest and we bet he can do it if the banks will let him. The Dominion Government could do the same if the banks would let it, but our Government framed a law years ago which permitted the banks to control all our financial operations; that is why the Government paid $121,566,231 interest for one year on our debt during the year ending March 31st, 1931. Our total national expenditure during the same period was $398,211,539. Read that paragraph again, so as to get the full import of what is paid out in interest, and what our total expenditures are. And now remember that when we pay interest we are not reducing the debt one dollar. Our Government now proposes to borrow some more money to pay that interest installment, and then it will borrow some more money in order to pay the interest on the $150,000,000. Great stuff, what?

The Government has permitted the banks in Canada to issue $134,495,175 in promises to pay (bank bills) upon a gold guarantee amounting to only $6,072,248. And through that transaction the banks (according to their own official figures) hold claims, made by borrowings of governments, corporations and individuals, amounting to $1,310,752,846. Thirteen hundred million for six million.

If the banks can make that amount of money on six million dollars, why cannot the state make some money out of its eighty-three million dollars of gold reserve for its $147,741,798 worth of paper money? It's a fair question, but most electors are not interested in it, for they seem to prefer to elect men to office who are opposed to a Government-owned bank. They prefer to keep on borrowing money to pay the interest on previously borrowed money and then wonder why the Government cannot finance an unemployment relief scheme that will take care of the hundreds of thousands of unemployed in our midst.

Rumor has it that there is another big bust-up scheduled for the Relief Department. If our information is correct, there will be another police court case, with a very prominent former police commissioner in the prisoner's box. If the investigation is hurried, it may upset Alderman Atherton's chances for re-election.

Comptroller Pilkington's resignation has been accepted by the City Council without any attempt being made to have him reconsider. For the past four years most of the aldermen vigorously defended him when the electors were demanding his resignation, so it seems to have taken the aldermen a long time to discover that Mr. Pilkington was not the wizard he was alleged to be, and have at long last intimated that his resignation must be put in.

Talking about the City Comptroller, we hear that the City Council proposes to bring in another outside man to fill the job. It sems tha whenever an alleged important job is to be filled, where a big salary is involved, the City Council always insists on going outside the city boundaries for the person to fill the job. It seems as though our own employees, who have put in long and faithful service on city jobs, are never considered capable enough for these alleged important jobs. Whenever the citizens demanded the dismissal of Comptroller Pilkington, aldermen used to point out that he knew all the details of civic finance and administration and could not be spared. That idea seems to have been eliminated, but even if ther was a little truth to it, surely somebody in Mr. Pilkington's department must have considerable knowledge of these things, and they are more likely to avoid the mistakes that Mr. Pilkington made, than a man from the outside who is not conversant with our past civic affairs. We have always objected to filling these jobs with outsiders and we again make our protest.

BRO. J. S. CORLEY DIES

We regret to announce the death of one of our oldest members, Bro. J. S. Corley, who died on November 6th, aged 72 years. Bro. Corley had a membership of 38 years, and was President of No. 1 B. C. when we used to meet in the old church on Dunsmuir street, and was a delegate to the Trades and Labor Council for several terms. He was an A1 union man and you bet his dues were always paid up to date. He was cremated in Mountain View Crematorium.—W. G. Dagnall, Secretary, Bricklayers' and Stone Masons' Union.

Wives are like cider—the longer you leave them standing around the more of a kick you get.

Correspondence

WILLIAM MORRIS, ARTIST, POET AND SOCIALIST

In your interesting column, "The Open Road," contributed by our comrade with the facile pen, Jack Logie, there have been occasional references to the life and teachings of the late William Morris. The present writer was privileged in his early youth to have had numerous opportunities of hearing William Morris lecture on his favorite topics of Art and Socialism. The Socialist movement of Great Britain has had at various times within its ranks a galaxy of brilliant minds. The names of Shaw, Wells, Robert Blatchford, H. M. Hyndman and Annie Besant are a few that occur to me on the spur of the moment. They were great in their special spheres of literature, science, oratory or political economy. But Morris was renowned for the versatility of his genius. Few men in all history have possessed so many varied talents. He was at one and the same time a great poet, a prose writer of extraordinary power and delicacy, an authority on art and architcture, a painter and manufacturer of stained glass windows, designer of wallpapers, bookbinder and printer, weaver, dyer, upholsterer and blacksmith. He was master craftsman of Europe. A unique combination. A profound and mighty intellect having at its command a pair of hands of wonderful manual skill. In addition, an attractive personality of unassuming modesty, jovial good nature.

William Morris was born in Walthamstow in 1834. The son of a prosperous broker, he was educated at Marlborough College and Exeter Hall, Oxford. While at Oxford he formed a lifelong friendship with Burne Jones, the famous English artist. He was not a brilliant scholar at Oxford, but he found there plenty of time to pursue his favorite studies of medieval history and architecture. In 1858 he published his first volume of poems, and, at regular periods, volumes of poems made their appearance so long as he lived.

In 1883 Morris joined a radical organization which afterwards was called the Social Democratic Federation. In 1885 he seceded, and, with a number of associates, formed the Socialist League. Co-operating with Morris were Belfort Bax, Edward Carpenter, Walter Crane, Dr. Edward Aveling and Elenor Marx Aveling, the talented young daughter of the illustrous Karl Marx. Among those who remained with the Social Democratic Federation were the late H. M. Hyndman, Herbert Buisoar, Harry Quelch, John Burns, Tom Mann, Will Thorne and John Ward, afterwards Colonel John Ward.

It is interesting to note that the issue that divided these contending factions was the question of parliamentary action. Morris and his followers, claiming to be ultra-revolutionary, opposed nominating candidates for parliament, while Hyndman and his supporters favored such action. In opposition to Justice, the organ of the Social Democratic Federation, Morris and his friends founded a new Socialist weekly called the Common Weal. The journal was famous for its literary excellence. Among its more famous contributors were William Morris, Belfort Bax, Edward Carpenter and Bruce Glasier, in addition to a host of lesser lights. It was in the pages of the Common Weal that some of Morris' most famous prose writings first appeared. The dream of John Bull and News from Nowhere, two of the best known of his prose writings first appeared in the pages of that journal. Morris wrote quite a number of popular pamphlets on art, culture and Socalism. The Aims of Art and Useful Work versus Useless Toil were two that had the widest circulation.

With advancing years Morris began to modify some of his extreme ideas. By the year 1890 he had given up any hope of over-throwing the capitalist system by a sudden revolution, and from that year until his death in 1896 concentrated his energy on a propaganda of economic education in order to prepare the minds of the workers to the necessity of fundamental social changes.

Throughout his connection with the Socialist movement, Morris worked whole-heartedly for the cause. His pen, his energy and his purse he used without stint to aid the movement.

His philosophy would take a whole series of articles to explain in detail. In brief, he held that in modern civilization, machinery had become our master instead of our servant. Machinery he held had a place in social economy, its true function should be to perform the hard, disagreeable and monotonous tasks of life. In the society of the future man, freed from the pangs of hunger and poverty, would have the leisure to cultivate his artistic nature.

In work, useful productive work, he would find his greatest joy and happiness. The direct contact of the hand with the tool was necessary to satisfy man's need, to express himself through creative work. Today art is prostituted by commercialism. Under a rational system of society, art will consist in the production of useful articles which will give the producer joy in the making and pleasure to those who see or use them.—Ernest Burns.

BALTIMORE & OHIO CUTS SALARIES 10 PER CENT

Baltimore, Md.—All officers and employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad received a pay cut of 10 per cent.

The cut does not affect the employees of the railroad who are under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Labor Law, such as trainmen, conductors and engineers. Its practical effect will be to curtail the salaries of those in official positions, rather than to make a saving by reduction in the pay of the rank and file.

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The first bill authorizes the establishment of a State Commission of Unemployment to handle the entire problem of the jobless.

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GIRLS REFUSE STRIKE WORK; COMPANY CLOSES MILLS

Maynard, Mass.—Eighteen girls employed by the Assabet Mills, owned by the American Woollen Company, refused to do work brought here from the company's mills in Lawrence, Mass., where a strike is in progress against a wage cut. Officials of the mills discharged the girls.

At a union mass meeting the workers decided to stand by the discharged girls and voted not to accept Lawrence mill work in any department.

Officials of the American Woollen Company thereupon ordered the Assabet Mills closed and gave instructions to have the machinery immediately transferred to other of the company's mills. The Assabet Mills employed about 650 persons.

STAGE EMPLOYEES TO GIVE AID TO JOBLESS

New York City.—In a letter to all members and officers of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada, President William T. Canavan recommends that all local unions donate the services of their members for benefit performances to be given by the motion picture industry the week of November 18th to 25th for the benefit of local unemployment relief agencies. The week will be known at National Motion Picture Week.

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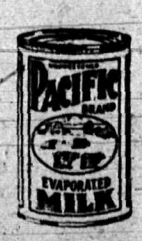

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Outside a cold November rain is falling and the wind pelts it against the window pane. Winter has come at last, and this is the sort of night to sit by the stove, if you have one, and enjoy the warmth of a wood fire, if you are fortunate enough to have any wood. There is nothing in the papers or magazines to write about except unemployment, want, war and human misery, but tonight I happen to be in a meditative mood and don't want to write about anything at all. It is much pleasanter to sit in dreamy meditation and let the world outside go to hell in its own merry way.

However, I cannot help but think of the poor devils I saw this morning working in the rain, poorly clad and probably with very little to eat. That picture disturbs me and in tonight's paper there was a letter signed "Veteran" which I hope will disrupt the complacency of everyone who sits by a comfortable fireside and read it. Here is one paragraph:

"The memory of many veterans on November 11th went back to France and the promises made to those who would return. Will they be veterans of the coming war in defence of the government that hands them 7.47, a bad cold, an attack of rheumatism, and a few blisters to keep a family going for two weeks."

If these men were digging trenches in the rain they would be well fed, well clothed and showered with cigarettes, warm sox and chocolate bars from the Home Comfort Club, while their families would be well provided for and, in many cases, better off than they ever had been before. They would have wasted enough ammunition every morning to have kept them in comfort for a year if its value had been translated into useful commodities, but now, in time of peace, a grateful country permits them to dig in the rain and the mud and in return grudgingly hands a few measly dollars and a bad cold, while their families can go to the city relief and receive, as charity, a small pittance of what they should rightfully receive as useful members of society.

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As I sit here I close my eyes and send my thought out around the world, and as I realize the misery, want and destitution on this winter's night and the suffering which millions must undergo during the coming months, my meditative mood passes and I begin to get mad. The critic on the hearth who is sitting close at hand asks: "What good will that do?" Well, perhaps not very much but at least I might awaken some righteous indignation and the spirit of intelligent revolt in the hearts and minds of those who think that this suffering is absolutely needless and an insult to any people who call themselves civilized.

Sir John A. MacDonald used to tell a story of a man he once saw shearing a sheep. He seemed to be working under difficulties as he kept his head turned away from the animal and sheared with his back to it. He asked the farmer why he adopted this unusual method, and the farmer replied: "Well, you see I voted for the Liberal government last year, and I've been ashamed to look a sheep in the face ever since." I heard a lecturer say the other night that Christ had a sense of humor and said, "Feed my sheep," because he knew the sort of followers he would have.

If these men who tonight, the entire world over, face the coming winter with the spectre of destitution blowing its icy breath upon their women and children, have the brain capacity of a mosquito they will know that they are starving in the midst of plenty, and if they have the spunk of a self-respecting sheep they will protest accordingly.

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In spite of the British election, the very temporary boom in the wheat market and the prosperity ballyhoo of the newspapers, this still looks like a hard winter. Perhaps I am biased as I never liked capitalism even when it was prosperous, and now that it is decrepit I like it still less, but as I survey the world at large I wonder how people who call themselves humanitarian and presumably intelligent are able to witness the unnecessary suffering of their fellow-men and women apparently unmoved by their distress, and, judging by their actions at election time, totally ignorant of the cause and utterly bewildered as to the cure.

A friend said today that the fault was not in capitalism but in its excesses and the greed for excessive wealth. The fault does lie in capitalism, make no mistake about that. I have said before and intend to keep on repeating with all the emphasis at my command that there is a fundamental law in life, and that is that the exploitation of one human being by another is wrong, morally, spiritually and economically. Our politicians may tie themselves into knots devising schemes and palliatives to fool an unthinking and puzzled electorate; the cause of the down-trodden may be betrayed again and again by leaders who think more of place and honors and titles than principle; mankind may be crucified on a cross of gold and labor sold in the slave market, but if our civilization is based on the exploitation of one human being by another, it will crash in ruins about us and be wiped, like other slave societies in the past, from the mind of men. The world cannot exist half slave and half free, and until that question is settled finally and settled rightly there will be no peace of mind or security for anyone.

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The fact that the slavery has been very cunningly concealed in the past and is still passed lightly over and glossed by pious platitudinists and apologists of the ruling class does not alter in the slightest the results which are visible today. The world will always owe a profound debt of gratitude to Karl Marx for making clear the manner in which the worker has been enslaved by the class ownership of the machine, but when the scientific clarity and clear-cut analysis of "Das Kapital" are boiled down that fundamental proposition stands out as vividly as a lightning flash against a stormy sky. Slavery is always known by its fruits and the enslavment of one man by another because he owns the machine by which the worker must live, is made evident in a world of class war, unemployment and starvation.

Approach the subject from any angle you wish and that basic principle of human relationship stands unassailable. One end of the chain which fastens the gyves around the ankle of the slave also holds in its iron bands the wrist of the master. Life is indeed one, and if the slave starves in idleness, the master will be involved in their common ruin. The time has come when the chains must go and it is our task to break them.

Let this then be the aim of all our humanitarianism, all our religion, all our idealism and love of our fellowman, all our statesmanship and economic wisdom, because unless we make as our goal the abolition of the enslavement of one human being by another, all these things are empty sounds which signify nothing.

I. L. P. Notes

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Vancouver Municipal Elections

Aldermanic Candidates

For Ward 5—Jack Price.

For Ward 8—E. S. Hougham.

For School Trustees

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Ladner has organized a branch with twenty-five members. Regular business and educational meetings will be held as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made for same.

South Hill's new branch meets second and fourth Thursdays.

Vancouver Young People's League meets at 1644 Balsam street, Thursday, November 19th, at 8 p.m., and every second Thursday thereafter. Study and social activities.

Vancouver Centre hold a social evening on Saturday, November 21st, in the Women's Building, Robson and Thurlow. Entertainment, musical numbers, refreshments. Tickets 25c. Commences at 8:30 p.m.

At Cloverdale Opera House, Friday, November 20th, Comrades Anderson and Mrs. Lorimer will be the speakers; subject, "Can Capitalism Recover?"

The Annual Convention will be held on Sunday, December 6th, in Labor Headquarters at 10 a.m. Resolutions from branches must reach the provincial Secretary before December 5th.

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SOUTH HILL BRANCH

A branch of the Independent Labor Party was organized in the South Hill district of Vancouver on October 22nd, 1931. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman—Comrade J. Davis.

Vice-President — Comrade S. C. Cates.

Secretary-Treasurer — Comrade E. M. Morgan.

The branch executive consists of the foregoing members together with Comrades G. F. Campbell and J. B. Webster.

Secretary of Propaganda and Literature Department—Comrade C. P. Steen.

Delegate to District Campaign Committee—Comrade J. Dennis.

The branch starts off with a membership of over twenty, and indications point to the building up of a very strong organization in the South Hill district as soon as suitable quarters can be secured. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Applications for membership may be given to any of the branch members, or phones the Secretary, Fraser 530-R.

—E. M. Morgan, 626—50th Ave. E.

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NORTH BURNABY BRANCH

The I. L. P. "Good Time Whist Drive and Dance," Saturday night, November 7th, at our headquarters, 4704 Hastings East, was a dandy. You don't have to take our word for it, everybody is talking about it. Their sentiment is well expressed by one young lady, who said it was the best time she ever had. Some praise for the Social Committee, who have the handling of it. What?

The latter wish to convey their thanks to Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Black, who, though they are not members yet, worked hard at the catering end, contributed greatly to the success of the refreshments. We all join in thanking them and the Social Committee as well.

More lady members are needed to share the good work, and the responsibility, for many hands make light work. Keep the next one in mind, Saturday, November 21st, 8 p.m.

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WARD FIVE I. L. P.

Carleton Branch I. L. P. held a very interesting propaganda meeting on November 12th, although the weather was discouraging. A large number of interested friends turned out to hear Alderman F. Anderson, North Vancouver, and J. Price, the I. L. P. candidate for Ward 5.

I. L. P. are holding a monster whist drive with cash prizes and refreshments on Friday, November 20th, at 8:15 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Joyce and Kingsway. Swell the crowds by bringing all your friends. Admission 25 cents.

Carleton Branch I. L. P. are arranging meetings in Ward 5 for the coming civic election, when the I. L. P. candidate for Alderman and School Trustees will be invited to speak, also other Labor members.

Committee rooms will shortly be opened at Spencer's Emporium, 3203 Kingsway, and for the Renfrew district a store at 22nd avenue and Nootka.

Meetings are arranged as follows:

November 23rd, Norquay Ratepayers.

November 25th, Community Hall, 22nd and Nootka St.

November 26th, Carleton Branch, Memorial Hall, Joyce and Kingsway.

November 30th, Renfrew Ratepayers' Community Hall.

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December 4th, Carleton Branch, Memorial Hall.

Meetings will probably be arranged at Hall, 56th and Kerr Rd., probably by the next issue of the Labor Statesman.

Comrades, we need each other, so spread all the good news. Talk any grievances over with the candidates or at the committee rooms. You will be welcomed.—Mrs. E. Towe, Carleton Branch, I. L. P., phone Carl. 487-L.

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NORTH BURNABY NOTES

Propaganda meeting this Friday night in Headquarters.

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RENFREW BRANCH

A campaign meeting will be held in the Community Hall at 22nd and Nootka, on Wednesday evening, November 25th, at 8 p.m. Aldermanic candidate for Ward 5, J. Price, will speak and also the candidates for School Trustees. Reeve Pritchard of Burnaby will also be one of the speakers.

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VANCOUVER CENTRE BRANCH

The fortnightly propaganda meeting of the Vancouver Centre Branch of the I. L. P. was held in the Williams Building, Granville street, on Wednesday, November 18th, when Comrade Jack Davies spoke on the subject, "A Marxian Surveys World Conditions." Comrade F. Clegg presided. The address was well delivered, the speaker presenting his well thought out points with clarity and forcefulness, thereby scoring another successful propaganda meeting to the credit of the Centre Branch.

The speaker made it abundantly evident that a thorough and scientific understanding of the development of the capitalist system was only to be obtained from an application of the Marxian philosophy. He traced the rise of the various crises in different capitalist countries, dealing particularly with the situation in England, France and Germany, and showed that these crises were all phases of the general crumbling of the capitalist system arising out of severe economic contradictions. There was a good supply of questions, and in the discussion that followed some criticism which was effectually answered.

The next propaganda meeting takes place on December 2nd; the speaker and subject will be announced next week.

On Saturday evening next, November 21st, at 8 p.m., at the Women's Building, Thurlow street, the Centre Branch social evening is being held. Dr. Telford will give a short talk. There will be refreshments and a musical program by artists of note. Tickets 25c. Come and spend an enjoyable evening with the comrades.

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Says Education Misses Its Mark

Minneapolis.—Educational methods were given a lusty wallop by Senator Hendrik Shipstead, when he addressed an audience of students of the University of Minnesota.

If young men and women knew as much about economic problems as they do about football, world's series baseball games, and the latest in motion pictures, we would have a better country and more contented people, the Farmer-Labor solon asserted.

Among facts which students should know, but do not, the Senator listed:

What They Should Know

That the wealth of the nation increased a billion between 1920 and 1930, while the wealth of agriculture was shrinking 18 billion. And the students should be able to tell "whether that was a good thing and why."

That industry increased its wealth by 72 per cent. in that decade, as compared with a drop of 40 per cent. for agriculture and 30 per cent. for labor.

"You should be able to determine whether this mildistribution had anything to do with the present low income of the industry itself," said the Senator.

"Some of you will become leaders of industry. An industrial leader should not confine his efforts merely to making money for himself, but to see that he doesn't make it at the expense of the general public.

"There are enough resources in this country for verybody to thrive, have a high standard of living, without making it at the expense of economic health."

SWISS CITY GIVES LABOR VACATIONS WITH PAY

Basle, Switzerland.—The city of Basle has enacted a law by referendum vote under which all salaried persons must be granted annual vacations with pay, under certain prescribed rules which make the duration of the vacation depend upon the period of service.

With the exception of 20,000 factory workers, whose hours are regulated by Federal legislation, employees of all kinds, if they have worked for the same employer for one year or more, come under the law. The new legislation includes office employees, sales people, servants, and artisans or apprentices.

During the first four years after the first year of employment, vacations of six days must be granted. From the sixth to the tenth year, inclusive, employees are entitled to nine days, and after the tenth year to twelve days. In reckoning the duration of the vacation only working days are counted.

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SOVIET UNION PAYS $6,000,000 OWED U. S. MANUFACTURERS

New York.—The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics deposited $6,000,000 in the Chase National Bank here to meet initial payment on $40,000,000 owed to leading manufacturers of agricultural equipment. It was stated that the Soviet Government had not requested any moratorium or special arrangement regarding Soviet debts in the United States.

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Ten Cent Wage On U. S. Relief Work

The United States Treasury Department declares that 250 relief projects are now under way, and the Department of Labor figures indicate that on nearly two-thirds of the work anti-union contractors are paying wages lower than those prevailing in the communities where the work is being done.

A number of contractors are paying less than half the wages called for by the law.

Recently protests reached the Department of Labor that contractors in Southern States were paying laborers from 10 to 15 cents an hour, much less than half prevailing rates.

70 Cents for Day's Work

A contractor doing work at Fort Bennings, Ga., for the War Department, is paying 15 cents an hour to common laborers who are compelled to spend 50 cents a day in bus fares travelling to and from work. That leaves them exactly 70 cents a day net for their eight hours' work.

Department of Labor officials say that many instances have come to their attention where contractors have resorted to subterfuge to get around the law. Taking advantage of widespread unemployment and the necessities of workers who have been idle for months, if not years, contractors have induced mechanics to accept laborers' jobs and then have compelled them to do mechanics' work at the much lower wage.

Architects Destitute From Unemployment

New York.—The number of destitute jobless architects is increasing rapidly, according to the emergency committee for unemployed architects set up here by the American Institute of Architects. Over 1,500 jobless are already on the unemployed registration list.

The committee seeks the owners of country real estate who want improments made at half the regular cost during prosperous times.

Warren Matthews, the New York architect who proposed the plan, says that under this arrangement $6,000 worth of repairs would be completed for approximately $2,500. The owner would provide the place for the architect to live, the materials, and a small sum of money for the worker. In return he would receive the services of skilled professional men."

"The unemployed," Mr. Matthews added, "include not only architects but architectural draftsmen and executives, building designers and modelers, and specification writers. They are all men of thorough training and experience, with a certain mechanical genius. Many are graduates of the leading architectural schools of America and Europe."

CLEVELAND SCRAPS CITY MANAGER PLAN

Cleveland, O.—After 10 years' experience with the city manager form of government, Cleveland scrapped it at the election Tuesday, and next Monday returns to the system of mayor and city council.

An amendment to the city charter restoring the old method of control was adopted by a majority of 10,000. Cleveland was the largest American city to ever operate under a "manager" plan.

IDLE HOME OWNERS GIVEN MORTGAGE MORATORIUM

Geneva, N.Y.—The New York State Savings and Loan Associations at their annual conference here voted to declare a moratorium on all mortgages on homes whose unemployed owners are paying for them through loan associations and are unable to meet the payments.

George L. Bliss of New York, president of the association, said all members had pledged themselves to protect these homes to the limit of their ability.

BIG PAY DAY FOR INVESTED WEALTH

New York City.—Six hundred corporations paid dividends here recently. More than one billion two hundred thousand dollars turned over in making these dividend payments. Invested wealth was having its pay day.

$15,000,000 JOBLESS FUND VOTED IN NEW YORK CITY

New York.—The Board of Estimates of New York City voted $15,000,000 for unemployed relief. It is estimated the fund will take care of 100,000 families until June 1st.

The money will be provided by the issuance of special bonds authorized under State relief legislation, to be reimbursed by the State from the $20,000,000 relief fund voted by the Legislature. The fund will be administered by a commission appointed by the Mayor.

OCTOBER DIVIDENDS REACH $224,023,007

New York.—Nine hundred and twenty-four corporations declared $224,023,007 dividends in October, according to a compilation made by the New York Times. In October, a year ago, 1159 corporations declared $310,112,902 dividends.

There was an increase in the amount of dividends declared by department stores in October, the figures being $3,742,825 against $2,529,516 in the same month in 1930. All other groups showed reductions.

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Unique Plan To Aid In Jobless Relief

Massillon, Ohio.—Whenever depression settles down in this country, "General" Jacob S. Coxey bobs up in a spectacular manner. This one does not happen to be an exception.

The picturesque old crusader, who led an army of unemployed to Washington during the panic of 37 years ago and was arrested for his pains, recently bowled over all opposition and was elected mayor of this city by the largest vote ever given any candidate.

Immediately he announced that he intended to make things unpleasant for those who exploit the public.

He declares that water rates are too high and that the city will buy out the private company or build a new plant.

Electricity is to be bought wholesale from a power company and distributed by the municipality.

The cost of these undertakings, as well as others to relieve the unemployed, is to be met by a unique bond scheme on which the "General" holds a patent. He says he will issue long-term bonds, bearing 1 mill interest, in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents, $1, $5 and $10, which can be used as currency.

For several years Coxey has been asking Congress to legalize his non-interest-bearing bond idea to stimulate public improvement and reduce interest charges.

750,000 Railwaymen Have Lost Their Jobs

Washington.—During the business depression railroad executives, acting for the owners of the railroads, have removed 500,000 railway employees from the pay roll.

In addition, the railroad executives have used labor-displacing machinery to put 250,000 railway workers in the jobless army.

This is the tabloid picture of the economic conditons under which railway employees live exhibited by D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen, in his testimony before the La Follette sub-committee of the Senate considering the advisability of the establishing a National Economic Council.

Mr. Robertson said the number of railway employees in the last few years had dropped from 2,000,000 to 1,250,000, and that another 40,000 or 50,000 would be jobless now if the amount of available employment had not been prorated.

DEPRESSION HOLDING UP 1000 WEDDINGS

The depression has also blunted Cupid's arrows. The New York Uniformed Firemen's Association announced this week that a thousand young women engaged to firemen on the eligible list were ready to give up businss positions and walk to the altar if their "young men" were given steady jobs.

This could be done by establishing the three-platoon system and putting 2500 additional men to work in the city fire department, the "fire laddies" said.

N. Y. FACTORY OWNERS DISCHARGE MANY WORKERS

New York.—Employers owning factories in New York State discharged three per cent of their employees during October, according to a statement by the State Industrial Commissioner, Frances Perkins.

This was the heaviest month-to-month loss this year, the statement explained. Factory employees this October number 14 per cent fewer than last October and 29 per cent. lower than two years ago. Average weekly earnings dropped to $25.30, which is the level of average earnings in 1922.

THUG GIVEN FORTUNE FOR STRIKE-BREAKING

New York.—Peter de Vito, gunman, strike-breaker and heir-at-lawlessness to the vacant underworld throne of Al Capone, got $502,000 for breaking three strikes in 1929, according to evidence presented in Federal Court here, where he is being tried for income tax evasion.

Standard Oil paid him $300,000, the American Can Co. $168,000, while a firm of fur dealers only gave him $34,000. Men from all these firms testified against him in court. De Vito paid $25 a day to strike-breaking chauffeurs, $20 a day to gunmen guards, and $15 to helpers.

ONE UNION IS BUSY

New York.—Here's one union which will soon have no unemployment problem—for a year, at least. A "rush job" constructing three 1100-foot piers on the Hudson River is expected to keep every member of the Dock Builders' Union steadily employed for 330 working days. It will be a 24-hour job of three 8-hour shifts. Work is to start immediately it is declared.

MINIMUM WAGE SCALE FOR MINNESOTA PROJECT

St. Paul, Minn.—The State Building Commission adopted a resolution providing for the incorporation of a minimum wage scale in the plans and specifications for the new $1,500,000 State office building, bids on which will be opened November 17.

The workers on the structure will be paid the prevailing wage scale in St. Paul as determined by the Minnesota Industrial Commission.

Hubby: "What's the idea? These shirts are two sizes too big for me. You know my size."

Wifey: "Well, the big sizes cost just the same as the little ones and I wasn't going to let that new clerk know what a little shrimp I married."

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Glace Bay Miners Refuse Wage Cuts

Glace Bay, N. S.—Counter wage proposals submitted recently by the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation to the United Mine Workers' executive here, and made public last week, involve demands for wage reductions running from ten per cent. for daily-paid workers to 10, 15, 20 and 25 per cent for the higher paid contract miners, with some special ratings, such as brushing and steel booming, cut 30 per cent.

The mine workers' executive has refused this cut and asked for an adjournment of the wage conference for one wek.

Mine workers submitted their demands to the corporations about one month ago. Some 94 separate demands were filed, in accordance with the policy of the last mine workers' annual convention.

The 10 per cent. cut on datal rates would effect about 8,000 employees, the 10 per cent. cut on contract rates about 3,300, the 15 per cent. cut, about 300. Some 250 men would have to take a 20 per cent. decrease, and the 25 per cent. cut would apply to about 600.

Canadian Federation of the Blind Benefit

On Saturday, November 28th, from 9 till 12 p.m., a benefit dance will be held at the Broadway Academy, 2558 Heather street, to help raise funds to carry on the work of the Canadian Federation of the Blind, Vancouver and District Branch.

Tickets are on sale at the Headquarters of the organization, 2213 Franklin street, telephone High. 1528, or at the following addresses: Mrs. Jessie Ritchie, 901 West Eighth avenue, Bay. 2884Y; Mrs. Hopps, 2322 East 33rd avenue, Carl. 327Y3; Mrs. G. Smith, 976 East 26th avenue, Fair. 6142R; Mrs. Bielby, 2627 West Seventh avenue, Bay. 1580R; Mrs. C. O. Norman, 1070 West Seventh avenue, Bay. 791R. Those who do not buy tickets in advance may pay at the door.

The Canadian Federation of the Blind is not a member of the Vancouver Welfare Federation (Community Chest), therefore, it does not receive any of the money collected through the recent drive. Why is this organization not in the Community Chest? Because it is a reformist body, which gives blind people the right to have a vote and a voice in their own affairs, and its By-laws cannot conform to those of the Community Chest.

Please help our cause by buying a ticket or tickets for this dance.

For further information re our work, telephone or visit the Home for the Blind, operated by the Canadian Federation of the Blind, at 2213 Franklin street.

SIX-HOUR DAY FOR R-K-O

Culver City, Calif.—A 6-hour day was placed in effect in the construction department of the R-K-O Pathe studios here as a precedent in the motion picture industry.

Dave Garber, superintendent of construction, said it would allow the employment of more men. The force is now operated in two shifts, which commence work at 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., each with half an hour off for one meal.

"This plan not only provides employment for more men," said Garber, "but allows the workers added time for leisure and recreation."

FIVE-DAY WEEK ASKED FOR JOBLESS RELIEF

Albany, N. Y.—"The unemployment situation is so urgent in this state," declared State Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins, "that there can be no further delay in saying that it constitutes a demand for all industries to go on either a five-day week or a six-hour day. Different industries can adjust their schedules to one of these two methods of spreading work with varying degrees of success."

MURPHY RE-ELECTED BY DETROIT VOTERS

Detroit, Mich. — Mayor Frank Murphy, who has been praised and criticized for daring to spend $20,000,000 of the city's money to feed the hungry unemployed, was re-elected Tuesday by 70,000 majority, or almost 2 to 1.

JOBLESS ELECTRICIANS RECEIVE $300,000

Chicago.—Up to date, Electrical Workers' Local Union No. 130 of this city has paid out $300,000 from its emergency relief fund. Members in financial distress borrow from this fund and when they obtain work they pay back the loan at the rate of $1 a day for each day employed, together with interest at 3 per cent per annum.

The records show that 1850 members have already taken advantage of this relief scheme. The fund is created by assessing employed members 10 per cent of their wages. With the return of normal business, those assessed will be reimbursed with 3 per cent interest, minus the cost of operating the plan.

FIVE-DAY WEEK TREND REPORTED IN NEW YORK

New York.—A trend toward the five-day week is indicated in New York State industries, according to the revised edition of the report of Governor Franklin Roosevelt's Commission on Unemployment Problems, Henry Bruere is chairman of the commission.

The report gives the names of a number of concerns which have found the five-day week practicable and describes other methods used by executives to spread work.

There is also a section devoted to unemployment insurance abroad and a discussion of the dismissal wage for employees laid off because of curtailed production.

The commission makes no recommendations.

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.35	and .50 Shell Dry Cleaner	.22 and .34	.40 Dorin Rouge Brunette .24
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