

If Farmers Adopt Eight Hour Day

Production Will Be Cut Down by at Least One-Half—Increase Cost of Food—Direful Result of the Farmers' Strike in Russia.

Labor radicals in the industrial centres speak and act as if the world depended entirely upon them, while they are independent of everything and everybody. Here is an editorial from a Western paper (Successful Farming) which should convince even the most unthinking radical that he and his are dependent upon society as a whole, and without it he would starve, freeze, or go naked. The editorial, in part, follows:

"We ask city workers to ponder a moment what might happen if the farmers should do what the workers are doing—demanding shorter hours and higher pay. The farmers are their own bosses, so they would not have to quarrel with anybody. They could hold out on strike until they got good and ready, for they can feed themselves.

"You working fellows, suppose for a moment that the farmers adopted the eight-hour day. It would cut down production at least half. Suppose they also set a price on their labor and their products based on an eight-hour basic scale. Where would you get your food? Only the rich could buy it at all, for the price would be prohibitive to men on strike. If the cost of living is too high now, how will lessened production affect it? How will increased cost of production bring down prices?

"If you city workers expect the farmers to go on feeding you at the old price, you have got to get back to work at the old wage and make it possible for the farmer to buy cheaper, so he can produce cheaper. This is not a one-sided game. It takes two to play it, and if you city fellows quit don't get sore if you get hungry soon. Either the farmers must do as you are doing, shorten the hours and demand higher pay, or else they must lengthen the hours and produce more without more pay.

"The farmers have been patient with you. When they lose their patience, look out. If they quit, who is going to feed you? What city workers have in common with farmers is not so much political as economic. What are you going to do about it?"

In many countries of Europe, food production this year was half the usual amount, because the farmers could not plant the average crops. Relief societies are now trying to save the children from starvation and tuberculosis. In the radicals' heaven—Russia—farmers have gone on strike and refused to produce more than sufficient for their own needs. Possession of a piece of bread is now something to fight for.

Death at Lonsdale

The death of Margaret O'Sullivan took place on Monday, Jan. 19th, 1920 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy. The deceased was about 30 years of age and for the last three years had been in poor health. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was done for her but it was impossible to save her. Just five years ago on that day she was a happy bride. The deceased is survived by her kind and dutiful husband Joseph O'Sullivan, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy, three sisters, Misses Mary and Nellie, Belleville and Rose at home and five brothers, Timothy of the West, Thomas in Chicago, Joe living near Lonsdale and James and Dan at home. The remains were brought to St. Mary's Church at Marysville, where a solemn requiem mass was sung for the happy repose of her soul, after which the remains were laid in St. Mary's cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. John Murphy, John McCullough, Patrick Doyle, Patrick Farrell, William O'Sullivan and Timothy Murphy.

BIG ISLAND

A number of Big Island farmers and sympathizers attended the annual meeting of the U.F.O. at Deseronto Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barker, of Northport were guests on Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peck.

We are sorry to report Mrs. J. M. Kerr and Mrs. Stanley Sprague ill. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Lawrence Sprague of Picton is home again.

Percy Allison spent Sunday evening at the home of J. E. Sprague. Mrs. Wm. Peck visited her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Sprague on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson entertained company from Deseronto over Sunday.

Miss Ila Martin was a guest over Sunday of the Misses Luella and Claire Sprague.

WEST LAKE

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church held their regular meeting in connection with an "At Home" at the home of Mrs. King on Thursday and a goodly number were out, and profitable time spent. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Miss Bernice Cooper is ill at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Shochbridge, at Bloomfield.

Clayton Hyatt is recovering from a severe attack of smallpox.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hyatt attended the convention at Picton on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McConnell entertained a number of their friends on Tuesday evening.

H. S. Masters is slowly recovering from a severe sick spell.

Miss Florence Heffer has returned from visiting friends in Toronto.

Miss Emma Masters is quite ill from the effects of vaccination.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. Burlingham and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McConnell were Sunday evening guests at F. W. Haycocks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Heffer entertained a number of their friends on Friday evening.

Miss Jones Gets Belgian Award

Miss Della Jones, of Calgary, cousin of Mr. G. R. Jones, of Eldorado, was recently the recipient of the Médaille de la Reine Elisabeth, a Belgian decoration, for the excellent work she performed as a member of the Southern Alberta Belgian relief committee during the war. Miss Jones, who was educated in the East was a teacher at Woodstock for some time and then became a member's secretary at the Parliament buildings. Subsequently she joined the staff of the Calgary Herald, where she is at present engaged in an important work.

Mr. de Buriel the Belgian consul, making the presentation, paid tribute to the unselfish and unflinching services of Miss Jones. The decoration he described as a token of Belgium's gratitude to the ladies who have deserved well of Belgium.—Maddox Review.

Report on Farm Conditions

The following is a summary of the reports made by agricultural representatives to the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

Fall wheat at present is well protected by snow and so far has suffered but little from winter.

Cattle are generally in good condition notwithstanding the comparatively cold weather, and the rather limited quantity of grain on hand. The good supply of ensilage on hand is credited with helping out the situation more than anything else. While marketing in most quarters is rather slow, Grey reports weekly shipments of well finished cattle.

The milk supply is about normal for the season. A condensary in Elgin is paying \$3.40 a cwt., for milk with a 4 per cent. of fat standard.

Many horses are being carried over a little leaner than usual. Essex reports an extra supply of work horses.

Kent states that hogs are now rather scarce. Prices for bacon animals ranges from \$16 to \$17.25.

Very little grain is being marketed. Hay is being disposed of at from \$30 to \$32 a ton in the more settled parts of the province and from \$30 to \$35 in Port Arthur district. In Western Ontario straw is bringing \$10 a ton.

Considerable corn and tobacco yet remain to be marketed in Essex.

Peterboro states that a carload of potatoes were shipped from Norwood by the U. F. O. during the week at \$2.75 a bag. Grenville reports sales at \$2.25 a bag, and other representatives state that the weather of late has been too cold for handling potatoes.

Grey reports that with most of the sweet clover out of the hands of the farmers, wholesalers are now offering \$17 a bushel for seed, while holders ask as high as \$21.

The ice harvest is now on, and old cutters in Peterboro say that this year's ice is the best for storing that they have ever seen.

A number of farmers in Kent are already applying for men for work in the spring.

Yes, Alfred, matrimony has its advantages. A bachelor has to pay to attend lectures, but a married man gets his at home.

Prepared to Fight Influenza Again

Department of Health is Watching Epidemic in United States

Ottawa, Jan. 24. — The following statement was issued here by the Federal Department of Health:

While the Federal Department of Health has as yet no information of the recurrence of the influenza epidemic in any part of Canada the report of new cases in Chicago means that the people of Canada must face the possibility of a return of the epidemic. In view of this possibility the Department of Health is keeping in close touch with the United States Public Health Service, and is receiving full information of the progress of the disease there and of the methods found valuable in the United States towards relieving the disease and combatting the epidemic.

The Dominion Council of Health at its meeting in October, 1914, thoroughly discussed the matter and mapped out a campaign to be carried out in case of the return of the disease in Canada, and all the provincial boards of health have been quietly and efficiently preparing for eventualities. These preparations include provision for rapid expansion of hospital facilities, registration of all available nurses, emergency training of volunteers and registration of volunteer home workers.

Lindsay Power is Blamed

When interviewed by the Peterboro Examiner this morning on local power troubles Mr. H. D. Fisk, manager of the Utilities Commission said that the trouble had not been caused by anchor ice. He explained clearly the failure of the power here was due to trouble on the Lindsay part of the line which runs north from Port Hope to Lindsay. About midway, the line is switched and brought into Peterboro. When the Lindsay trouble occurred, it of course threw the Peterboro line out of commission and a man had to be dispatched in a horse and sleigh to cut off the Lindsay section.

It is about eight miles to where the switch is and as the roads were all but impassable it naturally took some time to reach the switch, so yesterday morning the power was off for an hour or so.

To-day the system is working all right, the Lindsay trouble having been repaired. — Peterboro Examiner.

Destroyed by Fire

Fire at the noon hour on Monday destroyed the premises on Victoria street, owned by Mr. E. Conkwright and occupied until recently by Mr. J. Lufman as a barber shop. Mrs. Conkwright and the children were at home in the residence at the rear of the building and were not aware that the place was on fire until passers-by gave the alarm. Mr. Conkwright was up town on business at the time and on returning at the sound of the fire alarm was unable to enter the place owing to the headway gained by the flames. Hoses were quickly placed from the fire hall tank to the scene and after a brief fire occasioned by a frozen link a good stream of water was playing on the blaze. The fire by this time had burst through the windows and was licking its way up the walls but in a comparative short space of time the blaze was under control. Before all danger was over, however, the supply of water gave out at the fire hall tank and the engine had to be moved to the tank at the corner of Victoria and Jamieson streets. Here another delay occurred and it appeared for a time that all efforts to get the pump to work would fail. In the meantime willing workers got busy with hooks and pulled the remaining part of the building to pieces thus removing any further fear of danger to Mr. Blakely's furniture store next door. By this time the pump was thoroughly drenched. As there was no fire in the building that forenoon Mr. Conkwright can not account for the origin of the blaze. Detective electric wiring is one theory that has been advanced as to the cause. The dwelling apartments remained intact, but are practically ruined by water and smoke. The house furnishings were also more or less damaged by removal. There was a small insurance. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Conkwright in their loss, which occurring as it did in zero weather adds to the burden. — Tweed Advocate.

TWEED

Mrs. Harry Sager, Ottawa, visited friends in town last week.

Mr. Ed. Meraw, of Saskatchewan, is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Meraw, and other friends.

Miss Beth Rollins spent the week end in Toronto.

Mr. Bert Houston, of Toronto, spent the week end at his home.

Mrs. Felix Rashotte and baby Bern are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitty, Stirling.

Mrs. Harry Letch, of Tamworth, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thompson.

We are sorry to report that Miss Carson, of Sorey, was stricken with a stroke early last week. Her brother, John, who was at the time visiting the Rev. Father Carson, of Picton, was called home.

Dr. W. W. Mather held a clinic in town last week when Dr. Mackech-nie, of Toronto, performed several operations for the removal of tonsils. We are pleased to say all the patients are on the mend and some around again.

Mr. D. Rollins has leased the Lingham brick manufacturing plant at Belleville and is preparing for a big season's output. The Tweed yard will be operated as usual. Mr. Rollins informs us that he never saw the demand for brick so brisk, which bespeaks unusual activities in building operations during the coming season.

Mr. Wm. Vilneff had the misfortune to have his leg broken while cutting wood in the bush on Tuesday. Being somewhat handicapped with a stiff leg, he was unable, owing to the deep snow, to move quickly enough to get out of danger of a falling tree and was struck, with the result above stated. Dr. Kindred repaired the fracture. — News and Advocate.

Wedding Bells

O'CONNOR — PELLETIER.

An interesting wedding was solemnized on Thursday morning, Jan. 15th, in the church of St. Peter-Chains, Rev. Father Connolly officiating when Miss Stella Pelletier of this town became the bride of Mr. J. C. O'Connor. The bride who was given away by Mr. J. Ross Cumming wore her travelling suit of navy blue cloth with collar and cuffs of mole-skin and large black picture hat. Miss Angela Cumming attended as bridesmaid and wore a gown of navy blue satin and georgette with hat to match. Mr. Look, Toronto, was groomsmen.

During the service Miss Aileen O'Rourke sang very beautifully "Ave Marie."

After the wedding the bridal party and guests, numbering about sixty, returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Cumming where the wedding breakfast was served and later the bride and groom left for the home of the groom's parents, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mr. O'Connor is with the Trenton branch of the Canadian Creosoting Company. — Trenton Advocate.

Kingston Chosen for Machine-Gun Bdqe. Headquarters

Permanent Force Unit Has Fifteen Officers, 100 of Other Ranks.

Kingston, Jan. 24. — It has been announced that the headquarters of the machine-gun brigade of the permanent force will be stationed at Kingston, and the brigade will be stationed at Barrfield barracks.

Lieut. Col. E. W. Sisson of the machine-gun brigade Ottawa, was in this city to-day conferring with Major General Williams in regard to the matter. It is announced that the brigade will consist of fifteen officers, and about 100 other ranks, though this will eventually be increased to about 500 men. The brigade will occupy the wing of the barracks now being made useful for hospital purposes. It is not likely, however, that the entire 500 men will be stationed here, owing to the lack of accommodation. Companies will be established in some of the cities and towns in the district.

Col. Sisson is expected to take charge of the brigade here in a few days.

The original family tree was of the apple variety.

Every picture frame manufacturer is a patron of art.

Most people get better obituary notices than they are entitled to.

Unless you forget that you are trying to go to sleep, you will not succeed.

30,000 Canadians Have Received 1914-15 Star

And Hundreds Now Are Said To Be Eligible for It.

Ottawa, Jan. 24. — Thirty thousand Canadians have been awarded the 1914-15 Star to date, according to the records of the militia department. Applications are still being received for them and there are probably still some hundreds of men and many women who are eligible for them but have not received them yet.

The staff of the records branch has been kept busy issuing "King's certificates of discharge," and is not nearly through with the distribution of them yet. Hundreds of applications are being dealt with daily and this entails considerable time and labor, as all records of individuals making such application must be looked into carefully.

The honors and awards section of the branch received many requests and queries in a day. Letters from soldiers' widows are particularly numerous and cover a wide range of subjects.

The Memorial Cross to be awarded widows and mothers of deceased soldiers is the subject of many these days. But the correspondence goes all the way to Pentan Raid medals, several of which have been given out in the last two months.

Obituary

NATHAN D. UNGER.

The death of Nathan D. Unger occurred in Hallowell Jan., 12, 1920, at the residence of his son Wilfred where he moved only a few weeks before his death. The deceased was born in Richmond 34 years ago and resided there the greater part of his life. Some twelve years ago he removed to Prince Edward County purchasing a farm at Elm Brooke which he disposed of a short time ago. He was a son of the late Daniel Unger, a local preacher. As a young man he consecrated his life to God and remained firm to the end. In 1863 he married Rhoda Hettie VanBlarcom. During their long married life of fifty-six years, he was always very kind and congenial in his home, and always willing to lend a helping hand to others who needed help. He was a Methodist in religion and a life long Liberal in politics. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and seven children — Mrs. G. C. Joyce, Deseronto; Mrs. E. W. Dean, Watertown N. Y.; Mrs. J. D. Watson, Fullin Chain, N. Y.; Mrs. F. Zecker, Merino, Montana; Ethan of Elm Brooke; Irvin of Trenton; Wilfred, Yereville. One sister, Mrs. G. S. John son, Belleville, and four brothers, John, Nelson and William of Napanee, and Daniel at Winnipeg, also survive. — Picton Times.

THE CRITIC

My father says the paper that he reads ain't put up right. He finds a lot of fault, he does, perusing it at night.

He says there ain't a single thing in it worth while to read, and that it doesn't print the kind of stuff that people need.

He tosses it aside and says it is strictly "on the bum."

But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

He reads about the wedding and he snorts like all git out.

He reads the social doings with a most derisive snort.

He says they make the papers for the wimmin folk alone.

He'll read about the parties and he'll tune and fret and groan.

He says of information it don't contain a crumb.

But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

He's always first to grab it and he reads it plumb clear through.

He doesn't miss an item or a want ad—that is true.

He says "They don't know what we want, them darn newspaper guys."

I'm going to take a day some time and go and put them wise.

Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb.

But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

—Exchange.

Dr. Karl Renner the Austrian Chancellor has informed the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Assembly that an offensive and defensive alliance has been concluded with Czechoslovakia.

January Specials

FINE FOOTWEAR For Ladies'

Ladies Brown and Black Kid Bals, Regular \$6.50 and \$6.00 clearing at \$4.75
Ladies Brown Calf Bal Buck Top, Reg. \$9.00 clearing at \$7.50
Ladies Pat Button, Reg. \$6.50 clearing \$3.25
Ladies Gunmetal Button, Reg. \$5.30 clearing at \$3.00

FINE FOOTWEAR For Men

Men Brown & Black Calf Bal Buck, Receiving and Round Toe Reg. \$9.00 clearing at \$7.50
Men Gunmetal Buttons Reg. \$6.00 clearing at \$4.25

Heavy Footwear For Men

Men Brown & Black Calf Blk. Waterproof Soles Reg. \$9.00—\$7.50
Men Box Calf Black Leather Lined, Reg. \$10.00 for 7.50
Men Brown Elk Bluch, Reg. \$10.00 for 7.50

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ORGANISATION FORMED TO ARRANGE OLD BOYS' REUNION

Strong Executive Will Set the Ball Rolling at Once — Next Meeting Will Be Held on Tuesday Night When date Will Probably be Named.

The joint committee appointed to get the Old Boys' Reunion for 1920 started met last night at the City Hall at the call of Ald. Hanna. The enthusiasm displayed will actually insure success and it is expected that the 1920 celebration will be the greatest of the kind that ever took place in Belleville.

The following officers were selected:

Honorary President, Lt.-Col. Lazier.

Honorary Vice Presidents, Thomas Ritchie, Jas. A. Roy, E. Guss Porter, K.C., M.P., J. M. Hurley, R. J. Graham, Geo. Wallbridge, W. N. Panton, K.C., D. V. Sinclair, J. B. Flint, C. N. Sulman, Curtis Bgart, John Newton, J. W. Walker, W. J. Diamond, John McKewon, J. E. Walsley, His Honor Judge Willis.

President, Dr. H. A. Yeomans.

Vice Presidents, W. C. Mikel, K. C. W. B. Deacon and H. W. Ackerman.

Secretary, Arthur Johnston.

Asst. Sec., Ald. Chas. Hanna.

Treas., His Worship, Mayor W. B. Riggs.

Chairmen of Committees: Finance, H. F. Ketcheson.

Press and Publicity, W. L. Doyle.

Entertainment, Ald. Chas. Hanna.

Decorations, Major A. C. McPeck.

Transportation, Col. L. W. Marsh.

Accommodation, Major R. D. Panton.

Information, W. R. McCready.

Parade, Col. D. Barragar.

Reception, Col. E. D. O'Flynn.

There will be other committees.

POISONED OLIVES

Only One Survivor in a Family of Seven.

New York, Jan. 24. — Death won a double victory in a grim race with and express train and a government mail airplane when two more members of the Paul Delbene family, poisoned from eating olives died in Fordham hospital owing to the late arrival of the special serum necessary to save their lives. Hospital physicians, however, made an injection in the arm of Cecchetti Delbene, ten years old, the only surviving member of the family of seven, with serum received from Washington. This morning the physicians said they believed the serum had saved the girl's life. Unless unforeseen complications develop, they certainly believe she will recover.

Another package of serum, which was being rushed eastward from Chicago by mail airplane, failed to arrive the machine having been disabled and forced to land at Black Oak, Ind.

Health Commissioner Copeland has traced the poisoned olives to an east side store. The olives originally came from California.

The economical housewife is always trying to make something new out of bread crusts.

Obituary

MRS. PHOEBE JANE WILSON

The death occurred on Friday, Jan. 23rd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Finkle, 121 West Bridge street, of Mrs. Phoebe Jane Wilson, in her 72nd year. She was a native of Moira and a daughter of the late Lewis Outwater, of Murray township, and Mary Ann Daly Outwater, of Huntingdon. She spent all her life in this district. The last three years were spent in Belleville. She was an estimable lady and her death is deeply regretted. Mrs. Wilson was a member of Christ Church and an active church worker. Mourning her loss are two sons: Harry, of Foxboro, and William, of Deseronto; and one daughter, Mrs. Finkle, of Belleville.

BIRTH

BATEMAN — At Lodgeroom, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ernest Bateman, a son.

When poverty comes in at the door love crawls out of the window and looks for a job.

Some people are always taking offense, but somehow the supply never becomes exhausted.

Dreams go by contraries, and the man who indulges in day-dreams is always contrary.

County and District

An Industrial Commission Has Been Appointed in Kingston.

DEATH FROM SICKNESS.

Brantford Lady is of City Board of Health.

A Free Public Library.

G. Y. Chown who has former Milk Trust building intention of handing it over as a free public library.

desires that all societies desirous of the present together in order to appraise a committee, that the arrive at the best methods on this work. He wants tion and approval of all that when the money for and repairs is raised the same the maintenance. T will be held in the count next Monday. If there is

client interest shown to the continuance of this Chown will withdraw the lease the building to a tenant. Should this occur, library will have to dis work, as the building the equip has been sold, and other building suitable the work, even under ext

to Build New Mill.

The Toronto Paper Co let the contract for the a new pulp mill near the plant at Cornwall, with a capacity of 60 tons times that of the present is expected that the plant in the neighborhood of and that 75 men will

ed.

A Successful Show.

Ellery Wright, superintendent of the Canadian Briscoe who returned Thursday during the Montreal Motor sports one of the most exhibitions ever held in Canada circles. The local firm cars on exhibition at the Rolls - Royce Blue top wheels, black leather upholstery, a "claf" and a black standard. The Canadian Briscoe cars are meeting with from the general public successful season is anticipated. Brockville Recorder & T

Had Sheep Killed.

Mr. Thomas Brackenridge, wood, is looking for the very fine collie dog which his possession and wh