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COURIER
COMICS

He Knew!

"No man can acquire money without making sacrifices," said the man who had made his.
"No, not even when he marries for it," replied the man who had tried the experiment.—Life.

Sleight of Hand.

Fitz Jones—Did you go to the revenue last evening, Percy?
De Brown—No. I attended a sleight-of-hand performance.

Fitz Jones—Where?

De Brown—I went to call on Miss Le Smythe, and offered her my hand, but she slighted it.—Pearson's Weekly.

Wholesale Rates.

Doctor—You are suffering from a complication of diseases, sir—at least six.
Patient—I suppose you'll allow me a discount on the half dozen, doctor.—Boston Transcript.

Can't Be Done.

"It is indeed hard," said the melancholy gentleman, "to lose one's relatives."
"Hard," snorted the gentleman of wealth—"hard! It is impossible!"—London Answers.

Still in Servitude.

A northern man travelling through Alabama was much interested in Uncle Ned.

"So you were once a slave, eh?" said the man.

"Yes, sah," said Uncle Ned.

"How thrilling!" said the gentleman. "And after the war you got your freedom, eh?"

"No, sah," said Ned, gloomily. "I didn't get mah freedom, sah. After de war I done got married."

Ladies' Home Journal.

His Difficult Job.

Lady—Can't you find work?
Trump—Yessum; but every one wants a reference from my last employer.

Lady—And can't you get one?
Trump—No, mum. Yer see, he's been dead twenty-eight years.—Chicago Blade.

The Wrong Direction.

A teacher was explaining to her class that if one wished to do anything well one had to begin at the bottom, when a voice from the back interrupted her.

"How about swimming, teacher?"

A Harder Thing.

Grey—"How are you getting along in the stock market?"
Green—"Well, I'll tell you. I traded a lot of money for experience, and now I'm trying to reverse the process."

Should Let 'Em Grow.

Mrs. Bridley was doing her morning marketing, and she was determined that the grocer should not take advantage of her youth and inexperience.

"These eggs are dreadfully small," she criticized.

"That's the kind the farmer brings me," answered the grocer.

"They are just fresh from the country this morning."

"Yes," said the bride, "and that's the trouble with those farmers. They are so anxious to get their eggs sold that they take them off the nest too soon!"



MISS LILY MACVICAR, Toronto woman, who has been chosen by the Presbyterian Church of Canada to go to Central India as a missionary.

HAS BORIS NOT ABDICATED.

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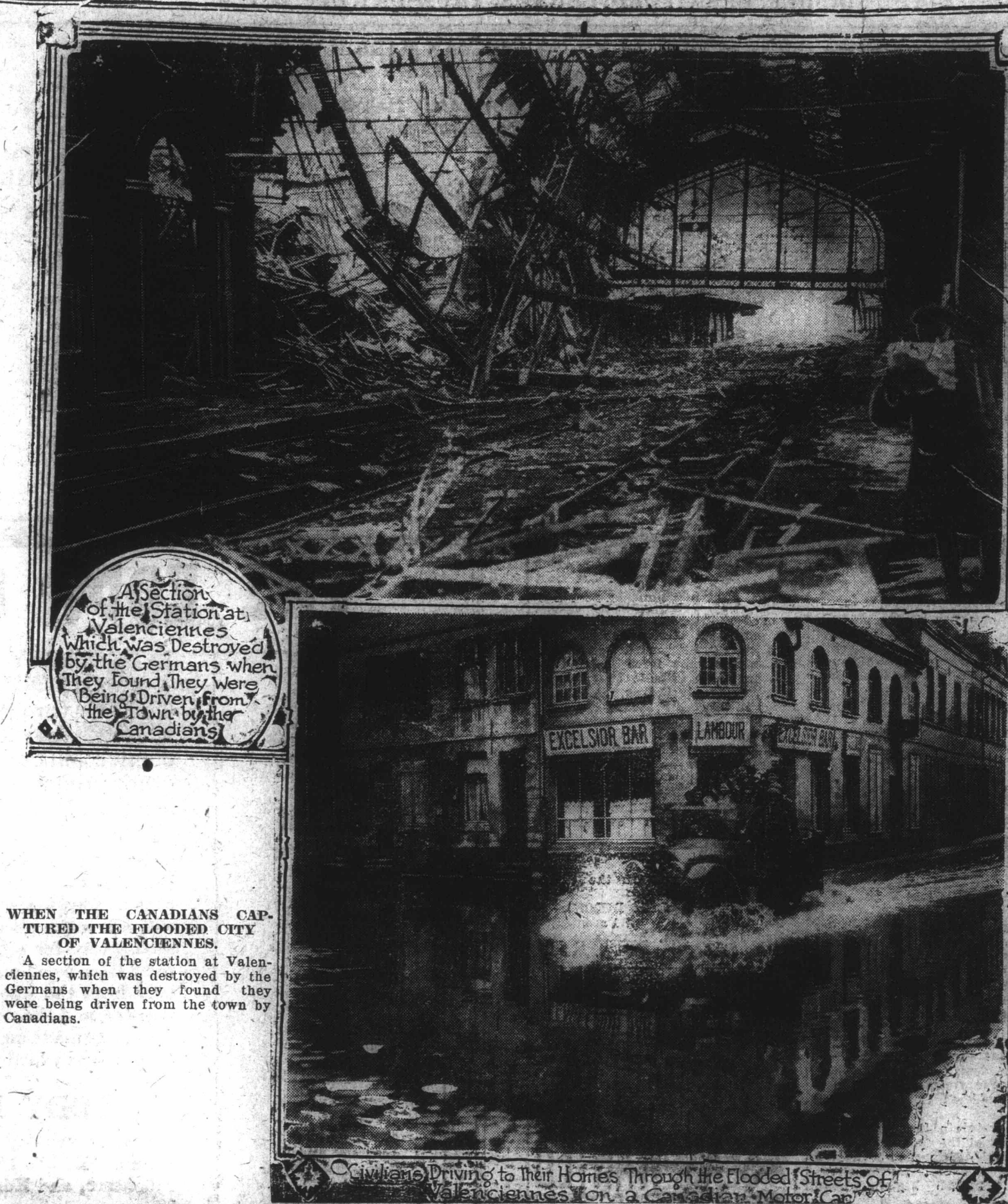
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LABOUR COUNCIL
HAC BUSY NIGHT

Are Planning to Organize a
Clerks' and Stenographers' Union

PROHIBITION ISSUE

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last night, a lengthy and heated session took place.

In the first place a very full discussion occurred as to the advisability of helping the stenographers and bookkeepers in forming a union.

Next the brewery question was reviewed at considerable length, when some very heated arguments ensued.

Immediately thereon the City Council was severely criticized by at least one member of the Council, Mr. Powlesand, and the organizer of the Blacksmiths' Union, gave an address.

Delegate Harrup was next called to speak and the press was excluded.

Stenographers' Unions.

Delegate Ritchie observed that the Council should take in hand the formation of a Stenographers' Union.

The stenographers, he said, were receiving wages too low for their positions.

This union should be classed as a Stenographers' and Bookkeepers' Union.

Delegate Kite stated that when firms were paying girls a wage of seven dollars a week, they should be classed as white slave workers and should be shown up to the full extent.

Some girls thought they should be affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council, others thought they should join the Women's Social Service League and others the I.O.D.E., according to Delegate Brown.

He further stated that one man told the girls in his store that "the first one who joined a union would be fired."

And that another

said something to the same effect. Delegate Armstrong thought that this should be taken up by the Trades and Labor Council.

When the Free Press was in existence, Delegate Brown said he called on two merchants among others in search of advertising matter.

They said, "Nothing doing," which showed they were not in favor of unionism.

He interviewed different merchants in regard to their acknowledging the Retail Clerks' Association.

They said it was the fault of the clerks for demanding early closing hours instead of asking for them.

Delegate Morsen gave aim to his views on the question and stated that the Trades and Labor Council should take the matter in hand.

Delegate Brown moved and Delegate James seconded that the matter then be left to the organization committee. This motion was passed.

Censure for Aldermen.

Delegate Brown said it was scandalous the way some of the city aldermen carried on.

He said Ald. Hurley was the biggest boob ever in the council, and some of them ought to be thrown out of the window on their heads.

He also said, whatever came up in the council of interest and value to the public, was objected to by Ald. Hurley.

To Inspect Collegiate.

Delegate Armstrong, in view of the fact that some citizens objected to the technical training at the Collegiate, wanted the institution inspected by the Trades and Labor Council.

He wanted to name delegates to visit the institute to see each class work.

"It was moved by President Stinchcombe that a delegation be appointed from this council to visit the Collegiate Thursday week to inspect the school."

The delegates consist of Delegates Armstrong, Symons, Brown, McGrattan, Parmenter, Ritchie, McAuley, Stinchcombe, James, Kite, and His Worship Mayor MacBride.

Socialist Ban.

A letter from the secretary of the Alberta and Saskatchewan district of the Socialist party of Canada, was read by Delegate Kite, to the effect

that the removal of the ban on Socialist literature be adopted, and protesting against the imprisonment of persons expressing opinions which are alleged to be seditious.

The communication was complete in every respect, even to the red flag on the letter head. The communication was adopted.

Delegate Armstrong moved that the conscientious objectors be kept in jail.

Delegate Kite objected to this amendment.

Delegate Symons felt that the conscientious objector who stands for religious rights and absolutely conscientious, should be released. There was once a conscientious man, who went to Cavalry and was allowed to be crucified. He had no belief in the man who says he objects to killing and goes into a shell factory to earn \$10 a day, he should be kept in jail.

Delegate Symons further stated that he was in favor of the ban on certain literature being lifted.

A communication has been received from the Brantford Board of Railway Commissioners, stating that they will wait two or three minutes after the working hours for the men to catch the car instead of the five minutes requested, and that the factories be requested to close a minute or so earlier. If the cars wait longer it will throw the whole schedule out.

Prohibition Issue.

Delegate McGrattan believed that when the resolution from the Brewery Workers Association, which he read, was not answered, they were not standing by their vow which they made when they joined their unions.

Delegate Parmenter declared that it would not hurt to have a little

stronger beer in the country. He believed the government should have charge of the liquor traffic, have a dispensary in each city, and that each male of legal age be allowed to get a quart a week, and that if he missed one week he could get two quarts the following week.

Delegate McGrattan then read a pamphlet regarding intoxicating and non-intoxicating beverages.

Delegate Brown didn't think that the T. and L. council should support the Brewery Assoc. For one reason when the Carpenters were on strike the Brewers would not stand by them. Quite a heated discussion occurred here as to the endorsement of the resolution from the Brewers for stronger beer.

As the father of three boys, Delegate Symons had done his utmost to stamp out the worst curse the world has ever known, namely, the liquor traffic. No brewers will be thrown out of work because more labor is necessary to make 2-1-2 per cent. beer than is used to make a full strength beverage.

Delegate Symons admitted that he was one of those cranks who believe that since prohibition has been enforced in the Province, a great many women and children have been far better off, and if the breweries were closed it would help the working man, for in that case they would not be able to spend their money on liquor and neglect their families, and thereby make mere beasts of themselves.

Delegate Symons said that next June a vote will be taken on this question, and so there is no use dilly-dallying now. He declared that the thing made him sick.

"German" Government.

Delegate Money declared that he thought that the German Government, and such it is, that "is in Canada, came in power on the platform of prohibition. At this point Delegate Lys interrupted by asking "What kind of a Trades and Labor Council is this to allow such talk to take place." The president answered him by saying that he had already answered that question for him once that evening. The resolution will be answered, but not en-

dorsed by the Trades and Labor Council.

It was then moved that the meeting be prolonged until 11 o'clock in order to hear Mr. Powlesand, vice-president of the Blacksmiths' Union.

Mr. Powlesand.

"The blacksmiths do not think that they should overlook the other tradesmen, but that they should affiliate with such a body as the Trades and Labor Council," declared the above speaker.

The blacksmiths find it difficult to obtain certain conditions they desire unless they are banded together in union.

The railroad workers through unionism have obtained an eight-hour day and a standard wage in all the railroad shops. The railroad men all over North America now get a fixed wage for their various positions.

The welding process, says the speaker, has taken the place of men as do other machines and inventions, as a result it is necessary to get a shorter working day. The speaker closed by saying that he was to return to Brantford in the near future, in order to perfect the organization of the Blacksmiths' Union.

Delegate Harrup gave a report on a meeting held in Toronto, on motion of Delegate Kite and Delegate McGrattan.

The press was unable to obtain information as to the report, as they were ejected from the meeting of the Council at this juncture, on motion of Delegate Kite and Delegate McGrattan.

THERE STILL IS ONE LEFT.

Thomas Shaw, aged 85, of 487 Talbot street, London, claims to be the sole surviving member of the Light Brigade, immortalized in the charge of the famous six hundred.

During the four years of the war the Crimea octogenarian has done his full day's work in a London munitions plant, while his son, Pte. H. Shaw, represented the family at the front, ending in August of 1914. Five grandsons of the old Crimean hero have also played their parts in the great world war.

KING THANKS SWISS.

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