

LABOR NEWS

GOVERNMENT WORK
SORELY NEEDED

Unemployed of Building
Trades Urge Commence-
ment of Public Projects.

SITUATION AÇUTE

One League Alone Numbers
Two Thousand Unem-
ployed Members.

Unemployed but bona fide members of 19 organizations comprising the Building Trades League to the number of 500 yesterday met at the assembly hall, Labor Temple, and passed a number of resolutions dealing with the present acute situation among the working men in Toronto. It will be recalled that two months ago the league requested the government to bestir itself in the matter of public works, but nothing has been done by the government in response to this request, and the large gathering at yesterday's mass meeting decided to hold mass meetings every Wednesday afternoon until the situation became less acute. The session adopted the recommendations of the league to request the government to immediately set to work on such public works as the harbor works, the new general postoffice, sub postoffices, and the new shipbuilding plant so necessary at Ashbridges Bay, a provincial hospital in Toronto for the benefit of out-of-Toronto patients who need services such as can only be procured in Toronto, orphanages for orphans of those fallen in battle, and other great and necessary works. The municipality of Toronto is also being requested to set to work at once on the erection of 1,000 homes for the working men at a figure of not less than \$2.75 each, to build at least 14 public lavatories, and to force the great railway to proceed with the great viaduct at the waterfront. Park pavilions are among other works considered by the meeting.

Giant Petition.

It was unanimously resolved to request the government to immediately request the interest of the workers. It was noteworthy that 500 signatures were attached to the giant petition now being circulated by the Brotherhood of Carpenters for the release of Watson and Cheesman. The meeting also passed without a dissenting vote the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act recommended by the Building Trades League.

Mayor Church and the board of control are being invited to address the next mass meeting, which is to be held at the Labor Temple on Wednesday next at two o'clock.

There are about 2,000 unemployed men among the nineteen organizations comprising the Building Trades League. Rev. J. A. Miller, superintendent of the Government Employment Bureau at King street, near Bay street, stated yesterday afternoon that the resolutions passed by the mass meeting at the Labor Temple in the morning were well advised and timely. Their suggestions formed perhaps the only reasonable solution of the acute situation advanced and discussed.

Pitiful Stream.

It was pitiful, he said, to watch men of families, householders, wives and mothers continuously streaming into his office, with often no remedy at hand for them. It was often not realized, said Mr. Miller, that the employment bureau could not cross positions, and that its sole function was necessarily that of collaboration between the employer and the unemployed.

IRRELEVANT TO THE QUESTION.

Judge Barron's statement of the findings of the board of conciliation investigating the grievances of the employees of the Toronto Railway Co. points out that the cost of living has advanced 100 per cent. since August, 1917, and 14 per cent. since June, 1917. Touching upon the question at issue between the railway and its employees, the president of the board points out that the company has charged a flat rate fare to the citizens of Toronto averaging slightly less than four cents for at least 27 years, no matter what the cost of fuel or the cost of the operating management, and states also that "the present demand of the employees to discontinue the schedule that second year men are classed with third-year men and subsequent year men, thus denying any benefit to men of long service."

Joseph Gibbons, business agent of the Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union, stated that the cost of living had risen 28 per cent. since June, 1917. He also stated that in the opinion of street railwaymen with long experience, a two-year man was as efficient as his job as the 10-year man, and that the judge's reference to the second-year men denying older service men credit for length of service was irrelevant to the question at issue, which was the means of meeting the high cost of living.

Touching upon the Workmen's Compensation Act, ex-Ald Joseph Gibbons stated yesterday that employees were compelled to pay a certain sum toward the compensation fund, but that it was optional with the employer or a director of a firm to do so. If he did so he would be entitled to the benefit of the scheme. If a manager of a factory or a plant refused to do so, that plant it should be taken for granted that that man would pay toward the fund, since all men on the payroll of a firm "come within the meaning of the act."

The Painters and Decorators' Union in Toronto is still "opening wide the gates" of its halls to the returned soldiers, the initiation fee being still lowered for their benefit.

It is not for the Canadian people to do as they are allowed to do to all avenues of information. It is a statement made by officials of the Brotherhood of Carpenters in Toronto.

A five per cent. increase in wages has been granted to the employees of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission.

CAPT. CARPENTER
SPEAKS HIS MIND

Jellicoe's Proposals Only
Sound Basis for Dominion
Naval Effort.

MUST CO-OPERATE

Same United Effort Necessary
in Peace as in
War.

At 6.15 yesterday evening a dinner was tendered to Captain Carpenter, V.C., R.N., by the Navy League of Canada, at the King Edward, Commodore Jarvis presiding.

There were present, among about fifty guests, Sir William Hearst, Sir John Bate, Mr. Justice Riddell, Archbishop MacNiel, E. R. Wood, Hon. Dr. Cuddy, Hon. I. B. Lucas, Kenneth Dunstan, Controller Cameron, H. M. Mowat, M.P., Frank Wise, General Gunn, Major Wright, etc.

After the royal toast, Captain Peter Wright was called upon, and expressed in glowing terms the gratitude of British and British sailors for the assistance rendered by Canada. Early in the war, he said, he knew one coast town in England which had been reduced almost to starvation, the suffering among the poor being very keen. A gift of 3000 bags of flour from the million bags sent by Ontario did much to relieve the situation. He asked for the same spirit of co-operation that had helped to win the war.

No Politics.

The chairman asked for an expression of opinion on the proposal he wished to submit to the Navy League convention at Vancouver, that the proposals of Admiral Jellicoe be accepted as the only basis for naval organization in Canada, and not the proposal of any politician for any party purpose.

This was unanimously agreed upon. The guests then adjourned to Massey Hall.

Captain Carpenter was given a magnificent reception by the great audience which filled Massey Hall to the doors. He was introduced by the chairman, Commodore Aemilius Jarvis, as the outstanding naval hero of the war, who typified the Nelson touch more than any living man. Captain Carpenter once more related the engrossing story of one of the most glorious feats of British arms in the great war, the blockading of Zebrugga harbor in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles.

"I always tell Americans," he said, "and apologize afterwards that the Zebrugga mole is bigger than anything they have in their country. Inside the mole was one of the favorite positions of the German vessels in which to lie. No matter where Germany had a fleet, the task we were about to undertake was looked upon as impossible, ridiculous and fantastic."

Capt. Carpenter told of the long and lonely vigil of the British fleet in the North Sea hoping that the time would come when the German navy would have a sudden rush of courage to the head and would come out and fight. The German fleet never had any tradition and now it has one. There were three attempts made to carry out the storming of the Zebrugga mole, but on the first two occasions the forces of nature intervened and rendered the task impossible at the time, and on the third occasion when the feat was finally performed a heavy rain started to fall, and the fleet was within a short distance of Zebrugga and a heavy sea seriously interfered with operations.

Two methods could not be used, the speaker told of the difficulties and dangers encountered, the sea heavily mined, the enemy patrol craft, the submarines and the aircraft. There were two methods of meeting the mines, either by employing mine sweepers to proceed ahead and sweep up the mines, which was a slow and tedious task, or to chance it. "We chanced it," he said amidst a storm of applause. He related the immortal story of the storming of the mole, the silencing of the German battery, the effective blockading of the Zebrugga channel by the sinking of three British ships.

Captain Carpenter paid eloquent tribute to the courage of his men and officers who had gone thru the task with him. They were picked out, he said, to be the best of the best. They were unaware of their task until they put out to sea on their way. When informed of their duties they were allowed the privilege of leaving the vessel for home, but all remained. His remarks were at times humorous and at times pathetic when he recounted the deaths of his heroes.

"The result of this operation," he concluded, "was the effect of good co-operation" and confidence between officers and men, and that is one thing which makes any operation successful. If officers treat men like machines they will get very little good out of them. If on the other hand they take them in their confidence, as was done on this occasion, the result will be success. The war is over, thank God! There is an analogy between officers and men to be found in peace times in the persons of employers and employees. If employers do not take their men into their confidence they will not get the best results. There are two things to remember. Every civilian should show the same spirit as the men at Zebrugga channel, and employers and employees should do their level best in working together for the good of the whole community.

Captain Carpenter exhibited the Lattin's scarred ensign of the Vindictive from the storming of the Zebrugga mole.

Sir William Hearst, in moving a vote of thanks, stated that we in Canada realized the indebtedness we owe to the British navy. "We are proud," he said, "to do honor to the greatest hero of the greatest navy in the world. There is no one here tonight who does not feel that a glorious thing it is to be a Briton."

KING DECORATES ARAB.

King George recently decorated with the chain of the Royal Victorian Order Prince Feisal, son of the Arab king of the Hedjaz, who distinguished himself in the Palestine campaign. The prince, who looked very striking in the Arab head-dress, does not speak English, and his conversation was carried on through an interpreter.

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Lovely French Silk Fabrics
For Evening Gowns at
Half Regular Prices

Handsome Metal Brocades in light
grounds with delicate designs in silk
crepes, satins with embossed velvet
designs, or fancy striped velvets, 36 to
40 inches wide. Regularly \$10.00
per yard. Friday, special
per yard \$5.00

Broken Lines of \$2.50 and
\$3.50 Corsets for \$1.10

Including such well-known makes
as C. B. and Gossard, with a few
La Victoire and Murray-Kay
models. C. B. sizes are from 19 to
23 only. Gossard sizes from 23
to 30 only. Friday, \$1.10

Women's Pure Silk Hose
Regularly \$1.50 to \$2.50
Friday, Per Pair, 95c.

500 pairs only. Broken lines and
samples of women's pure silk hose.
Various makes, including Onyx and
Crown. All pure silk, lisle garter
tops, spliced soles, toes and heels.
Black; 8 1/2 size only. Also white,
brown, grey, taupe and various other
shades. These are all full-fashioned
goods; all sizes in the lot. Regularly
\$1.50 to \$2.50. Friday, 95c.

(No phone or mail orders for
this item.)

Handkerchiefs of Fine Lawn
3 for 50c

These are handkerchiefs which sell
regularly for 25c each. The material
is very fine and good and the borders
are new. Border widths vary from
1/4 to 1 1/2 an inch. Colors are white,
pink, blue, mauve or green. Some
have dainty floral designs in the
corners. Regularly 25c
each. Friday 3 for 50c

Finest Makes of Women's
Boots in the Season's Best
Styles, Reg. \$10.50 to
\$17.50, Friday \$8.45

Such makers as Lonsbury, Selby,
Whitcomb & Gardner and Gray Bros.
are represented in the lot. Good
year wears and turns; high or low
heel; finest kid, patent leather,
gunmetal calf, grey calf, tan or
brown calf, brown kid or combina-
tions of kid and calf, with grey
suede or buck. Good range of
sizes in most styles. Regularly
\$10.50 to \$17.50. Friday
..... \$8.45

Fine Voile Blouses for \$3.95

Their sheer daintiness has been the
cause of many admiring exclamations,
and you cannot but concede the
beauty of the designs. In short, they
are blouses which would sell at or-
dinary times for \$5.50 and \$6.50. A
lovely model of voile is so sheer that
many people have taken it for Geor-
gette, has a square neck, tucked vest,
and ruffles of self. White or flesh.
Other models of pink voile have white
organdy collars and cuffs. Dainty
ruffles of pink or blue mark other
white blouses. In short, they are
blouses which you have only to see
to want. Yet the price is
only \$3.95

10 to 50 per cent. off all Fur-
niture at the Kay Store
During January.

Our extensive alterations—adding a new floor to the Murray build-
ing—establishing the Kay Store in the six-story building next door
—putting one roof over all—requires a small army of workmen. Our
stock must be reduced materially to make room for them. These
generously low prices have been listed with that one object in view—
TO MAKE ROOM.

EXPANSION SALE

Heavy Plush Coats for
Cold Weather

These coats of the justly famous Salts' Seal Plush and wintry weather seem
really made for each other, for no coat keeps out the winter winds better.
But, though the cold days are just commencing, we simply must have the
space they occupy, so they are marked at prices which will clear them out
quickly. If a coat, possessing smartness and style, as well as warmth and
splendid wearing qualities interests you, you can secure it here at a lower
price than you dreamed of.

A coat of Salts' Seal Plush has large convertible collar, slash pockets with a double belt
across the back. Lined with 80s. satin throughout. A \$55.00 coat, priced
for Expansion Sale, Friday \$35.00

A coat of Salts' Seal Plush is made with shirred back effect. These smart pockets
and deep cuffs. Lined with splendid quality 80s. satin. Extra value at regu-
lar price of \$65.00, but priced for Friday's special selling \$45.00

Another style coat has a wide shawl collar and folded belt all round. Made of Salts'
Seal Plush and lined throughout with a beautiful striped silk of rose and
black. A \$65.00 coat, priced for Friday \$45.00

The Linen Room

The Expansion Sale, coupled with
our Annual January Sale, provides
you with amazing bargains.

Pillow Cases, Per Pair, 45c
White cotton pillow cases, at less than
the cost of the cotton, not more than 6
pairs to a customer. Size 42 x 36,
worth 75c per pair. Friday 45c

Bleached Cotton Sheet
80c Quality, for 59c
One of Canada's best qualities of bleached
cotton sheeting, 2 1/2 yards wide. The
mill price of this quality is 80c per yard
to-day. Friday, special price, 59c

Huck Towels, 25c Each
Only a limited quantity to sell at this
price. We cannot buy them to-day for
more than they are. The task we are
good quality huck with plain
hem. Friday, special price, each 25c

All-wool Plaid Blankets
Per Pair, \$15.50
A few pairs of all-wool plaid blankets
that are slightly soiled. Regular prices
\$22.50 and \$25.00. Friday,
priced to clear; per pair \$15.50

Extra Large Linen Table Cloths
Half Price
If you want an extra large, fine, double
damask table cloth for special occasions,
you can get one here on Friday at half
price, slightly soiled.

2 1/2 x 3 1/2 yards, regularly \$32.00, \$16.00
2 1/2 x 4 yards, regularly \$36.00, \$18.00
2 1/2 x 5 yards, regularly \$45.00, \$22.50

65c White Cambric, For 39c
This is a fine, soft finish white cambric;
it is wide, suitable for ladies' and
children's fine underwear. Good 35c
quality. Special for Friday, per
yard 39c

Dress Fabrics of Cotton
Regularly Up to \$3.50 Yard
Friday, 49c

Included in this lot are thousands of yards
of fancy white materials, colored cottons
with silk mixtures, also embroidered dress
fabrics. On sale Friday at 8.30
a.m. 49c

Regularly Up to 90c Yard
Friday, 39c

Other cotton dress materials, also in white
colors, originally priced from 65c to 90c
per yard. Friday, 8.30 a.m., per
yard 39c

Misses' Afternoon
Frocks,
\$22.50

Dainty and smart as can be are these
Afternoon Frocks for misses, fash-
ioned in odd and delightful ways, and
with the touches of trimming which
Fashion approves of for this season.
They are frocks the charm of which
captivates you at first glance, and
which remain a constant delight, and
the prices were up to \$55.00. For
Friday they will all be
placed on sale at one price. \$22.50

A navy blue satin dress is made with
the long tunic, edged with black silk
fringe. It has the new round neck
and bell sleeves and a broad girle.
For Friday the price of this dress
has been cut from \$32.00
to \$22.50

In black velvet a smart frock is cut,
in the neat, straight lines, with broad
girle, finishing with a sash at the
back. Has a high roll neck and vest
effect of self. Bands of silk braid
encircle the skirt and girle, also
across the vest. Regular
value \$28.00. Friday \$22.50

Another dress of sand-colored serge
has a particularly smart tailored ef-
fect. It is cut with narrow skirt and
long tunic. Vest and collar of white
Bengaline silk. The vest, sleeves and
tunic are trimmed with rows of small
self-colored buttons. An altogether
desirable dress at its original price
of \$35.00. Marked special
for Friday \$22.50

Murray Orchestra

11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4.30 p.m.-5.30
p.m.—all this week—near
Millinery Department

A New Shipment of Dove
Lingerie Has Just Arrived

Many women will wear no other
lingerie than this celebrated make.
To them, and to those who will try
it for the first time, we wish to say
that the materials and trimmings are
as dainty as ever and the materials
as always, are firm and good.

At \$2.95—Nightgowns of fine
mull, in two styles:
sleeveless, trimmed with lace or em-
broidery.

At \$3.50—A very dainty night-
gown of mull, trim-
med with lace insertion and fine tuck-
ing. Empire waist line.

At \$3.75—A nightgown with a
pretty yoke, made
from rows of Val insertion and mull.
Small lace-edged sleeves of same.

At \$4.50—Very fine mull is
used for a night-
gown at this price. The top is tucked
and the Empire waist line is inset
with flat pattern insertion.

At \$2.25—A dainty envelope
chemise of pink
mull, trimmed with feather stitching
and hemstitching.

At \$3.75—A pale pink enve-
lope chemise of 50
per cent. silk. The blue stitching,
rosettes and shawl straps.

At \$4.50—There are two de-
signs at this price.
Both of pink. One of 50 per cent.
silk with fine dots. Blue stitching
and shoulder straps. The other is of mull
in a slightly deeper shade. Trimmed
with hand embroidery. Empire waist
line.

Trimmed Hats, Regularly
\$15.00 to \$20.00
Friday, \$6.95

100 only. Trimmed Hats of velvet,
hatters' plush and velour. Black
or colors. All the best styles for
winter wear. Many imported
models in the collection.
Friday \$6.95

Fascinating Neckwear

One of these dainty collars of Geor-
gette, satin or lace will add just the
necessary touch to complete your cos-
tume. Their usefulness is almost en-
dless and their charm is evident at the
first glance. They come in many
pretty designs, long or short, tailored
effects, some bound with silk military
braid, square or round back, also,
Georgette collars in Tuxedo or square
back, edged with fine flat laces. Col-
ors are hemstitched in white, flesh or
maize. White and black combinations.
Priced regularly up to \$12.50.
Friday, special sale price, 50c

First Long-pant
Suits for Boys,
Friday \$11.85

An opportunity to please your boy
with his first "longs" and yourself
by saving money.

Forty First Long-pant Suits, in grey and
brown mixed tweeds of good durable
qualities, well lined and with good work-
manship. Three-piece, coat made in
two or three-button single-breasted
models; sizes 32 to 38. Regular values
\$15.00, \$18.00 and \$18.00. Friday
..... \$11.85

Taffeta Silk Underskirts, \$5.00
Splendid quality Taffeta Petticoats, some
of which were formerly priced as high
as \$10.00. Colors include rose, dark
green, blue and green, shot, wine, rose
or black. Special, Friday
..... \$5.00

Silk or Albatross Dressing
Gowns, Half Price

Handsome Dressing Gowns at prices
which formerly ranged from \$10.00 to
\$20.00. Various pretty finishes, with
touches of embroidery, others with
dainty collars and cuffs, Heliotrope,
plaid, pink, pale blue, or Belgian
blue shade. Friday
..... \$3.50 to \$15.00

SLURS ON BRITISH
DENIED BY WEBER

Threat to Murder Military
Alleged in Witness'
Letter.

The general court-martial of Elmer
J. Weber, charged with desertion from
the army, was resumed at the armories
yesterday morning. Col. W. F. Butcher
presiding.

Joseph Weber, father of the witness
called, recalled to the witness stand,
vehemently denied casting slurs upon
the British or other arms. Asked by
N. P. Davidson, K.C., for the minister
of justice, whether he had ever op-
posed a grant from the county council
to the Canadian patriotic fund, the
witness replied, "Yes, in 1915 I did,
but other grants I supported."

He contended that he had never op-
posed conscription nor had he ever
opposed the volunteer system. A
letter, dated Sept. 27, 1917, written
to the minister of justice by Ar-
thur Mutton of Mitchell, a traveler for
the firm of Maxwell & St. Mary's, re-
garding alleged statements made by
Mr. Weber, was produced and read as
follows:

"The writer is a traveler for Max-
well, Limited, St. Mary's, Ont. Some-
time in October, 1917, I called on a
firm in Neudstadt by the name of Weber
& Sons, hardware merchants. Mr.
Weber asked me to sign a petition for
exemption of his two sons. This I re-
fused on the grounds that it might in-
terfere with the Military Service Act.

UNIQUE TRIBUTE
TO NAVAL HERO

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A unique and extraordinary tribute
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big audience with enthusiasm.

HUMUS OF THE SOIL.

Humus is plant matter such as grain
straw, weeds, grass, second-crop clover,
green manure, straw, gorse, etc. It is
a light soil, humus binds the loose par-
ticles of soil together, giving the soil body
to hold moisture and to retain soluble
plant food. On a heavy clay, humus
opens the soil and greatly improves the
possibilities of air circulating thru it.
Humus also helps to keep the soil in
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the color of the soil dark, hence im-
proves the appearance of the soil and
heat from sunlight.

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All Deserving.

"Every one of the men deserved the
highest honor," he said, "but, accord-

ing to regulations, they balloted for
the representative hero. He was not
one who had landed on the mole, nor
of the same regiment, the Royal Ma-
rine Light Infantry, but a Royal Marine
artilleryman, who served in the fight-
ing top, and carried on with his gun
after being severely wounded, and the
seven other men in the top, being
killed. He was awarded the V.C."

Co-operation.
The success of the operation was
due to the co-operation between the
officers and men, and Captain Car-
penter urged that this spirit be car-
ried into civilian life.

Mr. Somerville, announced that
the club luncheon next Monday would
be addressed by W. H. Taft, ex-presi-
dent of the United States. Only mem-
bers of the club would be permitted
to purchase tickets, which will be on
sale tomorrow, on production of card
of membership, and only one ticket to
each member.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

Robert Capson, a retired farmer of
King Township, who died July 1, 1918,
left an estate valued at \$18,482, most
of which will be inherited by two
brothers. Other relatives receive small
legacies.

His widow will inherit the entire es-
tate of Rev. Alfred Brown, an Anglican
clergyman, who died Dec. 13, 1918.

The estate is valued at \$11,291. He
was survived by a widow, Ellen Eversfield, a widow, who died
Dec. 7, 1918,