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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

HOME SPRINGS DRY.

FROM the extreme west of the Dominion comes information of the intention to send out men to the British Isles as well as to the United States to solicit money for the Winnipeg Defence Fund. Among the names mentioned for this expedition are those who are well-known in the reactionary class, declared to have nothing in common with the International Trade Union Movement, save and except in its downfall.

If the plans mature and the British Isles are reached by the begging expedition, it is a safe bet that the trade union market will be the one aimed for as offering the best centre for their activities. This irrespective of the fact that the composition of the delegation is such as to be entirely in opposition to the trade union method of progression.

It is indeed pleasurable knowledge to the Dominion trade unionist that the head of the movement, President Tom Moore, is by accident, located in the old land and his presence will be a guarantee that should the members of the expedition adopt the general tactics of decrying the bona-fide movement here, they will meet a worthy foe.

Whether such an expedition is correct at this time is still open to question, as Dominion workers have never yet fallen short in supplying the necessary sinews of war when the occasion has merited. It is yet to be proven that they will fail in this case, and the excursion to the old land would seem a lack of faith in evidence with the promoters.

We are unfortunately faced with this fact that right at the seat of trouble, there is a tendency of dissension as to collection or disposition of the Defence Fund, and with this in plain view, the effort for augmentation either on this continent or in other channels is going to be a decidedly hard task.

A CORRECT SITUATION.

AT this early period of the year, one of the most pleasurable outstanding features is the evidence of effort to co-operate between the organized worker and the employers. This statement has more application to the crafts employed in the building industry than to the others as this class of tradesmen have come to look upon the opening of their work in the spring season as the proper period of the year for agreements to be made.

From many centres of industry this act of co-operation is now evident, on the one hand the various sections of the building trades are presenting prospective agreements, either through a Building Trades Council or individually, and are being met by the representatives of the employers.

This situation is presented by cause and effect. The interested parties have seen the wisdom of being prepared when building operations are once started that there shall be no stoppage of the industry through misunderstanding of any nature.

To this end also the doctrine preached by the International Trade Union has been a powerful ally, and its adoption, though tardy, again justifies the organized movement's correctness of endeavor.

Here's To Woman.

Equal—Fair.

\$14 MINIMUM FOR SASKATCHEWAN.

Regulations have been issued by the Saskatchewan Minimum Wage Board governing female employees in hotels, restaurants and places of amusement in cities. The hours are set at 48 per week to be so arranged between midnight and seven o'clock in the morning.

VOTES FOR WOMEN TO BE EXTENDED IN BRITAIN.

The Labor Party bill extending the franchise to women on exactly the same terms as applied to men passed in the second reading of the House of Commons unanimously last week.

Teachers serve ultimatum. Kingston, Ont., March 1.—Because their requests for increased salaries were not granted in full, the lady public school teachers of the city have served the Board of Education with an ultimatum threatening to resign in April unless the flat three hundred dollar increase in salary asked for is made.

WOMEN AFTER BETTER CONDITIONS.

The members of the Kitchener Women's Canadian Club recently heard a splendid address by Miss Ogilvie, of St. Thomas, factory inspector for women in Ontario, after testing of the progress that has been made for the betterment of the conditions among those employed in factories and industrial concerns.

The speaker said that one object of the Department of Labor is to secure a better understanding between employer and employee through the Factory Inspection Act.

Touching on specific points, Miss Ogilvie remarked that matters which are receiving special attention by the department are sanitation, lunch rooms and rest rooms.

WESTERN CANADA

VANCOUVER LABOR OPPOSES POLL TAX SCHEDULE.

The taxation question, now before the Vancouver City Council, was discussed at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council (Int.) recently. Considerable opposition to a poll tax was expressed, and there was some opposition to the proposed citizens' tax.

CANNERS VS. VETERANS.

A heated controversy is being waged between the canners of British Columbia and the War Veterans in regard to the new fisheries regulations, which will throw the fishing and canning business open to the canners.

MEMBERS OF PROPOSED COMMISSION.



Seven of the twelve members of a Commission to be set up to study the needs of secondary education in Ontario are shown above. From left to right in the upper row are: Dr. G. H. Locke, chairman; Mr. Vincent Massey, Prof. C. B. Sweeney, secretary of commission, and W. A. Rensselaer, Lower row: Prof. W. L. Grant, H. H. Ballantine, and Prof. J. A. Dale.

Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest to Ex-Service Trade Unions.

MANY APPLICATIONS FOR FUND.

Owing to the laying-off of men by the Post's Loyal Construction Co. and the Department of Public Works, there was a deluge of applications from soldiers for out-of-work pay at the Government's employable office, march 3rd on Monday.

FALLACY OF PIECE WORK.

The labor correspondent of Reynolds' Newspaper, presents these views on the fallacy of the piece work system.

HONORS OF THE WAR.

The Secretary of the War Office states that the final award of honors in connection with the Great War has been made.

JOINT CONTROL OF INDUSTRY.

"What may come in the way of popular control, as education advances none can say. The worker will undoubtedly gain voice in the management of industries—and a large voice at that—

\$15.55 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE OF WOODWORKERS IN U.S.A.

The Bureau of Labor statistics of the United States Department of Labor has completed a survey of wages and hours in the woodworking industries, confining it to the manufacture of planing mill products such as doors, sashes, blinds, and to the manufacture of plain and upholstered wooden furniture.

LABOR FIRST.

The first arrival at the British Home Office, protesting against the new bread prices and asking for higher wages. They urged the Government to confiscate food stuffs and to establish the rationing system.

A. F. OF L'S POLITICAL PROGRAMME.

Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor were told recently in a letter from Samuel Gompers, its president, about Labor's political programme.

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THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR IS MADE OF 118 INTERNATIONAL UNIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Emerald Isle Are Doing.

FRENCH MINERS AND THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Yves Trappet, the French Minister of Public Works, has received representatives of the coal miners of northern France, who declared that they are prepared to do all they can to accelerate the production of fuel, but stated that the miners would not increase the price of coal to the consumer.

SERVANTS AND PIANOS TO BE TAXED IN PARIS.

A tax on servants and pianos has been determined upon to help the Paris budget. Thus, a household employing one domestic will have to pay 40 francs a year. The tax to be progressively heavy where there is a large number of servants.

TRADE UNION ACTIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

The Trade Union Congress parliamentary committee is taking steps to clear up the position regarding the allegations against trade unions as to the non-employment of former soldiers. A special conference of the building trade unions is to be called, at which the question of the dilution and shortening of labor for householders will be discussed.

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FAVORITE WAY OF ENDING STRIKES.

Three active strike leaders in the Paris railroad unions were arrested Monday morning. They were M. Sirelle, M. Leveque and M. Sigand.

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OLD CHUM TOBACCO
is the "chum" of more pipe smokers, than any other tobacco smoked in Canada.
EVERYBODY SMOKES "OLD CHUM"

IMPERIAL OIL CO.'S EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFITS.

In his address at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Imperial Oil, Ltd., last week, President C. O. Stillman announced that a plan is about to be inaugurated whereby the employees of the company will join in the purchase of new stock set aside for that purpose. The usual quarterly dividend of 7 1/2 cents per share, payable Feb. 23, was declared.

THE GUARANTEE WAS GOOD.

Jones answered an advertisement and sent a dollar for four pairs of socks. When they arrived Jones looked them over and wrote the advertiser:

OLD AGE MAKES A SPECIALTY OF DISCOVERING LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

A critic is a grown-up boy who continues to throw stones.

OLD AGE MAKES A SPECIALTY OF DISCOVERING LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

Old age makes a specialty of discovering lost opportunities.

The Best Advertising Medium

"PRINTERS' INK," the highest authority on advertising mediums, makes the following statement:

"A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than any ordinary newspaper, in comparison with circulation. A labor paper, for example, having 20,000 readers, is of far more value to the business man who advertises than an ordinary paper with 100,000 subscribers."

The Canadian Labor Press has a circulation that will surprise a good many. It has a combined average circulation of over 30,000. This means, according to Printers' Ink, that it is worth as much, so far as an advertising medium is concerned, as a paper with 150,000 subscribers. So if you want results from your advertising outlay it will be to your own interest to have a space in the columns of the Canadian Labor Press.

Schrader Universal Tire Pressure Gauge

The Schrader Gauge contains a large air chamber which has only one opening. During the operation of testing the air pressure, the air chamber of the gauge becomes one combined, combined chamber, as hermetically connected that no leakage, no matter how infinitesimal, is possible.

The inner mechanism is such that no matter in what position the gauge is applied to the tire, top, side or bottom—the indicating needle remains at the point to which it has been forced by the air pressure, until pushed back into place.

Guaranteed absolutely accurate and endorsed by Tire Manufacturers as the most reliable gauge on the market.

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Industrial Department Toronto and Winnipeg will furnish full particulars regarding land in Western Canada available for farming by other purposes.

Canadian National Railways