

WAGE INCREASE
IS EXCEEDED BY
HIGHER EXPENSE

James Murdock Caustic Concerning Business Men of the Nation

Would Stabilize Costs—Need of Tribunal to See if Added Outlay is Necessary.

St. Thomas, Aug. 13.—In the course of a notable address in Pinatore Park, at a sacred concert in connection with the Michigan Central Railroad employees' annual excursion, James Murdock, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and late member of the Dominion Board of Commerce, made some caustic remarks concerning the business men of the nation, in commenting upon the recent wage increase granted by the special Compensation Board, or tribunal, to the railway employees in the United States, which amounted to approximately \$1 a day or \$20 a month. While the public in general were of the opinion that the award had been liberal, Mr. Murdock took a different view. If the award were received by the railway men without attendant increases in other lines it would be generous, but, in his opinion, it only assisted in keeping going the endless cycle of increase in the high cost of living. It merely meant that for the \$20 increased remuneration he received the railroad man was going to be asked to give \$22 more a month to live, so that in the end the real state of the railway man will be that he is poorer than he was before the award was made.

Stabilize Living Costs. "If I had it to do I would try to call a halt on all advances of compensations until I had first investigated living conditions and tried to stem the advance there," he said. "I am firmly convinced that until drastic steps are taken to stabilize living costs increased wages will not give the laboring man the justice that he is seeking."

Mr. Murdock told of reports that had already been received from sixteen railroads in the United States, which reported that, with the granting of the increased remuneration, merchants and business men in general were beginning to advance commodities at the rate of a little more from the railroad man, on account of his increase. The result was that the railroad man was paying his butcher, his tailor, and a dozen other tradesmen and business men.

Need a Tribunal. "My judgment—and remember, only from my standpoint do I speak—I think that the time must come, sooner or later, when we will participate in a properly organized tribunal, whether to continue that cycle."

"We have tribunals formed to investigate and learn if it is proper for a railroad man or any other organized laborer to receive extra remuneration. Why is it not just as consistent for a tribunal to be formed to investigate and say whether or not that railroad man should be paid that increased rent, grocery bills and other added costs of living?"

Unneeded Business Wards. Mr. Murdock argued that in many cases merchants and businessmen were virtually wards of the community in which they did business.

Hope Deferred Caused Strife. While Mr. Murdock deplored the fact that 80,000 railwaymen had gone on strike in the United States early this year, disregarding their organization and its control, and the rules laid down for handling grievances such as they presented, he stated that he believed the unfortunate occurrence could have been averted had these men received some speedier consideration. Their irrational act had resulted, unfortunately, from delaying for too long something that should have been handled promptly. It had caused them to run amuck, with hope deferred.

Must Consider Public First. "Organized labor knows now that the irrational, irresponsible acts of those 80,000 men will not succeed," said this speaker. "They know that the public must always be given first consideration." Mr. Murdock referred to the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, which provided for investigations of a strike can be called or an industry closed. He felt confident that all properly organized labor would be willing to submit to such investigations, for, in his opinion, a claim that will not stand an investigation might better be filed in pigeon-holes and never permitted to see the light of day.

O. B. U. Cannot Win. No labor organization whose principles were those of the so-called O. B. U., that in action nowhere in France, Aug. 15, 1917, might be right, can hope to exist in the future, Mr. Murdock said. More and more, organized labor must recognize,

GIVES UP HIS THRONE



Advices from Constantinople state that the Shah of Persia has abdicated and that a Persian Republic has been established. This picture of the Shah was taken while he was inspecting aeroplanes on a visit to England some time ago.

BELEYA ENTERS HALIFAX REGATTA

The entry of Hilton Belya for the single sculls in the regatta to be held at Halifax on August 21, was forwarded to the North West Arm Rowing Club this morning by Commissioner Thomas. Some local rowing enthusiasts have agreed to raise a fund to pay the expenses of the west side sculler.

PERSONALS

The many St. John friends of Miss Laura G. Miles will be glad to learn that she is returning to her home town for a visit, after an absence of nearly a year, most of which time has been spent in Boston.

Miss Frieda Hughes returned home Monday after spending her vacation at Stewart, where the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Everett left on Monday for Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Everett is agent for the Canadian express.

Horace A. Porter left last evening for a few days' visit in Montreal.

W. Keating and G. Yates, of Halifax, are in the city, on business.

Dr. W. E. Broderick, Mrs. Broderick and Miss Clare returned home yesterday from New York, where the doctor was in attendance at the Knights of Columbus convention.

Miss Irene Biddington, daughter of Geo. T. Biddington, Sheddale, is spending a few days in the city on her way to Boston to resume her duties with the Gerould Millinery Company, Boylston street.

Mr. John A. Brooks, of 81 Union street, left this morning to visit relatives in Yarmouth, N. S.

DEATHS

PURCHASE.—In this city on August 13, Gretchen A., daughter of William R. and Edith M. Purchase, aged twenty-three years.

FUNERAL MONDAY at 2:30 from parents' residence, 169 Queen street. SHARP.—In this city, on the 12th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Byron MacIntosh, 101 Victoria street, Catherine Elizabeth Sharp, widow of John Sharp, in her 78th year, leaving four sons, three daughters, two brothers and three sisters to mourn.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

NEW PROGRAMME AT OPERA HOUSE MAKES BIG HIT

Great Colored Comedian, Bright Musical Offering, Sensational Athletic Demonstration and Other Features.

The new programme in the Opera House last evening was without doubt one of the most popular presented in many weeks and was enjoyed by capacity houses. It was teeming with comedy, had a bright musical offering, a sensational athletic demonstration and colored comedians made a popular hit. The various participants were given a flattering reception and from all lines of appreciative applause. She has a pleasing voice, is a good dancer and made quite a hit.

Lyric Theatre, beginning Monday. This unusual feature is a pictorialization of the celebrated stage production, and starred in the original production, and starred in the original production, and starred in the original production.

Shore Acres' at the Lyric on Monday. "Shore Acres," the immortal play by W. G. W. England first made James A. Herne famous the world over, will be played by the Lyric Theatre, beginning Monday.

CLASSIC OF THE YEAR "SAHARA" UNIQUE MONDAY. A powerful new producer of motion pictures has sprung into the front rank to challenge world renown.

MINERS' DEMANDS IN CAPE BRETON. Sydney, N. S., Aug. 14.—That the Royal Commission now sitting in Halifax will recommend that the present demands of the Nova Scotia miners be granted and that the operators will probably agree to meet their wishes, was a statement made by Silby Barrett, U. M. W. international boss here, on his arrival in this city.

The miners of the province are asking for increases of \$1 a day for men paid by the day, and twenty-four cents a ton for contract workers. These are the principal demands.

Mr. Barrett says the U. M. W. leaders told the commissioners that the American miners are not making \$2 a day. If they are successful in obtaining this he says the Cape Bretoners will be a similar increase with demands for a similar increase.

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LOCAL NEWS

THEFTS. A buffet car and a sleeper were riven in the yard outside the station last night and several conductors' punches pilfered. A porter also lost \$20, which he thinks was stolen at the same time.

IS VISITING RELATIVES. Isiah Wortman, a prominent merchant of Weymouth, Maine, accompanied by his wife and family, has arrived in the city by automobile and is visiting his brother-in-law, Robert Crawford. The party will take a trip through the province before returning home.

HIS MOTHER INJURED. Charles Farnham of East St. John received word yesterday that his mother had received painful injuries while on the way from Toronto to visit another brother early this week. She was in the wash-room of the pullman car when she fell against one of the door knobs, fracturing two ribs. She is now under doctor's care in Boston.

VITAL STATISTICS. Fifteen burial permits were issued by the board of health during the week. Ten marriages were reported, thirteen each of boys and girls. The deaths were due to the following causes: Endocarditis, two; and suicides, marasmus, pyonephritis, gall stones, gastro-enteritis, senile dementia, fibrosis of uterus, heart disease, cancer of bladder, premature birth, cholera infantum, Hodgkins disease, acute myocarditis, carcinoma of uterus, tubercular meningitis and vesical calculi pyelitis cystitis, one each.

MARKET PRICES. The following prices prevailed in the country market today: Beef, 20 to 45c; lamb, 25 to 40; veal, 30 to 35c; pork, 40c; bacon and ham, 45c; eggs, 55c; butter, 15c; turkeys, 10c; chickens, 8c; parsnips, radish, lettuce, 6c; bunch; beet greens, 8c; cabbages, 15c; peas, 10c; tomatoes, 10c; onions, 10c; celery, 10c; blueberries, 25c; raspberries, 30c to 35c; peaches, 10c; strawberries, 10c; corn (Barnyard), 6 to 10c; corn 40c; down; cauliflower, 30c; head.

GLEN FALLS CARS

Move to Have Company Double Service Mornings and Evenings. A delegation of residents of Glen Falls went to the residence of Lieutenant Clayton last evening to confer with him upon the practicability of having a double car service on the Glen Falls lines in the morning and evening hours when the men are going to and returning from work. The delegation was headed by J. R. Clayton, president of the company. It was arranged that a committee should accompany Hon. Mr. Pugsley, manager of the New Brunswick Power Company on Monday.

FIRST AID FOR CITY POLICE AND THE FIREMEN

First aid classes for the members of the city police and firemen will be commenced next week. Commissioner Thornton announced this morning. Arrangements are being made to give each of a five-day course in the central station. The commissioner said that he was also trying to arrange to give each of a similar course. A local doctor will be in charge.

POLICE COURT. In an adjourned case against Robert McEachern and Cyril Kane, charged with loitering around Victoria street and Kane charged with having liquor in his possession, he formally pleaded guilty. Sergeant Journeay repeated the evidence given on Monday concerning the arrest. They were again remanded. They were charged with fighting together with Albert Bennett and C. N. R. property. Bennett has been remanded. They were charged with fighting together with Albert Bennett and C. N. R. property. Bennett has been remanded.

GERMANY'S EX-SOLDIERS. (New York Evening Post.) The Allies, and especially the military arm of the Supreme Council, will watch with unusual interest the workings of the League of Nations in Germany for the employment of the 100,000 men discharged from the Army National Defence in accordance with the terms of the Spa Conference. "With the consent of the Ministries concerned," the German Economic Council has undertaken to give these men steady employment in the workshops and factories now controlled by the state and run at present at a loss. There will be no employer or employees; all will be controlled by the state, which in turn will set aside sufficient ground adjoining the factories, to be used by the men in their own houses on their own ground." The minister of the Reichswehr will regulate all questions pertaining to wages.

If this scheme succeeds, it is only another proof that Germany is not like other countries. The programme as outlined in the German papers abounds in contradictions. It says, for example, "It is naturally quite difficult to make day laborers out of professional soldiers," but the state is going to try its hand for once. There is to be no employer, but the commander in Chief of the Army of National Defence is to determine the wages the men are to receive. That virtually leaves him in his old position. The plan may not fail, but it reads like a new phase of feudalism, with the state as the lord.

MOTOR TRAFFIC. Irvine Malone was before Magistrate Brewster at Houlton yesterday on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. He was adjudged guilty and fined \$25 and costs. The case was prosecuted by Constable Robert Crawford.

Eighteen cases of speeding in Lotmead road on Sunday will come up before Magistrate Allingham at Fairville next week. Residents of Little River and Red Head reported last week that they were having difficulty with sand and gravel teams which refused to pull out to let motor cars pass.

Constable Crawford was sent to look into the matter. One of the residents reported this morning that since the visit to the vicinity conditions were much improved.

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ANNUAL PICNIC. The annual picnic of the Church of the Assumption, West Side, will be held on the church grounds on August 24. Athletes From 30 Nations Parade Olympic Arena

(Continued from page 1.) Each national group seemed to find a strong element of supporters in the dense throng of spectators. The Canadians from the Canadian and British element, and the groups of the other dominions, also received enthusiastic acclaim, also remembering the deeds of the Canadian Corps on many a hard-fought battle in France and Flanders, the French and Belgians were generous in applauding the visitors from the dominions.

A glance at the list of nations participating in this Olympic festival of the athletes and crowd: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, United States, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Poland, South Africa, Roumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and the United States. The French and Belgians were generous in applauding the visitors from the dominions.

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TOMB OF GOETHE HAS BEEN RIFLED

Thieves Run Riot in Germany, Looting Burial Vaults of National Heroes. Germany is being swept by a wave of crime, the equal of which can be found only in the Thirty Years' War of the seventeenth century. Bags of registers, all made of iron, have been robbed, individuals are held up and their belongings taken from them with a frequency unparalleled in history. The worst of it all is that the culprits know whatever is sacred. They have stripped monuments of everything that is in any way valuable and despoiled the graves of Germany's most respected heroes.

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