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WAGES, AND THE COST OF LIVING.

The Star yesterday printed the synopsis of a report prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor, showing the increase in the cost of living during the past seventeen years as compared with the advances in wages. Owing to the almost complete organization of labor in the United States, wage earners have been enabled to secure remuneration sufficient to meet the greater demands upon their funds, and there is little reason to believe that the report is faulty in showing that wages are now proportionately higher as regards living expenses than they were seventeen years ago. In Canada, a slightly different condition exists inasmuch as commodity prices have been affected here to the same extent as in the United States while wages have not increased at an equal rate. Some little time ago the civil service association of Ottawa, the members of which are calling upon the government for increased remuneration, appointed a special committee to look into prevailing conditions. This committee has devoted its attention to changes during the last ten years and has just completed a report which will be presented to the Royal commission appointed last May by the federal government to look into the Civil Service complaints. The facts and figures found in this report were obtained from Ottawa merchants, and while they are first of all of local application they are, no doubt, equally true of all cities in Canada. The committee prepared a list of 354 commodities used by the average family, and on these obtained 683 price quotations. They found that in the past ten years advances had been made in 173 cities, that in 15 instances the increases had been made, while in only 10 cases had there been a reduction. There were increases in all the principal commodities such as are used by the ordinary family. The committee finds decreases in gas and electric lighting, these being the most noticeable of all, but as the finding is in regard to Ottawa alone the condition cannot be equally true in connection with other cities, though probably it is comparatively so. On the other hand, kerosene has gone up very considerably and this applies to all parts of the Dominion. In Canada there has been an increase of from fifteen to fifty per cent; general municipal taxation is also higher, and as a result the rate of board and lodging has advanced. The most notable advances are in meats, fish, dairy products, groceries, and other provisions.

To meet this higher expenditure the committee finds increases in wages varying from 10 to 20 per cent. in small towns, and 20 to 45 per cent. in larger cities. The United States reports commodity increases in the past ten years as averaging 27 per cent., while Dun & Co. favor 34 per cent. It is seen by the detailed reports that in the majority of occupations wages have kept pace with the higher cost of living.

VANCOUVER OPINION.

In view of the many contradictory opinions expressed on the Asiatic question which is now a live issue in British Columbia and desiring to ascertain as nearly as possible the state of feeling, the Star yesterday wired a prominent educationist of Vancouver asking him for a concise summing up of the situation and the opinion of the thinking classes as to the matter. A reply was received this morning which reads:

"Many believe that the recent disturbances were engineered below the 49th parallel. Certainly the trouble was not the action of an irresponsible mob. The working classes strongly desire the restriction of Asiatic immigration, labor unions are even more energetic in their demands in this regard and are probably not averse to this method of getting their case into court. Following the two days of violence, the present attitude of the workmen is peaceful."

In Denmark a number of young women employed in telegraphy recently went out on strike demanding wages equal to the amounts paid to male employees. The request was granted on the condition that their work should be equal to male operators who in cases of emergency are called out on the line. The young women agreed, and several of them are now climbing poles repairing broken wires.

AUTUMN.

"The autumn now, the morning comes  
And holds her flaming torch on high,  
That paints the leaves with blue and gold,  
And crimson all the eastern sky."

The spreading dawn stirs drowsy life,  
But 'tis not like the summer morn,  
The bee flies home with heavy wing  
From rustling plumes of waving corn.

A sound now echoes from the hills,  
It is the voice of loving herds,  
And, carried by the sighing winds,  
It blends with chirp of gathering birds.

Their songs are hushed, the air is chill,  
The white frost drips from warming caves,  
The brooklet's song is changed in tone,  
The trees now shed their fading leaves.

The swarming insects like a cloud  
Now dance and glisten in the sun,  
Their merry lives are but a span,  
For now their day is nearly done.

List to the silvery chiming that fall  
In rippling murmur where youth is seen,  
In fields ablaze with autumn flowers,  
And one is crowned and called their queen.

The fruit trees now give up their store,  
The purple grapes their juices yield,  
All nature sighs to rest awhile  
In orchard, garden, grove and field.

"If I have ever nature-faked," said the Rev. William J. Long, the gifted nature writer in Stamford. "I have done so unconsciously. My knowledge, not my veracity, has been at fault."

"You know," resumed Mr. Long smiling, "any one many nature-fake through ignorance. Thus: 'One day I was addressing some Stamford school chaps on the subject of bees, and turning to a bright-looking little chap, I said: 'With what part of the body does the bee buzz, Jacob?'"

"Jacob answered confidently, but ignorantly, launching a tremendous nature-fake: 'Tis buzzum, sir,' he said."

The coming sale of Orleans House is a reminder that many anecdotes of Louis Philippe, who gave the modern name to the mansion, still linger around Twickenham. When "Egalite" returned to England after the loss of kingdom, he went one day to Twickenham to see some of his old tradesmen, and was saluted by a stout person whose name he could not recollect. "What were you when I lived here?" asked the ex-King. "Please your Royal Highness," replied the man, "I kept the Crown," meaning the public house near the entrance of the Orleans House. "Did you?" rejoined Louis Philippe. "Well, my good fellow, you were lucky, you did what I was unable to do!"

Mrs. Monmer—According to this paper, boiled cow's milk is not good for babies.

Mr. Monmer—I can see where the all, but as the finding is in regard to Ottawa alone the condition cannot be equally true in connection with other cities, though probably it is comparatively so. On the other hand, kerosene has gone up very considerably and this applies to all parts of the Dominion.

THE CAMDEN RAN AGROUND

New Turbine Steamer Stranded on a Sand Bar in Rockland Harbor.

ROCKLAND, Sept. 11.—The new turbine steamer Camden, bound from Boston to Bangor and touching here, was stranded for three hours Wednesday on a sand and gravel bar in the harbor.

She drifted with the tide, undamaged. The bar is between McLoon wharf and the steamer's landing at Tilton wharf and about 300 yards from shore. The accident happened in a dense fog and was caused by two schooners which were nearly in her course. The Camden made the outside schooner on her starboard bow and sheered off. Before she stopped swinging she went onto the bar. Shortly after 9 o'clock the tide had risen sufficiently to float her and after making the landing she proceeded up the river to Bangor. F. S. Sherman, superintendent of the Boston and Bangor division, who was on board, stated that there was hardly any jar. The vessel would have been left in an awkward position had the tide been ebbing and probably would have been damaged. There was no alarm among the passengers.

Every steamer owned by the Eastern Steamship Company which has pined on this division, has struck this bar and a strong move will be made to have the government dredge it.

DRUNKEN CRIMINAL HELD UP THE POLICE

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 11.—Fifteen policemen after facing for half an hour a fusillade of revolver shots fired through a barricaded door behind which George H. Whitley had entrenched himself at his home on Ford street, finally overpowered the man and arrested him on the charge of shooting his wife and little daughter, Whitley. It is said he had been drinking and shot his wife and little girl, but not seriously. Thinking however, that he had killed them, he locked himself up in his room and when a patrolman tried to force the door fired through the panes. Fifteen policemen were finally summoned and overpowered Whitley only after a furious bombardment which created great excitement. None of the policemen were hit.

STAR WANT ADS. BRING RESULTS

THE SPRING SALMON OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Among the millions of salmon that leave the distant, and yet unknown, playground of the Pacific Ocean where they live unseen and unmolested for three to four years, until they attain maturity, the Spring Salmon is the largest, and most valuable fish. One other variety "runs" in the spring or early summer, the Sockeye, accompanying these two commercially esteemed salmon is a large handsome sea trout, called the Steelhead, a fish that is also excellent eating; but unlike the salmon does not perish at spawning time, all first-class fish and

and as far as I can see without much chance of a fair return of interest on the huge investments. Further the deepest-thinking men I have spoken to all agree that the number of salmon annually reaching these shores is slowly but surely decreasing, nor have we any proof that our well-run hatcheries are making up for the immense quantities caught. It therefore seems sensible to preserve this most valuable fish while yet it is time, make a close season of one entire year in four, in fact here are men interested in the salmon fishing that would be willing to have a close season every other year.

TRAGEDIES.

BLOOMFIELD, Conn., Sept. 11.—John H. Astonmiller was struck and killed by lightning and his wife and her two brothers were rendered unconscious by the same bolt at their residence on the Hartford and Granby turnpike about two miles northeast of this place during a thunderstorm this evening.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Sept. 11.—It is reported here that the engine and five cars of extra No. 42, eastbound freight train on Central New England Railway, have jumped the track and turned over at Lloyd, five miles west of this city. The engineer is believed to be killed. A head brakeman is also reported killed and Fireman Leadbetter fatally scalped.

Mrs. Michael Bourke, of Patridge Island, while splitting wood at her home a few days ago, got a splinter in her right eye, the result being that yesterday Dr. A. P. Crockett and Dr. A. F. Emery removed the injured member.

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DEATHS.

PARLEE—In this city, Sept. 11th, after a lingering illness, Ida L. Parlee, beloved daughter of William Parlee, in the twenty-third year of her age, leaving a father, four brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss and less. Funeral from her late residence, 131 Victoria street, Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

McBETH—In this city, on Sept. 11th, Charlie James, infant son of Sandy and Bertha McBeth, aged one month and one day. Funeral today at 2.30 from 80 Adelaide street.

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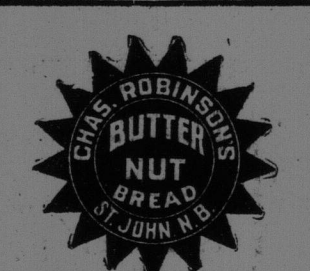
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THOS. MCNAVITY, Chairman. 11-9-2. and Mr. Mazier, editor of the Revelle, a duel by words will take place in a short time between Dr. Dupuy, chief physician in the local hospital there and Mr. Mazier, editor of the Revelle, St. Pierre's newspaper. The duel is the result of certain criticisms by the editor and the doctor being one of those criticised issued the challenge which was accepted.

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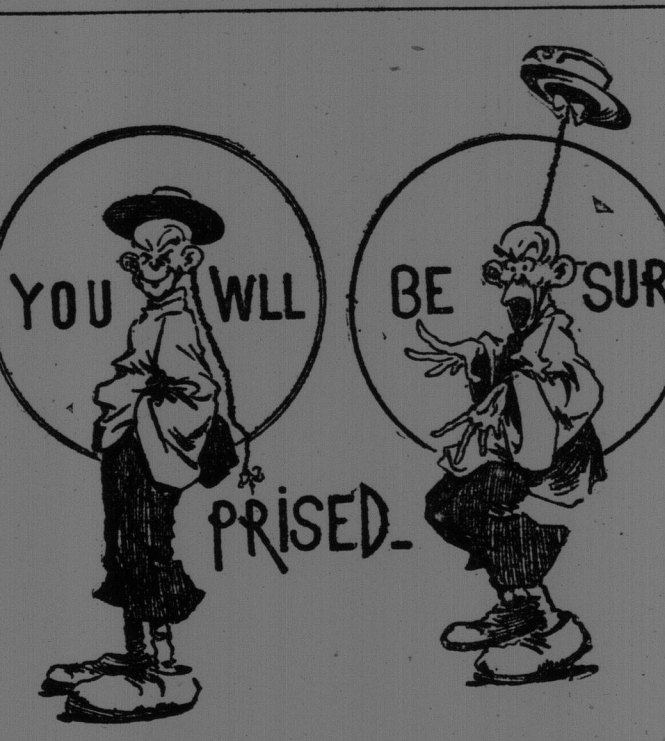
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WILL BUILD A BIGGER BOAT THAN THE LUSITANIA

SELFEST, Sept. 11.—The shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, admit officially that they are at work on plans for a Star Line steamer that is to be bigger than the Lusitania. According to information received from another source the new vessel is to be of 40,000 tons register.

The Board of Health met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of deciding what action would be taken with regard to the compulsory washing of milk cans. Col. J. R. Armstrong, the board counsel, was present and told what had been done in connection with the matter. After a short discussion the board decided to take legal proceedings against all milkmen and suppliers of milk who neglected to comply with the regulations requiring the cleansing of milk cans. Other routine work was also taken up.