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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT RETURNS

Reports which will shortly be published by the Labor Department at Ottawa show that, in the month of January, while unemployment was still on the increase, there was more time lost through strikes than in either the previous month or in January of 1921.

Two Strikes Terminated.

At the opening of the present year there were on record 17 strikes, affecting 2,964 workpeople. As January progressed, six more strikes were reported, compared with one strike in December, 1921.

As reported by employers, employment remained on a low level during January, although considerable recovery from the Christmas and New Year holidays was reported.

There was a further large contraction reported in the business transactions by the offices of the employment service during December. The number of applicants registering, placements made and vacancies notified all showing decided declines.

MEDICINE HAT CIVIC WORKERS' AGREEMENT

Medicine Hat City Council and Civic Employees' Union have completed negotiations for the year's schedule, and the signed agreement was presented to the council on Monday evening.

BUILDERS ARE OUT

Denver.—Wages of Public building craftsmen have been cut from 50 cents to 42 a day by the state industrial commission.

U. S. MINERS THREATEN STRIKE

Threat of a nation-wide coal strike on April first of both bituminous and anthracite union miners was proposed to the special convention of the United Mine Workers of America by the union's scale committee as the weapon to preserve present basic wages for soft coal miners and win increases for the anthracite workers.

PORT ARTHUR LABOR CANDIDATE SAFE

Following a meeting of the executive of the Port Arthur Liberal Association, announcement was made that it was decided to be out in the best interests of the party to give support to Douglas Kennedy, Progressive-Labor candidate in the recent federal elections.

OUR NEW SERIAL

The Captives of the Kaid

By B. MARCHANT

Synopsis of Previous Chapters.

Thirteen-year-old Lalla was the granddaughter of Squire Trevor of Oakenhurst Manor. One day while visiting the picture gallery she came across a picture which told her that the picture of the Squire's eldest son who had never been heard of since.

Just as he was stepping into the boat, getting finely wet in the process, a state of things by no means conducive to amiability—there was a shout from Timbuctoo, who, a minute later, came running down to the water's edge to give him a hand.

It was past noon, and, through the fog, he was making his way back to the sea-shore, creeping from one bit of cover to another, when, to his surprise and consternation, he was hailed with a shout and looking round, saw the black man he had previously observed, making signs for him to stop.

Reflecting that his bunkers, as he called the captain's pistols, were all ready for action in his jacket pocket, Timbuctoo made the best of it, and waited for the black to come up, marvelling even in that critical moment at the coolness of the negro's attire, which consisted only of a white feather in his black wool, an elaborate shell necklace, and a loincloth, or short petticoat, of very ragged, dirty cotton stuff.

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DRUMHELLER MINERS RETURN TO WORK

Monarch Mine, Drumheller, belonging to the North American Collieries Limited, the last stronghold of One Gig Union, passed under the dictation of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, officers for the newly formed local.

START LABOR FORWARD

Superior, Wis.—Organized labor has started a labor forward movement in this city.

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WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

The following words of timely advice from the pen of W. Banfield, secretary of the Operative Bakers of Great Britain, are well worth the closest attention of our readers.

"Nay don't lose heart; great man and mighty nations Have learned a great deal when they practise patience."

Brother Banfield writes the following:

The trade union movement generally is facing a wave of depression, of unprecedented difficulty, of falling wages, and abnormal unemployment. All these things were expected by all thinking men and women, but that does not make them any more palatable.

The position of our own Union can be stated without qualification. We have shed some ticket holders, but both numerically and financially we are immeasurably stronger than at any time in our history as a national organization.

In the midst of a crisis like the present we are more than holding our own. Out of our seventeen districts only four show any decrease in membership this quarter, while actual substantial increases are shown in others.

The two lines of verse at the head of this article were put there to draw attention to a great truth. Patience and perseverance are the weapons which achieve lasting success. The history of the working class movement is one long struggle, which has ebbed and flowed like the lines of a great battle.

And so, if we ask "Watchman! What of the Night?", the answer is, The night is dark and the way difficult, but all goes well with our Union. We are a comparatively small craft, organization, but we have always fulfilled our obligations to our members.

HINTS FROM SAFETY FIRST LEAGUE
The Nut who passes up safety lessons has a great future behind him. Ladder accidents are far too numerous! Defective ladders are a menace—Repair them! Place your ladder at a safe angle on a firm foundation, and see that it is properly secured.

Every year in Canada there are thousands of people killed in accidents and tens of thousands injured. You can help to prevent accidents by being careful—Will you!

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