

In The World Of Labor

A Budget of News For Those Interested in Labor

Gleaned From the Exchanges and Other Sources

Industrial Canada

FROM COAST TO COAST

In a statement issued by the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics it is shown that only 808 women factory employees in this State are paid \$15 to \$20 a week, and 232 receive more than \$20. Ten thousand are paid between \$5 and \$7, 9,000 between \$7 and \$9, and 5,400 receive from \$3 to \$5 per week.

At last, after repeated failures because of persistent opposition of employers, the Laundry Workers of Davenport, Ia., have formed a strong local union and secured their charter from the international organization of their craft. The new local has nearly every laundry worker in the city enrolled.

The social service committee of a Philadelphia, Pa., church reports that there are 30 miles of streets in that city without sewers and that 7,000 houses are deprived of underdrainage on account of a lack of sewers. It is estimated that 30,000 persons are directly affected by this condition, and that the health of 50,000 others in the immediate neighborhood of these undrained sections is imperiled.

Mining is brisk at Crow's Nest mines, in Fernie. Not only is a full force employed, but the mines are working in double shifts.

It is claimed the Dominion Steel Company has orders ahead that will keep its plants going full force for a full year, even if no new orders were received.

Every machine shop of any size in British Columbia is now engaged in the manufacture of shells, the majority working double shifts. This has meant the employment of a considerable number of hands.

Municipal ownership is making rapid headway in Ontario. The Town Council of Petrolia, at a special meeting called for the purpose, decided to take over and operate the local electric light plant.

In every section of the Dominion the copper industry is showing the greatest activity and the output is being enormously increased. Every week sees a larger number of men employed in the mines.

The Port Moody, B.C., Steel Works has been incorporated, with \$150,000 capital, to establish a steel rolling mill. A large quantity of machinery has been ordered, and the plant is expected to be in operation within three months.

In Vancouver the demand for female labor is very far less indeed than the supply. Many waitresses and chambermaids are unemployed. In departmental stores sales clerks are only working three weeks out of every four, each taking a week off in turn. A similar arrangement applies also to telephone clerks, and vacancies that occur are soon filled up, so that staffs are far smaller than a year ago.

Sherbrooke, P.Q., will construct and operate its own gas plant. Tenders have been called for and received, but an expert will be secured to examine and report on same before the contract is finally awarded.

C. P. R. earnings for the week ending October 31st, show an advance of \$1,028,000 over the corresponding week of 1914. This means an increase of 50.4 per cent. The G. T. R. increased during the same week \$3,505, and the C. N. R. \$292,800. Each week now the advance in receipts becomes more marked.

Numerous orders for nails are being received in Canada from Great Britain. Formerly they were shipped in from Germany, which country, prior to the war, almost monopolized the business. It is said that Canadian nails have so far given the utmost satisfaction and it is now freely predicted that the Dominion will capture a big trade that it will be able to maintain after hostilities have ceased.

General improvements in railroad business continues, and this is not altogether due to the enormous shipments of grain either. Passenger traffic has been growing heavier, and the movement in manufactured goods is steadily on the up-grade. On all the big lines many new trains are running which has resulted in the re-employment of an army of men who have been idle, some of them for many months past. Prospects are that the volume of trade is likely to increase.

The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has decided to establish a People's Forum, the meetings to be held on Sunday evenings after the churches are out. It is not the intention that these meetings shall confine themselves to the discussion of labor questions purely—rather that they shall be a reflex of the questions that are agitating the minds of the people, and a medium whereby those sentiments may be dealt with in a manner that will prove both educational and instructive.

What Safety First Means

Prevention of Accidents a Move in the Right Direction.

(Industrial Banner)

There is a class of workmen who see nothing in the "safety first" campaign now being waged but an effort to help out employers, and it is claimed they would not be so interested in the question if it did not pay them, and their sole purpose in its advocacy is that the fewer accidents that occur the less money they will have to pay out in the shape of compensation.

These arguments do not seem sound to us. It ought to make no difference to a workman as to what motive lay behind the efforts now being put forth by many manufacturers with the intent to decrease the number of fatalities and injuries that are sustained in their business plants by employees. While it may be true in many cases that selfish-motive underlies the action they are taking, we would prefer to believe that in many cases at least employers are actuated by humane motives; in fact we know such to be the case, and not all of them are taking an interest in "safety first" from purely selfish considerations.

We believe that workers as a class are willing to co-operate in such a campaign, for after all, it must be borne in mind that the employee is the one who is most benefited. It may be true that the prevention, as far as

possible, of fatalities and injuries may result in financial benefit to the boss, but it must be conceded that it is the workman after all who will be the real beneficiary in the long run.

The injured wage-earner at best will receive but fifty-five per cent in compensation of his salary he earned while enabled to labor, so that his injury means the suffering is costing him 45 per cent of his salary, and no allowance made for doctor's bill either way to do.

Whatever goes to safeguard and more adequately protect the worker is assuredly in his best interest, leaving out of the question altogether whether his employer is advantaged or not.

"Safety first" means that the worker protect himself for his own sake, as he will mainly be the sufferer from injuries he may personally sustain. Common sense ought to dictate this. Therefore, every effort put forth either by the employer or the employee, to lessen the chance of accident should be equally welcomed by both alike. In the past many fatalities and casualties have been caused by the gross neglect of manufacturers to see that safety devices have been placed to protect dangerous machinery, and by the carelessness of employees in taking chances that it is unwise or ill-advised to do.

Both should co-operate to the fullest measure to make the workshop as safe as possible in the interests of employers and employees alike; first of all, out of humanitarian reasons, and second because it will advantage both alike.

We believe in the "safety first" campaign, and the worker or child who is asked to co-operate to help safeguard his or her interests, to make life safe and more assured, would be foolish indeed not to respond in the fullest measure to the appeals that are being so persistently put forth with this object in view.

After all, we wish to reiterate again that the workers are the most directly concerned in the propaganda and should be willing to loyally co-operate for their own protection.

SERIOUS BREACH THREATENED IN LABOR RANKS

Resolution to Suspend a Charter Presented to Federation.

Amendment Throwing it Out Finally Adopted.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—What labor leaders said to-day they considered one of the most serious breaches that ever threatened organized labor, developed late last night when a resolution was presented to the American Federation of Labor in convention here for the suspension of the charter of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, which has a membership of more than 200,000, and is said to be the second largest international union in America.

A substitute resolution not providing for expulsion, finally was adopted.

The proposed suspension was the resolution of the affiliation of the carpenters and joiners with the machinists union. Throughout the discussion that followed the introduction of the resolutions, delegates from the carpenters and joiners sat in silence and were accused by Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, of deliberately seeking to compel the federation to withdraw their charter.

"If this is not true," he said, "why do they remain so quiet and unprotesting?"

Samuel Gompers made a strong protest against the adoption of the resolution, there is something bigger, he said, than these rules and regulations.

"We are not safe from disintegration and failure," said Gompers, "if we lose sight of the ideas of union brotherhood."

Wrexham Rural District Council passed the following resolution at its last meeting: "That this Council in filling positions during and after the war will give preference to those who responded to their country's call."

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SHORTAGE OF HELP CAUSES CROP FAILURE

Editor Says Only Two-thirds of German Harvest Were Gathered.

STRENGTH NOW ON DECLINE

Base and Backbone of War is on North American Continent.

Toronto Nov. 20.—Germany's crops have failed. Only two-thirds of a crop has been harvested this year in that country, and there is where the pinch comes. Ordinarily Germany requires five hundred thousand bushels every season to do without regular rations. The failure this year has been due to the shortage of labor and to the unfavorable weather conditions. This has struck at the very heart of Germany's financial strength. She is now forced to pay cash for food in such neighboring countries as Switzerland and Denmark and gradually her god supply is being drained leaving a smaller reserve on the strength of which paper currency may be issued. As a result Germany's food supply has been cut in two. Her soldiers must be fed, and the people behind the trenches are forced to do without regular rations. Accordingly, we are hearing of the bread riots in Berlin and the offers of peace which Germany makes with such magnanimity.

GREAT FINANCIAL AUTHORITY This constituted the most startling of a series of startling and informative statements pertaining to the war, made last evening by Mr. Clarence W. Barron, editor of the Wall Street Journal, who is visiting in Toronto for a few days and will speak at the Canada Club on Monday. Mr. Barron through the widely read columns of his financial journal, has made himself an authority on the primary economic situation in the world, in the United States and Canada. He visited Europe in November of last year for the express purpose of acquainting himself with the underlying principals of the great world struggle, and the articles which came from his pen following that trip have been embodied in the well-known book, "The Audacious War." No journal has been more outstanding in its exposure of the cause of the allies than that owned by Mr. Barron.

FOE HAS REACHED MAXIMUM It is Mr. Barron's opinion that Germany and Austria have reached the maximum in the strength of their forces in the trenches and in the utilization of their material resources. "They are at the point now," he said, "where they have no reserves." On the other hand the allies were just beginning to approach their maximum strength.

SUCCESS OF ALLIES LOAN. Referring to the recent Anglo-French loan, Mr. Barron said that the bonds of the allied nations were being widely sold throughout the United States. This was due largely to the sympathy of the majority of the people across the line with the cause of the allies.

"We recognize," said he, "that the allies are fighting the battle of western civilization for us." It was a significant spectacle to see the Anglo-French loan being peddled about the country like any ordinary municipal issue and receiving the patriotic support of the nation, because the rate being earned was less than that paid by the railroads of the country.

LARGEST ON CONTINENT The war might be of shorter duration, according to Mr. Barron's opinion.

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This tremendous financial expansion on the part of the United States, Mr. Barron added, would have been quite impossible without the Federal reserve, which was passed in December, 1913. It provides security for the whole national banking system of the United States, and was adopted just in time to be of use in the present war.

BACKBONE OF WAR IS HERE. "The ally of the allies is the Federal reserve act, combined with our workshops and steel plants," declared Mr. Barron. "Germany realizes that the base and the backbone of this war, is on the North American continent."

Bernhardt and the Huns. Madame Sarah Bernhardt has disclosed the reason why she has always refused to perform in Berlin. The famous actress, in a talk recently with a newspaper representative, expressed her horror of the Lusitania outrage and added—

"I am not at all surprised at their doings. I saw the Germans operating in 1870-71, and shall never forget their atrocities. I never would go to Germany. Once I consented to play at Vienna. I was offered fabulous prices to go to Berlin, but I always refused."

"I will tell you what happened some years ago. I was approached by a German diplomat, a persona grata in Berlin. He assured me that I would have a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. He also told me that the Kaiser would consider it a special favor to greet me at the Berlin Court Theatre."

"That is the very reason I refuse to go there," I answered, and the diplomat never approached me again."

The Correct Name. By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Nov. 20.—The wireless version of the German statement received here from Berlin, gives the name of the British auxiliary cruiser sunk by a submarine on the North African coast, November 5, as the Tara and not the Para, as previously stated. The British admiral admitted the loss of the Tara in a report issued, November 8.

LINE OF STEAMERS ON HUDSON BAY

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—A Government-owned line of steamers out of Hudson Bay will be established, it is understood, on the completion of the line and terminals of Canada's new Northern port and will be in operation in time to carry part of the 1917 wheat crop to its destination overseas; it is hoped.

Work on the construction of the line is being expedited with a view to completing the laying of steel by the fall of next year. If this is done as planned, the route will be in a position to complete the movement of the Canadian grain crop in 1917. On account

LOCAL OPTION Bulletin

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of the prejudice against the route by the results of careless navigation in Hudson Bay, it is expected that insurance rates will at first be so high that it will be necessary for the Government to operate its own line of steamers. This, it may be stated, will be according to present intentions being done.

There now remains only 100 more miles of grading to be done on the Hudson Bay Railway. The loaded adian grain crop in 1917. On account

beyond Manitou, on the Nelson River, and is now waiting for steel. A bridge has still to be constructed across this river, but it will be taken up in a "knockdown" condition, and will not take long to erect, though the span is of considerable length. Work at the terminals is also proceeding as rapidly as possible, while at the same time wireless stations are being erected, of which there will be a chain covering the whole route from Port Nelson to the mouth of Hudson Straits

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