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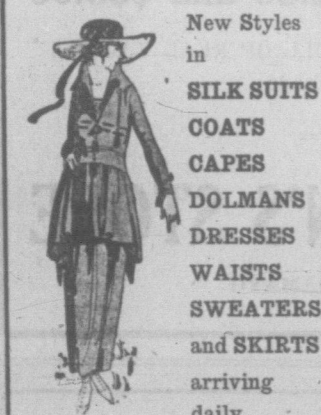
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THE RIGHT TO EXIST

Every business, every industry, whatever it may be, must be prepared to pay wages, work hours and provide desirable working conditions compatible to the health, welfare and happiness of its employes. Otherwise it is not a legitimate business and has no place and no right in the business world. An undertaking that is not sufficiently sound to meet these requirements should not exist.

Wages, hours and working conditions compatible with the health, welfare and happiness of employes is the cornerstone for Reconstruction. Erected on any other basis, it will fall. Beginning there, readjustments must be made.

Wages have been governed heretofore by the law of supply and demand. So has the world been governed by the law of the survival of the fittest. That is recognized, as improper, unjust, detrimental. A new principle arises in the new order of things. So with wages, hours and working conditions.

Business and industries exist through organization of society. Without that organization they would cease. If three grocery stores in a community cannot pay adequate wages and work healthful hours there should be but two such stores. Or the profit margin on groceries must be increased. One section of the public is not entitled to profit unduly at the expense of another-section. While competition is the life of trade it is too often the death of human beings.

Once organized on a basis of proper wages and hours, business and industry could carry on better than now. To arrive at that state is not difficult. Fluctuations in costs of commodities and Labor are continual. Let the social welfare of humans determine the wage scale instead of supply and demand, and the end has been achieved. The Factory Act, however improperly administered, is a step in this direction. Increase the wage minimum to guarantee a proper livelihood. Despite protestations that this Act would close businesses and industries, experience has proved the contrary. A Dominion regulation would put all provinces on a footing as equal as before. Whether by legislation or by other means the desired end be attained is not here nor there. The fact remains that the end must be attained. And when a desirable standard has been set, the ability to meet that standard determines the right of any business or industry to exist. If it cannot meet the standard, it is a detriment to the community. And the community cannot suffer for the profit of the individual.

It is not sufficient argument that one's employes at the time being are satisfied with wages, hours and conditions below that standard. While some circumstances might enter which would satisfy that particular set of workers, their lower scale affects not only themselves but others not so situated or disposed. Business and industry must compete on something like an equal basis. Recognition of this principle justifies Organized Labor to seek the elimination of the Open Shop.

SITUATION DELICATE

Employers show a more affable willingness to consult Labor in matters of mutual concern than formerly. It is well. Strong arm methods once common practice among employers have had their day. Any attempt to revive them now would precipitate disaster. Organized Labor is in no mood to trifle. And unorganized and unskilled Labor generally is not the patient and long enduring ox it has been in the past. Labor, organized and unorganized, has its back to the wall. Heretofore its back has been mostly on the ground. But it has struggled to its feet through craft unionism. Organized Labor stands amid other upstanding and outstanding factors of social, industrial and economic reconstruction, seeking by sane, scientific and progressive means to realize that greater world wide democracy. It is anxious to co-operate. But Labor will not be driven. As the day of human slavery had to pass, so has come to pass, and is coming to pass, the day of wage slavery. In this transition stage, the situation is delicate. Organized Labor realizes this by activities from within and especially from without. The employer generally realizes it. If the employing classes of society will cause their ranks to pursue sane, sound, just and sensible procedure and keep step with the procession in the march of events, Organized Labor will not be found failing in the function it has to perform.

PROGRESSIVE SUGGESTIONS

Edmonton promises to move forward a step in public education, provided the Public School Board finds it practicable at this time to inaugurate some of the suggestions made in a report of the schools superintendent. The superintendent has recently returned from a trip to eastern centres where active efforts are being made to cause the schools to function in a practical manner. The crux of the report hangs on organizing the schools to focus on the needs of the individual. To that end more emphasis is laid upon the teaching staffs and the direction of the educational work. While proper plants are recognized as essential they are secondary. Reorganization of curricula, more time for school principles to guide and direct educational effort in practical channels, utilization of intelligence tests as a guide to determining fitness and adaptability of boys and girls, and use of standard tests to measure results obtained, are a few of the fundamentals proposed.

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

Saturday or Wednesday for a half holiday is a live question of the day. Merchants of the city largely favor Wednesday. There are some exceptions. Employers largely want Saturday. There is argument on both sides. With Saturday half holiday a more advantageous week-end would be provided. The whole population could have a better play-day Saturday afternoon at ball games, parks, lakes and various places of amusements. With the stores observing Wednesday afternoon as a holiday, a large proportion of people now enjoying the Saturday half holiday would have Saturday afternoon to purchase requirements. They have little other time. Saturday is the busiest business day of the week as it is. How it could be crowded into a half a day appears a question. Handling and caring for perishable foodstuffs also involves a problem. It is recognized further that it is impracticable for everybody to holiday at the same time. So there you are, take your choice.

SINS OF THE FATHERS

Edmonton's present city administration is suffering from the sins of its predecessor. With the exception of hereditary complications proper and sound principles and procedure are adjusting grievances and differences with municipal employes, particularly the street railway men. Improper undertakings assumed by the past administrations are sought to be foisted upon the present one. Hence the difficulty. Right must prevail eventually. It might as well be now as later.

The Edmonton Printing Trades are taking a referendum this week on amalgamation. This is a step in the general march of Trades Unionism toward amalgamation into a closer international unit.

It is unfortunate when Labor becomes so concerned as to method to attain a desired end that well meaning energies are diverted from the goal. There is plenty of room to build new constructive policies and structures without tearing down the work of fellow builders.

Calgary Trades and Labor Council seems to be somewhat perturbed over recent deliberations of the Edmonton Trades Council. The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council appreciates all fraternal council and accepts it in the spirit given. However Edmonton will probably be able to conduct its affairs with reasonable saneness and the alarm felt to the south may be over emphasized. A man once made a fortune by minding his own business.

JOURNAL CIRCULATION
MANAGER 'FLU VICTIM

Rex Leitch, circulation manager of The Journal, who died Sunday

In the death of Reuel Reginald Rex Leitch, at the General Hospital Sunday afternoon, of influenza after a short illness of ten days, Edmonton loses a valuable citizen.

Mr. Leitch had for eight years, been circulation manager for the Edmonton Journal, and during that time proved himself a thoroughly capable and well-liked manager. He was a member of the Board of Trade and of the Canadian club, and vice president of the Western Canadian Circulation Managers' association, having been elected to the latter position at a convention held in Edmonton last summer.

His two main policies in regard to his department were first that he must have something of quality to sell and second that the boys who delivered the paper should be treated as integral and important parts of the paper itself. To the execution of the policies his success was probably due in the building up of that paper.

His wife was taken ill shortly after her husband and now lies in a critical condition in the same hospital.

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We have been planning this sale for months past. A great quantity of merchandise has been bought, which will go on display for the first time during Anniversary Week.

We invite you to visit the Hudson's Bay Store and participate in the many wonderful economy offerings that are being handed out daily.

MAYPOLE DANCE DAILY

4 to 4.45 p.m.

Arrangements have been made with Mrs. M. A. Pimlott to stage a Maypole dance each day on the Second Floor. Eight young school misses will execute this beautiful dance. It will be a performance well worth seeing.



MERCHANDISE OF MERIT

RED TRIANGLE
CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK

A campaign to raise in Edmonton \$25,000 as a part of the National Red Triangle Campaign will be conducted from May 5th to the 9th. The Y.M.C.A. is asking the citizens of Canada to provide \$1,100,000, and of this amount over \$900,000 will be spent in providing comforts and service to returned soldiers in Canada. None of this amount will be spent overseas, for while the Y.M.C.A. will continue its work among Canadian soldiers in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia, it is estimated that the profits from the canteens in operation, plus the surplus already on hand will take care of the expenditure for overseas work.

So far as the work in Canada is concerned the great bulk of the \$900,000 which is to be spent for the soldiers, is represented by the cost of erection and maintenance of Red Triangle Clubs and huts of which there are already a number in operation in various cities, one being erected in Edmonton. Locally over \$18,000 will be spent this year in providing facilities for returned men. This is represented by \$14,000 for erection and maintenance of the Red Triangle hut and \$3,500 for furnishings in the association building to provide extra dormitory accommodation for soldiers, the whole of the dormitories having been turned over to the use of the returned men.

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Exceeding 105 inches but not exceeding 110 inches	20.00
Exceeding 110 inches but not exceeding 115 inches	22.50
Exceeding 115 inches but not exceeding 120 inches	25.00
Exceeding 120 inches but not exceeding 125 inches	27.50
Exceeding 125 inches but not exceeding 130 inches	30.00
Exceeding 130 inches but not exceeding 135 inches	32.50
For every motor vehicle exceeding 135 inches	35.00

2. The foregoing fees shall include the cost of one set of number plates.

3. The fee, payable after October 1 in any year, shall be one-half of the fee above prescribed.

4. Fire engines and fire patrol apparatus, police patrol and municipal owned ambulances shall be exempt from payment of the above fees, but such motor vehicles shall be registered and number plates issued on payment of fee of one dollar for each pair of number plates on filing of the statement required under section 3 of "The Motor Vehicle Act."

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