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# LABOR NEWS

## MANY CANDIDATES AT LABOR SESSION

Labor Party Meeting at Labor Temple is Enthusiastic.

James Simpson was the principal speaker at yesterday afternoon's session of the Labor party held at the Labor Temple. During the course of an interesting address upon the duties of the various civic bodies within the purview of the Toronto public, Mr. Simpson pointed out that it had been at one time the policy of the city to give the control of its uncontrollable expenditures, such as debenture bonds, into the hands of Toronto banks, but that in 1914 when Horatio Hocken entered into the situation it was decided by his administration to transfer control of these expenditures from Toronto banks to New York, thus taking control away from home banking interests. In this connection, William Stephenson, candidate for alderman in ward three, stated that the proposition to make the debentures for the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway a system of public loan after the style of the Victory Loan was finding favor among many citizens in his ward. Also, feeling in that ward was crystallizing that labor should have at least one representative in that ward.

Mr. Simpson, pointing to the splendid work accomplished by the various departments of the civic administration, expressed the hope that the day would arrive when children whose parents were not in a position to give them either necessary environment or nutrition would be by law considered as wards of the state and be given just these requirements. Quoting the London city council boroughs in England with Dr. Margaret MacMillan in charge as a good example, the board of education taking charge of backward children so as to enable them to improve in different environment and with better nutrition.

Other speakers of the day were William J. Storey, who agreed that public comfort lavatories were decidedly necessary in Toronto, especially in the business section, where the needs of women were entirely neglected; E. Hines, candidate for ward two, who advocated a street railway membership on the commission governing the street railway when taken over by the city; R. C. Brown, who advocated for school children a more practical system of household science and treatment of recipes than the "frilled system" now taught, and who believed that the board of education should give more consideration to the returned soldier in the appointments and promotions made; J. E. Fowle and Walter Beamish, both of whom advocated considerably increased salaries for all public school teachers.

Arthur Glenn presided. Mrs. W. F. Singer was to have been present, but was unavoidably absent.

## KITCHENER BAKERS RETURN TO WORK

Both Sides Decide to Compromise—Wages Are Increased.

Kitchener, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—As a result of a joint meeting between a committee of the striking bakers and their employers here, the bakers' strike, which has been on for the whole week, came to an end today when the bakers decided to return to work. While the strikers did not get all they struck for, a compromise was hit upon which was satisfactory to both sides of the argument. The bakers will get day work from May 1st and their wages will be increased, and a 50-hour week granted, the strikers in reaching their decision on the compromise abandoned their plea for time and a half for overtime. Other minor concessions were made by the strikers. The employers maintain the attitude that the bakers got no more than they would have obtained had they remained at work and made their demands in conference. The employers also declare that because of the failure of the strike to reduce or interfere with production it was a defeat for the bakers.

## Labor Party Will Take Part In Woodstock Civic Election

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—A hot municipal election is already forming up in the city. For the first time in years the vacancies on the board of education will be fought for. The L.P. has decided to place candidates for three of the seats. For the other two backing up Mrs. V. L. Francis and (Dr.) Stevens, the nominees of the National Council of Women. The Labor party has decided that in each ward they will place a candidate, but that for the mayoralty Mayor Gahagan will not be opposed if he wishes a second term.

## EXECUTIVE MEETING TODAY.

John Macdonald, a well-known member of the Labor party and also of the Labor representative committee, was in Hamilton yesterday attending meetings on behalf of Hamilton Labor state. The representative committee meet in executive session this morning to take up several important matters relative to the municipal campaign, and it is understood that the manifesto of the party will be out by Wednesday.

## UNIONIZING THEATRE ENGINEERS.

T. B. Reid, business manager for the International Union of Stationary Engineers in Toronto, addressed the meeting of Theatrical and Stage Employees at the Labor Temple with a view to having all the theatres unionized with respect to the stationary engineers of whom there may be several hundred in the city. It is understood that the organization promises every possible assistance to this end. The meeting also nominated men for office for the coming year and every office was vigorously contested.



THE LATE W. C. HAGEN  
Business Manager of the International Union of Machinists and a Leading Labor Man in Toronto, Who Died Saturday Morning at St. Michael's Hospital.

## DEATH OF NOTED LABORITE, SUNDAY

W. C. Hagen, of I. A. M., Dies at St. Michael's Hospital.

William C. Hagen, 66 Leuty avenue, who died yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, at St. Michael's Hospital, of a complication of ailments, will be mourned by a large host of friends in the labor movement. He had been ailing several years, and only a year ago suffered a very serious relapse when fears were entertained that he might not recover. It was a year ago yesterday that he suffered a shock in the death of John, his son, aged 18. Mr. Hagen again suffered a relapse a few weeks ago, with the result noted. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, at his home, 66 Leuty avenue, but details have not yet been decided. W. C. Hagen, one of the foremost workers in the labor movement in Toronto, was appointed business manager for the International Union of Machinists in Toronto six years ago, having been a member of Local 235 many years prior to this appointment. He was forced to temporarily relinquish his position 15 months ago, but later returned to his office apparently fully recovered. He leaves his wife and a daughter, Florence, aged 17, at home.

## STRIKE POSTPONED TILL WEDNESDAY

Unanimous was the vote held yesterday afternoon at Foresters' Hall by the C. P. R. telegraphers to strike, confirming another held earlier in the week. The date of the strike was not fixed owing to the fact that Mr. Donald MacMillan, general manager of the system, was out of town during the week and may not return until Tuesday to the Montreal offices. This being the case, conference between the representatives of the operators and Mr. MacMillan was impossible and the strike has been postponed until Wednesday at the earliest. Thomas Caruthers, general secretary of the union, who was present at yesterday's meeting, may confer with the general manager.

## JAMES BALLANTYNE ILL.

James Ballantyne, candidate of the Labor party for mayor of Toronto, is confined to his room with a recurrence of his illness of some months ago. It is understood, however, that his illness will in no wise affect his candidature.

## COUNTY MEMORIAL FOR WELLAND MEN

Council Plans Building to Commemorate Deeds of Local Soldiers.

Special to The Toronto World. Bridgeburg, Ont., Dec. 14.—The Welland County council at sessions just held this week decided to construct a county memorial building. The county will bear one-third of the cost, the municipalities one-third, and the other third will be raised by private subscriptions among residents of the county.

The location of the building will be at Welland the county seat, but no longer a part of Welland County. Welland city council has offered to assume the one-third share covered by the municipalities' portion of the expense.

A committee has been named consisting of prominent men throughout the county to proceed with plans for the building, which it is planned to make a spacious and adequate one; one that will truly be a monument of the deeds of Welland's soldiers in the great war overseas.

Estimates are now being procured, and the special committee named will have the power to accept or reject them, being given a free hand in connection with the actual handling of the building funds. The proposed building will be used also as an historical building headquarters, wherein will be placed a record of the deeds of Welland County's soldiers overseas.

## BURGLARS BUSY.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Burglars entered the jewelry store of M. Webber, 551 Notre Dame street, last night and stole rings and precious stones to the value of \$5,000.

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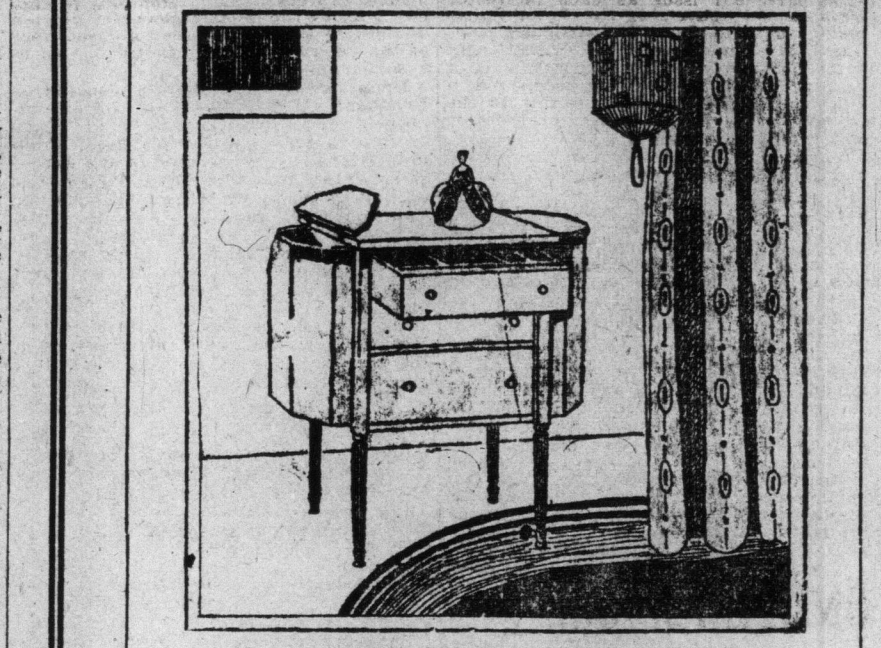
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## Dainty Nighties

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There is a Nightgown of Pink mull, made with square neck, shirred and embroidered in Pink and Blue, and bearing the famous "Dove" label. It is \$3.95  
Another Gown, also of Pink mull, is shirred and feather-stitched in Blue. The same style is seen in 50% silk. Both are \$4.50

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**PORTO RICO ALARMED AT REPORT OF DISASTER**  
San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 13.—Four hundred university students, aroused by predictions of a calamity on the earth due to the juxtaposition of planets on Dec. 17, today petitioned the commission of education for a recess, today, Dec. 12, in order that they may be with their parents or families on the 17th.  
A general alarm has spread throughout the island, according to reports received here, following the publication by local newspapers of alarming prophecies concerning what was to happen on Dec. 17. Denials by the newspapers thus far apparently have failed to allay the public concern.

**TO PROTEST INCREASE.**  
Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The board of trade, the grain exchange and the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association will send a solicitor to Ottawa to protest before the board of commerce against the proposed increase of 25 per cent. in general telegraph tolls.

**GERMANY TO PREVENT EXPORT OF ART WORKS**  
Berlin, Dec. 13.—Exportation of works of art, the loss of which would be detrimental to Germany, is forbidden in a law which became operative today. The law was prepared in secret to prevent stimulation of the sale of historic works during the preliminary stages of the measure.

**PAUPERS DIE FROM POISONED PANCAKES**  
Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 13.—Four inmates of the Kalamazoo county poor house died this morning, two others are dying and 35 are seriously ill from eating pancakes in which insect powder, mistaken for baking powder, had been accidentally mixed last night.

**Three Young Chatham Girls Nearly Victims of Gas Fumes**  
Chatham, Ont., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The three young daughters of High Constable Peters were overcome with fumes from a coal stove while sleeping at the residence of their brother, the Peters store, Dresden. Fortunately Mr. Peters chanced to enter the bedroom early this morning or the children might have been asphyxiated. It was some time before they were brought to consciousness, but they are now reported to be rapidly recovering from the ill effects. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, were in Chatham attending the warden's banquet.

**WRECK AN ACCIDENT IS JURY'S VERDICT**  
Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 13.—That the train collision which occurred near Milan yesterday morning, causing the death of Martin H. Booth and J. E. Buchanan, was entirely accidental, and due to the fact that the eye pin of the switch controlling the siding was broken, was the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury yesterday with Coroner L. C. Bauchand presiding.

**CO-OPERATIVE STORE PLANNED FOR COBALT**  
Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 13.—With a view to establishing a workmen's co-operative store here along similar lines to those operated in Porcupine, a public meeting has been called for tomorrow night. Members of the Independent Mine Managers' Association, comprising the Adanac, Hudson Bay, Green Mehan, Provincial, Genesee and Flight of Way mines, will be present.

**EX-EMPEROR FAVORS RESTORED MONARCHY**  
Geneva, Dec. 13.—Restoration of the monarchy is the only hope of Austria-Hungary in the re-establishment of internal political order, said former Emperor Charles, speaking with friends at his home near here recently. He added he would not be a candidate, but would strongly support the claims of his son, under monarchist tutelage and backed by the allies, with whom the former emperor desires to remain on friendly terms.  
Charles does not favor a union with Germany, believing that such a step would mean ruin to Austria.

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