

General Labor News

Items of Interest for Free Press Readers

Steamfitters

The scale of the Louisville, Ky. steam fitters will be \$1 an hour until August 6. After that until June 3, 1921, the pay will be \$1.12½. Helpers were raised to 55 cents per hour. Double time pay for overtime and arbitration are a part of the new agreement.

The Steam Fitters' Union at Cincinnati, Ill., have advanced wages from 87½ cents an hour to \$1; carpenters from 85 cents to \$1, and street car motormen and conductors, from 47½ to 62½ cents.

Painters

All contractors at Hattiesburg, Miss., have signed the new wage rate of the union painters for 85 cents an hour and the paper hangers for 90 cents, an advance of 20 cents per hour.

Electrical Workers

Eighty per cent of the members of Electrical Workers' Union at Trenton, N.J., are employed at \$1.25 per hour. The remainder have refused to accept the offer of the employers of 80 cents per hour.

New Orleans Electrical Workers' Union has secured an increase of 10 cents an hour, making a minimum scale of \$1.

The Electrical Workers at London, Ont., report the acceptance of a new rate of 75 cents an hour.

St. Paul, Minn., Electrical Workers

won \$1 a day, the union ship and double time for overtime after a two days' strike. This is an increase of 25 to 30 per cent and the right to call for a new agreement in 60 days.

Teamsters

Material Teamsters' Union at Stockton, Cal., has established a \$10 rate.

Street Railwaymen

The board of arbitration has granted Ottawa Street Railwaymen an increase of 10 cents an hour, fixing rates at 49, 51, 53 and 55 cents, dating from May 1. Seniority rights will be enforced. Extra men's pay is increased from two to four hours.

Street Car men at St. Louis, Mo., have secured an increase of 5 cents an hour, making their rates 49 cents per hour, 51 and 53 cents, the latter for two year men. One-man car operators will be paid 4 cents over the minimum.

An arbitration board has awarded wage increases of about 15 to 23 per cent or 10 cents an hour to 7,000 employees of the Boston Elevated Railway company. The maximum rate for surface lines is 70 cents; elevated lines, 72 cents.

The York, Pa. Railway and Edison Light and Power company has advanced wages of street car men 10 per cent, retroactive to May 1. Motormen and conductors on the extra list are guaranteed \$102 per month, the former rate being \$93.50. The rate of trackmen and laborers is advanced from 45 to 50 cents an hour.

Carpenters

Carpenters and structural iron workers at Globe, Ariz., have raised wages \$1 a day. Meat cutters and chauffeurs have reduced their work day one hour.

Organized carpenters of Rock Island, Ill., also Moline and Davenport, have established a new rate of \$1 an hour. Contractors have refused to recognize the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union and these workers are on the street rather than accept non-union conditions.

Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers at Baltimore, Md., have effected a new agreement that increases the wage rate to 90 cents per hour, an increase of 10 cents over the old rate. Working conditions are improved.

A break has been made in the ranks of the Metal Trades association at Fresno, Cal., which is trying to annihilate unionism on the Pacific Coast. W. F. Stone & Son has broken from the Metal Trades association. This firm will employ union men.

Miscellaneous

An arbitration award gives the Typographical Union at Springfield, Ohio, an increase of about 88 per cent, the new rate being \$40 and \$43 a week for commercial and newspaper men.

The International Journeyman Barbers' Union has issued these recent charters: Chico, Cal.; Williamson, W. Va.; New York City, Caddo, Tex.; Brunswick, Ga.

The new wage scale of the Cooks and Waiters' Union at San Jose, Cal., is \$36 a week for first cooks, \$33 for second cooks, and \$4 a day for men and women waiters.

The national wages board at London, Eng., has raised railway men's wages 2 shillings to 7 shillings a week, according to their grade, in addition to the increases already granted under the sliding scale.

The pay of special substitute school teachers in Baltimore, Md., was increased \$200 by the school board in an effort to induce former teachers and married women to accept vacant positions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PEOPLE

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group of students from ten to thirty, who were willing to give some of their spare time, and to pay a reasonable fee for instruction, it should be possible for them to secure such instruction. Judging from the amount of money which outside schools are taking from Alberta for instruction by correspondence, such work could be made self-supporting or nearly so. Its value particularly, to both men and women, who have to earn their livelihood, and are not able to go from home for educational advantages, would be incalculable.

In conclusion, it is the opinion of the writer that organized labor could make no greater single contribution, either to the welfare of working men and women, or to that of the Province and country and world, at large, than by agitating and insisting upon an immediate development of adult education, along what are commonly called cultural lines, dealing with Literature, Art, Science, History, and Economics, to a extent never tried before. It is a fact of the present, that knowledge is power, and power is power, resulting from knowledge, so easy to secure.

SEATTLE'S FORMER MAYOR MUST HAVE KEPT IN STYLE

Seattle.—Gold-tipped shoes valued at \$800 are being displayed in a local show window as the property of Ole Hanson, former mayor.

The union label protects the trade union against attack by constituting the purchaser the real employer.

"Labor must now take the next step and learn how to start things."

ELECTRICAL WORKERS AT MINNEAPOLIS OUT ON STRIKE

Minneapolis, Minn.—Electrical workers in this city are out on strike. Apparently their demand is for \$1.12½ an hour. But in reality they are more concerned about the clause which the contractors tried to make their sign, to the effect that they agree not to join in any sympathetic strike.

PRESENT CHAOS SHOWS BUSINESS MAN A FAILURE

Has Been Tried and Found Wanting and Cannot Be Removed Too Soon

The combined debt of the federal, provincial, and municipal governments in Canada has now reached alarming proportions. It is safe to say in the absence of authentic data that the combined per capita debt is approximately \$750. A survey of Canada's finances reveals some rather interesting facts relative to the administration of our public institutions. Of the three institutions mentioned the debt of the cities is the largest, the province the second largest, while the debt contracted by the Dominion government is considerably less than the other two.

Although the debts of cities are the largest, it does not necessarily mean that the civic administrations have been more extravagant. It may only mean that the cities have the larger debts because the methods of raising revenues in cities are limited compared with the unrestricted methods of taxation enjoyed by the province or the Dominion. If the cities were given the same freedom to impose taxes in all

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RAILWAY LABOR BOARD PROMISES INCREASED PAY

Chicago.—Increased pay for railway employees was virtually promised by the United States Railway Labor Board upon the conclusion of its public hearings here.

K. M. Barton, chairman of the Board, said it was his opinion that within a short time the board would be able to give the rail employees relief. "We are going into executive session with as many as 200 questions to decide upon," said the chairman. "We will not be able to come to any decision on these for some time. But to relieve the present situation I think that within a week or ten days we shall be able to announce a partial award. This, of course, will only be temporary."

The board has held public hearings for two weeks. life, and in the best interests of the country cannot be removed too soon from positions of public importance—Western Independent.

OUR ANNUAL STOCK-REDUCTION SALE

Still going strong. The opening days have been great selling days for us. From early morning until closing time, hundreds of enthusiastic buyers flocked our store, each participating in the Wonderful values. Never before have the public been given such an opportunity to obtain their requirements in High Grade Clothing, Shoes and Furnishings. Men, this Sale can't last forever. There's a limit to all things, but for those who could not participate in the opening days of our Sale, we are going to give them "A Week-end Opportunity." This great event will be in full swing. A regular Festival, brim full of Bargains. We urge you all to attend. We'll cash your pay check!

Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes at Ridiculously Low Prices

Doll up for the Fair now, and still have lots of spending money left.

SUITS

Men's Tweed and Worsted Suits at less than half regular price

\$15.00

Men's Fancy Tweed and Worsted Suits in neat patterns. Our regular \$35.00 and \$40.00 lines. On Sale

\$22.50

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RAINCOATS

Double Texture Tweed Covered Coats. Regular \$30.00 Coats. On Sale

\$18.50

Belted Moleskin Coats. Regular \$30.00, for

\$21.50

Men's Raincoats; checked rubberized. Intending to clear

\$8.95

The Holder of Ticket No. 19

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Regular \$2.50 Work Shirts. \$1.85
G. W. G. Overalls. \$2.50
Cotton Sox, pair. 20c
Regular \$1.00 Brace. 55c
Regular \$4.50 Flannel Shirts. \$2.95
Stetson Hats. \$7.95
Regular \$6.50 Hats. \$3.95
Regular \$6.00 Panamas. \$2.50
Tooke \$3.00 Shirts. \$1.95
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\$1.50 Knitted Neckwear. 95c

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Regular \$10.00 Shoes, made from select No. 1 calf skin. On Sale

\$5.95

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\$8.45

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ATTENTION!

To All Men Who Served in the Great War

The Great War Veterans' Association, Edmonton Branch, having a membership of nearly 7,000 Returned Soldiers, is open to receive applications for Membership to this Local of the G.W.V.A. from all returned men who saw service in the Great European War. The Constitution has now been broadened, and applications for Membership are now invited from men who served in Canada only, and includes all branches of the Service (Naval, Military, Air Service, etc.), regardless of where you saw service, and length of time served.

The Edmonton Branch of the G.W.V.A. is now located in the new Memorial Hall, overlooking the Saskatchewan River, and is without exception one of the finest, and the only one of its kind in Canada today. Out-of-town members are afforded every facility in the way of accommodation in the new Clubrooms. A large dormitory, with sleeping quarters, equipped with shower baths, is reserved for the use of country members, and is free for the asking. No charge is made for writing materials, and our information and employment bureaus are at your service. Every assistance is given in matters of Re-establishment, Claims for War Service Gratuity, Back Pay, Adjustment of Pensions, legal advice, etc., etc. Over \$50,000.00 was collected by this local for its members during the year 1919. No soldier who served in the Great War can afford to be without the protection of this Organization, which is one of the strongest in the World. The Secretary is willing at all times to receive suggestions from members, and will appreciate letters notifying the Association of vacant positions, lands for sale, or, in fact, anything of interest to the returned men. Questions of importance are now being taken up by the Edmonton Branch of the G.W.V.A., which will add to the already many advantages now afforded. Join now and take advantage of the facilities at hand for every returned soldier who served in the Great War.

Kindly fill out the form below, and enclose \$5.00 for Membership and Initiation Fees, good for one year, and you will receive in return Membership Card and Badge of the Association, Copy of the Constitution and Receipt.

Application for Membership

To the Edmonton Branch of the G.W.V.A. of Canada

Name, in full _____
Address _____
Regimental Number _____ Unit _____
Age _____ Occupation _____
Date of Enlistment _____ Date of Discharge _____
Rank _____ Place of Discharge _____
Where Served _____

Attach M. O. or Postal Note for \$5.00; if you enclose cash, be sure and register.

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