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TOO MANY DUES

Entering a protest with the Federal Minister of Labor on behalf of the Canadian Brotherhood of Stationary Engineers, which Hon. Mr. Murdock has passed on to an officer of the department in Western Canada to adjust, Secretary James T. Gunn of the Canadian Federation of Labor revealed an interesting state of affairs in the coal fields of Western Canada.

"What we press for is not the abolition of any closed shop that the mine workers may have for their members, but simply that the Canadian Brotherhood of Stationary Engineers shall not be coerced or compelled to pay dues as members of their own organization," stated Mr. Gunn on behalf of the brotherhood.

The situation which the brotherhood complains of was created by an order issued four years ago under which no employee of the mines could secure the benefits of wage awards unless they consented to the "check off" system arranged between the United Mine Workers of America and the operators. This system meant the men would pay dues into the United Mine Workers of America whether they desired to or not. In spite of protests, the situation remained the same until some months ago, when Mr. Gunn, as Secretary of the organization to which the brotherhood is affiliated, took it up. Correspondence has passed between Hon. Mr. Murdock and Mr. Gunn with the result that it will be dealt with by a departmental official.

Mr. Gunn claims that the order made four years ago by an official of the Meighen Government forced a closed shop on the mining district to the exclusion of all other organizations.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The Federal Government and the provincial authorities are to confer this summer to devise means to cope with unemployment during next winter. It is to be hoped that they will provide a means to protect the working men during the trying times of a Canadian winter. Many methods have been suggested as how best to act but it is difficult at this time to decide on what will prove the most feasible method. In the meantime, soldier organizations and civilians are insisting on the necessity of early steps being taken to ensure a somewhat normal winter and the authorities will no doubt have all necessary information at hand to aid them in reaching a sensible and adequate understanding. Something must be done and on a big scale.

PROVERBS OF THE NATIONS

- SCOTCH SAYINGS Wrong has no warrant. Old springs give no price. True blue will never stain. Thistles are a salad for asses. The world is bound to no man. There is skill in gruel making. As many heads, as many wits. A large mirror is a man's mind. A rolling stone gathers no moss. A travelled man hath leave to lie. When friends meet hearts warm. The more noble, the more humble. Light suppers make long life days. When all men speak no man hears. The more mischief the better sport. The lazy man's the beggar's brother.

THE REGION OF ROMANCE

The Lake of Bays is one of the scenic gems of the Dominion of Canada, which is so richly starred with lovely lakes. It has a shoreline indented in such a manner that it affords constant delights and surprises, and is designated as "the lake of a thousand bays." On sites overlooking these bays have been erected charming cottage homes with, here and there, hotels that are in keeping with their setting of wistful waters and brooding woods. To spend a summer vacation here is to be near to Nature in her most fascinating mood. An entire season may be spent in exploring the Lake of Bays and her sister lakes, and you may choose for your excursions, according to personal desire, canoe, sailing craft, motorboat or steamer. There is also the widest choice of vacation pastimes—bathing, golfing, fishing, boating, bowling, tennis, etc. Perfumed by millions of pines, invigorating breezes blow across these lakes, providing a real tonic that is "easy to take." The average altitude is about one thousand feet above sea level. The Lake of Bays is reached through Huntsville on the Grand Trunk, 148 miles north of Toronto. A handsomely illustrated booklet telling you all about this lovely district sent free on application to H. R. Charlton, General Advertising Agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, Montreal, P.Q.

BROADCASTS

From Overseas and Across the Border. Don't Cry. Mr. Justice Lush is the possessor of a caustic wit. When trying a case at Shrewsbury, the prisoner suddenly burst into tears. "Why do you weep?" asked the judge. "Oh, my lord, I have never been in prison before." "Don't cry, prisoner at the bar," was the rejoinder. "I am going to send you there now."

The French "Tipperary." The Legion of Honour has been conferred on M. Camille Robert, son of the composer of the famous "Madelena," which was the French troops what "Tipperary" was to the British troops in 1914. M. Camille Robert was not called up, but volunteered for service. He has undergone two amputations, and has already been awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire.

Earl of Ypres. Earl of Ypres is the title by which Field Marshal Viscount French of Ypres and his heirs will be known. The earldom was conferred upon him in May last year upon his retirement from the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland, and until now his correct designation has remained in doubt. It is very unusual for the name of a place in a foreign country to be taken as a title by itself. The more general practice has been for naval or military commanders who have won great distinction to take titles in which their own names were linked, with the scenes of their victories, as, for instance, "Roberts of Kandahar."

Recorder of Cardiff. Lieut.-Col. Sir Rhys Williams, Bart., D.S.O., K.C., M.P., of Miskin Manor, has been appointed Recorder of Cardiff in succession to the late Mr. Llewellyn Williams, K.C. Lieut.-Col. Sir Rhys Williams, who was born in 1865, is the eldest son of the late Judge Gwilym Williams.

Britain's Super Boy. To be 5 ft. 9 in. in height, to tip the scales at 190 lbs. to be 41 1/2 inches round the chest and 25 inches round the thigh, and all at the age of 13. Such are the proud privileges of George Spiro, of Hungerford-road, North London.

Prohibition Campaign. The prospects of a "no-license" campaign in 1923 were discussed at a conference in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Edinburgh, on the 25th ult. The Rev. Dr. A. Philip, ex-Moderator of the U. F. Assembly, who presided, said some were no doubt disappointed at the results of the first poll. Personally he felt that Glasgow, at least had done splendidly.

Old Man's Big Task. A remarkable man of eighty-three, Mr. F. L. Fothergill, of Oswest, Yorks, has just set out to walk 159 miles for a wager.

Moving Pictures in Japan. "The Japanese are crazy over the moving pictures, and they particularly like American plays that have a lot of gun-play and Wild West scenes. Their greatest trouble is that there is so much kissing in American movies, and the Japanese consider that the spectacle of a man kissing a woman is a highly shocking one, and one that is not fit to be shown on the screen. Therefore the films have to be carefully censored, and one poor overworked censor complained that in one week alone he to cut out twenty thousand kisses, and he demanded, with

tears in his eyes, to know whether Americans spent all their time kissing each other."—From "My Joy Ride Round the World," by Dorothy Dix.

A Mysterious Old Lady. Some little time ago my grand-daughter, now in her tenth year, used to complain to her mother that in the night an old lady came to her bedside and stoped down, looking in her face, writes Robert A. Whitmore, M.A., in Light. She repeated this act almost rhythmically, alternately bending and straightening herself. The child described the appearance of the apparition very accurately, and naturally felt alarmed at sleeping alone in that room. Now it is interesting to note that the little maiden had not been brought up with any notions of the supernatural. Such ideas had always been excluded from her knowledge, and no hint had ever been dropped that the house where she lived had a reputation for being haunted. Her mother persuaded her that what she saw was caused by defective eyesight, and nothing more, but still the child persisted in saying that "the old lady" had been to see her again, night after night. At last the parents decided to change bedrooms with her and they now regularly occupy the rooms where the appearances took place.

Until a few weeks ago nothing happened, but one night my son-in-law was lying awake and saw precisely the appearance his little girl had described near the window. It was the dark outline of an old woman, who continued rocking herself backwards and forwards in the most singular manner. She did not seem to move about the room, but to oscillate on that one spot. My informant said he felt no fear at all, but watched her for a considerable time, in fact till he was tired of doing so, when he closed his eyes and went off to sleep. He is a very fine, strong young man, and there is nothing morbid or neurotic about him.

Strange to say my daughter was in the room too, but she saw nothing. This may possibly be owing to the fact that being very nervous she kept her eyes closed. Besides, her husband did not tell her that he could see anything at the time.

After my grand-daughter had met with her experience, it transpired that an old lady exactly like the appearance seen by the child and her father formerly inhabited that house. There was a "something" about her life or surroundings not quite happy, and others had seen her, since her death.

The little house in question is now my daughter's property, and so I am justified in giving the story.

NEW ATOMIC THEORY

The discovery of radium and of its property, shared with certain other substances, of transforming itself into a different element has led to the formulation of a new atomic theory, a new conception of the structure of matter. The work of Sir Ernest Rutherford, Professor Soddy and others has now established the new atomic theory on an exact basis. A probable corollary of it is that, instead of eighty odd elements, there is but one—that every substance in the universe has been formed out of hydrogen and electricity.

A Solar System. The atom of every substance is a tiny model of the solar system—at the centre a sun, or nucleus, bearing a charge of positive electricity, and surrounding it a ring of satellites in the form of electrons, particles of negative electricity. Electric repulsion and attraction plays the part of gravitation, holding the electrons in place round the nucleus. The atom of one substance differs from another according to the weight of the nucleus and the number and position of the satellite electrons, and these differences account, apparently, not only for the physical properties of the substance, but for its chemical properties as well. The difference between gold and iron, between sulphur and oxygen, is a measure solely of the difference between the weight of the nuclei and number of electrons, and their respective atoms. Probably, in Sir Ernest Rutherford's belief, the gold nucleus differs from the iron or the sulphur or oxygen nucleus only in the number of hydrogen nuclei that they contain packed together within them; and the surrounding electrons are, of course, the same for all.

Key To The Secret. While on this theory, as stated above, the different "elements" have been built up (how, we know not) from the one true element, the lightest, the key to the secret was found in the reverse process, the disintegration of the radio-active substances, which are the heaviest elements. Sir Ernest Rutherford's description of what happens to uranium will help to explain the atomic structure. The atom of Uranium I, the heaviest substance, "father" of radium, helium, and lead, has a weight of 238 (on the atomic scale, which gives hydrogen as 1 and oxygen as 16), and its nucleus has 92 surrounding electrons. In its disintegration, or radio-activity, it discharges an atom of helium, which has a weight of four and two satellite electrons; the atom of Uranium I, thus becomes an atom of weight 234 with 90 electrons, a substance known as Uranium X.

The atoms of each "element" have a special number of satellite electrons, and the elements can be arranged in order according to the number of these—from hydrogen, the lightest, with one electron, to uranium, the heaviest with 92. Recent research has further shown that 85 per cent. of the elemental atoms have an even number of satellite electrons.—Everyday Science.

DRURY LANE The recent re-opening of Drury Lane seems an appropriate occasion for a survey of the life of the famous theatre. Could these old walls speak they would many a tale unfold! At a cost of £150,000, it has been restored, and starts a new era in its history.

One of the curious things about "Old Drury" (observes a writer in "John Bull's Weekly") is that it is not in Drury Lane. It is in Catherine Street, formerly Brydges St., Covent Garden. It was opened on April 8, 1663, and the first play given there was John Fletcher's—"The Humorous Lieutenant." Considerable expedition must have been used by the patentee, Thomas Killgrew, in erecting the theatre, because Samuel Pepys records that he saw it built in February of the same year. The fact that the play was given at three o'clock in the afternoon points, of course, to the lack of internal lighting, though the stage itself was illuminated by a great many wax candles. An extraordinary feature of the first Drury Lane Theatre was that the pit was more or less open to the weather. Consider the conditions of theatre-going when Pepys could write:—

1 June, 1664.—To the King's House, and saw "The Silent Woman." ... Before the play was done it fell such a storm of hail that we in the pit were fain to rise; and all the house in a disorder. And again:— 1 May, 1668.—To the King's playhouse, and there saw "The Surprizal," and a disorder in the pit by its raining in from the cupola at top.

The theatre which Garrick had left in 1776 was utterly destroyed by fire on the night of February 24, 1809. News of the catastrophe travelled quickly to the House of Commons, where the lessee, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, was sitting in debate. A sympathetic motion was made that the House should adjourn, but Sheridan, who was sometimes as wise as he was witty, protested that whatever his private loss might be, the business of the country ought not to be interrupted. The opening of the fourth theatre, designed by Benjamin Wyatt, took place in October, 1812.

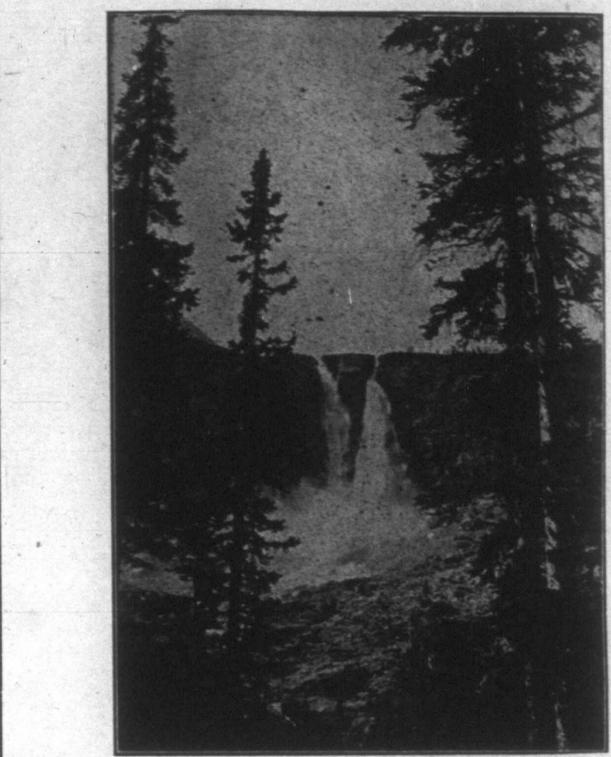
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New Trade Union Act Unpopular.

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TEA PRICES RISING WITH INCREASED DEMAND.

The shortage of the supply of tea available for consumption, due to the 20% reduction in production in the gardens of Ceylon and India, during 1921, has, as might be expected, pushed the price of the tea offered on the market today, up and up. At the same time the use of tea has been gaining in popularity, and the reduction of four pence a pound duty on tea entering England will further stimulate the demand. These in touch with the situation advise us that higher prices are inevitable.

Music of the Pipes.

Mr. Donald Shaw, S.S.C., presided at the recent annual competition of the Highland Pipers' Society in the Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance, and both piping and dancing events were keenly contested. Mr. Shaw referred to the continued progress of the Society which is now approaching its majority.

A Seizure at Sea.

A report from Tralce states that the More and McCormick liner Seattle Spirit, bound from New York to Fenit, County Kerry, with a mixed cargo, principally maize, for Tralce merchants, was stopped at sea by a British sloop and searched. A large quantity of ammunition is reported to have been found on board.

PLAYGROUNDS OF ONTARIO

Nature, who ordained that man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, also endowed him with a capacity for play. She further provided him with playgrounds wherein he might exercise that natural instinct. The Canadian National-Grand Trunk Railways have issued a booklet that provides an introduction to some of Nature's finest playgrounds, set down in the Province of Ontario. In these vast playgrounds of Ontario, Nature is at her best. Ages ago, giant glaciers from the north carved out the beds of Ontario's rivers, lakes and valleys with prodigal profusion and in splendid disarray. To such an ideal setting for a summer sojourn, Nature has added yet one boon more, that of a perfect summer climate. The air is pure and bracing, laden with the scent of pine. A very brief sojourn in these delightful altitudes brings sure relief to those afflicted with hay fever. To all—old and young, the strong, the weak—this beautiful land, where summer lingers long with its cool nights and halcyon days, brings rest and vigor. A handsomely illustrated booklet entitled "Playgrounds of Ontario," may be had for the asking by applying to H. R. Charlton, General Advertising Agent, Grand Trunk Railways, Montreal.

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"Can any one tell me the family name of the King of England?" some one asked. "I can," proudly answered the man with the knowledge. "It is Gaelph."

"How did you happen to know that?" he was asked. "Just ask me anything, old top, just ask me anything. I'm obligin', I'll answer you any time." And he got away with it.

"It" is a vague and meaningless pronoun until some man says "I know where you can get it."

Comic strip titled "LITTLE JIMMY—A QUICK WORKER". It consists of five panels showing a boy named Jimmy and a dog. Jimmy asks "THAT YOUR DOG?" and the dog replies "YEP, HE'S A WON'ERFUL DOG!". Jimmy then says "LOOKUT HIM—STAN' UP, SIT DOWN, ROLL OVER, STICK YER TONGUE OUT!". The dog replies "THERE! HOW'S THAT?". Jimmy asks "AW HE DIDN'T DO NUTHIN', HE'S JUST LIKE HE WAS!". The dog replies "HE DID 'EM ALL SO FAST YOU COULDN'T SEE 'EM, THATS WHAT MAKES HIM SO WON'ERFUL".