THE ONLY HOPE OF LONDON LABOR LIES IN THE COMPLETE OVERTHROW OF BORDEN AND HIS SERVILE HOST OF PROFITEERING COURTIERS

LONDON ONLY 64 PER A DOLLAR PURCHASING POWER OF WAR BROKE OUT WHAT IT WAS WHEN

While the Profiteers of Canada Have Taken \$400,000,000 in Excess Profits From the Pockets of the People---They Roll in Wealth While the Elusive Dollar of the Labor Man Hops Like a Flea From His Hand

Pious Rhyme of a Profiteer

I wish the war would last till May, For then I shall have made my hay-The farmers make their hay in season, And I make mine by timely treason-'Tis treason to our Tommies bold That I should shed their blood for gold. And yet in vain the dead have perished Unless I gain the end I cherished-Profits.

But let me not persist in sin, When April dividends come in, By that time I'll have made sufficient, And peace may surely be petitioned, Strange enough, there comes a time When further murder is a crime; That time is still a long way off—It's When growing taxes touch my "Profits."

The morning star of labor has arisen in the city of London. Rosy fingers are tinting the dawn of a new day for labor throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

It must be confessed that during 50 years of Canadian history since Confederation the workingman has had but little voice in the political affairs at Ottawa. Having divined this fact, Sir any other premier who has yet held office.

But the days of tramping through the wilderness are over. The great war is changing the social viewpoint of men in every walk of life. Labor is rapidly coming to its own in the Dominion menacing, freedom-throttling activities of the class who glut of the whole situation. themselves upon the spoils while the brothers of the Canadian toiler give up their lives across the sea.

THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE WORKER

Labor has a most excellent candidate in the city of London. The man who, on the night of November 12, delivered one of the most telling political addresses ever uttered by a native-born Lonworkingman. On December 17, the solidarity of labor will place public declaration of the actual facts. George S. Gibbons at the head of the polls in London, and truth and democracy will triumph in our midst.

railway stock, grasping for what the people have earned; the profit-huggers who have drained away the life-blood of the poor; the job-hunters who have sold themselves on the auction block at am I?" Borden's price. And all this while, Borden and his henchmen have snickered in the face of labor. "Go on producing," they derisively exclaimed, "Go on producing. We need no advice. Our friends would not think of looting you." So the workingman has lovally gone on producing.

But the workingman has been biding his time. The hour to strike has arrived and the workingman will strike hard and furi-

LABOR A FORCE IN AUSTRALIA AND ENGLAND.

It is indeed fitting that labor should enter the political arena party has been one of the dominant forces in the Commonwealth of Australia. For many years a throng of labor representatives have sat in the mother Parliament at London. And today labor

Canadian visitors in the stranger's gallery of the British House of Commons never fail to pick out labor's phalanx. When George of money are on the move. The dollar fairly hops from hand to N. Barnes, the pension specialist, or Arthur Henderson, the far- hand. No sooner has he drawn his wages at the week-end than he sighted Scot, or rugged Will Crooks, the great apostle of the pays the most of it out for food and clothing and fuel. The workpeople, arise to speak, all are compelled to listen. Such men have ingman never saw his money leave his possession so fast before. been setting the pace for labor in the British Empire.

George S. Gibbons, immediately upon becoming the representa-Heavy responsibilities, he knew, lay upon him if he were to stand forth as a spokesman of the men of factory, shop and rail against held the people in their iron grasp. These are the men who have the bloated Interests. He was aware that three years of Borden misrule under war conditions had played fast and loose with the and left, and have locked in their strong-boxes securities garnered Wilfrid Laurier gave more leeway to the interests of labor than laws of distribution in this fair country. The classes were getting from struggling Britain and the other struggling allied nations very much and the masses were getting very little.

LOOKED INTO LIVING CONDITIONS.

Then it was that Gibbons ordered his investigation into living overthrow of the Borden Administration. of Canada. In nearly two score constituencies, representatives of conditions in the city of London. His work has become a criterion the workingman have entered the lists to fight the predatory, for the rest of Canada. By one act he pointed out clearly the crux his table with the richest viands this world can produce.

Gibbons' formula has already become historic in the campaign of 1917. He told the people that wages had only risen 15 per cent in this city while the prices of all commodities have risen 80 per cent since the war began.

Gibbons' formula created consternation in the Unionist camp. dumbfounded the local organ of the Big Interests, and drove it doner within the city's bounds, is the unanimous choice of the to cover. The Borden organ had no concrete answer to Gibbons'

The workingman read the ecstacies of the Unionist organ and chucked it into the corner. Gibbons' facts were very much For six long weary years, the machinations of the Borden Gov- stronger than the Free Press' fiction. An 80 per cent rise in prices ernment have made it a byword throughout the whole of the Brit- versus a 15 per cent advance in wages tells the tale, and tells it

brass and tinkling cymbal.

"Rolling in money, eh?" queries London's toiler. "I am,

THE WORKINGMAN KNOWS WHAT IT COSTS.

income and outlay and it will soon know differently. Mr. Gibbons' Gibbons is the old fight for freedom and democracy. figures are easy to understand. He means that I am getting \$1.15 for every \$1.00 that I received when the war broke out. On the other hand, I have to pay \$1.80 for goods that used to only cost me \$1.00. In other words, while my money wages have increased slightly, the purchasing power of my dollar is only (let me figure it out) 64 per cent of what it was."

"The prosperity that this Big Interest paper is talking about of Canada at this time, and that a man like George S. Gibbons is somebody else's prosperity. I have not shared in it as yet, nor should be an accredited leader of its forces. Since 1904, the labor do I expect to while things are as they are. For every dollar that Borden has added to my cost of living, for every million dollars that he has let go to the profiteer, I will hold him in just account."

What the workingman should have been told was that money has a heaven-sent opportunity to grasp its opportunity in Canada. is circulating more rapidly than ever before which is quite a different proposition. The workingman knows how rapidly all forms

THOSE WHO ARE "PROSPEROUS."

Who, then, are prosperous, if the worker says it is not he? tive of trade unionism in this city, took his task seriously to heart. More than all else, they are the manipulators of markets, the food hoarders and munition grafters, who, with Borden looking on, have corralled the money units, broadened their stock holdings to right across the seas.

Will labor fight for its rights on December 17, or will it hang its head in shame? The only hope of labor lies in the complete

Flavelle can buy diamonds, he can buy limousines, he can load

A GLANCE AT FLAVELLE'S PROFITS.

Have you forgotten that before the Henderson commission it was acknowledged by the Wm. Davies Company that their profits had been over \$3,300,000 in three years. Flavelle owns 51 per cent of the Davies stock. Is he prosperous? Look at the price list in

Do you know that Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, whom Sir Robert Borden toted to London, is a leading director in the Canada Explosives Company. This company declared a dividend of 200 per cent in July, 1917. IS BALLANTYNE PROSPEROUS?

EXCESS WAR PROFITS OF \$400,000,000.

Are you aware that it is conservatively estimated that the

ish Empire. Borden's bed-fellows have been the masters of watered truly. The workingmen of London are sick and tired of sounding excess profits on war contracts in Canada have amounted to \$400, fired. Such a sum, if properly expended, would have given every Canadian soldier \$2.00 a day during the last three years and have left \$200,000,000 over as the nest egg of a great Victory Loan.

Stand to your guns, Mr. Workingman. Gibbons and Laurier "Let the Borden sheet run its eye over my weekly budget of will never quit till the barons disgorge. The fight for George S.

Characteristic Advance of Retail Prices in London, 1914-7

	Decem-	Decem-	
	ber, 1914	ber, 1917	centage
32,	1		advance
Veal, forequarter	20c per lb.	28c	40
Pork, roasting	.18e per lb.	33e	83
Breakfast Bacon	25c per lb.	50c	100
Eggs, fresh laid	.43c per doz.	65c	50
Butter, creamery	34c per lh.	52c	53
White Bread	6c per 11/6-1h	loaf 11c	83
White Bread	75c per hag	\$2.25	200
Potatoes Turkeys, dressed	.15c per lb.	28c	87
Hard Wood (substitut	e	\$12.00	41

The retail prices in London of all woolens and cotton goods have risen over 100 per cent since 1914. Boot and shoe prices have advanced more than 50 per cent. Silk prices have doubled.

George S. Gibbons' formula for the working man stands unassailable, viz.: That the wages of labor have advanced 15 per cent, whilst the prices of all commodities have risen 80 per cent since the war began, which means that the purchasing power of labor is only 64 per cent what it was three years ago.

A queen, famous in history, when told that her people had no bread, carelessly replied, "Why don't they eat cake?"

The cynical Free Press if told that the worker can scarcely buy oatmeal for his breakfast, would fling back the answer: "Why don't he eat bacon? Everybody's pros-

Labor, which has sent 82 per cent of Canada's army to the firing line, can also fight with the ballot. Behind George S. Gibbons it will strike the money monster a crushing blow on December 17.

TILLSONBURG ELECTORS ARE SOLID FOR SCHELL

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 13 .- Mrs. Bal of St. Thomas and John M. McEvoy of London were the speakers at a splendid rally held here tonight in the interests of M. S. Schell, the Liberal candidate in South Oxford. There was a large turnout of electors, including many women. Mrs. Ball made an effective attack on the profiteers, and the rank injustice of the franchise act. Mr. McEvoy discussed at some length Not the C. N. R. bill, profiteering, the joke that is being made out of the military service act by the Bordenites in their endeavor to catch votes at the last minute, and the weaknesses of the Government in general.

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TRADING BEGINS IN

Winnipeg, Dec. 13 .- The demand for ROSE & SHAW, LICENSED AUC-TIONEERS—City Hotel, London, every Saturday, or phone Dorchester Specialty, farm sales. The demand for cash flax was the same as on previous days, and Canadian and American crushers were also taking all offerings, which were light.

Trading in oat futures for July delivery opened for the first time today at \$2\frac{1}{2}\cdot c\$, but the trading in this option was very light. In other contracts the volume of business was fair and steady in the early session, with an easier tone taker.

May.

Winnipeg futures ranged as follows:

Open. High. Low. Close.

Oats—(Old contract)—

Barley—
Dec. 134
May 142
Flax—
Dec.

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2.02; No. 3 C.W., \$2.75. TORONTO. Toronto, Dec. 13.-Grain quotations

Much Doing in Oats, Barley or Flax.

ash pats and barley was fairly good at the opening today, but later decreased, and it was apparent that buyers had their requirements all filled \$1.50.

apartment. Must be first-class ery particular and central. Restating full particulars and to Box 164. Advertiser. 52tf SIGNS.

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Some later.

Oats futures closed %c lower for December, and %c lower for May.

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spring wheat patents, firsts, \$11.60; seconds, \$11.10; strong bakers, \$10.90; straight rollers, bags, \$5.20@5.37½.
Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., \$4.80. Shorts-\$40@42. Middlings-\$48@50.

oad lots, fancy patents, \$9.90, wood; irst clears, \$9.30, jute; second clears, Bran-\$40@40.50. New York, Dec. 13.—Flour—Unsettled; spring patents, \$10.35@10.25; winter patents, \$10.50@10.75; winter straights, \$10.15@10.50; Kansas straights,

Minneapolis, Dec. 3 .- Flour-In car-

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, \$15.50.

When a man's fixed income from an estate amounts to \$10,000 per year, we forget to laugh at him when he tells us that he has an annuity of \$10,000 a year.

When a woman gives a party she is afraid that one of the guests might go home hungry. But when a man gives a power has a fraid that one of the guests might go home hungry. But when a man gives a power has a fraid that one of the guests might go home hungry. But when a man gives a Poultry, Dressed, Retail—Poultry, Dressed, Retail—Po When a woman gives a party she is afraid that one of the guests might go home hungry. But when a man gives a party he is afraid that one of the guests might go home thirsty.

Butter, dairy, lb rolls. 47
Butter, crocas, lb.... 45
Eggs, basket lots, doz. 40
Poultry, Dressed, Retail—
Spring ducks, each... 90

THE LUCAL MARKET

In the past three or four days' tradare as follows:
Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter, \$2.22, in store, Montreal; Manitoba, No. 1 northern, \$2.32\%, in store, Fort William:
No. 2 northern, \$2.20\%; No. 3 northern, supply is as usual, but no vegetables supply is as usual, but no vegetables No. 2 northern, \$2.2072, No. 2, 80%C, on store, Fort William; No. 3 Canada western, 77%C, at lake ports for immediate shipment; Ontario, No. 2 white, rate. The popular price for spuds was mediate shipment; Wo. 2 white, 76@77C, \$2 per bag, but this low figure was restricted. nediate shipment; Ontario, No. 2 white, rate. The popular price for spuds wa 7@78c, outside; No. 3 white, 76@77c, \$2 per bag, but this low figure was re sorted owing to the unfavorable condi-tions and the consequent poor demand. Unless farmers are sure of disposing of their potatoes immediately upon their arrival on the market, tubers are not of-fered. Butter and eggs are in good de-mand and sell at unchanged prices. The advent of cleables as wet shown little utside. Peas—No. 2, \$3.70@3.80, outside. Rye—No. 2, \$1.77. Barley—\$1.25@1.26, outside for malt-

Buckwheat—\$1.45; shipping points, \$1.50.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—There was no change in the condition of the local market for oats today. Prices were maintained at the recent advance, but the demand from all sources for supplies was much quieter, and, in consequence, the volume of business was small, with carlots of Canadian Western quoted at 90c a bushel.

Corn—American, No. 2 yellow, \$2.15@ 2.30

Oats—Canadian Western, No. 3, 90c; extra No. 1 feed, 90c; No. 2 local white, and sell at unchanged prices. The advent of oleo has as yet shown little effect upon the value of butter. A slower market for the dairy product was shown Thursday, but the demand for butter was brisk this morning. The hens of the district, disregarding the cold weather, are producing eggs at an unexpected to rise over the values of the present time.

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ket. Hay is selling at stationary rates.
An advance in fodder prices was recorded at Toronto this morning, and another jump is anticipated here shortly because of the change in the larger city. Toronto, Dec. 13.—Listed quotations be sold next week. The market for

Spring chickens, lb... 22 to 22
Live Stock—
Hogs, per cwt.17 00 to 17 00
Small pigs, pair.12 00 to 16 00
Butchers' Meats—

GRAIN. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Opening: Corn— January, \$1 24; May, \$9½. Oats—December, 75%c; May, 72c.

LIVE STOCK.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts,
7,000; market weak: westerns, \$6 20@
13 10; stockers and feeders, \$6 10@10 50;
cows and heifers, \$5@11 10; calves, \$9

Hogs—Receipts, 2,400; slow; he \$17.75@18; mixed and yorkers, \$17.75; light yorkers, \$16.75@17; pigs roughs, \$16.50@16.75; stags, \$14.@15. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,400 head; active; lambs strong, at \$12@ 18 50; others unchanged. WALL STREET.

be sold next week. The market for poultry is at present brisk, but the offerings are not so large as they will be nearer Christmas. Turkeys are scarce at 30c to 35c per pound. It is said that the majority of marketers will substitute chicken for the accustomed Christmas turkey this year, owing to the unprecedentedly high price of the latter bird.

Live hogs remain stationary and dressed porkers are slow and also unchanged in price.

Grain, Cwt.—

New oats, per cwt...\$2 00 to \$2 10 Grain, Bushel—

Wheat, per bu...... 2 12 to 2 12 Coats nep by l....... 68 to 72

cies, notably Brooklyn Transit and Consolidated Gas to new low records. Support was immediately forthcoming, nowever, prices rebounding United States Steel railied fro 82½, representative rails rose 1 to and shippings, equipments, motors oils 1 to 3. Foreign bonds conti weak, especially Anglo-French fives and French municipals. MONEY. London, Dec. 14.—Bar silver 43 1/4 d

New York, Dec. 14.-Bar silver, 861/60 London, Dec. 14.—Money was in moderate supply and harder. Discount rates were dull.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE. London, Dec. 14.—The stock market continued irregular, with a drooping tendency today. Gilt-edged securities declined early on fears of increased taxation and a possible depreciation in values, but hardened in the afternoon. Rubber, provisions and shipping shares

and Argentine rails improved fractionally on repurchases. Russian issues were steady. Russian issues TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Traffic earnings of the three principal Canadian railways for the week ending December 7, aggregated \$5,423,138, an increase over those for the same week 1 year ago of \$214,932, or 4.1 per cent. The Canadian Northern showed a decrease of \$1,900, which is the first decrease for that road since the first week in October. The percentage increase in the aggregate of the three companies is the lowest since the same week a the aggregate of the three companies is the lowest since the same week a

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO FOLLOW ARMISTICE

London, Dec. 14 .- Leon Trotzky, Bol sheviki foreign minister, according to a Rueter dispatch from Petrograd, an-nounces that if an armistice for the

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eastern front is signed at Brest Litovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

MACHADO EXILED.

must live abroad until the expiration of the term for which he was elected. The cabinet has not decided what dis-position to make of Former Premier Hoares, who are being held aboard warship.

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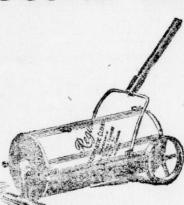
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