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#### THE LABOR TROUBLES.

Extremists who are apparently able to influence organized labor in different communities are forwarding to Ottawa telegrams of protest against the action of the Government in arresting Winnipeg strike leaders. These protests will have no effect whatever, for the course now being followed was not adopted without serious consideration, nor is it at all probable that the Government will recede from the position which it has taken. In the wake of unrest which is spreading over Canada, those who have been promoting discontent seem to ignore the fact that even where organized labor is strongest it is yet but a small portion of the community and without public sympathy no movement can meet with permanent success. Consequently when misguided workers permit themselves to seriously interfere with the routine of daily life for a cause with which the majority of the people are not in sympathy, they are only injuring their own prospects. Without the approval of those who must eventually pay, no labor movement for better wages or conditions of work can result satisfactorily, and it has been made abundantly clear in Winnipeg and elsewhere that the policy forced upon labor unions by undesirable agitators is not such as appeals to the mass of the people, nor will Canadians generally feel otherwise than actively hostile towards those who are endeavoring to interfere with civic and federal administration. It is because of the realization of this that general strikes ordered in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and elsewhere have not received support. Union labor intelligently directed appreciates that consideration of the rights of others is one of its most effective weapons, while a policy that arouses indignation must only be detrimental, and in this knowledge the majority of unions in the cities affected have declined to participate in general strikes. It is safe to say that where such an attitude has been adopted labor will make more rapid progress towards its goal than will be seen in those cities and among those unions where irresponsible agitators have been able to wield an undesirable influence.

scarcely any decent streets, while on the other hand we have plenty of money—or can get it. We have no public works going, while at the same time thousands of men are idle. And, as a matter of record, paving has been done in St. John during the past two years almost as cheaply as at any previous time. Oh, for a man of some action!

#### NEW YORK SALOONS.

New York City has ten thousand saloons. What is to be done with these properties after the first of July is a subject now causing a great deal of discussion. Into the circle of activity the Salvation Army has stepped with the announcement that it intends taking over as many of these places of business as it can possibly handle for the purpose of transforming them into soda dispensing establishments, ice-cream parlors and quick lunch restaurants.

The Salvation Army, with an eye to business, intimates that it will not make use of the funds recently provided by the people of the United States for the purpose of carrying on its work among soldiers, but will handle the financial end of this enterprise from its own resources and will endeavor to secure only those establishments which promise a profitable return on the investment. Naturally the Salvation Army will not take over the ten thousand saloons, but with its magnificent organization in New York it will be in a position to account for a considerable number of them, although no one can imagine any more restaurants prospering in New York than are already doing business there. And what a shock to New Yorkers to meet in their favorite haunts instead of the white-coated bartender dispensing highballs and cocktails, the severely clad Salvation Army lassies dishing out coca-cola and milk shakes.

**We Won't Sign!  
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**MR. CARVELL'S BACKERS.**

It is not so very long since the ten hour day was generally adopted. Within the past five or six years eight hours has come to be regarded as a fair working period, but now requests and demands are heard for a forty-four hour week, a forty hour week and in some cases even for a thirty hour week. One of the arguments put forth in support of the reduced time is that such a system will provide for the employment of a larger number of men. This is true only to a limited extent, for in many instances the number of employees controlled by the capacity of plants and an increase in the number of employees will usually involve an increase in equipment and the introduction of an additional shift. At the present time no important manufacturing industry desires to adopt either of these courses, for with the existing uncertainties of trade it is imperative that manufacturers and others should enjoy the greatest possible production from their present establishments without the investment of additional capital. Hence any reduction in the hours of work will in all probability lead to reduced output with naturally higher costs, and in view of the world-wide demand for manufactured goods of all kinds, as well as the scarcity in our own country of many articles of every-day use, it is undesirable that our production should be retarded, if we are to secure our share of export trade and to take advantage of the wider opportunities now offered.

#### PAVING SUGGESTIONS.

The suggestion is offered by a citizen who takes a great deal of interest in civic affairs that the city, in its paving programme, which has not yet been considered, shall ascertain which streets carry the heaviest traffic and deal with those streets in the order of their importance. A previous suggestion was that, working from King Square as a centre, all streets in every direction should be given attention and the area of permanent paving gradually extended outward. Possibly this latest proposal is the more advisable, particularly in view of the fact that certain of the streets on the outskirts of the city which are extremely busy at all times are now in very poor shape. It is intimated that Ladlow street is to be given attention. No doubt the West Side is deserving of a share of what is going, but if traffic requirements were the basis of consideration Ladlow street would not be touched until fifty per cent. of the other streets in the city had first been attended to.

In City Hall a day or two ago a half-hearted suggestion of activity was made by Commissioner Fisher and elicited only the response from Commissioner Jones that this was a matter to be considered. And this after consideration extending over a period of more than twenty years. What is there to consider? We have

cal standing of the two parties. There is no reason to suppose that a marked difference in these parties will result from Monday's polling.

#### WHAT THEY SAY

**Leaders Are Thriving.**  
Winnipeg Telegram: No, gentle reader, the Red Five do not suffer from impoverishment owing to the strike. It is meat and drink to them—bread and milk, as it were.

**A Query.**  
New York Herald: If President Wilson would stop the approaching drought and permit the sale of beer after July 1, would the Germans be more likely to sign the peace treaty?

**Hope for Russia.**  
New York World: At last there is a prospect that Russia is to be saved, as we have insisted that she must be saved, by the Russian people. There is again a Russian revolution, and it is to be, for the first time in history, a Russia self-determining and free.

**Natural Wonderment.**  
Calgary Daily Herald: The manager of the Canadian Press service, whose telegraph operators in many western cities have gone on strike, notwithstanding explicit orders from the president to remain at work, wonders what value there is in collective bargaining, after all, when, as in this case, it means nothing in the way of protection for the employer. His wonderment is very natural.

**Wilson to Blame.**  
New York Sun: The extent to which Mr. Wilson has traded, bartered, sacrificed other people's interests, sidestepped points of his own formulation, stultified himself broadly on proclaimed principles which working for a treaty that cannot be severed from his League of Peace is as apparent as anything in contemporary history. And so he and his League of Nations have kept us out of peace for six months.

**New Avoid Confusion.**  
New York Tribune: At last a Russian policy! Two and one-half years of shilly-shallying! Lloyd George, Wilson, Clemenceau and Maitino have joined in a declaration that means something. If the governments and their peoples do not allow themselves to be again confused and deers in accord with words, then a danger so which in the past has meant a declaration of the world's peace, comparable to that which existed when Germany was armed, may be regarded as in process of removal.

**Best Russian Government.**  
New York Times: Kolchak's government is not perfect; neither is any other government; it offers, however, a great deal more hope for the people of Russia, and for the world of which Russia will continue to be a large part, than does the government of Lenin and Trotsky. It's enemies are its best recommendation. For months Western statesmen have lent a too ready ear to the Bullitts and Stelfoxes and have refused to recognize the strongest democratic group in Russia out of consideration for a party which was not bound by any such scruples.

**Waste of Time.**  
Philadelphia Public Ledger: Under these circumstances, to go on with an investigation of the "leak" is a manifest waste of time, the prolongation of a farce that is not particularly creditable to those who initiated it with full knowledge that the text was already accessible to anybody who wanted to take the trouble and bear the expense of sending for it. To make a great parade of forcing into publicity that which was already public, to make an issue over the "secrecy" of a document itself incomplete, but which was secret only in a technical and formal sense, have exhibited the authors of the Senate's policy as lacking in any comprehension of the gravity of the

### Little Benny's Note Book

Yesterday in school Miss Kitty told the class about great men, saying, A great man is one who helps his fellow men by his deeds. Charles Simkins, can you name me 2 examples of great men?  
Wich Paule Simkins stood up, saying, Christopher Columbus and Ty Cobb.  
Who on earth is Ty Cobb? How many boys hear ever heard of Ty Cobb? said Miss Kitty. Wich everybody waved their hands like anything, saying, Base ball player, base ball player.  
All rise, put your hands down, and Miss Kitty said, Wich everybody did, and Miss Kitty said, Charles Simkins, do you axactly think that this man, wats his name, Ty Cobb, is as grats as Christopher Columbus, the explorer who discovered America?  
Yes mam, sed Paule.  
Wych, pray? sed Miss Kitty.  
Because anybody could discover America, but nobody can bat like Ty Cobb, sed Paule.  
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Benny Potts, wich do you consider the greater man, this base ball player or Christopher Columbus? sed Miss Kitty.  
Ty Cobb, I sed.  
Wah, you too? sed Miss Kitty, well wyl?—can you name a reason?  
Yes mam, I sed, and Miss Kitty sed, Well name it, and I sed, Because anybody could discover America, but nobody can silds like Ty Cobb.  
A wonderful reason, Im sure, does anybody elts agree with Charles and Benny? sed Miss Kitty. Wich all the rest of the class put up their hands, watsing they did, and Miss Kitty sed, Good grayshits, let us go on to the drawing lesia.  
Wich we did.

real issues underlying the work of the conferees at Paris or of the imperative need of a statesmanlike treatment of an international compact on which so much of the world's welfare depends.

#### A BIT OF VERSE

**A MATIN.**  
There sang by my window a dear little bird  
This dew-drenched morning in June;  
He poured forth his lay ere the world had stirred,  
And oft through the day it seemed  
That I heard  
This sweet little birdie's tune.  
As it told of the world that would soon intrude,  
To chase soft Quiet away,  
And how helpful to me it would be if I would  
Walk but a few paces with Solitude  
At the dawn and dusk of day.  
—Alexander Louis Fraser.

#### TO A WATER LILY.

Thy beauty, fragrance, grace and purity  
Are unsurpassed in the domain of flowers,  
So lavish is the Artist, whose fine powers  
Have here their climax. In thy essence,  
He interprets and reveals the mystery  
Of loveliness, which all the studious hours  
Of man's aesthetic quest in Nature's bowers  
Cannot discern, though piled continually  
Fair mirror of the workmanship of God,  
Reflect His likeness to our human sight,  
Not seen directly, since it was too bright  
For Avastar's son, who held the magic rod  
Over the translucent sea, and for us, too,  
Until we shall, some day, be blessed  
—L. O. McCallough.  
Leack, Alberta, Ont., May 19, 1919.

#### A BIT OF FUN

**It Looked Suspicious.**  
Tommy had been absent from school on the previous day.  
It would appear that he had played truant, for unknown to Tommy, his master had spied him trading homeward with pockets bulging suspiciously when he too, was homeward bound that afternoon.  
But Tommy brought a note of excuse the next morning which, of

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