

BOOK IS POTENT FORCE IN MINERS' CAMPAIGN IN ENG.

Secretary Miners' Federation in
England Publishes Book of
Facts and Figures

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GLASGOW, Scotland.—Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, has just published a book, *The Nationalization of the Mines*, which it is estimated will prove one of the most potent forces in the miners' campaign for nationalization now going on. The book deals with the chief economic factors involved in the production and distribution of coal, and is described as the most scientific argument for nationalization of mines ever published.

The book is not a discussion of the miners' grievances or ambitions, but is a cold and concise analysis of the industry for public consumption. A great part of the treatise is occupied by a discussion of the waste involved in private ownership. One of the charges expected to provoke comment is that the owners are at present closing up good seams and working inferior ones, until the day of emancipation from fixed charges should come.

Affirming that the cost of distribution under a system of competing middlemen is actually greater than the labor cost of getting the coal out of

the mines. Hodges contrasts to this system the method worked out under the Co-operative Wholesale Society, whereby waste in the transport of coal was eliminated to the extent of 700,000,000 coal ton miles per annum.

On this point Hodges quotes a statement of the colliery owners themselves on the Coal Industry Commission, as follows:

"We recommend that the local authorities should be given statutory powers to deal in household coal, not as a monopoly, but in competition with private dealers or co-operative efforts, subject to the provision that any loss sustained in such dealing should not be made a charge of the rates."

Hodges' book is supplemented by a series of leaflets just issued by the Miners' Federation, which puts the contrast between the miners' and operators' share of the increased prices in a nutshell. After a short analysis of the situation in the seven years beginning in 1913 the distribution is thus summed up:

"The coal miner received a 106 per cent increase. The consumer had to pay a 195 per cent increase. The coal owner received a 270 per cent increase."

"The Coal Industry Commission showed in March, 1919: For one ton of household coal all the workers in and about the coal pit were paid 13 shillings 5 pence, while the London housekeeper paid 44 shillings."

Death is frequently the result of a man's effort to make a living.

Lots of men who have an aim in life lack ambition.

Stage & Music

Y.W.C.A. WILL OPEN CAMPAIGN FOR NEW BUILDING

Commencing May 12 and Lasting
10 Days They Will Endeavor
to Raise \$150,000

An important step in the housing problem of Edmonton has been taken up in the campaign for a new building for the Young Women's Christian Association of Edmonton. At the present time there is practically no proper housing accommodation in Edmonton available for the young women and girls away from home. Even the higher-salaried business women experience the utmost difficulty in securing accommodation where they can live under healthful, homelike conditions.

Under these conditions life is one long struggle and a menace to the young girls. A menace to the nation, and should not be permitted to exist so long as we aim to make this a real worth while city. The right of these young girls to live is not questioned, but at present many of them are at best merely existing. It is an existence which does not tend to develop the best in any girl, and does not even give her a fair chance in life.

Now, for the first time in the history of this organization, the Y.W.C.A. is making an appeal to all citizens of Edmonton and the surrounding district, for financial support to enable it to erect an association home adequate to meet the most urgent demands of the work.

Commencing May 12, and continuing for ten days, a grand campaign will be put on for the purpose of accomplishing this. The objective is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The present "Y" home has long been inadequate to meet the need as represented by the demands made upon it. In spite of that the "Y" has struggled along, making the best of what it had, doing a work of which the city at large knows comparatively little, yet one which has meant much to the young women and girls coming in from outside places either for business, pleasure or to establish themselves and contribute their share to the upbuilding of the city.

A recent partial survey of unattached women, i.e. women wage-earners not living with husbands, parents, or other relatives, reveals the fact that there are 100 women clerks in three of the large department stores; 357 in shops, banks, law offices, newspapers, insurance, etc., stenographers; 115 in six factories and laundries; 163 in Edmonton schools, teachers and students. In all a total of 735 as listed in this partial survey, while it is estimated that throughout the city there is no less than 800 more, making a total of at least 1,535.

With the present accommodations it will be readily seen that the need for more room is a necessity, and all good citizens are urged to come to the aid of the Y.W.C.A. in this, their first campaign, for themselves.

SASK. SHARE-HOLDERS IN CO-OP. CONCERNS INCREASED LAST YEAR

Saskatoon.—According to a report by the director of co-operative organizations in Saskatchewan the number of share-holders in co-operative agricultural concerns in Saskatchewan has increased from 12,459 to 15,132 during the past year. The capital invested has increased from \$151,805 to \$230,002. The number of associations marketing livestock has increased from 35 to 41. The value of livestock marketed has increased from \$1,030,255 to \$1,558,021. The value of farm produce marketed has increased considerably, the aggregate turnover of the associations having increased from \$4,169,262 to \$5,278,166.

FRENCH TEACHERS TO AFFILIATE WITH GEN. FED. OF LABOR

Paris.—Affirming their complete solidarity with the rest of the working class, the federation of teachers' unions at a convention here voted to affiliate with the General Federation of Labor. Sixty thousand instructors are members of the federation.

In the elections for the departmental councils April 12 the teachers marched with the other trade unionists in protest against the "yellows" of the professional class who have not yet affiliated with the Federation.

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"As for the one big union—they anticipated great results from it once; it was a very promising bogey, indeed. But something went wrong. It seemed to fade away and become vapory and pale."

"And what is wanted is a bogey in a solid, substantial, heavyweight appearance—a large terrorfulness that will cause the people to gasp and tremble at its size."

"So they're turning their attention to the recognized Australian Workers' union."

"If they can contrive to make a bogey of that great organization it might save the situation for them."

"The word has, therefore, gone forth. A quantity of mud and a pot of red paint have been secured. 'The process of manufacturing a bogey has begun.'"

LABOR'S ENEMIES FIND A BOGEY IS ALWAYS HANDY

Australian Worker Says It Is the
First Necessity of Their
Political Lives.

"The enemies of labor can't do without a bogey," says the Australian Worker. "It is the first necessity of their political lives. Without it they are quite undone."

"More especially at election time. If they didn't have a bogey they'd be in a dence of a fix."

"They can't argue, because they have no case. Reasoning is something clean out of their line. Facts and the methods of logic are abhorrent to them."

"They don't try to convince the intelligent. Criticism based upon truth is the last thing in the world of which they think."

"A bogey—a horrifying, blood-curdling bogey—is their one desire. To that they pin their faith. On that they stake their all."

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EMPIRE THEATRE 3

3 DAYS COMMENCING MONDAY, MAY
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MUTT AND JEFF TO OFFER WHIRLS OF FUN AT EMPIRE THEATRE

Those inimitable cartoon comics, Mutt and Jeff, originally created by Bud Fisher and brought into the limelight of additional fame by Gus Hill, are underlined to hold forth in a merry whirl of action, mirth, screams, music, pretty girls, surprises and their latest adventures at the Empire theatre for three days commencing Monday, May 2. This year their exploits will be served through the medium of a brand new play of wit, humor, song and comedy entitled, "Mutt and Jeff's Dream." Of course, the same old quarrel will be revived, patched up and renewed as of yore but amidst atmosphere and environment calculated to tickle, please and amuse their host of fast-growing admirers and friends. The big event is divided into three acts and judging from the success attained in other cities the play should establish a precedent in the world of laughter and comedy seldom attained by any other production. A wild orgy of unalloyed delight, hilarity, and unstinted joy is promised. Mutt and Jeff are an institution and purely American at that. May they flourish forever!

BRITISH TEACHERS ARE AGITATING FOR LIVING WAGE

London.—Following fruitless visits from deputations of men and women teachers to the chairman of the common council, it seems probable that a strike may be called to enforce the teachers' demand for a living wage. Women are demanding the same pay as men, on the ground that their home responsibilities are equal, and that they are required to have the same training as the men. The London Schoolmasters Association is demanding the modest minimum of 250 pounds (\$1,250) a year, rising by \$100 annually to \$2,500 a year. This demand is only \$150 a year more than the sum that was admitted to be inadequate before the war.

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Keep Your Latch-String Out!

To the People of Edmonton:

This is to announce the opening of the campaign for a new building for the Young Women's Christian Association of Edmonton. The building will cost \$150,000. It will be located on the present site of the Y.W.C.A. building on 103rd street. Plans have been prepared and the whole matter is in the hands of capable men and women who are giving their time for the accomplishment of this most worthy purpose.

There is no doubt of the very great need for this building

Read the story in this paper setting forth that need. Nor is there the smallest doubt of the excellence of the work done by the Y.W.C.A. everywhere. Without this institution hundreds of women and girls who travel would be without friends or care in cities that are new and strange to them.

The Campaign

for funds for this new building
will be on from

MAY 12-21

REMEMBER THESE DATES

It is a duty that we all owe to the girls
and women of Canada to subscribe
the largest possible sum to the
Y.W.C.A. building fund

You will be called upon at your
office or home



KEEP YOUR LATCH-STRING OUT

