HAD NOT TRIED TO STOP INCREASES

Teachers Will Get Raise, But Not Until Estimates Are Passed, Says Mayor.

So many calories of heat were generated at yesterday's session of the board of control over the board's resolution not to pay increases in salaries until the estimates for 1920 are passed and the tax rate struck, that Finance Commissioner Bradshaw had to be called on to explain the situation.

"Speaking seriously," said the commissioner, "there is cause for alarm at the great increase in expenditure. If you have an excessively high tax rate you will prevent people and industries from coming to the city. Last year there was only a small increase in salaries and the question was never brought up, but this year it is 25 per cent. All the departments in the city hall wait for their increases until the tax rate is struck, but I cannot say what is usual regarding the board of education. They simply come to me and ask for a lump sum."

Mayor Church Explains.

The mayor in alluding to "wild articles" in connection with this matter, said, "This question came up before the board of control on January 13, and we passed an interim appropriation of one and a quarter millions for the school board, with which all its departments were to pay their employes on the 1919 salary schedule, until the estimates were adopted. We do not get any taxes for the school board until October, and up to that time we have to borrow money from the banks."

The following is purported to be a copy of the letter sent by Commissioner Bradshaw to W. W. Pearse, administrator of the board of education.

"I have this morning been instructed by his worship the mayor not to issue any further cheques to the board of education until I am so advised by him, and that the 25 per cent. increase in the salaries of the teachers is not to be paid until the tax rate for 1920 is struck."

Controller Maguire: The board of control did not pass any resolution to stop paying teachers their salaries.

The mayor: I never authorized the sending of any such letter. The teachers are entitled to a 25 per cent. increase, but not the upper ten of the school board, who are getting three times the amount of salary paid to civic officials.

Controller Maguire: The point is, can we pay the board of education increases before the estimates are finally accepted?

Controller Ramsden: No, you can't.

"I intend to move a little later on that this question be submitted to the people," said the mayor. "The city will go bankrupt if outside boards can spend money like water."

The controllers took no further action, so that the original motion stands.

ALLEGED BURGLAR REMANDED.

"Pretty soft for you. You may never have this kind of luck again," was Crown Attorney Corley's parting words to Arthur Price, an alleged burglar from the United States, who was remanded by Magistrate Kingsford in police court yesterday.

When arrested late at night, Price was alleged to have been in the act of raising a window of somebody else's house. He excused himself, it is said, by saying that it was the house where he was staying, but investigation by the police showed that his residence was over a block away. The police also found newly-tramped snow near other windows in the vicinity, all of which happened to be locked. Magistrate Kingsford would not convict because he was of the opinion that Price was under the influence of liquor.

NEW PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY.

The Hamilton-Guelph-Owen Sound roads will be taken over as a provincial highway. So Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, informed a deputation headed by L. J. Hannigan, Guelph, yesterday. The road is 110 miles in length. Major Patterson, Owen Sound; Ald. Hood, Guelph; Reeve Reese, Chatsforth; H. J. Caldwell and Reeve Kearns, Arthur, accompanied the deputation.

VETERANS DEMAND APOLOGY BE MADE

Saturday Night Singled Out for Special Consideration.

Representatives from practically every returned men's organization in Toronto will be formed immediately into a committee to wait upon F. R. Paul, editor of Saturday Night to demand immediately a public retraction and apology for the "insulting and disloyal statements appearing in his paper in the issue of February 21, statements considered un-British, insinuating as they do, that the many thousand returned men who gave up everything to protect the Dominion and empire and such corporations as The Saturday Night, were but undesirables, and that now they had returned were no benefit to the community which they desire to bankrupt, and more to this effect. These statements form an insult not only to the returned men themselves, but also their wives, mothers, sweethearts and sisters, as well as those employing returned men."

Condemn Soldier Member.

Another resolution condemns the alleged attitude of Sergeant-Major McNamara, M.L.A., as disloyal to his comrades, such disloyalty being evidenced in his public refusal to sign the petition for the $2,000 gratuity and his avowed opposition to the gratuity scheme, all this despite his promise (before election) to stand by the gratuity. The round table conference further declared McNamara's action as detrimental to the best interests of the returned soldier, still further dividing the veterans upon this question at a moment when they were gradually reaching a stage of united and concerted action.

LANG TO GUELPH.

Corporal B. F. Lang, president of the Military Hospital Association, has been summoned to Guelph on Saturday afternoon to conduct an inquiry into the alleged case of a German undertaker burying a C.E.F. veteran from Freeport Hospital at Kitchener. The name of the returned soldier is William Smallbeck.

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NEWS OF LABOR

BAKERS' UNION IS NOW GETTING BUSY

Again Calling for Legislation Abolishing Night-Baking.

Canadian National Bakers, the largest body of their kind in the Dominion, according to figures presented by their business manager, have decided to hold a special session on Sunday next to deal with the question of daylight labor, a matter of great importance to the trade. The union will also discuss a new wage scale. It has a large membership, the trade being easily 75 per cent. organized by the Canadian Federation.

John Drummond, business manager, conferred with Dr. W. A. Riddell, deputy minister of labor, relative to this matter, pointing out that a year ago the union had brought it to the notice of the employers, who in reply had stated that they were not in a position to take the matter up then, but would deal with it a year later. The twelve months allotted to them has passed, said Mr. Drummond, and action was looked for along the lines desired. Dr. Riddell promised to have the matter taken up immediately.

Minister Writes Letter.

In his connection it is interesting to note that the Canadian Federation received a letter from Hon. Walter Rollo, minister of labor, on December 4, 1919, to the effect that the department was in touch with the Bakers' Union, and that doubtless something along the lines desired would be done in the near future. The first step taken by any labor organization in this matter was taken by the convention of the Canadian Federation of Labor in September, 1918, a special resolution being passed showing the need of legislation in the matter. The Dominion Trades Congress brought in a similar resolution last September at its annual convention held in Hamilton.

BUILDING TRADES WANT CO-OPERATION

Toronto Building Trades Council at its next session will deal with the question of proposed and existing agreements, this being the chief item of the proposed proceedings. The council has recommended to every one of its unions the need of both job stewards and stewards' captains as a better means of carrying out the work of construction. An educational campaign is advocated as a means of bringing all matters pertaining to the trades properly before the council. The unions comprising the council are: Bricklayers and Masons, Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers, Cement Finishers, Carpenters and Joiners, Electrical Workers, Elevator Constructors, Granite Cutters, Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers, Hoisting and Portable Engineers, Plasterers, Painters and Decorators, Plumbers and Steamfitters, Sheet Metal Workers, Stonecutters, Stone Masons, Wood, Wire and Meal Lathers.

BENEATH THE SPOTLIGHT.

Spotlight dancing is to be the feature of the dance which is to be held under the auspices of Local 152, Stationary Engineers, on March 12. This union is month by month, increasing its numbers, and only recently, in conjunction with the Union of Trades and Stage Employes, brought nearly every large theatre in line relative to the matter of employing only duty qualified stationary engineers in their plants.

CORRECTING AN ERROR.

Charles Clay, general organizing secretary for the Canadian Federation of Labor, stated yesterday afternoon to The World, in refutation of a statement credited to international leaders, that national unions in Quebec province were by no means confined to Roman Catholic influence. He rated the Bricklayers' Unions of Montreal, Quebec and St. Hyacinthe, the Longshoremen's Union of Montreal and the Carpenters' Union of St. Hyacinthe as specially British-Canadian and progressive from every point of view.

C. F. L. TO HAVE NEW LABOR PAPER?

That the Canadian Federation of Labor intends to consider ways and means of publishing a Canadian labor weekly is evident from an interview held yesterday afternoon with Charles Clay, general secretary of this federation, who stated that in the minds of many officials of the federation, The Industrial Banner was not broad enough for the needs of the moment. He stated that this was specially true in connection with the I. L. P., an organization based upon the broadest principles of humanity. It was apparent, said Mr. Clay, that The Industrial Banner had forgotten that the I. L. P. was composed not only of international labor men, but of every class of thinker in the field of labor. "In these circumstances, taking into consideration the virulent attacks made by The Banner upon I. L. P. members not internationals, we are forced to the opinion that The Banner cannot be considered to constitute the mouthpiece of the Labor Party," said the general secreary.

ANOTHER SAD DEATH.

"Flu" and pneumonia added to their list of victims still another member of the Street Railwaymen's Union, this time one of the most popular and widely-known men in the city union. John Dunsmore, 63 years of age, was taken away after several days of untold suffering, dying at his home, despite the most heroic efforts of his own people to help him battle against the disease. The funeral service will be held at Mr. Dunsmore's late residence, 445 West Marion street, this evening, and interment will take place up country.

John Dunsmore entered the service of the Toronto Street Railway more than twenty years ago, and during this time attended at the Dundas barns. He had also been a member of Division 113 of the International Union of Street Railwaymen for twenty years, and was one of its most respected members.

SAPPER FENTON DEAD.

Sapper John Fenton, one of the best-known members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Amalgamated section, died Tuesday night at Newmarket Hospital, death resulting from injuries received at the front, where he did especially good work. Comrade Fenton had been a member of the United Brotherhood seventeen years. He is best remembered as foreman carpenter years ago upon such fine buildings as the C. P. R., the Royal Bank Building, Montreal Windsor Station.

NAT. TRADES COUNCIL GROWING.

Canadian national reinforced steel workers in Toronto have decided to affiliate with the National Trades Council of the Canadian Federation of Labor, and will, it is understood, add seven new delegates to that body. This union has 300 members. Another union which has decided to follow the same course is the Rubber Workers' Union, with a large membership.

CANDY WORKERS GALORE.

Candy workers, with the Canadian Federation of Labor last night in executive meeting, decided to hold a dance in the near future. This union is growing in numbers. It admits only men, so far as information is to hand, and no minors are permitted to join. Counting minors, of which it is said there are several thousand in Toronto, there are altogether about 7,000 candy workers in Toronto.

AN INTELLECTUAL SPEAKS.

Tom Mellilieu, one of the best known among the intellectuals of the labor movement in Toronto, delivered a specially interesting address to the members of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, on Tuesday night, upon the steady evolution of labor since the days of Flaminius and the Roman tribunes.

TICKET SCALPER FINED.

Charged with having sold tickets at a price higher than their face value, Carl Stopeck, an employe of the Arena, was fined $5 and costs in police court yesterday by Magistrate Cohen. Stopeck sold two tickets for a hockey match, for which he paid $2.50, to Morality Officer Kerr for $7. The maximum penalty for an offence of this nature is $50.

VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent in.

SHOULD PURCHASE CANADIAN GOODS

Army and Navy Veterans Believe This Will Stabilize Exchange.

The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, at their general meeting in the Central Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday night, unanimously pledged themselves to support in every way possible home manufacture as a means of stabilizing the exchange between Canada and the United States.

The following resolution, embodying this decision, which was passed, read as follows:

"We, the members of the Toronto Unit, A. and N. V. of Canada, hereby pledge ourselves, whenever possible, not to purchase any American-made goods until the exchange between that country and Canada is so stabilized that the Dominion can cease being at a disadvantage, as compared with her neighbor, whose efforts in the war were not commensurate with the gain she has made out of the world conflict."

Comrades Ross Cockburn and George Sweeney were elected delegates to the provincial convention, which opens at the Prince George at 10 o'clock this morning, for a two days' session.

TO DESIGN HEADSTONE FOR SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Some Likelihood of a Distinctive Design to Mark Graves of Canadian Troops.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—(By Canadian Press.)—Designs for a headstone for all soldiers of the empire who died in the war are, it is understood, now under discussion with the graves registration committee. So far as graves in France and Belgium are concerned, the commission's work is well in hand, but designs for the headstones of Canadian soldiers who died in Canada have still to be prepared. The suggestion has been made that the Dominion government authorities should specially mark such Canadian graves, and there was at one time an idea of following this course. The graves commission, however, raised the point of a common design for all soldiers of the empire, and, it is stated, intends to send representatives to Canada to secure data for the preparation of a design.

SOLDIERS' COMFORT SOCIETY.

The annual report of the Parkdale Soldiers' Comforts Society shows the continued activity of this war organization. During the past year shipments valued at $1200.56 were made to the Canadian Red Cross Society. In addition to this the report shows the following expenditures: $200, Christmas stockings for men in hospital; $256.37, bookcases and magazines provided for the Christie Street Hospital; $2000, cot in Hospital for Sick Children, to be known as "The Parkdale Soldiers' Comforts Memorial Cot"; $127.73, bulbs to be planted in the grounds of the various military hospitals in Toronto; $37, treat for the children in the Orphans' Home, Avenue road; $500 to Neighborhood Workers' Association.

G.W.V.A. in Montreal Favors Affiliation With Other Bodies

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, at a meeting last night, placed itself on record as being in favor of affiliation with other associations of veterans, excepting those with political aims. A resolution to this effect was passed and will be brought up at the convention of all branches to be held here, beginning in March.

AN OFFICER MISSING.

W. J. Trimble has received word from the air ministry that his son, Lieut. A. V. Trimble, is presumed dead. Lieut. Trimble enlisted with the 35th Battalion in May, 1915, and was wounded while serving with that unit in 1916. He later joined the R.A.F., and was reported missing on his 21st birthday. Prior to his enlistment he was a member of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

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WOULD CONFISCATE ROSEDALE LIQUOR

Beaches G.W.V.A. Proposes Impartial Canvass of Cellars.

With the view to limiting individual stocks of liquor to five gallons, Beaches G.W.V.A., at their general meeting in St. Aidan's Church on Tuesday night, unanimously endorsed a resolution urging the provincial government to institute an impartial canvas of the cellars of individual citizens and enact legislation to confiscate all supplies exceeding this amount. The resolution suggested that where the stock exceeded the specified quantity that it be confiscated and turned over to the government vendors, the proceeds to be given to the re-establishment of problem cases among returned soldiers.

The resolution was adopted after a lively discussion in which several of the members took part. Comrade George Brown charged that the present temperance legislation catered to the rich man and he cited an instance where he claimed one citizen of Toronto had recently stocked his cellar to the extent of seven car loads of whiskey.

Ask Them to Explain.

Indignation was expressed at the alleged utterances of Aldermen Miskelly and Beamish at a meeting of the city council with reference to the rank and decorations of Colonel Moorehouse, D. S. O., in connection with his proposed appointment as city architect. The outcome of the discussion was that the aldermen would be asked for an explanation for their reported attitudes.

Charging the Hearst publications with disseminating "lying, scurrilous, anti-British propaganda," a resolution was passed requesting the federal government to prohibit their sale and importation into Canada.

The branch decided to hold a meeting on March 9, when the delegates to the provincial and Dominion conventions would be instructed as to the wishes of the branch on outstanding questions to be discussed.

GRATUITIES FOR IMPERIALS.

Applications for Canadian Rate Will Not Be Accepted After Next July.

Applications for the Canadian rate of gratuities by Imperials, resident in Canada before and after war, will not be considered by the government after July 1, 1920. It is estimated that there are approximately 50,000 Imperials in the Dominion eligible under the provision, but up to date only 7,000 have made application for their share, and the government thru the G.W.V.A., are urging these men to apply for their increased gratuities forthwith.

A similar condition exists in connection with the refund of passage money to dependents of C.E.F. soldiers. An order-in-council of November last authorized passage refunds to dependents who returned after the signing of the armistice, and while about 10,000 veterans are eligible, only about half that number have applied.

PROTEST HEARST PAPERS.

Kitchener, Feb. 25.—(Special) — The United Veterans' League here have passed a strong resolution protesting against the admission of Hearst papers into Canada.

ISSUES CHALLENGE TO FLYNN.

Edward Stephenson, the independent soldier candidate in the Halton by-election, has issued a challenge to President Flynn of the U. V. L., to debate the ethics of the latter's attitude towards himself in his candidature in the by-election. He suggests that the debate take place on Saturday night in Massey Hall, and stipulates that the audience be restricted to returned soldiers, irrespective of their organization, and that in view of his physical condition that he be assured a patient hearing and that the verdict be left to the audience.

An Important Letter

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