

# In The World Of Labor

A Budget of News For Those Interested in Labor

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Gleaned From the Exchanges and Other Sources

## IF IN TORONTO, WHY NOT HERE?

The labor organ of Ontario, the "Industrial Banner", has the following item in reference to the employment of those out of work in making toys for the Canadian market this winter—

"It has been generally well known in the city during the last couple of weeks that representative carpenters, sheet metal workers, machinists, painters, and other crafts whose members can work to advantage in the manufacture of toys, have held several meetings to discuss the matter, with the result that the initial board has been started, and arrangements to secure modern machinery to be installed without loss of time, have been completed. A committee has also been formed, and arrangements to be made for the coming Christmas trade, and then place new models on the market and take orders immediately after for next year's goods."

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Ontario, and communications have been opened with other centres regarding the proposition. It may be stated that several years ago a small toy shop was opened in London to give work to the unemployed, but it was run upon an entirely different basis. The work then was almost entirely done by hand, and no matter what avocation a man followed he was given employment. Some 26 men were partly employed at the time, and the output of the shop was all disposed of.

In the present venture it is intended to make the factory a permanent institution. Labor-saving machinery will be installed and only capable men will be employed in work for which they are adapted.

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## Industrial Canada

Vancouver, B.C., laborers have decided to go into municipal politics, and the central labor body has elected a strong committee to take charge of an aggressive electoral campaign.

Winnipeg expects to expend two million dollars next year on construction work of the Shoal Lake aqueduct in connection with the greater Winnipeg water district scheme. This will mean a total expenditure in 1915 of four million dollars in connection with construction work, and should be the means of affording employment for many of the local workers.

Granite cutters in Vancouver, B.C., report conditions as the worst ever known in the memory of the oldest members of the craft in the city, only a very few hands being now employed. The majority of unions have left for pastures new in the hope of picking something up south of the boundary line. Warning has been sent out for granite cutters to give the western coast a wide berth.

"The maintenance of ways employ are better organized in Canada than in any other country in the world, as they have practically secured recognition on all the big trans-continental railway lines doing business in the Dominion; in fact they are one of the most solidly organized bodies to be found in the country, and as a result wages have been nearly doubled since the time of the Grand 'Frank trackmen's' strike."

The Monetary Times gives a table of the vaious sources of Canada's production last year, which in round figures totalled up over two and a half billion dollars, as follows: Agriculture, \$550,000,000; industries, \$1,500,000,000; forest products, \$20,000,000; fisheries, \$34,000,000; minerals, \$140,000,000; animals and products, \$300,000,000. This is a showing that no other country in the world with a population of eight million people, even nearly approaches, and the union is working to get a larger population, outclasses any other nation in existence.

As is well known, the British employers have adopted as their motto the slogan, "Business as usual," and have agreed to maintain the wage rates prevailing prior to the war, and now the news is to hand that the German manufacturer and the trades unions in the country have agreed to unite for the relief of existing distress which is now appalling in its immensity, and that the employers have announced that where men are kept at work wages will not be reduced. To which it might be added that there are a large proportion of the captains of industry when compared with the bosses in Great Britain and Germany. Over here the corporation interests are after all the business will bear and are the small end of the workers who create their wealth. But one thing can be said of the Canadian employer, he hollers out his patriotism louder than the other fellows across the water; he's big on the nose part, but small on the pay up for what he gets across on the other fellows.

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## Love One Another

(By John E. Nordquist.)

"Love one another," saith the Master. Do we heed this great command? Are we sisters, are we brothers. We, of this great, mighty land? Look about you! See the misery! See the yawning gulf of want! Does not cold and starving children. All your dreams and visions haunt?

"Love one another," saith the Master. Repeat it once again. Those loving words upon all men. Do your best to end the struggle; Root our poverty's dark reign; Help your brother into sunshine, Cast away their galling chain.

"Love one another," saith the Master. Do your share to dawn the day. That shall usher in the sunshine. That shall spread an equal ray. When rich and poor have vanished, And brotherhood reigns in peace. This is the watchword of the race.

## The Price as Usual

Erie Tobacco Company is the Only Firm in Canada That Has Not Reduced the price of its Plug Tobacco and Packages.

Smithy, the boy that pushes over the woods of the Erie Tobacco Company has drifted into town again, and as he is in evidence, the price of the plug tobacco firm in Canada that has not decreased the size of its plug, and package tobaccos, and its popular brands retail at the price normal before the war. The firm is out for the British motto of "Business as usual," and has gone it one better by adding the slogan of "Prices as usual" also.

## KAISER TO ANNEX BELGIUM. Arrangements Being Made for Royal Proclamation.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A despatch to the Times from Berlin, via Copenhagen, asserts that preparations are being made in the German capital for the public proclamation of the annexation of Belgium, which is mentioned officially as "the happy German Reichland under the illustrious sceptre of Kaiser Wilhelm von Belgien."

## BATTENBERG PRINCE DIES LEADING HIS MEN.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Princess Henry of Battenberg has been informed by the British government that she is to be buried in the front that her son, Prince Maurice of Battenberg, whose name appeared in the list of killed made public a few days ago, met death leading his company in an attack. The Prince was struck by shrapnel bullet from a bursting shell and died almost immediately afterwards.

A despatch to the Central News says Prince Maurice has been buried near Ypres.

## To Whom it may concern

After October 28th, Messrs. Wickens and Sinden will not be responsible for any debts contracted by R. A. Cole, DOCS. WICKENS AND SINDEN.

## World of Labor

The Cambria Steel Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., has reduced working hours from 10 to 9 per day, with corresponding reduction in wages.

The Ohio Federation of Labor will endeavor to secure an amendment of the State Compensation Act, to increase the amount of the awards granted to injured workers.

The strike of the New York Ladies Tailors Union is rapidly spreading. Twenty large firms are now affected, and many non-union workers are coming out in sympathy and enrolling themselves in the organization. It looks as though the entire industry would be completely tied up, were it not for a single defector there was a week weeks' battle the neck-wear makers' union has won a signal victory in Greater New York. During the whole period of the strike there was not a single defector from the ranks, and strike benefits were paid promptly each week. The sub-letting of work to sub-contractors, which was the cause of the trouble, will be abolished.

An investigation into the home conditions of 205,000 people on Manhattan Island, N.Y., has shown that 83 per cent are without hot water, except that treated on stoves; forty-five per cent are without washbaths, and ninety-two per cent are without baths. It has also been shown that out of 860,000 school children in New York City, 524,000 are afflicted with some physical defect.

It is most significant that while the Pittsburg Coal Company has reduced the wages of its unorganized operatives to the tune of 10 per cent, and the Westinghouse Company has put in force an 8 per cent decrease, the latter firm has interfered with the schedules of their organized workers. In other words, the non-unionists get a drop because they failed to recognize the necessity of organization. The union employees, however, will realize as never before what membership in a labor union really means.

According to State Inspector Ross, of Topeka, Kansas, two-thirds of the Kansas wheat crop is still in bins, or in stack, and he claims that the third was sold for ready cash of which the remainder is being held up for a hoort in prices.

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the U.S. Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, whose body is now making a searching inquiry into economic and political conditions throughout the country, says: "Although we hope to make recommendations, labor's welfare must depend in the last resort on labor itself." That puts the case pretty concisely that labor must get busy and organize and make its demands if it expects to receive any consideration. The powers that be will hand the workers nothing on a silver platter.

Mary Ford, a deserted wife, was up last week in a New York court on the charge of forging checks. She indignantly placed the blame upon the school officials, "when they knew," she said, "that my husband had deserted me and that I was soon to be the support of two persons—myself and the baby—soon to come, they forced me to resign my position, thus leaving me stranded without means of support."

The defendant, who pleaded guilty, is being held under \$300 bail for trial.

The British Board of Trade, a governmental institution corresponding somewhat to the Federal department of Labor at Ottawa, has just issued statistics showing that at the close of last year the trade union membership in that country was exactly 4,993,750. This was an increase of 2 1/2 per cent over 1912 and 100 per cent over the first year in the decade. Substantially all trades are represented in the total gain, except the store clerks, who report a slight loss. The general laborers, dock workers and seamen, railroad employes and miners, show the largest relative increase.

British co-operators are struggling hard to save the great organization they have built up by years of hard work. Few people—even the members of the Labor movement themselves—can have a definite idea of the vast business carried on by the co-operative stores of the United Kingdom. One-fifth of the population is in the habit of making its purchases at these stores, and the trade turnover is considerably more than \$5,000,000 a year. These co-operative institutions have

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## CIGARMAKERS ARE VERY DULL

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## She Will be Missed

Says the Industrial Banner, Toronto: Miss Maud Schrier of the United Garment Workers, who has long been known in Toronto, as one of the most active spirits in the movement for the welfare of the working girls in the city is at the present time employed in Brantford. Miss Schrier will be missed in the Queen City, where she was favorably known and where her self-sacrificing work on behalf of her sister toilers has been duly appreciated. The girls all say they want Maud back again.

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