

More and Maclean Have Joint Assembly

LABOR BAITERS MUM; FOOD PRICES GOING UP

Washington—Food costs continue going up, according to the United States bureau of labor statistics. With wages reduced, labor baiters are put in an awkward position and rather than at last place the blame where it belongs they remain silent.

The retail cost of food increased 4.3 per cent in August, as compared with July, it is stated. Of the 43 articles of food used for the most index 27 showed an increase in price, 10 articles showed a decrease and six showed no price change.

Potatoes led with 14 per cent increase; fresh eggs, 13 per cent; pork chops, cheese and cabbage, 11 per cent; butter 10 per cent; lard, 8 per cent; sugar 6 per cent; canned tomatoes 5 per cent; ham and oranges, 4 per cent, and bacon, 3 per cent.

The bureau also announced that wholesale prices of many important commodities are showing upward tendency during August. These articles included butter, cheese, milk, eggs, rice, meat, sugar, fruits and potatoes. Meat animals, including cattle and hogs, also averaged higher in August than in July.

MONCTON PARTY AT VARIANCE

The Independent Labor party which met at Moncton, to receive the report of the committee on the U.F.-Labor convention, which nominated A. E. Triton as candidate in Westmorland, refused to adopt the committee's report and declined to endorse the Farmer candidates.

SYDNEY, N.S. THREATENED BY OFF

Fifteen hundred men will be laid off within the next ten days by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, un- stated at Sydney.

OTTAWA HAS NEW FIRE HALL



The new Sunnyside Ave. Station which is the Capital's latest addition to her fire-fighting facilities.

STANDARD OIL CROWD FINANCES MEXICO'S LATEST "REVOLUTION"

Tulsa, Okla.—The recent Tampico "revolution" was instigated by the Standard Oil group, which made such a noise about danger to property that the United States government ordered two warships to Tampico, Tex., "hat was passed" in Houston, Texas, to finance the uprising against the Mexican government.

The above charge is made by W. H. Gray, president of the national association of independent oil producers, in a letter to W. H. Sproul, president of the Kansas oil and gas men's association, at Sedan, Kan.

It is stated that immediately after Mexico taxed oil imported from this country the Standard Oil group started a movement to boycott Mexico and in addition "pull off a small revolution to throw the fear of God into the Mexican government."

HARVESTERS SORE STRAITS AT REGINA

The continued wet weather has developed a situation unequalled in Regina's history. Hundreds of men are walking the streets. There will be no work until harvest operations are resumed, not before the end of the week at the earliest, and many men are destitute.

OTTAWA TO MAKE RATES FOR CANAL

As the result of a conference between Hon. Giddens-Robertson, Minister of Labor, and representatives of the employees on the Welland Canal construction work the Department of Labor will arrange the schedule of wages and working conditions to apply to all sections of the work.

CONGRESS PRESIDENT AND BRITISH M.P. ADDRESS BIG MEETING AT OTTAWA

Just prior to the departure of President Tom Moore and Neil MacLean on the overseas voyage, the Trades Council of Ottawa seized the opportunity for a public gathering at the Regent Theatre and the size and calibre of the interested audience must have put some vim in the two speakers as they have never been heard to better advantage.

Mr. Tom Moore first referred to Mr. MacLean. He said he was not the Neil MacLean who was now in jail in Glasgow. He was the fraternal delegate from the British labor movement to the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Mr. Moore said that on the eve of the general election in Canada he wished to say a few things regarding the present situation of Canada and the platform of organized labor.

In presenting to them the platform of the labor party he believed it to be a sound one and would rally to its support all workers, organized or not. He then dealt with the various planks. These consisted of free education and compulsory school attendance; maximum day of 8 hours and week of 44 hours; insertion and enforcement of fair wage regulations in agreement; public ownership and democratic control of all public utilities; government control and fullest development of all natural resources; creation of a tariff board with working class representation; abolition of non-elective bodies; exclusion of Asiatics; use of union label; prevention of employment of children under 16; equal pay for equal work; voluntary arbitration; proportional representation; unemployment insurance; establishment of workers' co-operative societies; old age pensions; uniformity of labor laws, and disarmament.

Mr. Neil MacLean, M.P., said he first wished to refer to unemployment insurance as it affected the British worker. It had been said that the British government was subsidizing unemployment by paying out millions to the unemployed. He explained how unemployment insurance funds accumulated during the war when there was no unemployment. At the end of the war they had reached the total of £25,000,000. That sum had been paid out, except for £5,000,000 which was required to keep the fund solvent.

PORT ARTHUR UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

According to a report read tonight to the Port Arthur city council, 5,000 men will be out of work there by the middle of winter. This report will be sent to the minister of labor. It was pointed out in the report that work at the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company will likely close by November 30.

ALBERTA COMPENSATION BOARD RETURNS

An Edmonton report states that our thousand eight hundred and fifty-three miners, major and minor, throughout the industries of the Province have so far been reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board. Last year there were 6,400 altogether reported to the board.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS HOME



Mr. Donald Dear, vice-president of Eastern Canada International Association of Fire Fighters, has returned to Ottawa, after attending the Trades and Labor Congress in Winnipeg, following which he attended the International convention of Fire Fighters at Columbus, Ohio.

CALGARY COUNCIL SCHEME FAVORABLY CONSIDERED

Mayor Adams of Calgary has expressed himself as being quite favorable to the suggestions made by the Calgary Trades and Labor Council for the organization of a municipal housing scheme. The mayor believes that there should be a set standard of specifications for houses erected, and a set price for which they must be erected.

TORONTO TO HAVE TRAINMEN'S CONVENTION

Announcement that the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen would hold its triennial convention in Toronto in May, 1922, was made by James Macdonald of Toronto, one of the International vice-presidents. The convention will last three weeks and it is expected that it will bring to the city 3,000 or 4,000 visitors, principally members of their families.

DOMINION POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES MOVE TO AN AMALGAMATION

There is a movement among separately organized postal employees numbering about 5,000 to affiliate their organizations for the promotion of their common aims and interests. Representatives of the Dominion Postal Clerks' Association, the Federation of Letter Carriers, the Railway Mail Clerks' Association, and the organization formerly known as the Amalgamated Postal Workers which, after November 1, becomes the Amalgamated Civil Service—An organization of employees of the Great Lakes—expect to meet in Ottawa shortly to discuss a basis of affiliation.

BRANTFORD PROVINCIAL MEMBER TO STUMP AGAINST FREE TRADE

A Brantford, Ont., despatch states that M. M. MacBride, M.P.P., will take the platform against the "Simpson-Buckley" brand of the Independent Labor Party.

BRITISH LABOR MINISTER CALLS FOR PRODUCTION COSTS TO DECIDE

A cable despatch states that Right Hon. John Clynes, the prominent Labor leader, speaking in the north of England, admitted that many employers were distracted for the want of orders to keep their works going and their men unemployed.

UNITED MINERS CONVENTION CLOSES IN CLIMAX BY INJUNCTION SERVICE

Delegates to the convention of the United Mine Workers of America were called on by John L. Lewis, president of the union, to recognize the union and pray that the organization further be enjoined from desisting from its duty, anything that will suppress or curtail the rights of the union.

LONDON DESPATCHES OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS DIFFERENT FORMS

Robert Donald, well-known journalist and for several years chairman of the Empire Free Union, has written a letter to the newspapers commenting on the absence of any scheme for constructing an imperial wireless telegraph chain.