

A BUDGET OF NEWS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN LABOR  
IN THE WORLD OF LABOR  
GLEANED FROM THE EXCHANGES AND OTHER SOURCES

It is claimed that next season Sarnia will have one of the best localities of the International Longshoremen in Canada, and that every man who works in that port will carry a union card.

At the recent municipal election in Nelson, B.C., the proportional representation system of voting was used, and among the successful aspirants was Ald. T. A. Austin, who was re-elected for a seventh term. He has always run as a direct nominee of the central labor union, and this time he headed the poll.

The Vancouver shipyard helpers have secured a substantial increase in wages and at a meeting held recently initiated over 100 new members. The fasteners minimum wage has been raised from \$3.60 to \$4.50 per day. The Vancouver local now has a membership of nearly 1,200. A new branch in Westminster has over 200 members and is growing fast.

The Alberta Federation of Labor at its recent convention decided to devote its energies during the present year to build up a straight Independent Labor Party in the province, one that will stand pledged to support any attempt to unite and bring together the labor forces in Canada for the purpose of taking independent political action along working class lines.

Official government statistics show that the weekly budget of staple foods in Canada for December last was \$12.24 as compared with \$12.10 for the previous month, an increase in the cost of living of 14 cents per week inside of a month. The cost in December, 1914, was \$7.95, an increase inside of three years of \$4.29 cents per week in the cost of living in foodstuffs alone.

The National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada now has 17 subordinate councils or local associations with two more in process of formation. The organization is in splendid shape, and substantial increases in wage schedules will be enforced throughout the Dominion with the opening of navigation in the spring. Next week the annual convention of the association will convene in Montreal, Que., when it is expected that there will be a large

turnout of representatives than has ever attended a previous gathering of the craft in Canada.

The members of the various locals of the Lake Seamen's Union are looking forward to the most active season in navigation that has ever been experienced in the history of the inland seas. The various unions are now organized up to the 100 per cent. mark, and are in a position to enforce a living scale of wages and better work conditions than have heretofore prevailed. The demand for good seamen will be hard to fill, as so many have left to sign up on salt water crafts where special inducements are held out, and wages are away up. There will be no laid-up boats on the Great Lakes this season, and wage rates are due for a material advance.

The Vancouver Metal Trades council is considerably worked up over the Asiatic labor question, and has gone unanimously to oppose any attempt whatever to bring into Canada a flood of cheap coolie labor from China or anywhere else. All the local unions affiliated with this central body have also unanimously endorsed this action, and stand ready to lay down tools or follow any other course of procedure deemed necessary to prevent such an outrage being perpetrated upon the workers of this Dominion.

After long delay, the C.P.R. has accepted the inevitable and arrived at a settlement with its maintenance of ways employees, in which the latter wins out. Wages will be advanced in accordance with the increased cost of living on different sections of the system, and both the union and the management will refer all disputed questions to the Hon. G. D. Robertson as arbitrator. It may be said that it is owing to their thorough organization that the maintenance of way employees have brought the company to terms, had the employees been poorly organized their claims would have apparently met with but scant recognition, but the officials knew if it came to a show down the chances were that the entire system would have been tied up. In other words the employees carried the union card and were in a position to make good.

The members of the Hespeler branch of the Independent Labor party say that while the good show-

ing of other local branches of the party in the riding of South Waterloo has been referred to on several occasions, slight should not be lost of the fact that Hespeler has good reasons to feel that it ought to have a little pat on the back for the creditable showing it made in the federal election. Not only was it the youngest branch in the constituency, but it was formed just on the eve of the election, and yet it took a big second place in a three cornered contest. The local vote stood: for the Unionist candidate, 593; Labor 218; Liberal 49.

Work has slackened up considerably in Montreal during the past few weeks, according to the Labor World. The Dominion Bridge Company and subsidiaries dismissed 2,000 men; the International Manufacturing Co's works where 4,000 people were employed last year, is practically idle; the Montreal Locomotive Works have reduced the number of their employees from 4,000 to 2,500; the Montreal Tramways, which recently employed 1,500 men in manufacturing shells, have laid them all off; the Lyburner Company are closed down; the number of men employed at the Canadian Vickers Works is considerably less than six months ago, while nearly every plant on the island has had its staff practically cut in half when compared with last year's working force, and many hundreds of men are unemployed, who find it impossible to secure a job of any kind as can be attested by the officials of the city hall.

The Sydney Labor World wants to know why the Dominion Steel and Coal Co. should be allowed to have a uniformed police force armed with 32 calibre self-acting revolvers, clubs, handcuffs, twisters, etc., all the paraphernalia of a well organized force such as they have in our large cities, in order to keep the peace and protect the lives and property of its citizens? All this under command of a chief who knows no law but the will of his masters. The companies have a perfect right to have watchmen to protect their property, says the Labor Leader, but the present order of things must cease in the interest of public welfare. Sydney has a very efficient police chief and his department can be trusted to look after the interests of the companies concerned. "The powers that be" had better busy themselves in this matter at once.

Not a Bite of  
Breakfast Until  
You Drink Water

Says a glass of hot water and phosphate prevents illness and keeps us fit.

Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of combustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken day after day leaves in the alimentary canal a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not completely eliminated from the system each day, becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels. From this mass of left-over waste, toxins and ptomaine-like poisons are formed and sucked into the blood.

Men and women who can't get feeling right must begin to take a side bath. Before eating breakfast each morning drink a glass of real hot water with phosphate. It washes out of the thirty feet of bowels the previous day's accumulation of poisons and toxins, and keeps the entire alimentary canal clean, pure and fresh.

Those who are subject to sick headache, colds, biliousness, constipation, others who wake up with bad taste, foul breath, backache, rheumatic stiffness, or have a sour, gassy stomach after meals, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store, and begin practicing internal sanitation. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone an enthusiast on the subject.

**LONDON MARKET.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
London, Feb. 15.—A general reduction in money rates to-day followed the lowering of the rate of interest on treasury bills, held gilt edged securities firm, but beyond an improvement in rubber shares in sympathy with the commodity and strength in the French loan and shipping stocks, the stock market was generally dull, and uninteresting.

**DEMPSEY AFTER JESS.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Chicago, Feb. 15.—Jack Dempsey is ready to-day for the last elimination step on his march for Jess Willard's crown. He has signed to battle Fred Fulton at Milwaukee, May 1. Promoters now are after Fulton's signature.  
Cheyenne, Wyo., promoters were expected in Chicago to-day in another attempt to straighten out the tangle over a Willard-Dempsey bout there July 4. According to Willard's latest statement, Dempsey must first do away with Fulton.

THIRTY THOUSAND  
ELIGIBLE BRITISH  
SUBJECTS IN U.S.

Cannot Possibly Escape  
Service Under Reciprocal  
Draft Agreement

19,000 NOW IN KHAKI

British-Canadian Recruiting  
Mission Plans To  
Deal With Others

Chicago, Feb. 16.—More than 19,000 British subjects resident in the United States have enlisted in the fighting forces in Great Britain and Canada, with the probability that the reciprocal draft agreement which has just been reached between the United States, England and Canada, will cause these figures to leap upward rapidly, according to a statement made here by the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission. These figures however, are considered low by members of the Chicago Division headquarters of the Mission which announces that there are no less than 30,000 citizens of the British Empire in the United States eligible for service.

British and Canadian subjects in this country cannot possibly escape liability for service, according to General W. A. White, head of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission. As soon as Congress acts favorably on the reciprocal draft agreement, he stated in a despatch to the Chicago division, the British subject will become "much more liable for service than the American."

With the announcement that the reciprocal draft agreement had been reached, the energies of the Recruiting Mission were doubled in an effort to get as many men as possible to enlist without awaiting the draft. The Commission hopes to double the number of British enlistments in this country before the draft becomes effective.

Under the new reciprocal arrangement Chicago officials of the Commission point out that "British subjects, for the first time, are placed on an equal footing the world over." The same age limits and other conditions affecting British and Canadian subjects in their home countries, will be applied to those in the United States, making all natives of the United Kingdom who are between the ages of 20 and 40 years eligible, but subject to the same exemption rights as men living in England or Canada.  
"This is a perfectly fair arrange-

ment," said General White in his telegraphic instructions "for it compels every man who claims British citizenship to place himself on practically the same footing as his fellow-countrymen at home."

According to General White, British subjects will be given 60 days after enactment of the reciprocal draft measure to join the English forces voluntarily. It is during this period that the Mission plans to launch a nation-wide campaign. To aid in this work an effort is being made to obtain the services of the American "Four-Minute Men" who are expected to join in a "British Brothers' week," giving the Mission the services of 25,000 speakers. In addition patriotic moving pictures will be flashed before 12,000,000 persons daily and members of the Mission, aided in many cases by friendly action by State Councils of Defense, will increase their efforts.

In urging the speeding up of British and Canadian enlistments, General White said: "What we need at present is man power. If the British enlists with us he can get to Europe quickly and be made effective much sooner than if he waits a few weeks longer for the draft."

Branch depots of the Mission have been established in every principal center of the United States, each depot being in charge of an officer who has seen active service. Most of these officers, according to a statement given out at the Chicago office, wear on their sleeves "that badge of suffering, the 'wounded stripes'", and many of them are doing recruiting duty while on sick leave from the battle lines.

**TEN PERISHED.**

By Courier Leased Wire  
New York, Feb. 15.—Ten men of the officers and crew of the British steamship *Miruel De Larrinaga*, of nearly 5,000 tons, perished in mid-ocean on February 6, when the vessel foundered. A cargo of grain bound for France went down with the ship.  
A British warship rescued 27 men who had taken to small boats and some of these survivors arrived here to-day from a Newfoundland port.

**INDIA MUST SACRIFICE.**

By Courier Leased Wire  
Delhi, Feb. 15.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—Lord Chelmsford, viceroy of India, opening the Legislative Council announced that the prospects for the tea industry were now materially improved and that the rice difficulty had been overcome. He paid a tribute to the European and Indian defence forces. He said India's burden was increasing and the Empire must be prepared for still greater efforts and sacrifices.

**CURRENCY PROBLEMS**

(Associated Press)  
London, Feb. 16.—A committee of bankers and other prominent financiers

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EVERY ONE OF US

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Poisons As A Germ  
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anciers has been appointed to consider the problems which will arise in connection with currency and foreign exchange during the period of reconstruction and report on the steps required to bring about the restoration of normal conditions in due course. Lord Culliffe represents the Bank of England on this committee.

**CAMPAIGN FOR SHIP WORKERS**

Washington, Feb. 16.—More than half of the great number of shipyard workers needed to carry out the country's merchant marine program, have been secured in the first half of the first week of the national enrollment campaign by the United States Public Reserves will be continued another week, however, and thereafter in every state whose quota is not filled at the end of the campaign.

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