

Labor News From Coast to Coast

Our Overseas Column

International Labor News

GERMANY

Employment Registrations.—According to figures published by the Government employment bureau, there is a slight but general decrease in the number of male and female applicants for placement and a corresponding increase in the number of positions available. The number of persons receiving unemployment doles is on the decline.

Factory Shut-Downs.—The decrease in the number of shut-downs of factories in Saxony, which was apparent during the first part of March, 1925, as compared with February, continued during the second half of the month.

JAPAN

Emigration Association.—It is reported from Tokyo that an association has been founded in Japan with the object of encouraging emigration of Japanese women to Brazil.

CANADA

Exodus of Carpenters.—An exodus of carpenters, who are said to be leaving for the United States, is reported from the Sydney district of Nova Scotia, with resultant embarrassment to local construction work.

Farm Labor Needed.—It is reported that farmers throughout the Province of Ontario are calling for experienced help.

Longshoremen's Agreement.—The syndicate of longshoremen in the Port of Montreal and the steamship agencies have signed an agreement as to working hours and wages, affecting the 4,000 dock workers, which is to be operative until the end of this year.

ENGLAND

Housing Program.—The Municipality of Coventry, which is an active manufacturing city of 128,000 inhabitants, about eighteen and one-half miles southeast of Birmingham, has decided upon a definite housing plan calling for the erecting of 1,594 houses which will ease the present shortage. Assistance in the way of subsidies is expected from the National Government.

Contract Awarded for Montreal Bridge

Montreal, Que.—Quinlan, Robertson and Janin, Ltd., contractors of Montreal, have been awarded the contract for the substructure of the south shore bridge, between St. Helen's Island and the south shore.

The contract signed is only for the southern half of the Montreal-south shore bridge. The date of completion is given as November 15, 1926.

Says 6-Hour Day Not for Happiness

Winnipeg, Man.—Rev. Dr. H. B. Meyer, pastor emeritus of Christ Church, London, speaking at a luncheon of the Canadian Club here, said that the world's national and international delusion appeared to be that a six-hour day made for happiness. "It does not make for happiness," he said. "It leaves a long vacuum which, unless men are educated, they fill with bandying of Socialistic and Communistic claptrap."

He suggested the broadcasting of national home songs back and forth from one country to another as a means of "cast out the devil of militarism and bring in the brotherhood of the world."

Tag Day for Nova Scotia Miners

Vancouver, B. C.—\$1,319.73 was collected by workers recently on behalf of the Nova Scotia Relief Fund. Secretary P. R. Bengough who had charge of the arrangements issued 110 boxes and these were taken to various corners of the city, mostly by women who worked hard all day selling tags which netted the above amount.

Among the collectors were seventeen Japanese women who succeeded in collecting \$82.12 among their countrymen.

The collection, minus 30.05 expenses has been forwarded to Nova Scotia.

Stocks for Employees Labor and Housing

Montreal, Que.—Stock of the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, valued at between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 was turned over to some 3,300 employees of the company here under a savings purchase plan instituted by the company for its employees five years ago.

Reds Wreck Municipal Council

Paris.—The Municipal Government of Villeneuve Le Roi, near Versailles, has been wrecked by the Communist members. Although they, number only seven, against sixteen Moderates, the Communists forced their opponents to sign a request for the prefect to dissolve the council. Gendarmes had to be brought to quiet the disturbance and clear away the crowd which gathered.

Italian Immigrants Forming Union

Action Taken in Queensland, Australia Under R. C. Bishop's Auspices

Sydney, Australia.—Italian immigrants in Queensland are forming an Italo-Australian Union, under the auspices of Roman Catholic bishops. The bishops state this action is being taken as a result of an interview between Premier Gillies and Dr. Coppo, Bishop of Kimberley, who proceeded to Queensland for the purpose of assisting the moral and economic needs of his compatriots.

Gillies, however, denies the formation of an Italo-Australian Union was discussed with him. Dr. Coppo says it has been decided to print a newspaper in Italian and English in furtherance of the union's object of assisting immigrants to acquire better knowledge of the laws, customs and language of their adopted country.

Thousands of workers have been thrown out of employment by the decision of Bochum district mine-owners in Germany to cease all further industrial construction. The united industrial concerns of the occupied zone assert their inability to maintain the wage standard fixed in a new trades agreement, which is 60 to 100 per cent in excess of customary wages.

Strike Closes Port

Mexico City, Mexico.—The port of Progreso, Yucatan, has been closed because of a stevedore's strike for higher wages.

PREPARING FOR HUGE MILL

International Paper Co., Engineers Doing Preliminary Work

Hull, Que.—Engineers of the International Paper Company are now in the vicinity of Chelsea doing preliminary work in connection with the huge paper mill and power plant which the International has definitely decided to build on property taken over from the Riordon Pulp and Paper Company. While plans for the mill are under way, the exact site has not been located, and it has not been decided when the work will start.

To Deepen Channel

Kingston, Ont.—The contract for considerable dredging near Hay Island near Gananoque has been awarded to the Frontenac Dredging Co., of Collins Bay. Work will be started as soon as the company finishes a present contract at Collins Bay. The proposed dredging is designed to deepen the channel leading to Gananoque so that large boats will have no difficulty in negotiating the channel.

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Lemieux Act Is Patched Up

Ottawa, Ont.—The government gathered up the shattered remnants of the Industrial Disputes Act, and soldered them together in a more or less useless form. They refused to take the T. L. Church's advice to exempt provincial or municipal utility concerns from its influence. They were foolish in this. For it was at T. L.'s instigation that the Privy Council smashed the last act. He may decide to do the same for the new one.

Anyway, the new legislation is loud sounding, like the Labor Minister, and is expected to have an even greater appeal to the unions. For instance, it makes lockouts illegal, and punishable by a fine of from \$200 to \$1,000 per diem. It also decrees that it shall be unlawful for an employer to make a change in hours or wages, or for employees to go on strike till the dispute has finally been dealt with by a board.

All of which sounds very nice. But you never can tell when the same old Privy Council will decide that it has more industrial brains than even the statesman with a soaring soul, except James Murdock.

Shopmen Endorse "B. and O." Plan

Stratford, Ont.—At a meeting of the shopmen, under the local system federation, which includes the shopcraft of the C.N.R. the co-operative plan of operation, was endorsed. The meeting was addressed by Captain O. S. Byers, jun., consulting engineer of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, and by J. Corbett, of London, secretary of the system federation. They explained the B. and O. system and gave a very good idea of how the plan would work out on the C. N. R. lines.

Owen Sound Harbor to be Dredged

Owen Sound, Ont.—Messrs Wilson and Blanche, engineers of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, for this district, were in Owen Sound recently in connection with the preparations for the dredging operations which are soon to begin in Owen Sound harbor, and for the new slip to be dredged near the site of the new Great Lakes Elevator. D. J. Kennedy, president of the company went over the situation with the engineers.

One of the specifications on the contracts was that the work should be completed by October 15, the date set for the completion of the elevator here.

Labor Defeat Blessing in Disguise

Speaking on the genius of the British Labor Party at the Labor Forum, Toronto, recently Mrs. Ross Henderson, of Montreal, declared the overthrow of the Ramsay MacDonald Government in Great Britain had been a blessing in disguise, as it had stimulated the workers of the Motherland to keener action. She predicted that within a few years the Labor Party would again be directing the destinies of the country.

Victory for Carpenters

Hazleton, Pa.—The new agreement won by Hazelton carpenters from the Master Builders raises wages 12½ cents an hour to \$1.12½ for journeymen and \$1.37½ for foremen.

B.C. Contracts and Minimum Wage

Vancouver.—In all contracts awarded by the city in future a minimum standard wage of \$4.25 per day for labor will be stipulated.

A motion to this effect was moved by Mayor L. D. Taylor at a meeting of the board of works on Tuesday, and carried without dissent.

The matter was raised by City Engineer Brakekridge who, in his report pointed out that the council had recently fixed \$4.25 in a contract awarded to Hodgson, King and Marble, and asked for a pronouncement by the committee as a guide for him in contracts which might be let in future. Mayor Taylor moved his motion authorizing the engineer to place \$4.25 as the minimum wage in all city contracts.



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