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RAPS INCREASED UNION EXPENSES

English Newspaper Investi-
gates Labor Officials'
Salaries.

London, England, Dec. 10.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—The Morning Post and the Yorkshire Post this week have each been submitting an analysis of trades union balance sheets, showing that the expenses of the unions have increased over 100 per cent, a large proportion of which increase has gone to meet the cost of political propaganda. The National Union of Railwaymen heads the list with £255,000 spent ostensibly on management expenses, but only £27,000 on benefits.

Leading union officials, so far, have not replied directly to these statements, although they point out that in the early years of the war very little was done to increase the salary allowances of the union officials to meet the increased cost of living and traveling expenses. They also point out that the machinery of government now calls union officials to London to a much greater extent than formerly.

The Spectator today, however, says: "The unemployed are encouraged to blame the government, but it is not desirable that they should also ask what has happened to the large financial resources of their unions. Would not the money have been better spent in benefits to those in want, instead of for political ends, none of which has been reached?"

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES IN CANADA UNCHANGED

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—(Canadian Press.)—The employment situation in Canada for the fortnight ending Nov. 5, showed little change from the previous two weeks' period, according to the current bulletin of the employment service of Canada. The departmental index number stood at 90.2, as compared with 90.4. On Nov. 6, 1920, the index number stood at 104.4. The return is based on reports from 5,044 firms, employing an aggregate of 639,872 persons.

The pulp and paper industry, as well as printing and publishing, also are employing more men. Textiles showed advances on a moderate scale. Important contractions were reported in iron and steel products, largely says the report, on account of losses in car manufacturing in Quebec; the employment still continued more than 30 per cent below January of 1920.

Trades unions reported a further slight increase in activity at the beginning of November, when the percentage of employment stood at 92.6, as compared with 91.5 at the beginning of October, and with 89.9 at the beginning of November, 1920.

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DESCRIBES HOW WORKERS LIVE IN FRENCH ZONE

Williams Relates His Experiences
in Iron Country
Near Longwy.

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Paid Two-Thirds of Week's
Wages To Eke Out Scanty
Existence.

WHITING WILLIAMS is just back from France, Belgium and Germany, where he conducted "a real and honest" investigation of labor conditions. Williams is telling you the things he learned by working and living with European toilers, whose postwar conditions are influencing deliberations of the Washington arms conference. This is the second of Williams' articles especially written for the London Advertiser.

BY WHITING WILLIAMS.

"For lunch and breakfast when we worked for our captors most of us had to do this," said one of my fellow-workers in a steel and machine plant at Douai, France, as he gave a big pull at his belt. "When one grew too weak to pull his belt—well, then we buried him—with a soldier watching us."

"If we missed our work for a day we spent the next day in prison—on even less food than when we worked." It was a good town to come to for work. Masons and laborers from all over the country were repairing the station, the great railway yards and factories which had been shot to pieces. At our boarding house these workers accepted me as a Canadian who wanted to learn "everything possible about making" steel in Europe, seeing that there's no job to be got just now in Canada.

At our boarding house we paid about two-thirds of our week's pay for most as much dirt and filth as I've ever run into. Our kitchen was in a sort of glass-covered court. Here by the pump and the piece of mirror all of us, including the landlady, washed our faces and "did" our hair. Over in the corner of the court by the dog's bones and the garbage pail, the flies were so thick that a fellow almost had to wait for them to buzz out of his way before he could go upstairs. Just in front of the court in the dining-room—it was also the barroom—we had generally to fight the flies with one hand while we fed ourselves with the other!

What we succeeded in getting past the flies was abundant but surprisingly bad considering the French reputation for good cooking. We took all the potatoes we wanted into our bowls after we finished our soup—and my friends had some of the best appetites I ever saw!

Easy on Meat. But the landlady did not trust us to take our meat. Instead, she gave us each a piece—and we all felt that she tried hard to be fair. Meat is very expensive over there.

It took pretty close figuring for anybody to have much left after paying for our "bats and sleeps." A pair of half-soles took three-quarters of a day's pay. A good pair of shoes took nearly three days' pay. The cheapest of overalls in the market-place set a fellow back for a day and a half's earnings. Of one too much difference between us manual laborers and the skilled workers? That was the complaint of Jean, hod-carrier. "Picture yourself! Some skilled workers who sweat less than you and I draw almost twice as much. And even now the patrons (employers) are trying to reduce our wages. How can we submit?"

I could hardly wonder that these men, living and working as they did, should figure out the situation in this way. Nevertheless, statistics show that the common laborers of France have pretty generally kept up with the 350 per cent increase in the cost of living over pre-war. Also, that they and other unskilled workers in Belgium, Germany and Britain have had more increases proportionately than the skilled workers and infinitely more than the trained professions like teachers, doctors and clerks.

(In Monday's London Advertiser Williams tells the hard side of the workers who are rebuilding devastated France.)

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Puppy bitches, over six months—Seedley Superior, owned by M. D. Davis; Seedley Princess, owned by A. Stanton; Seedley Queen, owned by D. Soper.
Novice bitches—Seedley Superior; Seedley Surprise, owned by D. Soper.
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Puppy bitches, over six months—Trixie, owned by W. Tatterton.
Novice bitch—Snooks, owned by R. Carroll.
Open bitches—Trixie; Snooks. The special prize went to Trixie.

GIVE "CHRISTMAS ORATORIO."—Mrs. Harry Carson, violin soloist, will play at the evening service in Dundas Center Church Sunday. The Christmas music at Dundas Center will include "A Christmas Oratorio" by Saint Saens, to be given by the full choir and soloists at the evening service. This work will have its first performance in London at this service.

SUPREME COURT WRITS have been issued by Ivey, Elliott & Ivey against the County of Waterloo, the Township of North Dumfries and the suburban area commission of Galt on behalf of H. N. and Bessie E. Wood, heirs of London, who claim damages by reason of the defendants' negligence and breach of duty in respect of certain roads in the Township of North Dumfries.

With Whitino Williams in France!



Above, blast furnace in French iron country near Longwy. Below workers in North France iron plant.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

PRINCIPAL NEWHOUSE of River-view public school, will give the address at the Askin Street Brotherhood Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

THE DISTRICT L. O. L. is being called together for Wednesday night next, for the purpose of organizing a tenth orange lodge in the city.

THE IRISH BENEVOLENT Society will meet at the Tecumseh House on Tuesday night next to make the usual Christmas grants to the various orphanages.

IVAN McCARTY, the 16-year-old son of Mrs. Allen McCarty of this city is seriously ill in Victoria Hospital with pneumonia and pleurisy. The boy, who is just 16 years old, has been taking a course in wireless telegraphy.

A BRONZE MEMORIAL was unveiled at Colborne Street Methodist Church Sunday in memory of W. Ernest Merkle and those of the Sunday school who served in the great war. Rev. John Garbutt gave an address.

REV. MR. GILBERT, a Manitoba evangelist, will continue his special services in Byron Methodist Church Sunday and the first part of next week. Sunday evening he will speak on "Two Lives and Two Destinies," besides addressing the Sunday school and a meeting for men at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

THE RAILWAY TICKET OFFICES of the city report that business has taken on a new lease of life since the general elections. For a few days prior to the elections, business was very dull, and it seems that people only waited to cast their vote before leaving the city on any long trip.

W. C. HUMBLE is organizing a junior hockey league for the city, the age limit to be 16 years and under. A cap valued at \$10 is being offered for competition by Hyatt Brothers, the East London contracting firm. Any team wishing to enter the league is invited to be represented at the home of Harry Hyatt, Egerton street, on December 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

spector Piper. Mrs. E. Metcalfe, McDonald avenue, West London, is erecting a frame dwelling to cost \$2,500; M. White, Langarth street, 14-story brick, to cost \$1,500. H. J. Sutherland, 52 Wharfedale road, is erecting a stucco garage to cost \$300, and W. Henderson is putting new foundations under two houses on Wilson avenue to cost \$550. The total permits for the month are 26, value \$36,615.

TALBOT STREET S. Y. P. U.—The program of the Young People's Society of Talbot Street Baptist Church for Monday next is looked forward to as being one of great interest. Miss Carrie Blackwell's group will be in charge. The third chapter of the study book, "The Christian, According to Paul," will be taken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Roy. There will be special musical numbers by Miss Elsie Wood, Mr. CH. Robinson, Master Dennis Thompson and Miss Della Peckham, also Miss Minnie Dobbins has kindly consented to give a few readings. A large attendance is looked for.

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