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"Could I float a loan with you, son?" and I says to him:

"What interest rate, Paw?" and he says:

"No, I won't deal with no financial pirates like you, son!"

Whatcha think he meant, Pete?

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O.A.C. WAITRESSES STRIKE FOR AN INCREASE IN WAGES

Waitresses in the student's dining hall at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Saturday, went on strike to secure an increase in wages. It is understood that the waitresses have been receiving a monthly wage of \$20 with board and room included. The result is that a number of the freshmen had to be called upon to perform the duties of waiters. President Creelman was powerless to accede to the waitresses' demands, as the Hearst government had resigned and the department was without an authoritative head.

INTERNATIONALS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

Destroy the Organization of Labor As It Is At This Juncture and the Whole Cause is Lost

If ever there was a time in the history of Organized Labor when Trades Unions require their Internationals, it is now. It would appear that the fight against Labor cannot, must not, dissolve itself into isolated independent sectional groups recognizing no central and directing force. The International has a perspective of every labor difference of moment which a local group cannot have. The International is not stumped into rash steps that may be destructive tomorrow although appearing advantageous today. The International is not moved by heat, passion, stubbornness and emotions which cause men to act contrary to dictates of their better judgments under normal circumstances.

The employers of Labor do few things hastily. Their combines are national in scope. The keenest brains supported by unlimited money are employed in handling their cases. There can be no doubt that the disruption of Trades' Unionism is an end they are seeking to bring about. If the O.B.U. promises to disrupt Labor organizations, there would be no hesitancy in financing such activities. Organized Labor today is a well organized and disciplined army. Destroy the discipline, destroy the organization of any army and it is defeated. Destroy the organization of Labor as it is, at this juncture, and the whole cause is lost.—The Advance, Guide.

AERIAL SERVICE NO FASTER THAN THAT OF RAILWAY

Here is something that President Ryan of the U. S. Railway Mail Association, tried out in early September, which is a test of the Aerial Mail service as compared with the Railway Mail service.

"Twelve letters were mailed at New York City, two each day, beginning September 9, 1919, and ending September 15, 1919, inclusive, omitting Sunday, September 14. One letter each day was mailed in train letter box at the Pennsylvania station in time for dispatch on Train No. 109, leaving New York at 8:08 a.m., and due to arrive in Washington at 1:45 p.m. These letters were addressed to the president of the Railway Mail Association, 604 Colorado Building, Washington, D.C. The following is a report of this test:

"Letters numbered 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 were mailed in the train mail box at the Pennsylvania Station in time for dispatch on Train No. 109. The letters numbered 1, 3, and 7 (train letters) were delivered on the afternoon delivery of the day on which they were mailed. The other three train letters were delivered on the first delivery of the next morning.

"Letters numbered 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 (aeroplane letters) were delivered on the first delivery of the next morning.

"Washington city distribution is performed on train No. 109. In three instances the Railway Mail service advanced the time of delivery over that of the Air Mail service and in no instance did it fail to equal the time of the aeroplane service.

PURPOSES OF THE TEACHERS' ALLIANCE OF WESTERN CANADA

Many Canadian Teachers Feel That the Matter of Progress Depends on Organization.

(By H. C. Newland)

In each of the four western Provinces of Canada there now exists an Alliance or Federation of Teachers for the avowed purpose of raising the status of the teacher's profession more nearly to the level of the status of other learned professions. This fact shows plainly enough that many of our Canadian teachers now feel that in the matter of the progress and advancement of their professional interests they must no longer depend solely upon bureaucratic reforms imposed from without, but upon their own initiative as well; that instead of relying upon the well-meant but ineffective efforts of public-spirited citizens, benevolent schoolboards, and obliging politicians, they must rather be themselves the prime movers in this matter.

We may say that the Teachers' Alliance movement is the natural and necessary outcome of low status. The hackneyed oratory of teachers' conventions regarding the nobility of the profession and the great importance of the work of teachers ill comports with the almost universal commiseration of teachers because of unspcakably low salaries, lower in many cases than the wages of unskilled labor. Thus, teachers began to feel that they were living in a sort of fool's paradise, and this realization of their position in the face of the soaring cost of living has, during recent years, brought the teachers in most of the cities and towns of Canada to the point of agitating for a decent living wage. Banding themselves together in impromptu organizations suited to the exigence of their need, they have succeeded in obtaining substantial increases of salary; and, what is more important still, they have proved in a concrete way the advantages for teachers of organization. When the organization was strong enough to warrant it, there occurred in one or two places the rather new phenomenon of a teachers' strike. For instance, in Victoria, B.C., early in the present year the teachers "walked out" as a body. According to information received from the secretary of the B.C. Federation of Teachers, it appears that this strike was successful in every particular, and that the teachers concerned were granted all demands in their entirety.

There are, of course, causes other than the foregoing for this trend towards organization amongst teachers. Many teachers, for example, have been made to feel their helplessness as individuals against petty tyranny at the hands of school boards and departmental officials. Others deplore the low morale of the teaching body and its lack of professional etiquette. And when the slogan of the toilers and manual workers is, "organize and get what you want," when amongst farmers and grain growers, amongst middlemen and industrial magnates, powerful organizations have been built up, it would seem to be high time for teachers to take the same steps as a measure of self-protection.

EXPORT OF WHEAT DEPENDS ON LOAN

Canada May Export 113,000,000 Bus. of Wheat in 1919-20 if Victory Loan is Successful

The bountiful harvests of Canada's farms would lose their surplus market without the working capital supplied by the Victory Loan.

This is emphasized by an interesting estimate of the wheat crop for this year. The Government figures are 193,000,000 bushels or about 4,000,000 more than last year. According to economic experts Canada requires for home consumption purposes approximately 40,000,000 bushels of wheat and for seeding purposes about 25,000,000, making a total of 75,000,000 bushels.

Allowing for the carry-over of a few million bushels, it will be possible for Canada to export about 113,000,000 bushels in 1919-20, as compared with 103,611,000 in the last twelve months.

This is good news for Canadians who realize how dependent all classes in the community are upon the country's exportable produce. Canada's surplus wheat will find a ready market in Europe where the production of wheat is down. Great Britain and Ireland will require at least 180,000,000 bushels or about 70,000,000 more than Canada has to export.

As Sir Thomas White, ex-Finance Minister of the Dominion, pointed out some weeks ago Great Britain is Canada's greatest market for her surplus wheat. But the pressure of war upon the finances of the Mother Country has been so heavy that unfortunately she is not in a position to pay ready cash for the supplies which she needs. Canada can only sell her surplus wheat at high prices in the British market if the Victory Loan 1919 is over-subscribed. At least 200,000,000 will be required by Canada for credits to Great Britain for the purchase of her surplus wheat. The circulation of this big sum will mean prosperity for a vast number of Canadians, if they will lend their profits and their savings with enthusiasm and unity.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR GENIAL JUDGE GARY?

Says Editor Barry of the San Francisco Star:

"No basic industry has treated its employes with greater respect and consideration than the United States steel corporation," says kind-hearted old Judge Gary. Then he proves it by this tabulation:—60,281 of the corporation's employes worked a 12 hour day, 199,896 a 10-hour day, and 88,904 averaged an 8-hour day—which might mean they work 12 hours some days and not at all on others. How'd you like to work for the genial judge?

NATIONAL LABOR PARTY CONVENTION AT CHICAGO, NOV. 22

A.F. of L. Refuse to Endorse New Party Because of Principle of Political Neutrality

The proposed National Labor Party, has issued a call for a National convention to be held in Chicago, November 22. Organizer Max Hayes of the printer's union is chairman of the temporary executive committee of the new political party of which the Chicago convention is designed to be creative or to give the proposed party a character of positiveness. Before the war, Max Hayes was a widely known and influential character in the Socialist party. The committee, it is reported, will send the call for the convention to the various central and local labor unions of the country to be represented. The A. F. of L. has refused to endorse the proposed new party, basing its refusal upon its established principle of political neutrality, so far as political parties are concerned. The political purpose of the American Federation of Labor is to aid in the election of civic offices progressive spirits regardless of party affiliations and to, so far as possible, have all political parties adopt progressive principles that will be productive of the common interests of the people. This carries with it the purpose to defeat parties or persons not in sympathy with the common interests of the people. The American Federation of Labor bases its stand upon the past experiences in politically serving the interests of labor.

FRENCH ACTORS UNITE AND REFUSE TO PLAY WITH NON-UNIONISTS

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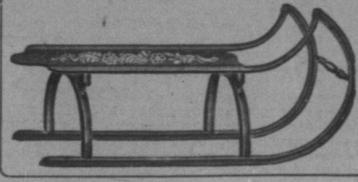
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