

Wage-Workers' Symposium

PARAGRAPHIC RECORD RELATIVE TO THE TOPICS, PROCEEDINGS, EFFORTS AND LESSONS LEARNED BY THE WORKERS AS THEY PLAY THEIR PART IN THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOVEMENT.

Necessity is the last and strongest reason—Livy.

W. D. Haywood is addressing monetary meetings in the Pittsburgh district.

At Pittsburgh a movement is on foot to establish a \$50,000 municipal butchery plant.

Office in a labor movement is considered a snap except by those who hold it—The Car Worker.

If more population increases the prosperity of the wage-workers, what's the matter with going to London?

The mother of President James M. Wilson of the International Typographical union died at Syracuse on March 28.

Western Canada Typographical union will be well represented at the 1910 convention at Minneapolis August next.

The Plumbers' union at Ottawa is well known for its 48-hour week, with a deduction of 48 cents per hour, with its usual union shop provisions.

The red flag will always be the emblem of the oppressed of earth and of their aspirations for a larger and better life in accordance with its history.

That the workmen of the thirteenth century could buy more with their wages of 8 cents per day than the modern workman with his \$2.50 to \$3 a day is the declaration of Prof. James C. Walsh of Cambridge college.

John McLeod for Conciliation Board, Grand, Alta. miners and employers have agreed to ask for a conciliation board as provided in the Lemieux Act.

Federation of Miners a Certainty. Results of the Western Federation of Miners referendum make the federation of the bituminous and metallic miners' organizations of the American continent almost a certainty.

Trades and Labor Congress for Calgary. The 1911 convention of the trades and labor congress of Canada is due in either Calgary or Edmonton. Alta. Western unionists should be well represented at Fort William in September next.

Detroit Likely to Have a Strike. Unless the Detroit United Railways grants the increase demanded by the union, the city will be confronted with a car strike. The car men are ready to strike and are awaiting the sanction of the international union.

Will Exchange Delegate. Vancouver's central labor body has voted to exchange its federal delegate with the local ministerial association. The action is somewhat an experiment in Western Canada and the result will be closely watched.

Ottawa Holds Weekly Educational Meeting. Ottawa local of the S. P. C. is thriving. Weekly educational mass meetings being held, and although the federal capital city is making itself a part of the international labor movement both industrially and politically.

Teledo Unionists Have Revival. Teledo unionists have revived their labor congress and are now discussing the question of placing a legislative ticket in the field for the fall campaign. The congress is composed of delegates from a large number of local unions and the body, please note, is wholly independent of the central labor union.

A Foolish Move. Discussing a proposal by the Fort William, Ont. civic authorities to grant a long term franchise to a corporation, President L. Corrie of the central labor body says: "It seems foolish to give a private company a franchise in opposition to the electric light plant owned by the municipality."

There is No Difference. In times of war between nations the human who dares to go over into the other camp is court-martialed and shot for treason. In times of industrial war between wage-workers, the man who goes over to the capitalist camp is termed a hero—a "free and independent." It merely is a question of whose side is proved.

Pressefaders Fall in Line. An Ottawa correspondent writes: "The pressmen and the pressefaders are to sign up an agreement with the employers printers here for five years at substantial increases. This is the first time that the pressefaders have joined the pressmen."

Determine Henceforth to be your own organizer; endeavor to secure the cooperation of other live ones in your local; decline to be helpless, show that you are not an important factor, and finally insist on all hands doing their share, not by threats or intimidation, but by persuasion, calling on them as men should, to hold up their end. If this advice is accepted, we shall have organizers doing organizing work.—Jere L. Sullivan.

The Cause of Consumption. What's the cause of consumption? Poor nourishment, foul air and overwork. Wipe out the tenement districts, ventilate the mines and factories, shorten the hours of labor and you have solved the problem. We have abolished hog cholera, but not consumption, because it costs more to buy a hog than a laborer. One third of all the children of the poor die prematurely from preventable diseases and under-nourishment.—Port. Worker.

Sailors' Union Establishes Another Branch. A branch of the sailors' union of the Pacific has been established in Vancouver with J. Pearce as secretary, and at the last meeting of the trades and labor congress he and W. E. Eve were received as delegates. The intention is to organize the men employed on the coasting steamers and the Secretary Pearce is hopeful of forming a strong branch. The off-shore men will not be approached until the union is fully established.

The Master Minds from the Masses. The master-minds of all nations in all ages have sprung into brilliant multitude from the mass of the nation, and from the mass of the nation only—not from its privileged classes, and so no matter what the nation's intellectual grade was, whether high or low, the bulk of its ability was in the long rank of its nameless and its poor, and so it never saw the day that it had not the materials in abundance whereby to govern itself.—The late Mark Twain.

Newly Elected Officers. The officers of Vancouver branch of the International association of bridge and structural iron workers are: Wm. Havill, president; Wm. Morrison, recording secretary; Allen Frost, Box 1186, financial secretary and treasurer. The union meets at the labor hall the first and third Friday of each month.

An Amicable Settlement. The joint protective board of the government railways of Canada, P. W. Murray, general chairman, and the trade union of the same, have reached their first interview on the revision of their schedule. Several matters which were in dispute have been adjusted satisfactorily. On the question of rates Mr. Murray informed them that they would have to deal with the commission who have been appointed to control affairs, thus taking the road out of politics.—The Advance Advocate.

Compensate to Investigate Fully. Further demands for an increase of wages to union laboring men is forestalled in the case of the Canadian Pacific by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in session in Washington, directing President Gompers to investigate fully the case.

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IN THE SPRING

Can Only be Removed by Toning Up the Blood and Strengthening the Nerve.

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Vital changes in the system after long winter months may cause much more than "spring" weakness, and the familiar weariness and aches. Official records prove that in April and May, neuritis, St. Vitus dance, epilepsy and various forms of nervous disturbances are at their worst, especially among those who have not reached middle age.

The antiquated custom of taking purgatives in the spring is useless, for the system really needs strengthening, purgatives make you weaker.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have a special action on the blood and nerves, for they give strength and have cured not only many forms of nervous disorders, but also other spring troubles such as headaches, weakness in the limbs, loss of appetite, trembling of the hands, melancholy and mental and bodily weariness as well as unsightly pimples and skin troubles.

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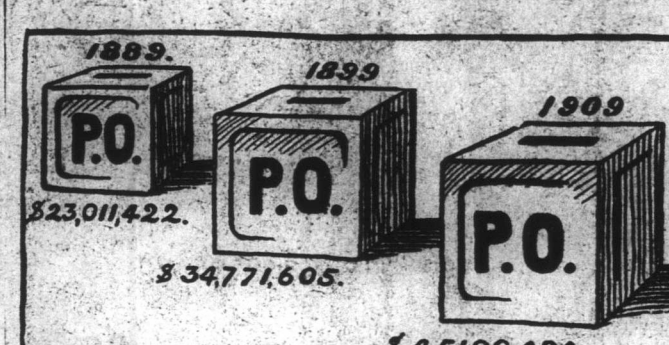
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FIGURES THAT TELL STORIES

POST-OFFICE SAVINGS



The Dominion Government, by its system of Post-Office Savings Banks, offers each individual the pledge of the whole country for the security of his accumulations. Among the thrifty who have no great confidence in their own ability to manage their funds, this has always been a favorite form of investment. Assuming that the post-office is Johnny Canuck's little tin bank, the banks pictured here show how the deposits have increased in the twenty years up to the time of the latest report.

The immense sum in the post-office savings bank at the time of the latest report represented 158,885 accounts, practically that number of thrifty people. And the amount to the credit of the average account was \$289.88.

The figures seem to indicate that the people tend to invest their money with the Government during bad times, but to take more money out of their pockets during good times. The greatest amount ever on deposit was during less than at the latest report. The withdrawals last year were only half a million less than the year before, but the deposits were two and three quarter millions less.

GREAT LAKES FISHERIES

During the season of 1908, the great lakes and inland waters of Ontario yielded in fish to the value of \$2,100,078, an increase of \$105,054 over the preceding year. The illustrations show the relative fisheries importance of the lakes. Lake Huron is divided into three sections, Lake Huron proper, \$24,547; north channel, \$24,381; and Georgian Bay, \$18,093. In addition, Lake of the Woods and Kaministiquia contribute \$14,482; Lake St. Clair and River Thames, \$65,326; and the inland waters, \$24,935.

From the following table of the principal kinds of fish, it will be seen that fresh herring, the greatest in quantity, is not the first in value, fresh trout leading in