

14. Insurance	60.00
15. Savings	200.00
16. All other items	26.00
Total	\$1,322.71

For the individual woman (allowing her a larger item for room rent because of the acute housing conditions in Washington and the greater scarcity of rooms available to women):—

1. Room \$20 per month	\$ 240.00
2. Board—Regular table board, 2 meals on week days, 3 on Sunday — \$6.00 per week Lunch, 25 cents per day, 313 days	312.00
Other food, fruit, con- fectionery, etc.—25 cents per week	78.25
3. Clothing	13.00
4. Laundry — average of \$1.25 per week	240.15
5. Toilet supplies	65.00
6. Health — medical charges, dentist, oculist	5.00
7. Religious organizations,— 10 cents per week	43.00
8. Labor organizations	5.20
9. Newspapers	5.00
10. Books, Magazines and edu- cational allowance	8.40
11. Car fare, 14 rides per week .	20.00
12. Amusements and recreation, gifts, etc.	32.50
13. Vacation and travel home to vote	20.00
14. Insurance	50.00
15. Savings	60.00
16. All other items	101.58
Total	20.00
Total	\$1,319.08

SHOCKING

(Bystander)

Mrs. Simon Pure — Such an immodest display!

Her Husband — It is rather a scant skirt.

Mrs. Pure — I wasn't looking at the skirt. But she has arranged her hair so it exposes the greater part of her ears.

TEACHERS AND LABOUR

Organized labour has been the most aggressive supporter of the public schools since their establishment. The teachers are at last realizing that as workers their place is with the other workers of the country, and that it is their duty to the schools to align themselves with the labour movement, the most powerful and progressive democratic force in our national life, and the force most vitally and intelligently interested in public education.

—American Federationist.

Affiliation with the Labor Movement

A propos of the Referendum to be taken by organizations of the C. S. Federation in regard to affiliation with the Trades and Labor Congress, a most illuminating statement has been issued by President Steward of the National Federation of Federal Employees of the United States in the "Federal Employee" for December. The whole statement is applicable to the situation in Canada but a few features especially relevant to doubts that have been expressed are reprinted herewith:—

What Has the National Federation of Federal Employees Gained by Its Affiliation With the American Federation of Labor?

(1) It was the A. F. of L. that at the beginning of our organization's history defeated the Borland amendment the first time it was introduced in Congress. Later the A. F. of L., under the leadership of President Gompers, was largely instrumental in bringing about the veto by President Wilson of the Legislative bill because it contained the Borland movement.

(2) It was the membership of the A. F. of L. through its affiliated body, the Central Labor Union of Kansas City, that cast the votes which defeated Representative Borland in the primaries in his district in 1918, and prevented his return to Congress. This happened because we were affiliated to the A. F. of L.

(3) It was the membership of the A. F. of L. through its Central Labor Unions in every state that asked Congress, at our request, to grant the war bonus, first of \$120 per year, and then of \$240 per year, which 200,000 federal employees are now receiving. Those central labor unions, representing millions of votes throughout the country, helped us because we were affiliated to the A. F. of L.

Is the National Federation of Federal Employees in Any Way Controlled by the American Federation of Labor?

No. The N. F. F. E. is completely self-governing as are all other organizations affiliated with the A. F. of L. As stated in the constitution of the A. F. of L. (Art. 2, Sec. 2), national and international trade unions chartered by the A. F. of L. are "based upon a strict recognition of the autonomy of each trade."

Can Members of the National Federation of Federal Employees Be Called Out on Strike?

No. Not under any circumstances. The constitution of the N. F. F. E. contains the following clause (Art. 2, Sec. 2):

"Provided, That under no circumstances shall this Federation engage in or support strikes against the United States Government."

The A. F. of L. has no power to call a strike of any organization whatsoever, and no striking organization has power to call out the members of any other organization.

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