

## WORLD'S CHAMPION TO BOX BEATTIE-BARREAU WINNER

Hank Woods, the huge Hamilton boxer, must think he has won the world's championship in his stable in his new boy, Eddie Beattie, the title holder, whom he showed to Toronto fans a couple of weeks ago. Charlie Hallat, the Toronto promoter, who wants Beattie for a contender for his next show at the arena August 16, had the time of his career trying to pin Woods down to a contract for Beattie to box his show. Hallat selected Eddie Beattie, the Pacific Coast boy, who is a champion here this spring, as Beattie's opponent. Woods and Beattie are not doing any worrying about Beattie, or how tough he was, what percentage he was, and all that sort of stuff. Hank had Charles Barber shop in town for three days. Woods signed up—and Hallat was knocked down three show and most of the chairs in his Hamilton barber shop trying to get to the desk to sign his "John and his record indicates that he is of" to the contract, when Hallat championship calibre.

## GOLD MINERS' WAGES INTACT

According to the Northern Miner, all around the gold mines wages are tumbling. Railway and pulp and paper workers, government road employees, forest workers, silver miners, all have taken cuts in wages. But gold mine wages remain at their peak. And at the same time the gold mines offer full time, steady employment; no five days a week operation, no lost time.

Looking over the provincial labor situation it appears that the gold mines are the last high-wage employers in the province. They are among the very few employers in Canada who have not cut wages.

There are no developments, in a news sense, in the gold mine wages situation. It is a subject that the operators prefer not to express an opinion on. But nevertheless it is known to be a live subject, particularly with the mines that have large tonnages of low grade ore that at present costs of treatment must be considered waste rock. Very few of the mines can afford to continue forever to disregard this low grade material. Sooner or later the question of converting it into bullion will be an urgent one. "We are all pretty fortunate in having high grade material to work on, allowing us to pay high wages, but we are shortening the lives of the mines by postponing the day of fair dilution of high grade with low grade material," said one gold mine manager to The Northern Miner.

While gold miners' wages remain at the peak, ranging from \$5.25 a day for machine runners to \$4.50 a day for muckers, railway workers are taking cuts of approximately 12 per cent., lumbering wage declines reach as high as 40 per cent., and pulp and paper mill-workers have in some cases accepted cuts of 15 and 20 per cent., or negotiations are under way that may lead to cuts of as much as 30 per cent. Silver miners have accepted wage reductions averaging 15 per cent., and those nickel miners who are fortunate enough to have positions have been cut about the same. Government road workers have been reduced to \$2.50 a day and board.

The above wage changes are in industries in the same territory as the gold mines. Elsewhere almost every kind of work has seen lower labor costs affected. In the textiles, cotton mills have reduced 5 to 12½ per cent., knitting mills, 10 to 20 per cent. Woodworkers' wages are down 15 to 20 per cent., building trades are cutting 5 to 15 cents an hour with greater cuts on the way if the idle men are to get work at all. Rubber industries have cut as much as 20 per cent.; chemical industry, 5 to 20 per cent.; shipbuilders, up to 15 per cent. In the metal trades reductions range from 7 to 25 per cent. Meatpackers accepted a 12½ per cent. cut. Farm wages are half what they used to be, in some sections.

As compared with these wage reductions, the Labor Gazette notes a fall in food costs of 40 per cent. from July last year. It is only fair to note that the drop has not been so marked in Northern Ontario because freight rates are a large part of the cost of goods when they have to be transported long distances.

## Reject Picketing Bill

Washington—With one dissenting vote, the house committee of the District of Columbia, voted to lay the anti-picketing bill on the table. Congressman Blanton is a member of this committee. The bill would stop picketing in the nation's capital and was introduced with the intention of securing a "model" anti-picketing law for the various states, with the prestige of approval by Congress and the president. Congressman Blanton made heroic attempts to secure its passage and introduced numerous anti-union influences.

## Won't Employ Unionists

Washington—Testifying before the separate committee that is investigating the Mingo county (W. Va.) miners' lockout, Ernest L. Bailey said he had instructions from superior officers not to employ members of the United Mine Workers' union. The witness is superintendent of the Portsmouth-Solvay Coke company's mines at Freeburg, Ky., across the Tug river from Mingo county. He said his company furnished 100 high-powered rifles to employees to "protect" themselves.

## Want Public To Boycott

Boston—The anti-boycott association, now known as the league for industrial rights, should secure an injunction against the commission of necessities of life.

This state organization favors the boycott and calls upon the public to use this weapon against ice cream retailers until the price comes down.

In its statement the commission said buyers control the market, that no business can long survive a boycott and that the public should use the weapon it possesses and make greedy tradesmen decent.

## ays Sugar Is Plentiful

New York—The Federal Sugar Reserve company can't understand why prices are advanced when there is oversupply. There are 700,000 of raw sugar available for export. This is enough to last October 1 when new domestic and cane crops will be on the set.

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## Lynch Law Rampant

New York—Lynch law is rampant in this country, says the New York World, which calls for the law's protection to the individual.

"In the south," says the World, there are bodies of men organized to set aside ordinary procedure and take immediate revenge on persons, white or black, who by word or deed violate the sacred codes that have grown up around the color line. In the north the differences of opinion are mainly economic, and he who advocates what seems radical or dangerous to the majority—or even in some cases to the minority—lays himself open to being horsewhipped or run out of town. We have a non-partisan league in Kansas, a United Mine Worker in Mingo county or an I. W. W. in Washington, to often rob one automatically of the protection of the courts and the authorities.

"If the law is to retain respect it must come to the assistance of the individual, who is fast losing his ancient liberties of speech and action before the illegal assaults of the crowd. The lynching spirit, once sporadic and universally condemned, is now as fashionable and general. The law has been lenient too long."

## Alert To Coolie Menace

Washington—Reports to A.F. of L. headquarters show that trade unionists in every section of the country are alert to the menace of coolie labor, and to the designs of those who would permit Hawaiian sugar planters importing this labor under bond for five years. Trade unionists realize the effect of this poisons on Hawaiian workers and they also realize that with this principle established it would be but a short time before it would be applied to the United States on the ground that it is unfair to ask sugar planters in this country to compete with coolie labor. The next step would be in the fruit industry of the Pacific coast, followed by railroad managers and captains of industry for this cheapest labor in the world.

The views of these employers is shown when ship owners recently denied the request of seamen and marine engineers to agree to give American citizens first preference in employment. The United States shipping board sustained the ship owners in their position.

## Miners Won't Be Bluffed

Clearfield, Pa.—If Thomas H. Watkins, was throwing out a "feeler" when he suggested wage reductions for miners in this district, he received an unexpected answer. Mr. Watkins is president of the Pennsylvania coal and coke corporation. A recent wage-cut speech by him has been given wide circulation, and the miners reply. "No broken contracts; no wage reduction." The coal owner wants wages reduced and the miners to sever connection with the United Mine Workers. To all of which the workers reply, "Nay, nay." And the language they use is so plain that Mr. Watkins can understand.

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