

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ON CHEAP MONEY EVIL

The effect of the international money market on workers is shown by William P. Clarke, president of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, in a report to his membership on his recent trip abroad. The trade unionist shows that the foreign glass worker is paid a higher wage than here, but the value of the former's wage is practically nil as compared with the dollar. This situation makes it possible for these countries to compete with American glassware. The solution, President Clarke says, is not to meet this competition with lower wages, but to stabilize foreign money. "When I state that last October," he says, "the rate of exchange in

England, Ireland and Scotland was such that we received \$1.37 of English money in exchange for \$1 of our money; in Belgium, \$2.94; in Holland, \$1.24; in Germany, \$1.54; in Czechoslovakia, \$1.53; in Austria, \$1.21; in Hungary, \$2.91; in Serbia, \$2.75; in Italy, \$5.21; and in France, \$2.64; then it can be understood what an inducement there is to use money in the purchase of products abroad and bring such products here at a price that workmen and manufacturers cannot compete with. "It is my judgment that no reduction in wages will enable us to meet this situation so long as the value of foreign money remains so low. The rate of exchange is the real evil."

RAILROAD WORKERS ARE BEATING TIME

Chicago.—Railroad shopmen, belonging to the six federated shop crafts unions have voted to strike against the general railroad reduction of July 1, 1921, but will defer any action until the promulgation of working rules now pending before the United States railroad labor board, when another vote will be taken on acceptance or rejection of the rules.

This announcement was officially made by E. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts' organizations at a mass meeting of Chicago shop workers. Belief that a stronger fight could be made if a strike is called, with preservation of the shopmen's working rules, as one of the goals, led to the decision to withhold a strike call for the present, Mr. Jewell said. And other union speakers counseled the men to wait until the entire wage and rules situation was before them, rather than rush into a strike which Mr. Jewell declared the railroad managements desired.

The strike vote, completed August 1, was announced as showing a constitutional majority against the wage reduction which went into effect July 1. This was the first official confirmation of the result which has been rumored for some time.

Condemnation of the operations of the labor board and of its decisions was voiced by all speakers at the meeting. Mr. Jewell charged that the railroads were attempting to use the board to take an unfair advantage of the industrial situation. The board's method of drafting rules to supplant the national agreement, a war-time measure, under which the employees work at present, was asserted to be impractical.

Cleveland members of six railroad crafts affiliated with the American Federation of Labor at mass meetings here today, pledged themselves to obey the orders of the railroad department of the federation. Machinists, boilermakers, car repair men, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers and electrical workers attended the meeting.

They agreed to engage in any

sporadic or local strikes and to follow implicitly the strike program as arranged by the union chiefs.

ANTI-RAISING ON IMMIGRANTS

Regulations governing the admission to Canada of immigrants, and published in Canada Gazette, provide that each immigrant over the age of 18 years must have at least \$250 in his possession in addition to a sum sufficient to cover land transportation charges. In the case of immigrants under the age of 18 years, the sum of \$125 is required, while parents must possess \$50 for each child under the age of five years.

These regulations are waived in favor of farm laborers and domestic servants and in favor of persons travelling to join their families.

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ONTARIO MINIMUM WAGE BOARD ISSUES ORDER

An order governing the wages to be paid female employees in retail stores in Ottawa, Hamilton and London; has been issued by the Minimum Wage Board of Ontario. The lowest wage prescribed, that to be paid inexperienced girls under eighteen years of age is \$8 per week, with an increase of \$1 a week after each six months' period until \$11 is reached. The minimum wage for experienced adults is placed at \$12 a week, and for inexperienced at \$10 for the first six months, and \$11 for the second six months.

It is provided that the number of inexperienced adults or young girls shall not exceed 25 per cent. of the total female working force unless there are fewer than four in such a force. No decision has been established by the board regarding wages in smaller centers, for the reason that practically all the young women employed in stores in towns and villages, live at home and no boarding house rate is discoverable. The board will conduct an inquiry into the cost of living in such centers before determining upon a wage scale.

PLUMBERS WIN LONG STRIKE

Nashville, Tenn.—After being on strike for ten months, the plumbers' and steamfitters' unions of this city have won a complete victory.

RETURNING TO MALE EMPLOYEES

Interviewed at Toronto, the heads of the various banks intimate that they will not engage any more women to fill positions in their institutions except as stenographers. This policy, it is announced, is not due to any deficiency on the part of women, who the bankers point out made good during the war, but is owing to the

MANITOBA CONFERENCE PRESENT SUGGESTIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

Institution of a fund by the Dominion, provincial and municipal governments for launching undertakings to provide employment this winter was suggested at the provincial employment conference, which opened at Winnipeg. A report submitted by the sub-committee which has been investigating the unemployment situation for the past six weeks recommended renovating government buildings, construction of a national highway, transportation of fire wood and rock to the city for sale, clearing up arrangements of clerical work in municipal, provincial and federal government departments construction of sewers and opening new streets to provide employment this winter.

The sub-committee's report set out reasons for unemployment as being to the influx of rural residents to the cities during times of industrial activity who failed to return to the country when they were unable to obtain industrial employment; seasonal conditions; financial conditions; fluctuation in industry; permitting immigrants to enter the country who are unfitted physically

fact that young men are now available in large numbers. The young women who have rendered satisfactory service, however, will be retained as long as they desire to remain.

Leading Ottawa bankers acknowledged that where overstaffing occurred girls engaged as temporaries during the war, when men were not available, were now being let out. This did not apply to stenographers, it was explained. In one of the city's largest banks the manager stated there was difficulty in making room for the men, and the policy was that girls would be the first to go. During the holiday season there was work for everybody, but now that the entire staff was back some would have to be let out.

or financially for farm work, and lack of organization of productive industry with a view to continuous employment.

All delegates present favored a federal conference called by the minister of labor. Representatives were chosen to represent Manitoba should the conference be called.

British Columbia and Saskatchewan representatives attended the conference and stated their provinces were faced with the same problem as Manitoba. J. D. McNiven, deputy minister of labor for British Columbia, said the only solution was the dealing with the matter in a nation-wide manner, as this would put a stop to the migration of unemployment from one province to another.

TORONTO TRYING TO MINIMIZE UNEMPLOYMENT

Toronto.—At a private session of the Toronto Board of Control, Mayor Church announced that in dealing with the unemployment situation it was decided that there should be no doles handed out to the unemployed this fall and winter, but, rather, that work would be provided by the Governments and the city. To this end it was decided to meet both Governments with a view to having public works started, and it was also suggested, the Mayor stated, that the Governments should assist the municipalities in the building of cheap homes. All the work in connection with the relief of the unemployed, the Mayor said, would be performed by the city public welfare department, in co-operation with the House of Industry. The board decided to provide the money to meet that institution's overdraft of \$81,000. Whether such relief planing with the first suggested may merit favor remains to be seen.

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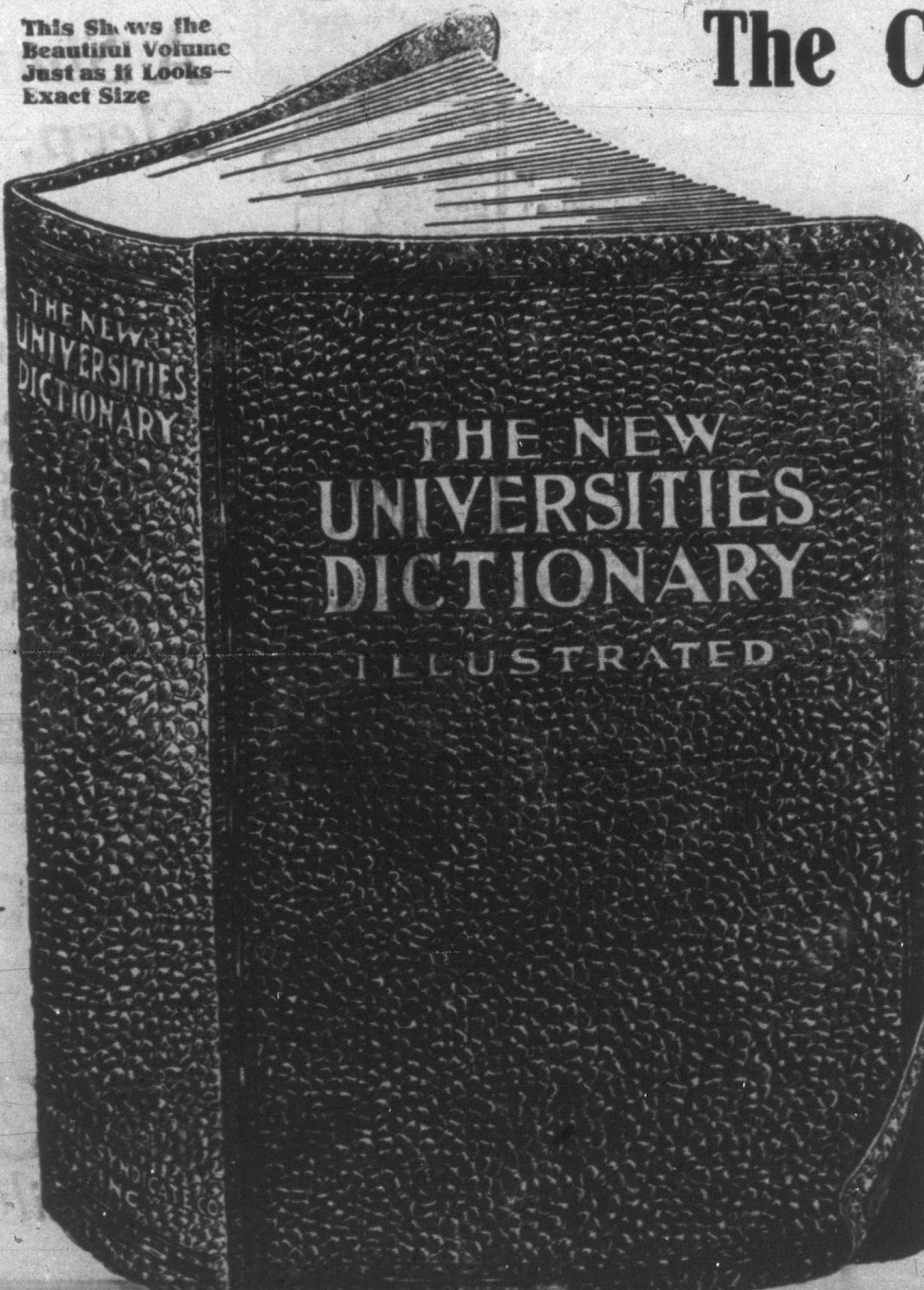
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