

# RAILROADS NOW FIND SHOE ON OTHER FOOT

Chicago.—In their attempt to place their wage-reduction plan on the shoulders of Uncle Sam, the railroads find that they are in the position of being compelled to swallow their own medicine.

When the brotherhoods' strike was announced the railroad labor board ordered that the status quo be maintained until they could consider the question. The railroads and their retainers were in high glee. "Now," they declared, "a strike means defiance of the government, and we can sit back and let the government fight it out for us."

The situation was short lived, however, for the railroad labor board orders the railroads to defer the wage reduction plan until it can consider the question.

The railroads and their backers are forced into an awkward position and are abandoning their howls for obedience to government orders.

## DEATH RATE RISES

Washington.—The government's annual report on mortality statistics for 1920, soon to be issued, shows a total of 1,142,578 deaths within the death registration area, representing a rate of 13.1 per 1,000, as compared with 12.9, in 1919, the lowest on record.

## DENOUNCE GUN MEN

Beekley, W. Va.—At the convention of district No. 29, United Mine Workers, it was declared that "the men working in and around the coal mines of West Virginia, for the past 30 years, have not been allowed to exercise their state and constitutional rights, and have been forced to work under the most brutal gun man, mine guard system."

"For the past 12 months the miners of Mingo county, of this state, have been locked out from their work because they joined our union, and during this time thousands of our women and children have suffered and sacrificed, and numbers of our men have given up

their lives in this struggle. At the present moment 861 of our members, including the president and other officials of both districts, in this state, are indicted by frame-up evidence, charged with conspiracy and murder."

## LETTUCE CROP WASTED

Trenton, N. J.—A crop of 100,000 heads of lettuce is going to waste on New Jersey farms because the public cannot get it at reasonable prices, says the New Jersey department of agriculture.

Growers who are anxious to sell at a little more than the cost of packing and marketing, in order to recover some fraction of the cost of production, find the big city markets blocked, with customers charged "war prices-plus" for this product.

Comparisons of prices paid the farmer and prices paid by the housewife show a maximum spread of from 400 to 600 per cent. Many growers are plowing under the crop heads of lettuce for which the public is hungry.

Lettuce growing is extensive in this state largely because of the educational campaigns of public health agencies for the use of greens containing minerals beneficial to health. The lettuce growers say this campaign is futile because dealers have needlessly put lettuce beyond reach of the average family's pocket book.

## BUILDING MATERIAL UP

Philadelphia.—A local newspaper prints the interesting information from Atlanta that some prices for building material "are advancing steadily, and it is generally believed by lumber interests that quotations will be up 10 and 15 per cent after the first of the year with the industry at normal early next spring."

REJECT LOW WAGE OFFER  
New York.—Teamsters' union No. 807 rejected the bosses' offer that wages be reduced \$5 a week with a 10-hour day. Present rates are \$20 to \$35 a week for teamsters and \$31 to \$35 for chauffeurs, with a nine-hour day.

## WANTS SCHOOLS, NOT GUN MEN

Huntington, W. Va.—Citizens of this county are circulating petitions calling on state officials to oust the co-sack system and use the money for public schools and road improvements. The petition declares: "On account of the number of unemployed in our county, and because of the long-felt need for better roads, and in order to extend our sympathy, and put the same into action for the 20,000 or more children now deprived of the privileges and benefits of school in our state, we, the undersigned, offer this as our request that the state police be discharged from further service in our county, and the expense of keeping up same be used to employ teachers and building roads, thereby giving employment and education to the needy. We do not believe the services of the state police is needed in this county."

## BOLD RAIL PROPAGANDA

Washington.—One of the boldest pieces of propaganda being issued in the interest of railroads is the claim that the government is not guaranteeing income to railroads. This claim is made despite the fact that section 422 of the Cummins-Each act amends the interstate commerce act by permitting the interstate commerce commission to set rates so that the railroads may have a return of 5-12 per cent on their aggregate value and one-half of 1 per cent to make provision in whole or in part for improvements, betterments or equipment.

This clear authorization to the commission to adjust rates so that the railroads may have 6 per cent interest, is ignored by railroad influence that assure the public the railroads "have not been guaranteed a nickel."

## URGE CONCILIATION

San Jose, Cal.—Those people who are always insisting on "facts" in connection with strikes, can join the state federation of labor in demanding that oil owners confer with 8,000 striking employees. The convention of the state federation has appealed to President Harding to use every means at his command to induce the oil owners to sit in conference with the oil workers and the federal oil board, which was created for the purpose of making peace in this industry possible.

## THEATER SIGNS

Tacoma, Wash.—The Bijou theater has signed an agreement with the Motion Picture Operators' Union.

## SASKATCHEWAN EXECUTIVE SEEKS CHANGES TO COMPENSATION ACT

Amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act to provide a system of state insurance is the request made to the Provincial Government by the Saskatchewan Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress. They ask that the widow or invalid husband should be allowed a monthly payment of \$45 and \$10 additional for each child, the total not to exceed \$75 a month. They suggest a grading scale for workmen suffering permanent or temporary disability. Other requests include a demand for the proportional representation plan of voting in provincial elections, and the abolition of election deposits.

## LENINE-TROTSKY FIRM IS OVERMANNED

A Moscow-Soviet report states that the committee charged with making a reduction in the number of government employees in a report just submitted announces that 2,500,000 of the employees are to be discharged.

The entire trade union policy has been changed, by the union's representatives arranging conditions to suit the government's new economic policy. It has been decided to admit the principle of private management, and scales of wages are to be fixed in accordance with the fluctuation of market prices in localities where work is done.

These steps are to be taken in an effort to give a living wage to workers and thus induce them to cease thievery and also speculative activities which until lately have been necessary in order that they might gain a living. In addition health and disability insurance is to be re-established, partly at the expense of the government and partly at the expense of the lessees of factories.

## PORT WILLIAM WORKERS RAISES WAGES

Organized railway clerks and freight handlers employed by the Western Stevedore company have raised wages and retained old working conditions. Rates for truckers and checkers were advanced 4 cents an hour, and loaders and coopers will be paid an additional 5 cents an hour.

## TYPO. ORGANIZATION HAS THE BANK ROLL TO WIN

In a page advertisement printed in Toronto papers for the benefit of delegates to the convention of the United Typographical Union of America, the International Typographical union presents statistics to refute the claim by some delegates among the employers that the union is financially embarrassed because of efforts to enforce a 44-hour agreement, made two years ago.

It is shown that the union's general fund has increased \$287,222.50 since April 29, 1921. The balance in all funds on September 29, 1921, was \$2,735,968.82.

"All the union demands is the fulfillment of the contract made in good faith with employers," says the advertisement.

"The International Typographical union has always believed that a contract is not a scrap of paper."

"It had a contract with employing printers for the eight-hour day with a Saturday half holiday."

"If there is any odium connected with the 'unemployment' conditions in the printing industry at this time, it is with the employer and not with the Typographical union."

## HAMILTON GATHERING OF LABOR PARTY MAKES FOR CHANGES

According to a Hamilton despatch the "free trade" plank in the platform of the Ontario Labor party was removed at the convention held here behind closed doors, though it is understood that the discussion at times was rather warm. James Simpson and other speakers declared that some of the members of the central branch, Hamilton, were too conservative.

The "Free Trade" plank to which the local branch objected was as follows: "The gradual elimination of import duties on all necessities of life such as food and clothing and tools and machinery used in production, the revenue derived from these sources to be raised by taxation on land values and luxuries." In its place the following was substituted: "The removal of taxation on necessities of life, taxation of land values and abolition of fiscal legislation that leads to class privileges and that to the end in view, respecting the tariff, a commission of experts be appointed to make a thorough investigation and report its findings and on that basis a commission labor have an adequate representation."

## LAST REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN

A slight increase in the volume of employment was reported by some 5,000 employers during the week period ending September 24, according to a statement to appear in the forthcoming issue of the bulletin of the Employment Service of Canada. At the end of the period under review the index number stood at 90.2 as compared with 89.5 for the fortnight ending September 10. The volume of employment reported by employers during the summer, the bulletin will declare, has never exceeded that of last midwinter, although the index number for the period ending September 24 was higher than for any period since January 15 of this year.

Compared with the corresponding fortnight of 1920, the bulletin will say: Employment in all parts of the country showed marked shrinkage.

The situation in Ontario and Quebec was less favorable than in other provinces, due to the fact that manufacturing showed more weakness than any other group. About 9 per cent of the contractions in the manufacturing industries was concentrated in these two provinces.

Reports for the fortnight showed 678,954 persons employed as against 674,110 for the previous fortnight.

## MANITOBA DECIDES FOR A LABOR POLICY

December 6, Dominion election day, will be a public holiday throughout

Manitoba, Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong, provincial secretary and municipal commissioner, announced, following a meeting of the provincial cabinet. That election day be a public holiday has had staunch advocates in the trade union ranks for many months and the friction of persistency is seen now in the action of the Manitoba Cabinet.

## CALGARY CIVIC WORKERS INVITED TO REDUCTION

Calgary civic employees are asked to accept a reduction in wages

amounting from 3 to 12 per cent next year, according to definite proposals with respect to wage agreements for the city employees which have been drawn up by Commissioner Graves and included in the report presented to the city council, after which negotiations will be opened with the civic employees.

The reductions, it is stated, will be based on the increases the civic employees have received since 1914, and that such reductions will be figured on certain percentages of those increases, in accordance with the percentage decreases in the cost of living since the war years.



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And one man stands out head and shoulders above all others as pre-eminently fitted for the task.

Born on a farm near St. Mary's, Ontario, Arthur Meighen is a true son of the people, a toiler who has fought his way to eminence by sheer ability, and force of intellect. Entered Parliament in 1908; appointed Solicitor General in 1914; Minister of the Interior in 1917; and Prime Minister in 1920.

At the Imperial Conference he was acclaimed by the Press of Great Britain as a great statesman, as a strong, virile, vigorous personality—alert in mind, keen and far-seeing in judgment, and with a fearless determination to stand for the right.

Professor A. D. Skelton of Queen's University, and biographer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, wrote of the present Prime Minister: "He has already given proof of high administrative capacity. His personal integrity is beyond question."

Of himself Arthur Meighen said to his constituents the other day: "You know where I stood on this issue in 1908, in 1911, and as in 1911 I stand today."

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# Canada Needs Meighen

The National Liberal and Conservative Party Publicity Committee.