

In The World Of Labor

A Budget of News
For Those Inter-
ested in Labor

By G. A. M.

Cleaned From the
Exchanges and
Other Sources

Spectacular Patriotism

Time Has Come For Plain Talking—
Best to Call Things by Their
Right Names.

The following is taken from the "Industrial Banner," Toronto: "A great deal of comment is being caused in the city at the present time by the action of some of the so-called patriots whose names have been heralded in the public press as generous donors to the patriotic fund, but the same press keeps mighty mum when these same business concerns turn around immediately afterwards and reduce the wages of their employees and in some cases lay them off without pay. It is also worthy of note that during the last year, when hundreds of the unemployed had to depend on public charity for the food to keep body and soul together, there is no record whatever where these same patriots contributed to the fund from which they are now being paid."

"The Banner has all due respect for the men and business concerns who are aiding the patriotic fund from a sense of duty, and there are many of them who are so doing, but we have the heartiest sort of contempt for the concerns who are securing cheap advertising for which they are compelling their employees to pay with a reduction in wages. We heartily favor the proposition that may be given effect at the special meeting called by the District Trades and Labor Council to secure data and make public the names of firms and corporations who have so acted."

"There are thousands of men and women in Toronto who have made a sacrifice to contribute a dollar, or maybe a quarter to this fund to help on those who mayhap are no worse off than themselves, and all honor to them for so doing, but it would be a service for the general good to make public the names of these spectacular patriots who are masquerading under false colors and expect that the advertising to be derived from a contribution to be taken out of the hides of their employees is cheap and effective. Some people ought to be

shown up, for they richly deserve it. Why hide their light under a bushel?"

The above, no doubt, will not be very palatable reading to those of the class to which the article refers, in Toronto, and, perhaps we here in this city are not altogether free from such vile tactics, if the truth was known. The employer of labor who reduces the wages of his employees or discharges them altogether at the present hard times, under the lame excuse of economizing (in some cases) and then making a great splurge by making a "generous" donation, is not living up to true citizenship by any means.

The Tribute

Not by the valour of Belgium, nor the lightning sabre of France,
Not by the thunder of Britain's Fleet,
and the Bear's unchecked advance,
Not by these fears, Lord Kaiser, tho' they shatter a tyrant's lust,
Is your heart most darkly troubled,
and your soul brought down to the dust.

But by the great affirming of the lands we have knit as one:
By the love, by the passionate loyal love, of each separate freeman,
Canada cries "We are coming!" and Australasia "We come!"
And you scowl that no Boer is rising at the beat of your German drum.

And the sons of India bear witness—
We have grumbled, but now no more.

We have shared your plentiful righteous Peace, we will share your righteous War.
Trust us to guard your Honor, one with yours is our breath;
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World of Labor

Carpenters in San Antonio, Texas, are demanding a minimum wage of \$3.00 for an eight-hour day and recognition of the union.

The sailors union of the Pacific has voted a liberal appropriation to be used for organization work on the Pacific Coast.

Samuel Campers of the A. F. of L. gave the Labor Day oration at Plattsburg, N.Y., Vice President Duncan spoke at Barre, Vt., and Secretary Frank Morrison at Madison, Wis.

Suspender workers in New York City affiliated with the A. F. of L. have just secured a splendid new agreement with their employers which concedes recognition of the union.

Machinists in Norfolk, Va., are solidly organized and have succeeded in securing new agreements from their employers that concede many valuable concessions and better working conditions.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., plant of Brown & Co., has resumed operation after the scale of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, whose officers are hopeful for greater gains in the near future.

The Printing Pressmen and Assistants have organized a union in Terre Haute, Ind., and it is now proposed to form an allied printing trades council. The city is now splendidly organized and labor is making rapid headway.

International Representative Diamond of the United Mine Workers, notifies all locals in the Colorado, section that the miners on strike will be no party to a movement started to re-call Judge McHendrie. The union official says that no attempt will be made to interfere with individual members on this question, but the union, officially, will take no part.

"We are influenced in taking this position in the interest of our strikes, and we have no desire to be drawn into a fight of this kind and thereby reflect directly against the main issue involved," says the unionist.

Street railway employees of Cumberland, Md., are on strike for higher wages. They demand 26 cents per hour and 25 cents for conductors and 25 cents for motormen as paid under the old scale.

The San Francisco Labor Council has endorsed the wage scale for electrical workers working outside of this city by the Pacific Rail and Electric company. It is charged that the company pays lower rates in other localities.

The locals of the Journeymen Barbers International Union in Washington have decided to organize a state federation of the craft. A convention for that purpose has been called to meet in Tacoma in September, during the present week.

The Los Angeles, Cal., county board of supervisors is in favor of an eight hour day. The test came on a resolution which provided that workmen on a new bridge could labor more than eight hours a day. The proposal was rejected.

Ranchers, farmers, lumbermen and fruit growers in California are organizing to oppose the proposed eight hour law which will be voted on at the November election. The arguments used—"will destroy business"—are of the stereotyped kind.

Laborers in the cordine factories of Eastport, Me., are on strike for higher wages, their demands are for an increase from 20 cents to 25 cents per hour, claiming that, owing to the cost of living the former scale is entirely inadequate to maintain a man and his family.

The immense increase in the number of Trades unionists in the United Kingdom may be gleaned from the fact that absolutely reliable government statistics show that the various Trades organizations now have a membership of practically four millions or in actual figures of 3,993,769, an increase over 1904 of 109 per cent.

Through the efforts of President Gallagher of the San Francisco, Cal., local central body, dairymen from every part of California have promised to co-operate with the Milkmen's union to secure improved working conditions for men employed as milkers.

At a conference in this city between these workers and representative dairymen it was agreed that changes in the working conditions were necessary and the long workday will be shortened.

Industrial Canada

The C. P. R. carmen are voting over the entire system upon the advisability of calling off the biennial meeting of the joint protective board until times become more settled than at present.

The town of Transcona, Man., is vigorously pushing its various public works chargeable to capital, and the major portion of them are being constructed under the day labor system in order that the work may be given to unemployed residents.

Field, B. C., is for its size one of the best organized places in Canada. It is an important point on the C. P. R. system, all the mail engines work here on the big mill and it requires a lot of labor to keep them in proper repair. Every machinist, boiler-maker, blacksmith and helper on the railway and steamship industry is employed here.

In order to show that the Canadian Pacific has been able to make things go despite the falling off in business during the prevailing depression, the company has recently issued the following statement:

After the payment of all fixed charges and dividends, the company entered upon the new fiscal year, July 1st, with thirty-six million dollars in cash and fourteen million dollars in equipment, securities, after having spent upwards of thirty million dollars on railway and steamship construction, for which four per cent consolidated debenture stocks have been authorized, but not put on the market.

After nearly eleven months on short time the C. P. R. shops at Fort William, Ont., have started up on full time again. Only 25 per cent. of the staff, and the few who remain there is a general feeling that before putting the reduced staff on full time fewer hours should be worked and more money paid.

There is an opportunity to earn a little to help keep the wolf away from the door. The employees favor this method of letting the work go round so that the many instead of the few should all have an equal share, apparently, however the management "had reasons."

Master Plan

We Cannot Sense the Master Plan. Nor Could the Children in the Wilderness, Nor the Martyrs of the Cross, nor Joan D'Arc.

(Herbert Kaufman in Reynolds.)

Once more Mars has wrenched the pen from the fingers of Civilization and dipped his blade into the heart of Europe, and is writing history with the sword point. War is raging. Reason lies mangled under the iron heel. Mankind, on the threshold of Humanity's mightiest epoch, is hurled aside from the highways of Progress and Enlightenment, and the universe is forced to mark time, while a continent spews its ancient nastiness. Imagination is for once impotent before fact.

The earth reels dizzily at the impact of mountain loads of lead and steel.

We shall wear the scars of this disaster a hundred years, but out of the appalling woe mightier and stronger races will emerge, and staggering for an instant under the load of grief and the burden of loss, will turn aside from the pathways of the Caesars and seek the roads to true power.

Meanwhile, our souls are steeped in

THE STORY OF Waitstill Baxter

By KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN.

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And then congratulations began to pour in. Was ever marriage so fortuitous? The Coles' farm joined that of the Days', and the union between the two only children would cement the friendship between the families. The fact that Uncle Bart was a joiner, Cephas a palster and Abel Day a mason and bricklayer made the alliance almost providential in its business opportunities. Phoebe's Massachusetts aunt sent a complete outfit of gilt suit and a clock and a mahogany chamber set. Aunt Abby relinquished to the young couple a bedroom and a spare chamber in the "main part," while the Days supplied live geese, feathers and table and bed linen with positive prodigality. Aunt Abby trod the air like one inspired.

"If only I could 'a' looked ahead," smiled Uncle Bart quizzically to himself, "I'd 'a' had thirteen sons and daughters 'a' married off one of 'em every year. That would 'a' made Abby's good temper kind of permanent!"

Cephas was content too. There was a good deal in being settled and having "the whole doggone business" off your hands. Phoebe looked a very different creature to him in these later days. Her eyes were just as pale, of course, but they were brighter, and they radiated love for him, an expression in the female eye that he had thus far been singularly unfortunate in securing. She still held her mouth slightly open, but Cephas thought that it might be permissible, perhaps after three months of wedded bliss, to request her to be more careful in closing it.

Cephas did not think of Patty any longer with bitterness in these days, being of the opinion that she was punished enough in observing his own growing popularity and prosperity.

"If she should see that mahogany chamber set going into the cell I guess she'd be glad enough to change her tune," thought Cephas exultingly, and then there suddenly shot through his mind the passing fancy, "I wonder if she would?"

He promptly banished the infamous suggestion, however, reinforcing his virtue with the reflection that the chamber set was Phoebe's anyway, and the marriage day appointed and the invitations given out and the wedding cake being baked, a lot at a time, by his mother and Mrs. Day.

As a matter of fact, Patty would have had no eyes for Phoebe's magnificent mahogany, even had this cast carried its passed her on the hill where she and Mark Wilson were walking. Her promise to marry him was a few weeks old now, and his arm encircled her slender waist under the brown homespun cape. That in itself was a new sensation and gave her the delicious sense of belonging to somebody who valued her highly and assured her of his sentiments clearly and frequently, both by word and deed. Life, dull gray life, was going to change its hue for her presently, and not long after, she hoped, for Waitstill too.

The "publishing" of Cephas and his third choice, their dull way up the aisle of the meeting house before an admiring throng on the Sunday when Phoebe would "appear bride," all this seemed very tame as compared with the dreams of this ardent and adventurous pair of lovers who had gone about for days harboring secrets greater and more daring, they thought, than had ever been breathed before within the hearing of Saco water.

CHAPTER XXI.
Love's Young Dream.

It was not an afternoon for day dreams, for there was a chill in the air and a gray sky. Only a week before the hills along the river might have been the walls of the New Jerusalem, shining like red gold. Now the glory had departed, and it was a naked world, with empty nests hanging to boggle the eye, and long ago had been green with summer.

Young love thought little of nature's miracles, and heeds that beat high and fast were warm enough to forget the bleak wind and gathering clouds. If there were naked trees were there not full barrels of apples in every cellar? If there was nothing but stubble in the frozen fields, why there was plenty of wheat and corn at the mill all ready for grinding. The cold air made one long for a cheery home and fire-side, the crackle of a hearth log, the bubbling of a steaming kettle, and Patty and Mark clung together as they walked along, making bright images of a life together, snug, warm and happy.

Patty was a capricious creature, but all her changes were sudden and ennobling ones, captivating those who loved her more than a monotonous and unchanging virtue. Any little shiver with Patty always ended with a rainbow, that made the landscape more enchanting than before. Of late her little coquettish and petulant had disappeared as if by magic. She had been melted somehow from irresponsible girlhood into womanhood and that, too, by the ardent affection of a very ordinary young man who had no great gift save that of loving Patty greatly. The love had served its purpose in another way, too, for under its influence Mark's own manhood had broadened and deepened. He longed to find Patty to him for good and all, to capture the bright bird whose fluttering wings

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"You won't fall me, Patty darling?" he was saying at this moment. "Now that our plans are finally made, with never a weak point anywhere as far as I can see, my heart is so set upon carrying them out that every hour of waiting seems an age."

"No, I won't fall, Mark; but I never know the day that father will go to town until the night before. I can always hear him making his prepara-



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tions in the barn and the shed, and ordering Waitstill here and there. He is as excited as if he was going to Bourla instead of Millers."

"The night before will do. I will watch the house every evening till you hang a white signal from your window."

"It won't be white," said Patty, who would be mischievous on her last night of Sunday-go-to-meet! petticoat is too grand, and everything else that we have is yellow."

"I shall see it, whatever color it is, you can be sure of that!" said Mark gallantly. "Then it's decided that next morning I'll wait at the tavern, and I wish it would be petticoat more than a furry, a regular whizzing, whirling storm that would pack the roads and let us slip over them with our sleigh bells ringing!"

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WILSON CAN'T SEE PEACE YET

(By Special Wire to the Courier)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—President Wilson sees little prospect of peace in Europe reflected in the unofficial exchanges which American Ambassadors have been conducting with Germany, Great Britain, France and Russia. This was learned to-day at the White House, following a careful study of the message which Ambassador Gerard cabled, giving his recollection of an informal conversation with the Imperial German chancellor. Until something more tangible and more definite in the way of overtures comes from the belligerents, the president feels that his hands are virtually tied.

To undertake to elicit terms from Great Britain, France and Russia as Germany suggested, would place the president, he believes, in a delicate position in view of what Sir Edward Grey has told Ambassador Page. The British foreign secretary recently took the position that the war had been forced on Great Britain that the neutrality of Belgium had been disregarded, and that it would be necessary to crush mere militarism before the allies could feel safe against new attacks and before a treaty of peace could be worth more than "a scrap of paper."

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