

A BUDGET OF NEWS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN LABOR

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR

GLEANED FROM THE EXCHANGES AND OTHER SOURCES

Union paperhangers in Washington, D.C., have secured a wage increase of 50 cents a day.

The price of bread has gone up in Charleston, W. Va., to 13 cents a loaf, the highest on record.

The Plasterers' Union throughout the entire state of Texas is enforcing a minimum wage rate of seven dollars a day.

Women are being largely employed now in the bakeries throughout England, even in the mammoth plants where it is manipulated entirely by machinery.

Journeymen tailors in Oakland, San Francisco and San Diego, have secured a minimum wage of \$22.50 per week for piece work and 50 cents per hour for Saturday overtime.

Organizer John A. Flett, of the A. F. of L., has recently been doing some good work at Jonquieries and Kenogami, Que., in which he was assisted by a Boston organizer of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of Pulp and Sulphite Workers, and succeeded in organizing locals of the Brotherhood of Steam Engineers, Electricians and Paper Makers, five in all. Others are under way, and steps to organize a Trades and Labor Council have been taken.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical workers in Montreal have been negotiating with the power firms in regard to wage scales and the conditions that exist in the industry. They want a higher wage rate and improvement in working conditions. So far they have met with good success, and it looks as though a satisfactory understanding will be arrived at.

They have a union mayor in Fernie, B.C., in the person of Tom Uehill, an active member of the United Mine Workers of America. He recently visited Seattle, Wash., where he stated that things in his district were in good shape, but labor was scarce. Wages were now on a par with the scales in operation in Washington, and if any of the boys wanted jobs in Fernie they would be welcome if they had a paid-up union card in their pocket.

The O. C. L. machinists in Sher-

brooke, Quebec, have received an average increase in wages of 2 1/2 cents per hour.

Union machinists in Calgary have increased their minimum wage rate to fifty cents per hour, though in many cases good men are receiving a higher figure.

Thirty-three per cent of Canada's exports are in manufactured goods, while the balance is largely derived from the farm, the forest, the mines and the fisheries.

Railway workers of all kinds are extra busy in Moose Jaw, and wages paid are considerably higher than they were a year ago. The labor unions are all in good shape and gaining headway.

The Canadian Union of Steam and Operating Engineers in Vancouver, who have recently decided that strictly Canadian unions were a failure, have reorganized as a local of the international union. No more peanuts in theirs.

Things are busy in all lines of trade in Sherbrooke, Que., and most of the crafts have secured advances, but wages generally are lower than in Ontario. The union is growing strong and will be after more in order to meet the high cost of living.

After having been idle for a long period of time, the plant of the Pacific Steel Products, at Bridgeport on Lulu Island, B.C., has been reopened, and is now running steady, and within a short period the output of iron and steel will be trebled.

Phoenix, B.C., is one of the best organized towns in the Canadian West. Recently members of the Miners' union refused to work with non-unionists. The result has been that the mine was forced to come in, and the union is now organized 100 per cent.

After a three months' shut-down the flint glass works at Redcliffe, Alta., have started up again with orders ahead for steady employment for months to come. The workers are unionized, and run under the best of conditions, and every man employed carries the card.

Recently Jennie Dugravent, a girl clerk employed by R. McKay and Co., pleaded guilty before a magistrate in Hamilton to stealing articles of wearing apparel from the firm. She pleaded that she only received \$6 a week, and it was insufficient to feed and clothe her.

Not only is Ontario the greatest mineral producing province in Canada, but it has become one of the most famous mineral areas in the world. The war has stimulated the mining industry enormously, and it looks as though a new era of industrial development is already in the dawn.

To give some idea of the strength of the Boot and Shoe Workers' international Union in Montreal, P.Q., it is only necessary to state that there are now thirty strictly union factories in that city, some of them having hundreds of employees. All but two place the union stamp on the output of their factories.

Photo engravers in Winnipeg have prepared a new agreement which is to be presented to the bosses. It is felt that provision for higher wages and improved work conditions incorporated therein will tend to place the craft on a more satisfactory basis. The manufacturing engravers have materially advanced prices owing to cost of material, and it is expected they will recognize the soundness of the claims of the employees. Business in the craft is good at present.

There is a scarcity of skilled labor in the C. P. R. mechanical departments in Montreal. At the Angus shops more work was turned out last month than was ever known to be done before, but it did not help to catch up with work on the waiting list, which still accumulates. A large number of women have secured positions in the car department.

The Regina, Sask., Allied Printing Trades Council is quite active these days, and the first office to sign the new label agreement is the Leader, the proprietor of which has posted a notice that the union label will appear on all work turned out from the office unless the customer distinctly states he desires it left off. The other offices are now being rounded up.

Music and Drama

"The Christian"—Coming to The Brant.

Glory Quayle, a natural born mimic, leaves her country home, reaches London, goes on the stage, gains fame and influence. John Storm, her country sweetheart, believing he has lost Glory forever, enters a Monastery, tries to forget her, cannot kill his love, returns to the world, becomes a famous slum worker and friend of the poor. Lord Robert Ure, a social vampire, a beast in human form, betrays Glory's chum, Polly Love. Glory tells John of Lord Robert's wicked treatment of poor Polly. John demands that Lord Robert marry Polly to save her from dishonor. Lord Robert refuses, as he intends to marry a rich American heiress. Terrific clash between the Right of John and the Might of Lord Robert, who swears revenge. Polly dies of shame and a broken heart.

Lord Robert plans splendid revenge on John. He spreads broadcast the report that John predicts the end of the world on Derby Day the greatest day of sport in England.

John becomes an object of hatred. All Britain wrought up by John's alleged prediction. His former friends become bitter foes. The uneducated and weak are in mortal fear. Thousands and thousands incite riots against John. Widespread and awful panics in the slums. Derby Day becomes a day of terror.

(Wonderful scenes of the world-famous Derby race, with its great horses and its terrific crowds, taken in England, especially for these scenes.) John is a target for the vengeance of everyone, both rich and poor. He stands alone, with all the world against him. Glory rushes to his aid, quells the angry hordes and saves him from them. Through persecution, John's mind becomes unbalanced. That night, fearful for Glory, John goes to her home, tries to kill her to save her from a fate like the one which befell poor Polly. Glory rises supreme makes a magnificent defence, recalls John to his senses, helps establish his innocence, proves Lord Robert's guilt, accepts John's love, joins him for life, be it better or worse and in spite of the terror, the deep disappointment, the tribulations, the misunderstandings, in spite of all, Glory and John find happiness in each other's love.



"LOCK OF THE WALK." This photograph shows a boy sent to a bull-dog market, marching in the Lord Mayor's Show, London, England, recently.

REDUCE NUMBER OF THE OFFICERS

Employed in England, By Sending High Rank Men To Front

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—It is announced from the militia department that the number of employed Canadian officers in England is to be reduced materially. Officers of higher rank who have not been taken to the front, will have to revert to subaltern rank to go to the front or come home and take off the uniform and no distinction will be made between members of parliament and others. At present there are over 200 Canadian lieutenant-colonels in England on full pay and General Turner is expected to weed them out at once.

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