### A Survey of Profiteering and Labor Costs Compiled By Noted U.S. Economist

W. Jett Lauck Makes Interesting and Valuable Report to Amer. Men Are Asking Wage Increase from 55 to 66 Cents An Hour

(Contributed by Mr. E. J. Thompson.) wage buys less than it did in 1912 to The following is an extract from W. 1914.

The original was compiled at the request of seventeen railroad organizations. The object in collecting these figures was to show that "wages were not a cause of high prices" and also to serve as an argument for the in balf. Moreover the other possible facto serve as an argument for the in-tots are more or less intangible and they were to quit indefinitely. The creases asked for in the new schedules. tots are more or less intangible and union decided that the night ears should It is a statement which will have to

eithstand the severest criticism. Mr. W. Jett. Lauck being one of the best men on the continent on these matters, the report may be looked upon as

Increased wages to labor are in as way responsible for increased prices... To cite increased wages as a cause of necessed prices is to betray an ignor-

Wage advances have been an effect sufficient evidence does exist to estabof price advances and not a cause. An lish a conclusive case of "profiteering" board. examination of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes Mr. examination of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes and not a cause. An observation of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes and not a cause. An observation of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes and not a cause. An observation of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the people of Toronto to see that their the news service throughout the countries of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the people of Toronto to see that their the news service throughout the countries of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the profiteering of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the people of Toronto to see that their the news service throughout the countries of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the people of Toronto to see that their the news service throughout the countries of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the profiteering of the experience of the experience of every of profiteering on a scale that makes the profiteering of the experience of the experience of every of profiteering on the experience of the experience of

perhaps not susceptible to immediate	
remedy. But profiteering is a perfectly	
tangible thing, and can be remedied by	
intelligent statesmanship.	
It is not possible to compute the full	9
extent of the profiteering that has	
taken place, and is now taking place.	
The complete information is not avail-	8
able and probably never will be. Too	
many ways have been discovered by	ı
corporations and business men for con-	
cealing the full measure of their earn-	

In no way has labor been the initial cial reports of the corporations them from the city." factors over which the workers had no control.

In selves, in order to develop this point a careful analysis has been made, for the years 1912 to 1918 inclusive of the For the great body of wage earners, wages have not kept step with prices.

Almost without exception a day's

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			Average	annu
		Capital Stock	net income	for 1
	Companies	1918	1912-1914	191
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	. 11	242,352,056	15,299,288	33
	. 5	172,477,050	20,146,784	58
ď	. 12	179,257,338	11,306,923	34
	. 12	296,733,193	18,535,621	39

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aries to officials is another favorite meethod. The federal tax reserves, suns of the meeting of the only rival. The vote stood 24,000 to 12,611 in favor of was paying salaries ranging as high as southern delegates, Denver was declared unanimously chosen.

But no federal tax reserves, suns of the weak and Delegate Roper moved to which they need to which they need to do which they need to deal the only rival. The vote stood 24,000 to 1

eats for constructive rather than destructive purposes, then he would be with certain building products, we find the profits for the war years 1916-1918 the profits for the war years 1916-1918 the profits for the war years 1912-1914. The justified, or was necessary, instead of simply expounding a pet theory, which years 1916-1919 undoubtedly totaled is a proven impossibility, as far as more than a billion dollars. This means practice is concerned, then he would be that during the years mentioned these working to greater advantage than at corporations carned, after every pos-present. But no matter how efficient sible deduction had been made, enough the salesman, he cannot make good unto replace their entire capital stock. In less be has the goods, especially when the case of sugar, the facts show that the extraordinary increase in price, now amounting to more than 300 per cent.

New York Local Is Largest In the Country and Has 25,000 Members can find no justification in terms of

THE COMING WEEK Monday, June 28th Helpers, No. 514. Plasterers and Cement Finishers Tuesday, June 29th Auxiliary of Railway Carmen,

Wednesday, June 30th Bricklayers and Masons. Thursday, July 1st

Friday, July 2nd Retail Clerks' Protective Association.

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LABOR MEETINGS FOR

Printing Pressmen, No. 255. Saturday, July 3rd Typographical Union No. 604. Bakers and Confectionery Workers,

## STREET RAILWAY STRIKE NOW ON

Jett, Lauck's report which was present. It is not contended that profiteering of to the U.S. Railroad Labor Board, is the sole cause for the maintenance of morning, when work was suspended on

be run until 4:30 Wednesday morning and official notification to this effect

who Tuesday asked the city to apply the Federation. Mr. Gompers was un-for intervention by the Ontario railway animously re-elected for the thirty-

The organization hopes eventually to include plumbers, electricians, and enmeeting although I did not see any or ganizing done. But I was glad of the opportunity of listening to Organizer the actual cost of corporate profiteering Joe Knight for the first time, and I must say that if Joe was to use his tal
Turning to the consumer.

Turning to the corporations which port and organizers are working in

# **WORKERS INSTALL** SHOP DELEGATES

can find no justification in terms of wages paid to labor to produce it. The increase in labor cost was less than 15 per cent of the increase paid by the consumer.

The labor item in the production of meet is so small a factor as to be negligible. A wage increase of 100 per cent, would add less than 5 per cent to the total cost of meat. Yet the price exacted of the consumer has increased from 50 to 100 per cent. Even a 1,000 per cent wage increase would not necount for the increase in price. On the other hand profits have actually increased between 300 and 400 per cent. Such profits were made despite the deduction of enormous amounts for excessive salaries, advertising and over wieldy union in a democratic manner.

New York.—With the installation of 400 shop delegates and chairmen, representing 200 ladies waist and dress makers' shops, Local 25 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union has entered a new phase of its history. The shop delegates will act in instruction of the union officials.

Up to now the local, which is the largest in the country, having 25,000 members, has functioned after the usual union system. The shop delegate method was determined upon after the report of a committee of 25 elected by the membership to find means of solving the difficulties of conducting the unwages that they declare now makes it in the crow's Nest, Lethbridge district, and Drumheller Valley as well as some of the northern camps.

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LONDON BANK CLERKS

MAY STRI head charges.

It is sufficient to note that through cannot be estimated until the system out the food industry profits have is in complete working order. There are doubled, and prices have gone up far about 800 shops which have not elected beyond that which is necessary to cover increased labor costs.

ity for the profiteer. At each stage, from packer to tanner, from tanner to

## SAMUEL GOMPERS IN CALGARY ON HIS WAY TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

American Federation of Labor, passed through Calgary, Wednesday, on his way to attend the Democratic convention at San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Gom pers stated that his intentions were to lay before the convention the labor demands which he considers the Repub-The long expected street ear strike of insted Senstor Harding, of Ohio, for

### SAMUEL GOMPERS AGAIN ELECTED PRES. A.F. OF L.

Delegates Stand Up and Cheer For Several Minutes When Veteran Leader Is Nominated

bey provide a service. Responsibility Labor held in the St. Dennis theatre, the conference that impressed everyone ception, that wage increases have country.

Perhaps the most conclusive evidence the government nor the railway board executive council to incorporate in the finantial very far behind.

Replaced the major does take some action. Neither try that he had attempted to get the executive council to incorporate in the finantial very far behind. tical parties, a request for modification of the prohibition laws to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

support of the organized railroad workers to Mr. Gompers. He said the convention's action in endorsing governvention's action in endorsing govern-ment ownership of railways, contrary

# SCALE CARRIES BY LARGE VOTE

Final Returns Show Majority Of Over 2,000 For the New

Final returns on the vote of the new wage agreement of the U.M.W.A. Dis-triet 18, show a majority of over 2,000 for the agreement. Four or five camps are yet to be heard from, but so far the Country and Has
25,000 Members

New York.—With the installation of Crow's Nest, Lethbridge district, and

The union label is the "In Hoc Signo ers union of Minneapolis, Mann.—The eight manufacturer, from manufacturer to child from the workshop, factory and continued on Page Six)

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### TORONTO VETERANS AND LABOR HOLD JOINT CONFERENCE

representatives of the Grand Army of United Veterans, which is the one large returned sodliers organization and ing political action in Toronto, and the Toronto Labor Representation Committee it was agreed that the interests of these organizations were so closely reback to their organization and should their report be accepted, a further meeting has been arranged with a view of a joint selection of a candidate for

line to make formal application to the Delegates to the fortieth annual confor further dilly dallying in prolonging Montreal, stood up and cheered for sev as heing significant of the fact that the

### LABOR ADVANCES CAUSE OF TRUE **CO-OPERATION**

wages and agricultural wealth are often used by the banks against labor, against and freed from bugs, insects or vermin.

2. Provisions that will prohibit the eight hour day. The support of the

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## **MACHINISTS OF** CINCINNATI ARE STILL ON STRIKE

Are Confident of Victory Al-though Strike Is Seven Weeks Old

(By the Federated Press) Cincinnati O .- The Cincinnati ma hinists' strike is now seven weeks old. camps.

Just 42 shops have signed the union's agreement and there are still 92 shops

operative grocery store on the ground The conditions that exist in some of floor of the Labor Temple.

#### MANUFACTURERS RAISE PRICE OF CIGARS TO \$8.00 PER THOUSAND

igars 85 to \$8 a thousand, giving the acreased cost of labor as one of the General Feeling That Interests of Soldiers and Labor Are Identical reasons for the increase, despute the fact that they are permitting their men to remain on strike rather than grant them a raise in pay.

# REPORT SHOWS

field was natural and logical. The delegates from the G.A.U.V. will report

Increased Membership More Than Total of O.B.U.

> ganization in Canada," the Dominion gate Findlay made it clear that there department of labor says last year the would be no refusal on the part of the their membership in Canada by more joy. Any further dispute on the case members than the combined member would be between the board and the

interesting sketch of recent industrial pointed out that for a short time Mr. and political activities of Dominion or Orr did not receive proper care in the ganized workers. Included in the re hospital, as soon as the board learned the one big union by the executive Kinney authorized any expenditure nee council of the Canadian Trades and essary to make the patient comfortable

on force and intolerance of the chosen railway shops ,which was brought up lenders of the labor movement, repudat last meeting by Delegate Daly, the

use of tents or bunk-houses in camps, WHEREAS, Practically every other which have been instituted for the conmatter, which was readily assented to.

To Address Farmers redit agencies owned and operated by duction of business permanently locat-country in the world has banks and ed, as sleeping or boarding places for Francis C. Clare, secretary

that all foods, which must be of a good the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Countries of the Winnipeg Trades and March Countries of the Winnipeg Trades and March Countries of the Winnipeg Trades and Marc that all foods, which must be of a good quality, will be kept in a fit condition.

4. Provision for a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 or imprisonment of not more than \$200 or imprisonment of not more than 60 days being imposed against owners, managers, agents, firms or corporations who violate or allow to be violated the provisions of this Act as it applies to

LONDON BANK CLERKS

MAY STRIKE TO GET
RAISE IN WAGES

Bank clerks of London, Eng., are talking strike if negotiations fail to improve working conditions and raise wages that they declare now makes it mipossible for them to meet living costs.

CIGARMAKERS AT
MINNEAPOLIS GET
WAGE INCREASE

Minneapolis, Minn.—The eigarmakers are union of Minneapolis has recently The machinists have opened a cooperative grocery store on the ground

called upon to cover is so vast the at painful experiences which have caused the Governments to provide legislation operative grocery store on the ground

### TRADES COUNCIL TAKES UP CASE OF **FANJOY AND ORR**

Other Cases of Dispute Still Under Consideration of the Committee

Findlay and Daly reported to the Trades and Labor Conneil on Monday night on the questions of complaints that had been made to the council re-

tion board of the province with the board and taking up certain ases particularly those of Messrs, Fan Increased Membership More | pute existed between the board's medi-Mr. Panjov as to the nature of the In its annual report on "Labor Or jury and the treatment accessary. Dele for further dilly dallying in prolonging the strike was placed on the shoulders of Mayor Church, by Premier Drury, the Strike was placed on the shoulders for president of Mayor Church, by Premier Drury, the Sources was under the strike was placed on the shoulders and of labor insted Samuel Gompers for president of are indeed identical and an omen of a process future alliance between the source of Mr. Gompers was under the The government's report includes an pute. In the case of Mr. Orr, it was Labor Congress, to the annual conven Special appliance had been ordered tion of that organization: Special appliance had been ordered from Winnipeg and Vancouver, and Mr. 'The futility of the one big union Orr was moved to a private ward.

methods should have been apparent. In connection with the matter of from the beginning, founded as it was, securing ambulance attendance at the inting the organization from which they committee reported that it was likely

workmen.

3. Provision for the cleanliness of Independent Political association, wrote temporary camps, with proper air space the council requesting that a represent the council requesting that a represent the council be present to adults shall be of sanitary material conductors the convention of the farmers' dress the convention of the farmers' dres state convention of the farmers structed so as to afford reasonable comfort to persons occupying same.

Provision for cleanliness of cookears, which must be supplied with ice during warm months so as to assure during warm months so as to assure dress the convention of the farmers association on June 23rd and 24th. On the motion of Delegates Geary and Hawkins, President McCreath was appointed to attend.

A communication was received from

to those that are of a temporary chaagreement and there are still 92 shops refusing to sign or concede the union's demands.

While admitting that sanitation and acter. Sleeping quarters are of the living conditions in the various camps demands.

About 4,000 manufactured as cheaply as possible