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BUTTE BUILDERS LOCKED OUT BY EMPLOYERS' ASSO.

Master Builders Allied With Asso-
ciate Industries in Attempt
to Force Open-Shop

The Building Trades Council at Butte, Montana, make the charge that the employers, backed by the Associated Industries, are forcing a fight in that city. The council has sent out the following statement of the affair:

The Employers' Association of Master Builders of Butte and vicinity, allied with the Associated Industries of the state of Montana, on February 2nd, laid down conditions for building craftsmen in this vicinity which was utterly impossible for them to accept, and upon refusing to work under said conditions all tradesmen were locked out.

Furthermore, merchants refuse to sell any materials which enter into the construction of buildings, thereby forcing mechanics out of employment who were working for individuals not members of the Employers' Association.

The Association at this time has declared that this city and vicinity shall be an open shop and through the press are leading the public to believe they have used every effort to adjust the differences between the Building Trades Council and its organization, which is a deliberate falsehood.

We therefore earnestly request all tradesmen to remain away from Butte in order that they cannot induce a surplus of men to take up the weapon

PIECEWORK SYSTEM IN PRACTICE FALLS SHORT OF PROMISE

The Labor correspondent of Reynolds' Newspaper, presents these views on the fallacy of the piece work system:

"In theory piecework and payment by results are quite attractive systems, in practice, however, they fall far short of their promise. A basis time for the 'job' is fixed, and a bonus offered on 'jobs' completed under this basis time. As soon as the worker promises to draw high wages the tendency to cut time and prices down commences, until they fall below a reasonable minimum which the trade union assures. It is the application of the system by unscrupulous employers that has caused the unions to fight the question of payment by results and similar systems."

"Another factor which has carried great weight with the workers in their fight for a standardized wage is that the bonus system means that while the physical giant might earn a living wage, the weakest employees must go to the wall. The fact that in practically every industry there has been reabsorbed a number of men broken by the war, who must be safeguarded, has the tendency to increase the determination of the unions to resist the employers' attempt to force an issue on this question before considering the consolidation of wages, annual holidays and other outstanding questions."

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CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

Compare the following candid statement, with conditions not a thousand miles from here: "I once found a rent in a remote North Country dale, which had not been disturbed under year to year agreements for sixty years, and when revising the rents I raised it from £28 to £82." From reports by a land agent in "Land Agents Record," England, for January 4, 1890.

Bro. A. Crandall is back at work again.

Bro. J. McCool is the proud father today. A bonny baby girl has arrived at his home, and from reports has quickly taken possession of the attention of every one in the house.

Bro. A. Spiller has a story in which is incorporated advice as to the length one should allow sea sickness to go. This he will freely give to any one contemplating a sea journey.

Bro. D. Robson has returned to his post at posting after a few days of indisposition.

Sister Varley—on leave of absence to England—has written to friends on the 4th floor stating that she is returning shortly to Sunny Alberta.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' LOCAL UNION No. 685

At the regular meeting held February 27th, J. F. McDonough and R. McCulla were duly initiated as members of this organization.

Owing to the fact that the money rate of exchange is so high between the unit of value of the Dominion of Canada and that of the United States, our headquarters have opened an account with the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Toronto and have made the proper deposit that will be necessary to pay our sick, strike and death benefits and any other disbursements that may be necessary.

Bro. Thos. H. Paulson of Saskatoon, passed through here Wednesday on his way to Vancouver to meet his wife and children who have been at the coast all winter. We trust Mrs. Paulson's health will be benefited by her trip.

Bro. Jim Saunders is also a visitor at the coast for a few days leaving Tuesday morning.

Bro. Dick Jones is still under the doctor's care, having been in bed for the last three weeks with influenza.

Bro. Dave Young, Joe Bourke and Charles Thompson have been on the sick list since last report.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

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that from now and ever afterwards the Government in power in Alberta would throw precedent to the winds; refuse to consider an adverse vote on a government measure as a note of no confidence. There was no precedent for the permission of a discussion on such a resolution and it was finally blocked by that great and useful instrument called parliamentary procedure. The resolution was significant and was a plea for political freedom; a plea for a private member who swears allegiance to a party to be allowed to vote as his conscience will without jeopardizing the political status of his party. It was significant also because it indicates the trend of feeling against some of the worst features of the party system. The fate of the resolution was never in doubt, but the movers of the resolution have at least blazed the trail for something that will free them from the grip of the party whip. The speaker's ruling was that the resolution interfered with the King's prerogative. We discovered how little political freedom there is within the legislature; we always knew how little existed without. Our electoral system is such that by virtue of gerrymandering and manipulation, representative government is impossible. Now we are told that even when we get inside the sacred chamber we must not interfere with prerogatives.

The Chiropractors Bill met a similar fate. It was voted down in its second reading, a rather unusual proceeding. The Bill as framed was not all that could be desired, but the Chiropractors were practically driven into the position of asking for unusual powers because of the lack of sympathy and understanding of the Government. We are informed, however, that the Medical Act will be amended to include them, but their qualifications to practice will then be determined by persons who are anything but sympathetic.

The union label signifies merit in the article—the merit of good, clean workmanship—as well as the principles of fair play in the treatment of employees. The union label makes woman the strongest as well as the gentlest of God's creatures.

The union label insures stability in business, because the principles it stands for are sound, enduring and unchangeable.

C.N.R. MACHINISTS.

Don't forget, you Machinists, next meeting night is on the 12th, at 8 p.m. There will be the question of opening negotiations for a new schedule to be considered. Get your dope ready.

Noticed C.N. head office is to be in Montreal in the future. The change is being made this week. Toronto welps.

Suppose a fellow worker holds views that differ from yours, and he proposes that you sit down with him and investigate those points in the light of reason; should you rise up, prejudiced, and condemn his ideas, and refuse to give him a hearing? The only right way, of course, would be to investigate the position presented which will reveal the truth both to him and yourself. To ridicule his ideas would not weaken his position, though it were false, nor strengthen your position, though it were true.

If you want the added strength of those who are not in our organization, to further the cause of Labor, even though they hold different views to your, through an error in judgment on their part, don't condemn them—sit down and talk it over! Reason! That's the system. Apply the theory of collective bargaining at home first. Do you think that you are exempt from the application of a law, though you preach it? Yes, and you demand it, too, in your dealings with those who are stronger than you; but because you have weaker mortals, perhaps, to deal with, you believe that might is right. You would demand concessions, fines, assessments, everything you can lay your hands on. "No mercy to the fallen," is then your policy. How many of you are bothering your heads about Winnipeg, except with a sort of contemptuous word for them? Does that do you any good? Does it do them any good?

You all know what is meant by these words. Now then, let's see what brotherhood means. At our next meeting let us formulate a plan whereby the forces of Labor will be united. First, at home, organize one hundred per cent. Sure it can be done. Collective bargaining! Compromise! (Aren't you compromising every day of your life?) Then use the treasury for what it was made. Propaganda, education, organization, all in order. Spend the filthy lucre. Spend it where it will do the organization the most good. It's in the constitution. Change it, that's where you are assailed the most.

The apathy of the Edmonton Railway shop workers is scandalous. Not a move made yet about the new schedule. And Lord Harry, the last four cents was an adjustment! Ye Gods, etc. An adjustment.

EASIER TO PAY EXCESSIVE PRICES THAN INVESTIGATE

Vast Amount of Foodstuffs Go To Waste Because Markets Are Limited

It has been stated that the principal cause for undue profits on food and other stuffs is because the people are willing for those profits to be made. This is only a part truth; for the average person is not possessed of the time and means necessary to conduct investigations and prosecutions. To secure any kind of satisfaction would take as much money standing as the profiteers have, and if the average person had the financial and social standing which the profiteers enjoy, or are supposed to enjoy, that person would not be an average person any more, but would be a profiteer himself and interested in furthering and protecting the profiteers' interests.

Accordingly, as a thoroughly reputable American document has stated it, "experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while faults are sufferable, than to right these by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed." Can it be that instead of memory clinging tenderly to the little red school-house, the little grey home, the old swimmin' hole, we are to become so accustomed to the dear profit shark that we are unwilling to see him go? At all events he is still here, and is able to keep up prices; yes, to boost them higher and higher by his ability to limit the market.

Health Commissioner Robertson, of Chicago, vouches for the correctness of these figures:
During the year 1918 there were two million pounds of foodstuffs shipped to Chicago which were necessarily destroyed, because they were spoiled and had to be condemned for the sake of the public health. There were 312,068 pounds of meat, presumably beef, pork and mutton; 148,969 pounds of fish; 63,233 pounds of poultry; 240,553 pounds of fresh vegetables; 102,272 pounds of canned figs; 369,912 pounds of other canned fruits; 527,943 pounds of canned vegetables, and 19,572 pounds of eggs.

It will be remembered that this prodigious wastage occurred while millions of people were obliged to go on short rations, because they had not the money to buy at the high prices. If the market had been open, the prices would have fallen to make room for the disposal of

THERE CAN NOT BE DECADENCE NOR DETERIORATION

We Can Be Assured of Everlasting Progressive Movement of Human Race.

Again in these days of quickened growth of the Human Race we hear—as ever and anon after wars or conflicts of differing views—the word "decadence." And again it must be said—and it cannot be said too often nor too impressively—there is no decadence; there can not be deterioration of the human race as a whole.

There might be the possibility of a clash between the earth and another heavenly body, destroying our Mother, and thereby ending all our ambitions and hopes, views and efforts, our knowledge and our superstitions, but short of such an emergency we can rest assured of an everlasting progressive movement of the human race and of all earthly creation.

Man is not able to crawl out of his own hide and view himself from a better point of vantage, but he is able to throw off intellectual environments and to think. He is not able to judge the progress of the human race, or its "decadence," by taking sides in wars, in intellectual conflicts, or by forming personal opinions—but to him is given the ability to hear the voice of the morrow and to turn his eyes toward the sunlight of the coming day! And that voice and the sunlight come ever from the high mountains of the east!

Man in general is a slacker—and more so the intellectual man. He regards familiar voices and works of bygone days and obeys the law of the yesterday—instead of listening to the voice of his own conscience. He considers the light of the setting sun and the artificial light of his study-rooms and laboratories, of his courts and meeting places, of his streets and shops superior to the light of the Eternal dawn. Slacker—man of the big city who nanneth himself the learned, the man of knowledge, of culture—how many times, oh friend, hast thou gone out in the early morning hours to adore the wonders of the rising sun! And how many times more hast thou looked toward the sunset as the beginning of the day!

From the outset of so-called civilization to the present day the cry "decadence" was raised whenever the artificial light of any scientific school or opinion began to dim, or went out; whenever the voice of old teachers was drowned by the clarion sounds of younger educators; whenever the crumbling tables of yesterday's law were smashed to pieces by courageous seers, and an attempt was made by lovers of fresh air to wipe the dust and mold off yesterday's idols.

Man in general fancies these few men and women whom he sees around his own little "I," or with whom he has a newspaper acquaintance, are the human race. He perceives their shortcomings, their selfishness, their bad habits and emotions, and cries: "Decadence!" But being a slacker he is loath to turn out and seek the eastern skyline for signs of the daybreak. He is unwilling to search for his neighbor's good points, for his views of the world. Looking upon old tables, hewn in the rock of the Holy mountain, he supposes his neighbor's course leading backward and sees deterioration where, perhaps, a better understanding would show him true humanity.

The short-sighted sees nothing but falling leaves and decay in the autumnal landscape—sheer death. The open-minded recognizes a state of growth and change.

The one hears out of apparent chaos nothing but the thunder and turmoil of war, of rebellion, of destruction, of collapsing civilization. The other comprehends it true meaning, the throes of a new life.—Painter and Decorator.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ADOPTS SCHEME FOR SOCIALIZATION

After much quibbling and more compromise, a general socialization law, which is to serve as the basis for all subsequent socialization measures, has been passed by the German assembly.

The act provides that every German shall be guaranteed the right to earn his living by his own efforts. It pledges the government to afford him this right in case it is denied him by private employers. It provides for the transfer to the community, upon adequate payments to the present owners, of such industries as are "adapted" to "management by the community," and stipulates that the national government may assign the work of socialization to the various states, communes, or specially created economic bodies.

The act has drawn fire from both capitalists and Socialists, and apparently satisfies nobody. It is assailed by the Socialists as a compromise with the capitalist system, and by the capitalists as too revolutionary.

These vast stocks before they spoiled. But why worry about spoiling stocks when you can make it all up by raising the prices on what you have left!

ALEX. ROSS, M.L.A. ADDRESSES TRADES COUNCIL MEETING

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partial survey made and in enquiries from physicians, etc., all over this province, it would look as if probably three thousand patients, some fairly well-to-do, should be receiving treatment, or more definite treatment than they are now receiving.

"The question is a large one, and a very important one, and has its many difficulties." "I do not agree with you that it is absolutely essential that those who are able to pay should receive free treatment, in many cases at the expense of others who are possibly less able to pay; for after all it is the money of the people in this province that must be used for this and all other purposes."

"However, as I say, the matter will be up for discussion in the legislature, and the members of your council will have opportunities of judging the method to be adopted, and of further exhibiting the very proper interest they take in dealing with a very difficult and very serious problem."

Considerable discussion was aroused over the housing situation in the city. It was stated that 95 per cent of the tenants had been served with notice to quit by the first of April or stand for a raise in rent of from 75 per cent to 100 per cent. By motion it was referred to the legislative committee to bring in a report at next meeting when some definite action will be taken.

A letter from the Mayor's office, asking for co-operation with the city in making the Hudson's Bay pagant a success was referred to the executive for report.

The Moulders Union made application for affiliation as did the Stationery Engineers and Firemen. These applications were referred to the proper committees. On recommendation of the credentials committee the application of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers was accepted.

FRESNO SCHOOL TEACHERS WANT \$600 INCREASE

In a petition to the local Board of Education, public school teachers of Fresno, Cal., declare that an increase of \$600 a year is necessary for them to meet living costs.

HUGE COFFEE PROFITS GO TO RETAILERS AND WHOLESALE

A profit of 150 per cent on coffee is being divided between wholesalers and retailers in the United States, according to a government report. Compared with the 1918 retail price of coffee, consumers today are paying exactly 17 cents more a pound.

SHIPYARD WORKERS AT SEATTLE WILL GET UNION WAGES

The Price Ship Building company at Seattle has concluded to pay the union wage rate and nearly 250 striking employees have returned to work.

Every person engaged in selling merchandise at retail in Richmond, Cal., is a member of the Retail Clerks' Union. Two-thirds of the members are women.

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SHOE WORKERS REFUSE TO SUBSCRIBE TO BOSSSES' ORGANIZATION

Members of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union at Dallas, Tex., were locked out because they refuse to subscribe to a bosses' organization. The employers "believe in unions," but they must be the kind that the bosses O.K.

ZBYSCZO IS IN NEW YORK TO CHALLENGE JOE STETCHEL FOR TITLE

Stanislaw Zbysczo, the Polish wrestler, who claims the world's title at the Graco-Roman style and was second only to the late Frank Gotch, the catch-as-catch-can champion six years ago, is now in New York. Zbysczo, who was interned in Russia for over four years, returns to the U.S. to challenge for the title now held by Joe Stetche.

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