

The Labor Situation.

INTELLIGENTLY DISCUSSED.

After Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—It is a very unfortunate

circumstance that our laboring class

are so badly advised at this time,

they seem to have allowed themselves

to be persuaded by a few

silly demagogues that they can resist

the irresistible—that they, alone

all the world, can withstand the

economic forces which are gradually

surely forcing values and prices

back to the normal level.

We are always apt to think that the

economic condition is a local matter,

that in reality we are, but a small

part of the great whole, and are af-

fected to a greater or lesser degree

by every commercial wind that blows.

It might be worth while to consider

at a moment what is happening else-

where. The highest average price of

articles occurred in June of 1920,

and immediately afterwards the slump

began and has continued ever since.

The price of nearly every article of

commerce has declined, in many cases

to a lower level than that of 1913.

The price of cotton has fallen one-

third of the price of a year ago. Cotton growers

declare that it would not pay them

to pick the cotton, and suggested that

the crop should be destroyed. Wool

has been affected almost to an equal

extent and Australia at the present

moment sheep ranchers declare

that it will not pay them to shear

their sheep, and propose to let the

sheep "clip" remain on the sheep-

racks. Sugar is 2½ cents per pound

in Cuba compared to 20 cents a year

ago, and molasses in Barbados is al-

most one quarter of last year's quo-

tation. In Chicago, hogs are now

selling at 8.45 cents compared to

11.15 cents at this time last year.

Cattle are 8.05 cents compared to

11.15 cents, and sheep 4.85 cents com-

pared to 7.85 cents. Corn is 62 cents

compared to 1.76 cents, and Oats 38

cents compared to 1.04 cents. Freight

has declined to such an extent that

are million tons of shipping are now

going to the wharves. Factories have

closed down, and everywhere people

are out of work. Everywhere, also,

people who thought themselves rich

now find that their wealth was but

a bubble which has been blown clean

away. With such a universal slump,

it was obviously impossible for wa-

ges based upon war-time prices, to

be maintained, and in every sphere

prices have been reduced, often at the

request of the men themselves, and

always those who first adapt them-

selves to the changing conditions are

the best off in the long run.

A better example of the folly of

fighting the inevitable cannot be

found than in Mr. Coaker's disas-

trous experiment with fish. The

price was bound to decline anyhow,

and Mr. Coaker thought that he could

keep it up by a "regulation" or shall

we call it a "strike." We all know

the result. Our competitors sold out

at fair prices, and in the end we were

forced to take just what we could

get for our catch. The loss ran into

millions of dollars.

The coal miners in England, after

a strike of three months, have been

forced to give in and accept reduced

rates, after costing England some-

thing like one hundred million pounds.

It is said that thousands of miners can

not be put to work again because

of the damage done to the mines.

Every strike causes a certain amount

of damage in one form or another.

The delay of steamers at the present

time is a very serious matter, as they

can only be run successfully by prac-

tising the strictest economy. If they

cannot get despatch they will not run

here, or the rates of freight will have

to be put up to compensate for the

delay of the delay. It has been ex-

pected that the freight on flour would

decline, but this ill-advised strike

will undoubtedly postpone it. Prob-

Strike Situation.

Yesterday afternoon for a time it looked as if serious trouble would develop on Shea's wharf, where non-Union men were engaged loading the American steamer Bannock. During the forenoon large numbers of long-shoremen watched proceedings from Randall's wharf, and by various methods succeeded in getting some of those loading the ship to knock off work. When, however, in the afternoon work on the cargo was resumed, the men rushed through the police guard at the entrance of Shea's gate and made after the workers. The latter, seeing what was coming, fled, some getting aboard the ship, while others hid in the store. A couple, however, were captured and marched out the gateway by about two hundred men. No violence whatever was used by the Union men. About 500 people by this time had assembled, and fearing further trouble police reinforcements were sent for, all the available men of the force quickly arriving. Mr. L. Outerbridge, on behalf of the Employers' Association, addressed the men, explaining that there had been a misunderstanding and a settlement could be reached by proper negotiations. He advised the men to quit the premises. The delegates of the Union, who were present, also spoke and requested the men to leave the wharf. The men, however, were not agreeable to this, as they wanted those who had fled aboard the ship taken off, so that the work of loading would not be again resumed. Eventually delegate Coady and Inspector General Hutchings went aboard the steamer and tried to get the men ashore. They were afraid to come, however, but the Captain gave his word that they would not be again engaged at the loading. Coming ashore this was explained to the strikers, but they were still not satisfied to leave the premises. Shortly afterwards the President of the Union came and called the men to a meeting in the L.S.P.U. Hall.

Every strike or any other circumstance which adds to the cost of an article hastens the inevitable decline, and wages and prices will slump still further because of the addition made to the cost of living by the idleness of some thousands of men. Dunn's Report in the U.S. gives the decline in prices since May, 1920, as 37 per cent. The index figures for England at the end of April, 1920, were 8232; at the same date in 1921 they were 4929, a decline of 3303 points or over 40 per cent. Prices in Newfoundland have no doubt declined in equal proportion less the extra taxation of 5 to 10 per cent. The good old ship Newfoundland is sailing in very stormy waters at the present time and all hands are required on deck. If the crew loaf in their bunks instead of working the ship it will certainly be shipwreck. It is no time to strike while there are millions of idle people in the world. On the contrary it is a time when everybody is required to work harder at anything he can find to do. By this alone can we be saved from the meal and molasses of fifty years ago.

Yours truly,

ECONOMIST.

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Tor's Cove Garden Party

The annual Garden Party at Tor's Cove takes place on to-morrow and the people of the Parish have made every preparation to make it attractive and a pleasure to all who intend visiting that beautiful settlement. Nothing has been overlooked, whether it be from the point of view of sports or catering to the inner man, and some of the best musical talent from the city will be present and contribute to the evening's enjoyment. The roads being in excellent condition should induce motorists and others to take a drive in that direction, and at same time help on a worthy cause, for which the party has been promoted. A full programme of events is advertised in the daily papers, and a most enjoyable evening is assured all who attend.—adv.

Clergyman Slams Big Fight.

Glace Bay.—During the course of a sermon on Sunday evening last, Rev. A. M. McLeod, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, soundly denounced the Carpenter-Dempsey fight of Saturday, describing the affair as a brutal and disgusting exhibition. The preacher expressed regret that thousands of people should pay millions of dollars and bet millions on such an event, squandering fortunes at a time when the need of economy in the world was so great.

"These thousands sat around the ringside," said Mr. McLeod, "and watched two men engage in a brutal exhibition merely to satisfy wild, intensive passion. They gave not a thought to the thousands who are daily dying in China. He declared that the publicity given the big fight was unwarranted."

Personal.

Miss Marion I. Simmonds, of Harbor Grace, who has been in the city on a short visit to her brother, Mr. W. J. Simmonds, of the Telegram composing department, returned home by last evening's train.

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Catalina Notes.

Schooner Intrepid, Capt. James Nolan left for St. John's this morning.

S.S. Susan arrived here from St. John's Tuesday, bringing a small quantity of freight.

S.S. Senef due here to-night en route to Labrador. Mr. John Hicks, Lightkeeper, Cape Harrington, will take passage by her.

Sodfish are not very plentiful in traps yet, but a few traps have taken from two to six quintals. A strong breeze from the N.E. prevailed on Monday and Tuesday causing slight damage to some twine.

Hon. P. Templeman and Dr. A. Forbes motored to town from Bonavista this afternoon.

The Methodist Church and School Hall is now being painted and when completed will be greatly improved.

Rev. Stanley Williams spent the week

AT THE SPORTS.

One of our Dart Galleries with 300 pieces of merchandise and flash goods will add \$50 to \$100 to the receipts. Other attractions on hire at only \$2.50 each. Dutch Kid Prize Throw, Japanese Ball Game, Marble Roll Down Games. The Dutch Kid Throw took in \$75 to \$100 clear at garden parties last year. Either attraction can be worked in a 8 or 10 foot space. Ring-a-Peg and Punch Board Outfits; all winners. See us.

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end at Catalina and occupied the pulpit in the Methodist Church at both morning and evening services on Sunday—COR.

July 6, 1921

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From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind West, light; weather foggy; nothing heard passing; Bar. 29.82; Ther. 56.

G. W. V. A. Sports, Wednesday afternoon, St. George's Field.—July 9, 31 s. tu

A Long Way Off.

Dense volumes of smoke may be seen from the Northern Heads, and out towards Fresh Water Bay, scarcely anything can be discerned. So far as can be learned there are no local forest fires at present and it is assumed the smoke is from immense fires that are raging in New Brunswick.

Minard's Liniment for Burns, Etc.

LITTLE TRAFFIC.—There was very little traffic on New Gower Street to-day, which is generally a hire of industry and is usually thronged with vehicles of all sorts on Saturdays.

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