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MUCH BUSINESS BEFORE TRADES COUNCIL MEETING

Delegates Roper and Bramham Will Represent Council at Calgary Convention.

The inadequacy of scaffold inspection in this city and throughout the province was again the subject of an interesting discussion at the meeting of the Trades Council on Monday last. Delegate Cotterell of the painters' union, made a strong plea for proper attention to this matter on the part of the provincial government. He pointed out that it was not only in the city, but throughout the province, that danger to workmen lurked in connection with inadequate scaffolding. He had been in the city for a number of years and never yet had he seen a scaffold constructed that ensured perfect safety to the workmen forced to work on them. He considered that it was up to the provincial government to see to the efficient working out of the law in regard to this matter.

Delegate Geary suggested that the matter should be brought to the attention of the provincial federation of labor at its session in January, and that the position of the city commissioners on the subject would be interesting, as well. Delegate Roper urged that resolutions from interested unions should also be sent in to the federation requesting that body to have the Building Trades Protection act amended to provide that such inspection should not be left to the cities to enforce. The secretary was also instructed to communicate with the city council in connection with a more rigid supervision of scaffolding in this city.

Sanitary Conditions for Workmen.
Delegate Francis took occasion to point out the inadequacy of sanitary arrangements for workmen on new buildings, contending that it was absolutely wrong to have such conditions continue as had existed in the past. This, too, will be given further attention by interested unions.

Alex. D. Campbell, of the Amalgamated Postal Workers, wrote asking what action was being taken by council regarding the affiliation of the two unions among these workers. Both are affiliated with the council. Delegate H. Clark moved that delegates from these two unions appear at the council meetings to give what information they could in regard to the situation. A circular letter from the National Trades Union League of America, asking the council to affiliate with it, was read. The object of the league is the complete organization of women in the industrial field. On motion of Delegates Clarke and Roper, the request was acceded to.

In response to the request of the council, the secretary of the Winnipeg defense fund for the strikers on trial in that city sent a confidential statement of the receipts and expenditures, which any delegate to the Edmonton council may see if he calls at the office of Secretary McCormack. A supply of

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SENATOR CUMMINS DON'T LIKE CANADIAN "CAN'T STRIKE" LAW

U. S. Senator Cummins is not impressed with the Canadian utilities until the grievance of these workers is investigated by a government board.

Senator Cummins is urging the passage of legislation that would outlaw strikes on railroads and has declared in favor of extending this theory to all basic industries in America.

The Canadian plan is being advocated also, and Senator Cummins made this estimate of the suggestion:

"I am bound to say that my examination of the history of the legislation and of its administration has not been reassuring."

This verdict is in line with the position of Organized Labor, which has condemned the Canadian law, and also opposes Senator Cummins' plan.

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE OWNED BY UNION LABOR

The brick manufacturing plant of the International Brick Co. at El Paso, Texas, is the largest industrial enterprise owned and operated by union labor in the United States. The plant was built more than five years ago at a cost of \$400,000. The plant has a daily output of 400 tons of clay products, which include brick, hollow building tile and drainage tile. It gives employment to 120 men and its annual payroll amounts to about \$78,000. The industry has earned profits for the union.

The International Brick Co. is composed of representatives of the International Bricklayers, Plasterers and Masons' Union of America. A few years ago the members of this union conceived the idea of investing some of their surplus funds in a brick plant and El Paso was selected as the ideal location.

GOVERNMENT MAY BAN SKILLED LABOR AND MECHANICS

The Dominion government has under consideration the banning of mechanics and skilled labor from Canada during the winter months. It is believed that all this class of labor may temporarily be excluded on the ground that the supply now is fully equal to the demand considering the suspended activities of the season and the problems of unemployment that now have to be grappled with. No announcement has been made as yet as to just what will be done about the matter.

PLUMBERS WILL AFFILIATE WITH ALTA. FED. LABOR

Election of Officers and of Three Members to G.T. System Fed. At Next Meeting.

At the last meeting of Local No. 685, Plumbers and Steamfitters, it was decided to affiliate with the Alberta Federation of Labor, and the question of sending a delegate to the Federation Convention on January 5th will be settled at the next meeting of the Local, which will be held on December 26th.

Also the Local will be asked to elect three members to the Grand Trunk System Federation at the next meeting and the election of officers will also come before the meeting. All members are requested to be present at the meeting promptly at seven-thirty.

Members who were absent from last meeting will have their names called and the Local will decide if they are to be excused.

CANADA'S ARCTIC RESOURCES MAY PROVE VALUABLE

Government Commission Appointed to Make Study of Canadian Arctic Resources.

It is announced from Ottawa that a Government Commission has been appointed and is soon to meet to make a study of the resources of the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Canada, as the result of recommendations made by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian Arctic explorer, who returned a little over a year ago from a five-year voyage of discovery financed by the Dominion. It would seem that we are now about to reap some of the benefits of our undertaking and its attendant expenditure. Stefansson reports conditions favorable to the raising of immense herds of reindeer, sufficient to make Canada the meat reserve of the continent. The Commission may find a way of establishing reindeer herds up there and getting the meat down to the centres of population.

It is not generally known here that for many years English manufacturers have been turning out gloves of finest quality from the skin of the Russian reindeer, an industry which, of course, was suspended during the war. If Canada had great herds of reindeer in the north, these would not only be a source of wealth for the meat they would supply but might bring even greater wealth for their skins, which are of greater value than any other kind for glove-making purposes, and which are at present in overwhelming demand. Mr. Stefansson also reported large deposits of coal and copper in the North. He predicted on his return last year that these coal lands may some day be of great value, and said they were present on nearly every island he touched. These discoveries have at present time a special significance for us, and the appointment of the Government Commission is most timely.

OHIO EMPLOYERS NEGOTIATE THROUGH THE TRADE UNIONS

Ohio is comparatively free from strikes because of the relations that exist between employers and Organized Labor, trade unionists told Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio state university.

The educator is a member of the president's industrial conference now in session at Washington, and he has been consulting with employers and wage workers on questions that are being considered by the conference.

Trade unionists showed that this state has between 250,000 and 300,000 members of Organized Labor, nearly all of whom are in contractual relations with their employers.

While many of these employers have not publicly declared in favor of collective bargaining, the fact remains that they conduct wage and working conditions negotiations through the trade unions.

The union label disarms opposition and conquers prejudice.

I.A. OF M. WILL OPEN OFFICES IN CANADA SOON

J. A. McClelland, Can. International Vice-President Will Have Charge of Office at Montreal.

An inauguration of the International Association of Machinists that will affect Canadian lodges wonderfully, is the opening of offices in Canada. Bro. Somerville in speaking before the meeting of Local No. 817, I.A. of M. last Friday, said that it would not be very long before the Machinists had their own Canadian council and that the General Executive Board at Washington would act on the recommendations of this council.

This is something that has long been hoped for and many were the advocates of this method of conducting Canadian affairs, who fought shy of the O.B.U. in the hope that eventually their hopes and advice would be realized. The many Canadian questions that are continuously presenting themselves to the General Executive Board may now be dealt with more expeditiously on this side of the line.

Bro. J. A. McClelland, Canadian International Vice-President, is personally in charge of the office and the work of organization will be directed from this office, in addition to all the matters peculiar to Canadian Labor affairs. It is the intention of the office to have the printing and distribution of all stationary necessary for the conducting of the business of the organization done in Canada.

At present Bro. McClelland is located in Montreal, Room 104 Coronation Building, owing to the congestion in office accommodation in Ottawa. It may be mentioned that this matter of a Canadian office was put before the General Executive Board at Washington, last October by Vice-President McClelland and General Organizers Somerville and Harper. The usefulness of such an office will be dependent on just what the Canadian lodges make it and no more.

WINNIPEG PROPOSES NEW SYSTEM OF CIVIC ELECTION

A new system of election is proposed in Winnipeg. The new bill provides forty aldermen, they to elect the mayor and an executive body of controllers from among their number subject to recall on notice by the council. This council is to be divided on a basis of voting strength among the seven wards, one for each fifteen hundred names on the old voters' list and fraction thereof. The bill also provides a literary test, each voter must be able to read a section from the city charter in English and write his name. Labor may oppose this feature, as it will disfranchise thousands of electors whose analysis of the returns shows voted with labor.

STEEL OFFICIALS VOTE CONTINUATION OF STEEL STRIKE

At a conference at Washington, D.C., of twenty-four officials of unions connected with the steel industry, a continuation of the nation-wide steel workers' strike was favored. It is stated there were only two dissenting votes, most of the union leaders maintaining that victory in the controversy was in sight.

Leaders are going ahead with a plan for an active field campaign which they said will be carried on for at least four years if necessary.

BROTHERHOOD OF FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At the recent conference of the legislative committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Enginemen held at Ottawa, the following officers were elected: Chairman, W. L. Best, Ottawa; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Pratt, Toronto; Board of Directors, S. W. Nickle, Winnipeg; W. G. Graham, Lindsay, and A. J. Killingsworth, St. Thomas.

SUGAR GOUGERS GIVEN FREE HAND IN UNITED STATES

United States Attorney General Palmer announces that the government will not attempt to control the distribution and sale of sugar after December 31. This means that sugar dealers will have a free hand and that undoubtedly the price of this commodity will soar.

The attorney general says the government will prosecute dealers who demand "an unjust or unreasonable profit." As the U.S. government has permitted coal owners to charge profits that range from 15 to 800 per cent, according to Secretary of the Treasury Glass, and from 15 to 2,000 per cent, according to former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, it would be interesting to know what constitutes "an unjust or unreasonable profit."

NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52.

Whether the splendid report of the Social Committee by the Chairman of that committee was responsible for the excellent fraternal spirit that was manifested at the last meeting of the Union or not, we must acknowledge that the spirit of good will was dominant. Bro. McCool gave his report with his usual characteristic completeness, the only doubt that we have is whether his eulogies exceeded the degree of services rendered. We are convinced that any office that he holds has a capable, open-minded officer, one who invites and delights in criticism, knowing the full value of a critical survey of the project in hand. His proposals for the next social function should receive your careful consideration and active support.

Your delegate to the Convention of the A.F. of L. at Calgary has an opportunity of securing a more general knowledge of the Labor movement than is to be gained elsewhere.

The Committee investigating the Co-operative movement, in its progress report, gives you the assurance that the association's development is founded on a concrete base. The report of the association up to the present time is an example of the sterling value of the men of those who are elected to transact its business and inevitably prefaces its complete success.

We hope the indisposition of Bro. Stentil will be of short duration.

"Ten pigeons dead! My prize-winning stock of homers destroyed!" Such was the agonizing thought that flashed through the mind of a "brother" when he visited his pigeon cote a few days ago, for there lay ten of his birds, the victims of a vicious vessel, bearing a disturbance in the chicken house, upon immediate investigation, found the culprits in the act of slaughter. "Bring me my gun," he shouted to his wife and not knowing what to do, in his excitement threw his hat at the furry robber. The vessel took refuge behind the hat and the gun was fired point blank at it. The hat was destroyed, it being distributed with fragments of the refuge on the walls of the house. The marks on the walls will remain as a warning to all marauders of the fate that will be theirs if they dare to destroy either pigeons or poultry.

FIRE FIGHTERS

Local 209, Fire Fighters, are busy drafting a new agreement with the city, for 1920. There is no drastic change contemplated by the Fire Fighters to what is embodied in the present agreement.

The Fire Laddies at No. 5 Hall have a splendid skating rink alongside the hall, and they extend a hearty invitation to all young people to try it out. They also issue a challenge to any Fire Hall in the department, or an aggregation of halls to a game of curling; rocks will be supplied by the boys at No. 5. Brother Shee, who is the skip, and a past master at the "Honoring Game" will make arrangements with all parties, on being notified of their intentions of taking up the challenge.

The Fire Fighters second annual dance is to be held in the Separate School Hall on the 29th inst.; all are in hopes that it will be a repetition of last year's dance, which was a great success.

An old Fire Fighter in the person of Brother C. H. Alvord returned last Friday from overseas. He was attached to the Flying Corps in which branch he has seen considerable service. He was fortunate enough to come out alive, having an accident, falling from a height of 3,500 feet, which necessitated his confinement to hospital for over one year. Brother Alvord is a Charter member of this local, and before going "over there" ran out of No. 6 Hall.

O.N.R. MACHINISTS.

Local No. 817, I.A. of M. held its regular meeting on Friday, December 12th. The meeting was well attended and a great deal of business was put through. Although an interesting evening was spent and no little excitement was created during the election of officers for the 1920 term; not necessarily by the number of candidates for offices, but in finding suitable men for the jobs, so that all the work would not be put on the shoulders of the few. Everybody wanted the "other fellow to do it."

Bro. Stewart Jones was initiated into the organization and put to work right away scrutineering during election of officers.

Bro. Somerville, General Organizer, spoke before the meeting on the subject of the opening of I.A. of M. offices in Canada, something that has long

ROBERTSON HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH MINING OFFICIALS

Pres. Mining Department O.B.U. Denies Knowledge of Predicted Strike for January 1st.

Senator Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, who is now in Calgary, states that every effort would be made to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the coal problem in Alberta, and that he hoped to be able to announce such a settlement soon.

A conference was held at the offices of the Western Coal Operators in Calgary, Wednesday, at which Senator Robertson and Fuel Commissioner Armstrong and practically all the western coal operators and many representatives of the United Mine Workers of America attended. The viewpoints of the operators and the miners regarding a new scale of wages were put forward in a full manner, as was also the efforts of the O.B.U. agitators to disrupt the industry.

President Beard of the mining department of the O.B.U. has denied any knowledge of the possibility of a strike being called by the miners of the O.B.U. to take effect January 1st. The mine operators have refused to recognize the O.B.U. organization.

REAL STRENGTH O.B.U. ELEMENT WILL BE TESTED

When Operators Grant Increase and Agreement Brought Before Miners for Ratification.

The real strength of the O.B.U. element, which claims to be in control of the province, will be brought to the test if the operators grant the 14 per cent increase recently granted to the miners in the United States and the new agreement is brought before the miners of District 18 for ratification.

No reply has as yet been received by Messrs. Ballantyne and Dalrymple, the official representatives of the U.M.W.A., as to the attitude of the mine operators on their request for a new agreement on the 14 per cent increase basis. The international representatives are certain that the miners will place their endorsement on the agreement, and by so doing will definitely declare themselves affiliated with the old U.M.W.A. The agreement will likely be signed for one year, and will be the first agreement to be signed since the strike of last spring and summer, when the O.E.U. caused a split in the ranks of the miners.

CHICAGO ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION HAS AFFILIATED

The Chicago Actors' Equity Association has affiliated with the local Federation of labor. Prominent players constitute the delegation to the central body.

been hoped for in this country.

The "Machinists' Blue Book," published by the I.A. of M. Publishing Co., N.Y., is not generally known yet, but several subscriptions were taken at the meeting Friday. This Blue Book is the result of the compilation of the best ideas of the membership along the lines of general shop practices, shop talks, short cuts, and quick methods of the trade and will no doubt be good. It is a book 6 1/2 inches in size, contains 500 to 600 pages and is to cost \$3 to the members. But here is an inducement: The much talked of "Liberty Motor" of the U.S. government is a thing worth studying, so our Publishing Co. is sending free a complete set of drawings of this engine to those who subscribe before January 1st, by depositing \$1 only.

Bro. Lydon, of Winnipeg, was nominated by this lodge for Section Chairman; Bro. Hawker of our own lodge for Section Member. The following is the result of the elections: President, Bro. Andrew Shanks; Vice-President, Bro. Samuel McGaughey; Recording Secretary, Bro. W. J. Mathew; Financial Secretary, Bro. H. Crook; Treasurer, Bro. C. A. McKim; Trustees, 18 months, Bro. C. Roy Kottmeier; 12 months, Bro. C. Arthur Cairns; 6 months, Bro. Robert White; Inside Sentinel, Bro. Harry Kennet; Conductor, Bro. Stewart Jones; Trades and Labor Council Delegates, Bro. Findlay, Cairns, and C. Smith; Shop Committee, Bro. Cairns, Davis and Smith; Federation Committee, Bro. Hawker, Findlay and Woods; Sick and Visiting Committee, Bro. Cook, McGaughey and H. Neat.

A committee was appointed on motion of Bro. Cairns to go into the matter of an "evening of joy" on January 9th, the night of the installation of officers. Bro. J. Findlay and E. Cook were appointed.

STREET RAILWAY MEN SEEK FULL PAY FROM COMPENSATION BOARD

Edmonton Street Railwaymen's Union, has asked the city commissioners to take up the matter of securing for employees full pay from the Workmen's Compensation Board for sickness or injury caused by accidents over which they had no control. The commissioners are taking up the question with the attorney general, the premier, the minister of municipalities and the Compensation Board.

SYDNEY, N.S. MAN IS CAN. VICE-PRES. OF STEEL WORKERS

Election of Ernest Curtis Gives Canadian Members Recognition Long Looked Forward To.

The election of Ernest Curtis of Sydney, Nova Scotia, for Canadian International Vice-President of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, gives the Canadian members of that organization the recognition they have looked forward to since the time they first affiliated with the A.A.

His election is the result of the count made by the A.A. International Election Board of the votes cast by the membership in the election of a vice-president for the Canadian district, which was provided for by the Louisville convention, which was held last May.

Mr. Curtis is of fine personal appearance and has a pleasing form of address and that he will receive the hearty support of his Canadian constituency, goes without saying. Their co-ordinated efforts should soon put the Canadian district in the proud position of leading all other districts in the International.

ALBERTA ALLIANCE SHOW THEY ARE AHEAD OF TIMES

Democratic Urge Pushing Organized Labor to Seek Co-operation is Also Compelling Teachers.

The demand that is being made by the Alberta Teachers' Alliance for some share in the control of the work to which they are giving their lives will no doubt be received with favor, both by school boards, and also by the educational department. School boards are in a sense the employer—the teacher most matters from the point of view of taxes and finance, and at times perhaps from the view of the children, but seldom if ever from the angle from which the teacher sees things. Education itself, the conduct of the school, and a living salary, are the teachers' problems. There ought to be, and we believe must be, a point of contact established between teachers and school boards.

With this in view the Alberta Alliance propose that a teachers' committee shall act in an advisory capacity with the school board. In the case of a country school, the teacher will of course constitute the committee, and will attend the board meetings. Apart from the democratic principle involved in this proposal, the boards will be able to have expert advice from the teachers on educational matters, and this co-operation between the teaching profession and school boards should be of value.

We believe that the teachers should go further with their demand for a share in control of educational affairs. Why not have a provincial committee to advise the minister of Education? In the changes that are necessary in educational aims, in curricula, and in matters of professional teaching, the teacher who knows the problems as no one else can know them ought to be consulted.

In taking the step leading to co-operation between teacher and school board, the Alberta Alliance show that they are abreast of the times. The democratic urge that is pushing into politics, and pushing Organized Labor to seek co-operative control of industry, is also compelling the teachers to seek joint control with trustees of the great and important work of education. We will observe the progress of the Alliance in this regard with interest, and wish the teachers every success.—Western Independent.

The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has set aside a law passed by congress to regulate rents in the nation's capital. The act confiscates property declared the court, which insisted that the constitution is not superseded by a declaration of war and that ample provision can be made for the nation's defense without disregarding the constitution.

RUSSELL TELLS REASONS FOR GENERAL STRIKE

Justice Metcalfe Rules That Premiers Have No Business in Settlement of Strikes.

R. B. Russell, one of the Winnipeg strike leaders on trial charged with seditious conspiracy, took the witness stand in his own defense Wednesday. He said that low wages, refusal of the employers to recognize trades unions and order-in-council prohibiting strikes, were the reasons for unrest among the workmen in 1917 and 1918, leading up to the general strike in 1919.

He stated that there had been no conspiracy to overturn the government of Canada; that he had never advocated force or unlawful means for an illegal purpose; that the general strike called on May 15 had just been resorted to in order to support the metal trades workers in their fight for the principle of collective bargaining.

Mr. Russell stated that the general strike was arranged under the impression that the mere threat of it would make the employers give way; and that on the first day of the strike, labor having shown its solidarity, the strike committee approached the city council with offers to release men for the operation of certain industries in order to keep hardship to the minimum, which offers were "jumped at." He stated the issue of permit cards for the protection of the workers released had the sanction of the city council's representatives and that it was the citizen's committee that had introduced the bolshevik coloring by asserting that these permit cards represented soviet control of the city and the city's industries.

In referring to the government railway board he said that the government representative, Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of interior, in answer to a refusal of the railway shippers to accept the award of the board in 1918, said that the workers would be put in khaki and forced to work.

A feature of the night session was an important declaration by Mr. Justice Metcalfe regarding the duty of premiers in connection with the settlement of strikes, once efforts at averting them had failed. The matter was raised by the counsel for the defence, and his lordship ruled as follows:

"Premiers and others have no business in the settlement of a strike once it has started. A strike is a matter between the employer and his workmen. If they are right they should win. If they are wrong and break the law of the province, all a premier has to do is to punish for the breach of the law."

The point was raised as a result of a statement which Russell said Mayor Gray had told him had been made by Premier T. C. Norris. This statement was to the effect that the premier had refused to do anything toward settling the strike until the permit cards had been withdrawn by the strike committee.

The examination of the witness was in the hands of J. Edward Bird, K.C., Vancouver, while the counsel for the crown was A. J. Andrews, K.C.

LOS ANGELES PAPER TELLS WHY JAPS ARE NOW OPPOSED

When Organized Labor was demanding exclusion of the Japanese 20 years ago, many newspapers and organizations that now demand exclusion were "deaf, dumb, blind and paralyzed," says the Citizen, owned by the Los Angeles trade union movement.

"But there's a reason," continues the labor paper. "When the slant-eyed Orientals first commenced to swarm to this state they were willing to work for low wages. Now they are entering all lines of business and seriously interfering with the profits of men who do not work with their hands. Hence the howl. They were so blessing when they cut wages; they are a curse since they cut profits."

SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA ESTABLISHES SOVIET RULE

Once again Cape Breton has established the Soviet rule. This time, it is the Sydney Trades and Labor Council who are at the head of it, so says Nova Scotia's biggest hypocritical newspaper, the Halifax Herald. Because the Sydney Trades and Labor Council stands for the organization of the city police, they have overthrown constituted authority and established Soviet rule.—Workers' Weekly.

STREET RAILWAY LINE MEN GET WAGE INCREASE

After a four-days' strike organized line men employed by the Cincinnati street car company have raised wages \$1 a day, secured double time for Sunday and night work, pay for six holidays off during the year, and double time when called out after regular hours on special work.

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PREMIUM SYSTEM IS OPPOSED BY ORGANIZED LABOR
Shipyards Workers Along Atlantic Coast Are Experiencing Trouble Over This System.
Shipyards workers along the Atlantic coast are experiencing some trouble with the new yards, where the officials are trying to introduce a premium system. The Hog Island Yard is one place where this system is held up before the men.
The system is to give a man or a group of men a certain space to do, and they will get so much for doing it. The amount is set by a rate setter, and if you are not satisfied you can go to the foreman, and if he feels like allowing you any more for the job, he will do it, but can you imagine what objections the last man on the job will make against any rate that is set for them? Or what they will be willing to do the work for. If this system should prevail it will be dog eat dog.
Many of the members are not giving the proper support toward resisting this system. They can only see the immediate relief in the way of a dollar or two they might receive for the time being. It seems they are unable to see the dishonest and degrading effect it has on men who work under these systems and at the present time charges are being investigated where it is held that the foremen have been receiving presents from some of the men so that they might get jobs that pay the highest price, also that they may receive higher prices on their work.
With these things going on, besides the dishonest methods of the management in the reduction of established rates of prices, it is hard to see why men are willing to encourage such systems.
Many of the men believe labor organizations are opposed to these systems because employers hold it is done to restrict production. Such is not true. It is opposed for the reason that it is dishonest and degrading, and the additional reason that it affords opportunity to the foremen to favor his friends and punish his enemies. It is not the purpose of Labor organizations to assist in obtaining better pay for its members and to secure better working conditions, but they are pledged to work for the uplift and conservation of humanity and to make a better people. There are many reasons why Organized Labor should oppose these systems.—Blacksmiths Journal.

COLLEGE GRADUATES FORM TRADE UNION FOR PROTECTION
N.Y. Technical Graduates Learn That Not Exclusiveness But Co-operation Wins Success.
There is an impression that the technical professions are very well paid. Young men by thousands are fitting themselves to become mechanical, electrical, and civil engineers.
But there are so many young technical graduates that they cannot obtain adequate pay and hence they create a kind of educated proletariat. In New York they have been so underpaid by profiteering employers that they have organized a trades union and are asking salary increases of \$500 a year.
This affects 3,100, including junior engineering assistants, chemists, architects and inspectors in engineering work. The present college system tends toward an over-supply of educated workers and a killing competition among them.
If young men realized how poorly paying the technical professions are, especially at the outset, far less would go to college but would enter the more remunerative and useful trades.
The value of college education is greatly overestimated. Now that the workers are well paid, there is not the reason that formerly existed for spending four years and several thousand dollars for something that no longer guarantees a good income with relief from hard work.
In breaking with all college traditions and lining up with the working people the young technical graduates of New York have learned that not exclusiveness, but co-operation wins success.

UNITY BETWEEN CO-OPS AND TRADE UNIONISTS IS STRENGTHENED
Unity between the co-operative movement and trade unionism in Great Britain has been strengthened because of the nine-days' nation-wide railroad strike which started September 26 last. Certain railway companies withheld strikers' wages and several co-op societies stepped in and supplied these workers with credit. The strike was ended before this plan was generally applied, but the matter was discussed at a meeting of the local point advisory council of trade unionists and co-operatives. It was agreed that the national advisory council should immediately secure a national agreement with the unions representing workers engaged in the production and distribution of food, with the co-op movement as the food distributing agency to trade unionists and members of the co-op, societies and to establish trade union and co-op emergency committees to make this decision effective.
The co-op societies are now supplying food to iron molders who are on strike for wage conditions.

CHICAGO CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE MOST REMARKABLE ONE
The recent co-operative conference in Chicago was the most remarkable gathering of its kind ever held in the United States. Representatives of Organized Labor, the railway brotherhoods, co-op societies and organized farmers were present, and every speaker emphasized the necessity of unity between these forces. President Gompers forwarded this message:
"May I say that the American Federation of Labor is whole heartedly with you in your work for co-operation, both in buying and selling, and trust that it may grow and expand."

LABOR BUREAU REPORTS BUTCHERS' WAGES ARE LOW
In a 1,000-page volume, the United States bureau of labor statistics has compiled wages and hours of labor in the slaughtering and meat packing industry in this country for the year 1917.
It is shown that 3,441 workers were employed as cattle killers and that 49 per cent, or approximately one-half, were paid under 27 1/2 cents an hour and only 1 per cent were paid 60 cents an hour or over.
The report shows that 62 of the 74 establishments which pay employees weekly have employees who slaughter cattle.

TEXAS EDITOR SAYS OPEN SHOP FUNDAMENTAL TENANT OF I.W.W.
The Fort Worth, Tex. Star-Telegram declares against the anti-union wage in that state that is being cloak by the so-called "open shop." The editor says:
"We want no such movement in Fort Worth, for to start such a movement is simply beginning an aggressive fight on trade unions. It is a fundamental tenant of the I.W.W. that the workers should have no contracts with the employers, but enforce conditions by strikes whenever they have the power. The system of contract between employers and organized workmen is the system of industrial peace. We must not join with the I.W.W. in declaring against that system."

ALBERT THOMAS FRENCH LABORITE HEADS LABOR BOARD
At the closing session of the international labor conference at Washington, Albert Thomas, French laborite, was chosen director general of the international labor office, with headquarters at the seat of the league of nations.
The labor conference made several recommendations regarding the welfare of workers which will be considered by the various nations affiliated with the league of nations. The international labor office will compile statistics and carry on an education in behalf of declarations of the conference, which was attended by representatives of nearly two score of governments, and employers and employed of those countries.
The union label signifies the application in industrial life of those rules which every good citizen applies in individual life.

PURPOSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE BLOCKED
The British national industrial conference, called by Premier Lloyd George last February, has not lived up to its widely advertised purpose to settle industrial unrest.
The conference included representatives of employers and employed. A joint committee was appointed and among the declarations was a demand for legislation that would establish a universal 48-hour week. The full conference accepted this declaration. Now the government wants to exclude agricultural workers, seamen, the police and other persons. The trade union section of the joint committee has refused to continue, under these circumstances, and is arranging to meet the employers' section of the committee. If satisfaction cannot be secured the workers will insist that the national industrial conference be again convened.

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Before Becoming Ontario's Minister of Labor He Was Editor of Hamilton Labor News.
Hon. Walter Rollo, Hamilton, who was recently selected as minister of labor in the new Ontario government, has for some time been editor of the Labor News and much of the success of the labor candidates at the last Ontario election was due to his hard work and splendid organizing ability.
The new minister of labor is unassuming, clear-sighted and thoroughly dependable. He takes the surprising victory of the farmers and labor men calmly, realizing that their work is just beginning. He agrees with his chief, Premier Drury, that there will be no class legislation under the new regime and although most of the new party are inexperienced in legislative work, he feels that the platform of the Independent Labor party will have a material effect in simplifying things.
Mr. Rollo is 44 years of age and until he became editor of the Labor News was a broom maker. He was born in Scotland, but came to Canada in 1882 and since he was a young lad has made his living by sheer hard work. For 23 years he has been in the labor movement and has held every office in the local union at Hamilton and the same in the Trades and Labor Council. He has been secretary of the latter body for the past 10 years and has been a representative from Hamilton at 10 conventions. He was active in forming the Labor party in 1907 and was president of the organization.
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Mr. Rollo said that he had never cast a partisan vote but always supported the best man.
Mr. and Mrs. Rollo are very unassuming people and have no wish to become social leaders. Their minds are occupied after their home with the service they can render others.

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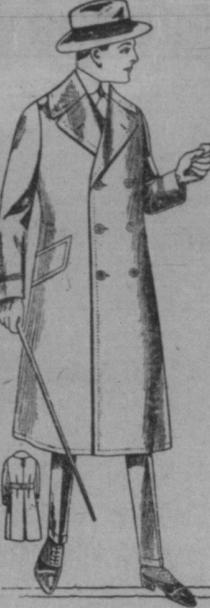
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UNITED STATES IS BEHIND IN EDUCATIONAL TEST

Majority Children Leave School Because Not Interested In What It Provides.

In summarizing results of its back-to-school campaign the children's bureau of the United States department of labor says it is conditions such as these "that make the United States eighth instead of first on the list of civilized countries with regard to the proportion of literacy among its citizens."

"One out of every 10 adults living in cities in the United States can not read or write, one out of every five country adults is illiterate—and the states in which there is a high percentage of illiteracy are the states in which there is a high percentage of rural child labor. There are no laws that prohibit the employment of children in agriculture and three-fourths of all working children work on farms."

"Many children were found to be working in violation of the statutes of their states, and many children of school age were in factories because there was not a sufficient number of attendance officers and factory inspectors to keep them in school and out of industry."

"In one state it was found that 10,895 children did not go to school at all last year. In a single district an inspector reported 1,700 children as not having a day of schooling. In many rural districts the children attend school only about half the time, and the hours of rural schools are very short."

The report shows a scarcity of school buildings. It is stated that if all children attended school, 40 per cent of them would have to stand. Low salaries of teachers is also a factor, as present wage standards are driving teachers from this profession for better paid work.

While strictly enforced compulsory school attendance legislation is essential, the children's bureau says this is not a complete remedy, as schools must be made so plainly attractive that boys and girls will want to attend. It is stated that investigations show that the majority of children leave school because they are not interested and the school fails to provide the training which meets their needs.

ONE BIG UNION DESIRES LENINE DICTATORSHIP

American Bolsheviki have a new doll to play with—stuffed with dynamite, says the Saturday Evening Post. They call it the One Big Union. But they do not mean the One Big Union that Lincoln meant, in which men of all conditions and interests shall have equal representation, and the majority shall rule. They mean a Lenine dictatorship by an organized minority to be achieved through a general strike—in other words, by holding a gun to the community's head.

The general strike is an invention of syndicalism for the purpose of overthrowing established government and reducing society to complete helplessness under the hands of revolutionary wage earners. Revolution and dictatorship are what it means, as the people of Winnipeg discovered when they found that the ordering of their daily lives had passed out of the hands of their elected government into the hands of an irresponsible strike committee by whose favor alone they were to move and eat.

General strike is not collective bargaining or bargaining of any sort. It is an attempt at revolutionary dictatorship and must be dealt with as revolution by a counter organization of all the members of the community who are not willing to submit to dictatorship, which is what finally happened in Winnipeg.

The people who are talking One Big Union do not want collective bargaining or democracy. They want dictatorship through complete industrial paralysis. It would turn out to be not a dictatorship that fairly represented the body of wage earners, but one by a few of the most reckless blatherers, for when you cut away from democracy it is the most reckless band that seizes the tiller. This One Big Union and general strike stunt is Bolshevism. The records of those who are most zealously advocating it show the idea behind it—Garment Worker.

The distinguishing characteristic of the union label is its assurance against deception. When an article ceases to be union-made it ceases to bear the union label.

WORKERS' DERIVE ONE LESSON FROM THE STEEL STRIKE

One lesson that has been driven home to the workers because of the steel strike is the power municipal executives wield in administering laws, says the Amalgamated Journal, official magazine of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

"Laws have been so framed," says Editor Ben L. Davis, "that a mayor or burgess can laugh at the right of citizenship, guaranteed by state and federal constitutions. Under the pretense of preserving law and order these officials have the power to impose the greatest injustices upon men who never had a blemish upon their community life."

"There is a mighty task and responsibility before the working men of this country. They must right this wrong. In the first place they must pay attention to who they cast their votes for for mayor, sheriff, governor, judges. They must see to it that corporations do not in the future get their votes as they have been getting them in the past."

"The workers must try to have these unjust class laws that are being used against them in this strike repealed. Class laws enslave, they bind the lives of the workers with conditions that are degrading to them."

"DOWN THE REDS" CRY TO SHIELD THE PROFITTEERS

Deport Reds and Continue Profiteering and Discontent Will Be Only Doubled.

George W. Perkins, president of the Cigar Makers' International union, declares that the cry of "down the reds" must not be used as a shield for "miserable profiteering," or to secure legislation that would throttle liberty. Writing in the official journal of the Cigar Makers' union, this trade unionist says: "While there may be an honest desire on the part of some to eradicate by deportation or otherwise the destructive radicals, there is apparently an element hiding behind this movement who would seize the present opportunity to fasten upon the statute books of the nation and state legislation calculated to restrict and nullify the activities of the constructive trade union movement. These trade union opponents operating behind the mask of 'down the reds' are trying to put on the statute books laws to prevent the constructive trade unions from carrying forward their legitimate, lawful trade union activities."

"Against these people we protest, and denounce them as sailing under false colors. All liberty loving people, even those outside of the trade union movement, stand in danger of having their rights and liberties curtailed or abrogated under the guise of 'throttle the reds.' We are not of the destructive, radical type and hold no brief for such, but we don't propose to see the trade unions strangled or crushed by the same gentry and tactics they employ in their efforts to strangle and crush somebody else."

"Just so long as there is miserable profiteering there will be discontent and unrest which repressive laws will not prevent. Deport the 'reds' and continue profiteering, and two discontented protestants against the profiteering gang of robbers will spring up in the place of every one deported."

ILLINOIS LABOR ASK IMPEACHMENT JUDGE ANDERSON

The National Labor Party Convention, recently held at Chicago, formulated a petition asking for the impeachment of Judge A. B. Anderson. This petition was sent out to all Local Unions and Central Bodies of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, together with an appeal from President McDonald to the members to demand the impeachment of Judge Anderson and to obtain as many signatures to the petition as possible and forward same to the United States Congress.

The appeal sets forth the facts that this is the first time that a federal judge has gone to such an extreme, and it is an exceedingly dangerous proposition when one man is permitted to nullify the rights of American citizens in this manner, and if the precedent is allowed to be established, no doubt this course will be used in other strikes for all time to come. Since federal judges are appointed for life, this demand for impeachment is the only recourse left to labor.

Nearly 200 miners voted to return to work at the mines of the Mineral State Coal Co., at Moundsville, W. Va., and when their committee called at the office to notify the management to this effect gunmen ordered them off the premises.

The coal owners told the miners they would not meet them, and miners living in company houses are being urged to sign individual contracts in which they agree not to join the miners' union while in the company's employ.

The situation in Moundsville has been called to the attention of Attorney General Palmer, but as yet no federal injunction has been issued against the company for interference with the production of coal.

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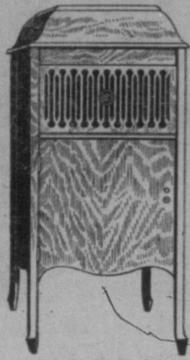
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VACCINATION Not Compulsory in Alberta

The following facts may be of interest to those who have a conscientious reason for opposing compulsory vaccination:
In February 1915, the Appellate Court of the Province of Alberta handed down a decision in a case brought against the School Board and the Health Board of the City of Edmonton, abolishing Compulsory Vaccination in this Province.

During the last session of the Legislative Assembly a clause was inserted in the new Provincial Health Act, to again place Compulsory Vaccination in force, regardless of the unanimous decision of five Supreme Court judges constituting the Court that rendered the decision above mentioned. Many of the more liberally minded members of the Assembly refused to abridge the rights of the public granted by the Appellate Court, and this attempt was strongly opposed by Farmer and Labor members, as well as members of both Government and Opposition parties.

In Toronto upon the 15th of the present month the Toronto City Council refused absolutely in a body to pass an ordinance to establish Compulsory Vaccination upon a recommendation from the Provincial Health Board.

The Hon. W. E. Gladstone said of Vaccination: "A more glaring travesty of justice to a British born subject could not be imagined, than that of forcing a man against his inclination and convictions to submit his body to this form of inoculation and dangerous pollution."

Blackstone the great authority on Law, in his commentaries says: "No laws are binding on the human subject which assault the body or violate the conscience. To perform an operation upon a child without the consent of its parent or guardian constitutes assault, and is punishable as such."

The public is suffering from an epidemic of Small-pox fear, engendered by the propaganda or professional advertising of the class of individuals who are greatly interested in promoting this form of autocratic control over the public mind for reasons of a purely selfish kind. Prof. Wassermann of the Wassermann Institute, London, has proven vaccine to contain syphilis in a series of many experiments.

And dozens more of the leading Medical men, University professors and Scientists have proven vaccine to contain germs of the following varieties that prove mortal in numerous cases. Such diseases as diphtheria, tetanus or lockjaw, spinal meningitis, tuberculosis, blood-poisoning, anthrax, crissipelas, etc.

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Quite an interesting study in connection with the violin is that of all musical instruments, it has not been improved or changed in form for the past two hundred years. About the year 1700, Antonius Stradivarius, the immortal master of violin making, was entering on his "golden period," in which he made many of his most glorious masterpieces, some of which are, at the present day, delighting multitudes on the concert platform.

Now, two centuries after, our best violin makers are devoting their best efforts to make violins which are, to a hair's breadth, exact copies of these marvelous instruments.

Think of the improvements which have been made in other instruments during that time. Compare the wonders of a modern grand piano, with its magnificent sonority and singing tone, to the tinkling harpsichord of that day; contrast the great organs of today with their wilderness of pipes and vast resources of tone, to the simple organs of the day of Bach; think of the inventions which have made modern wind instruments marvels of tone, the invention of the Boehm system flute, the development of the modern French horn and other brass instruments. In the face of all this the violin has remained the same in every respect as when it left the hands of Stradivarius, Guarnerius, Maggini and the other masters of violin making.

While no improvements have been made in the violin for two hundred years, which have come into really general use, with the exception of the lengthening of the neck and increasing the size of the bass bar, which are mere details, it is not because violin makers have not tried to improve it. Thousands have experimented, and countless theories have been tested, but all to no avail. A few changes and alleged improvements have come into very limited use for a brief period, only to sink into oblivion in a short time. The clincher is about the only invention which has come into really general use.

Every little while some inventor thinks of some change in the violin which he believes is bound to revolutionize the art of violin making, or of some little improvement which will work wonders in the tone, but all to no avail. Possibly at some future time some genius will discover some really radical improvement for the violin, but although thousands of bright minds all over the world have been working on the problem for the past two hundred years, there have been few results of real importance.

SAN CARLO STARS EN ROUTE HERE

All who love grandeur and beauty in musical art are looking with deep interest to the four productions at the Empire theatre for three days starting Monday, December 29, by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, which comes for its third Edmonton engagement. Representatives of the company have been in the city and completed arrangements for the coming of the big organization.

The hundred members will reach Edmonton on Sunday evening, December 28, from Calgary, after a three days engagement there at the Grand theatre. Following the local engagement, the artists will take a special train over the C.P.R. and journey back to the southern city, there to give three more days of music drama in all, ten different performances.

The company has a great repertoire for Edmonton, as will be seen from the following: Monday, December 29, Lucia Di Lammermoor, with Queena Mario, the coloratura, in the title role; Tuesday, Carmen, with Mlle. Stella DeMette, contralto, and Manuel Salazar, tenor, in the cast; Wednesday matinee, Tales of Hoffman with Miss Mario again in the beautiful double role of "Olympia" and "Antonia"; Wednesday evening, Il Trovatore, with Bettina Freeman, dramatic star from the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, in the leading feminine character, and Salazar again in his famous role of "Manrico."

FOUR MILLION WOMEN IN U.S. WILL FIGHT H.C.L.

The savings division of the United States Treasury department has organized an army of 4,000,000 women to fight against the high cost of living. This army represents ten national organizations of women.

A great thrift campaign, beginning January 1st and continuing until April, will be conducted in an effort to induce women to keep strict accounts of their daily expenditures in order by study of them to eliminate unnecessary items. It is planned that the amounts saved by this means would be invested in government securities.

The union label is invulnerable to the injunction, the lockout, and the blacklist.

DRAMATIC SOPRANO WITH OPERA COMPANY

One of the most prominent and talented of the new artists of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company on tour this season is Bettina Freeman, dramatic soprano, a former leading singer at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, London, and one of the original principals of the Boston Opera Company, under Henry Russell, where, in fact, she started her career. Miss Freeman co-starred at the Hub's famous music temple with such notables as Mme. Nordica and the late, lamented Constantino, tenor.

Following her Boston triumphs Miss Freeman toured England with the Quinlan opera forces, and was then engaged with Sir Thomas Beecham's company at His Majesty's Theatre in the English capital. After a year in concert the soprano returned to opera in Covent Garden, appearing before the King and Queen of England, and the King and Queen of Spain, meantime giving a private concert in the palace of the Duke of Westminster before Princess Henry of Battenburg. The present tour with the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, which comes here for its third annual visit on Monday, December 29th, is her first extensive journey in this country. She joined these appealing forces recently at Winnipeg, making her debut as "Santuzza," (Cavalleria Rusticana), and scoring a pronounced success. In this city she will be heard in the role of "Leonora" (Il Trovatore).



Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" at the Monarch Next Week.

FORESTERS PLAN BIG WHIST DRIVE AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Foresters' Lodge, Edmonton I. O. F., at their last meeting formed a committee to arrange for a big social gathering of Foresters, Companions and others interested in the world-wide work of this order.

This entertainment will take the form of a New Year's reunion and it is planned to have a Whist Drive and social entertainment with refreshments. The entertainment will be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, 10030 Jasper avenue. Prizes for the drive are already promised.

Foresters, Companions and members at large should get in touch with Secretary J. A. Kinney, phone 82313 to help make this event a big success by offering their services for the welfare of the order.

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CITIZEN'S BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT IN EMPRESS THEATRE

The Edmonton Citizen's Band will give a concert in the Empress Theatre next Sunday evening, December 21st, the proceeds of which will go to the Christmas fund for the poor children of the city. The program for this concert is promised to be made up of very fine selections.

The concert given by the Citizen's Band in the Pantages last Sunday, was well attended by an appreciative audience, the theatre being filled to capacity. This was the fourth of the entertainments to be offered by the Citizen's Band and at which the usual selections of high class music was rendered.

MADGE KENNEDY IN GOLDWYN COMEDY

Here's a rather remarkable little story about Madge Kennedy, the comedienne who will be featured on the screen of the Allen theatre for three days starting Christmas, in her very latest Goldwyn picture, "Strictly Confidential."

It is the usual thing for the players chosen to support Miss Kennedy to discuss among themselves the personality and capabilities of the winsome artist. To each succeeding cast she is a new experience and in California particularly she is a revelation to her associates. One has to know Madge Kennedy to realize fully how different she is and how delightful. The only dispute she ever causes is whether her charm exceeds her versatility. And the factions eventually agree that she is too remarkable as an individual to allow those who know her best to think of her as a favorite of the public. Then the discussion starts afresh. John Bowers, who is Miss Kennedy's leading man in "Strictly Confidential," becomes the spokesman at these little controversies. Tully Marshall, who has played with her, contends that the star is one of the finest artists he has ever met.

"It is her grasp of a character's psychology and her finesse in expressing it that makes me enthusiastic over Miss Kennedy," says Mr. Marshall. "No one appreciates more than I do," opines Clarence R. Badger, her director, "what her sense of the comic means. She is unlike any other star because her personality is not only different, but her sense of comedy also is different."

John Bowers declares that her spirit of give and take in acting is an important item in her popularity with those fortunate enough to appear with her.

SASKATOON HAS YOUNGEST FIRE CHIEF IN DOMINION

Former Captain Jack Faithfull, chief of the Saskatoon Fire Department has the distinction of being the youngest Fire Chief in the Dominion. He is 31 years old and has served for ten years as senior captain before being appointed to fill the vacancy of chief of the Saskatoon Fire Department in October.



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ANITA STEWART IS COMING TO ALLEN

A quaint old English Cockney character is presented in "Mind the Paint Girl," a First National feature, presenting Anita Stewart and to be shown at the Allen theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The character is that of Mrs. Upjohn, mother of Lily, the part played by Anita Stewart. She has lived all her life in the tenement districts, where her husband kept a small shop. Suddenly her daughter rises from a chorus girl to fame as a star. She is transplanted from the depths of poverty and ignorance to the realms of wealth, where even the nobility pays homage to her daughter.

But she is a sturdy old character, and although she drops her "I's" where they should be and puts them in where they "haint," she is not the slightest embarrassed by the glitter around her, and talks to all on an equal footing. She even yawns in the nobles' faces if she should feel sleepy, which she usually does at the midnight parties. But she is a watchful mother, and chases all the guests unceremoniously away when she thinks her daughter tired out, and will take the part of none of them in the suit for her daughter's hand.

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The Woman's Page

ONTARIO TEACHERS WILL DEMAND A \$1,000 MINIMUM

A minimum salary of \$1,000 will be demanded by the Ontario Public School Teachers. This was decided upon at a special meeting of a committee of the Ontario Educational Association last Saturday, and a deputation was appointed to wait on the minister of education with regard to the salary question.

WOMAN'S CENTURY PERTURBED OVER W'PEG SECESSION

Suppose Winnipeg Ladies Are Radicals, Reactionaries and Behind the Times.

The Grain Growers' Guide has the following comment to make upon the position which the Woman's Century, the official organ of the National Council of the National Council after the secession of the Winnipeg Local Council from the National Council after the Regina convention.

"Woman's Century is perturbed over the secession of the Winnipeg Local Council. They express a 'feeling of deep regret and disapproval.' They suppose that the Winnipeg ladies, who are spokes of as radicals and progressives, are in fact reactionary and behind the times." Finally, they repeat a statement, "that certain sinister influences have contributed to the action of this particular council, and that the long arm of 'party politics' is endeavoring to clutch the women's organizations and break up their cohesion."

"Certainly, it is strange if the Winnipeg council expected anything else but disapproval of their action from Woman's Century, the official organ of the National Council. However, to hear that they are reactionary and behind the times, and this from the editors of Woman's Century, will probably be a surprise. The action of the Winnipeg Council was taken as a protest against the reactionary and behind-the-times National Council. This is a question of opinion, we suppose, and will be settled probably when the party of the first part proves her case to the satisfaction of the party of the second part, or vice versa. We predict that the time element will figure prominently in the settling of the case.

"It is a long step to see the hand of party politics in the move of the Winnipeg Council in seceding. With Woman's Century supporting the National Policy of Sir John A. Macdonald, of 1878, the policy that coined the phrases, 'Home Market,' and 'Made in Canada,' and considering the resolution passed at the National Council, reference to which has been made in these columns before, to do with prohibiting the export of foodstuffs, etc., until there was sufficient in Canada to bring down the cost of living, and the lining-up of many of the leaders of the National Council behind the United Women Voters, who stand on a plank of centralized imperial control, a plank inseparably connected with political parties, one marvels at the presence of the editors of Woman's Century in discerning the hand of party politics breaking up the organization through the Winnipeg secession.

"One does not censure a minister of the crown for resigning from his cabinet on a matter of continued disagreement with the other members of the council. Yet the Woman's Century advises remaining in affiliation, with the National Council when the component parts are in continued disagreement. A strange logic to advise the desertion of principle for only an outward semblance of inward unanimity of opinion."

CHURCH NOTES.

The Pro-Cathedral of All Saints, Rev. E. Pierce-Goulding, Dec. 21st, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11, Matins and Litany; sermon "Christ's Message"; 3 p.m., Church school and mission church school; 7:30 p.m., Evensong and sermon "Behold The Days Come" Woodward. Christmas Eve, 11:30 p.m., Holy Communion; Christmas Day, 7 and 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins and sermon; 12, Holy Communion.

Church of God, 10003 82nd avenue, Strathcona, hold Sunday school 10 a.m. Preaching services, 11 a.m.; Young People's meeting, 6 p.m.; Evangelistic services, 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. On Sunday, December 21st at 2:30 p.m. the pastor will preach at the Strand theatre, Strathcona, on the subject of "Judgment." Everybody is invited to attend these services. No admission. S. E. McKenney, pastor.

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The best attended social function yet held by the railroadmen of Edmonton was that given by the Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in Separate School Hall on Monday evening last. The dance started at 8:30 and lasted until 2:30 a.m., over 500 people being in attendance. The railroad men were fully represented among the guests of the evening. Mrs. Leon Vance gave a number of excellent piano selections, which were enjoyed by all, and at the midnight hour refreshments were served to the many guests.

ONTARIO WOMEN ASK PREMIER FOR MANY REFORMS

Minimum Salary for Teachers Given Little Encouragement by Premier Drury.

A deputation representing the Ontario provincial committee of the National Council of Women, recently appealed to Premier E. C. Drury for a number of reforms, among which are the following:

- More women factory inspectors, the field for their work having increased enormously.
- Mothers' allowance and consideration for the deserted wife and the unmarried mother.
- Minimum wage law for women workers as now obtains in the western provinces and Quebec.
- Minimum salary for school teachers.
- More rigid censorship of moving picture films, the enlargement of the board of censors and the inclusion of women in its membership.
- Also the abolition of the board of appeal in connection with the picture censorship.
- Premier speaking of the request for a minimum salary for teachers said that as far as subsidizing went, the treasury was very low and with regard to passing such a law as had been suggested he thought the act would be inadvisable, and could not be carried out. The deputation was given a very courteous hearing but they received no promises.

CANADIAN WOMEN'S HOSTELS ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED

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Institutions to be known as the Canadian Women's Hostels are to be established by the government in each province where hostels are not already established, and women household workers from Britain, who are being brought to Canada, will be brought into the provinces through these hostels. This was the statement made by Mrs.

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TEACHERS BEING DRIVEN OUT OF THEIR PROFESSION

Low Salaries Which Do Not Meet Increased Cost of Living Cause of Exodus.

The most effective method of destroying the teaching profession is the present policy of refusing to meet increased costs of living, says School Life, issued by the United States bureau of education. This publication shows that the United States bureau of labor statistics' figures call for \$1,100 a year as the lowest that a single woman can live in health and decency and that \$2,250 is absolutely necessary for a man, wife and normal family of three children. "Most of the teachers' salaries schedules recently adopted do not even meet this minimum requirement for a single woman," continues School Life. "And as for meeting the needs of a normal married person with dependents, the schedules go on assuming that none such will come into the schools. The mere fact that the cost of living has exactly doubled since 1913, and that anything less than doubling salaries is to make them lower than before, does not seem to have penetrated.

"If there is any surer way of destroying the teaching profession than by the present method of starving the teachers, it is not clear what it is. Men simply will not go into a profession that forever bars them from the possibilities of normal family life and a decent living, and as the opportunities of women grow greater, increasingly few really capable women will enter upon teaching."

ONTARIO W.C.T.U. WILL SUPPORT U.F.O. GOVERNMENT

The Ontario provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union, held its annual convention recently in Guelph. Among other things it passed a resolution of commendation and support to the U.F.O. government in Ontario. The resolution is as follows: "We welcome to power the combination of political forces that now govern Ontario. While the conflict raged we said to each other every U.F.O. man that gets in will be a friend to prohibition, for they were the only party with a straight prohibition plank in their platform. We wish the U.F.O. government a career of great usefulness and a record of unbroken pledges, both along moral and material lines."

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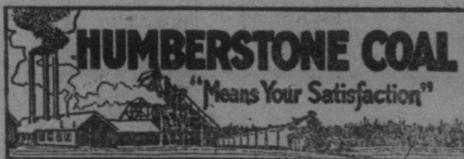
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ALBERTA SWINE BREEDERS' ASSO. ELECT OFFICERS

Committee Appointed to Interview Hon. Dr. Tolmie Regarding Hog Production

F. H. Herbert, of Medicine Hat, was elected to the presidency of the Alberta Swine Breeders' Association for the coming year, at the annual meeting of that Association which was held in the Exhibition office, at Calgary last week.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: G. H. Hutton, Calgary; Wm. Hudson, Kathryn; Wm. Gilbert, Stony Plain; W. J. Hoover, Bittern Lake; F. H. Herbert, Medicine Hat; Richard Knights, Pridis; Dr. A. M. McKay, Calgary; E. Swift, Clover Bar; Mr. Hanson, Medicine Hat; J. W. Renton, Calgary; Irvine Hamby, Munson; J. L. Walters, Clive; W. J. Elliott, Calgary; James B. Sutherland, C.A. was appointed official auditor.

G. H. Hutton and E. L. Richardson were appointed a committee to interview Hon. Dr. Tolmie regarding hog production in connection with the action of the Board of Commerce. It was pointed out that there was not twenty per cent of the hogs being kept for breeding purposes that were being kept a year ago and that unless something was done to make it possible to keep hogs at a profit the price of pork and bacon would be a great deal higher than at present.

NEW HULLLESS OAT NOT RECEIVING THE ATTENTION IT SHOULD

Dr. Chas. E. Saunders, Dominion cerealist, states that the introduction of a good, new variety of hullless oats by the Experimental Farms Branch, has not, perhaps, attracted as much attention as it should. Free samples of this variety are now being distributed by the Dominion Cerealists, at Ottawa. The stock on hand is not large, but as long as it lasts samples will be gladly sent to farmers in almost any district of Canada, as it is believed that this oat will be widely useful. The full name of the variety is Liberty, Ottawa 480. It is derived from a cross made in 1903 between the well-known variety, Swedish Select, and a hullless oat from China. The new variety is decidedly superior to the old Chinese sort. Threshing out free from hull, this type of oat furnishes a concentrated product of extremely high value which has only to be ground in order to make most excellent feed, especially for young pigs and chickens. When carefully enough cleaned for use as human food, it makes meal of surprisingly fine quality. The Liberty oat has very good field characters, being rather early in ripening and having reasonably stiff straw. The yield (so far as kernel is concerned) is equal to about seven-eighths of that of Banner oats. Farmers who are interested in the raising of hogs and chickens are strongly advised to give the new oat a trial. It has already proven extremely satisfactory in some districts.

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STOCKMEN AND MINISTER DISCUSS MANGE SITUATION

Hon. Dr. Tolmie, minister of agriculture, J. D. Grisdale, deputy minister, and Dr. F. Torrance, veterinary director general, will be in Calgary this Friday, for the purpose of holding a meeting of the stockmen on the mange situation.

This is the second meeting which the minister and the veterinary officer have had with the members of the mange committee and as promised at the last meeting it is likely that portions of the province where mange has been cleaned up will be put into the clean area and progress made towards the elimination of the disease entirely, so that the cattle from this province will be able to bring all they are worth not only as butcher cattle, but also as feeders, when placed on the American markets.

It is expected that representatives of the Western Livestock Union, The Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association and other organizations will be in attendance and with the sympathetic support of the minister it is felt that good results will follow the free discussion which is sure to ensue.

DOM. SEED BRANCH REPORT SHOWS SEED TESTING ON INCREASE

The Dominion Seed Branch, with laboratories at Ottawa, Winnipeg and Calgary, reported over 35,000 seed tests for the year ending June 30. The growth of seed testing in Canada is indicated from the fact that only 5,775 samples were reported in 1909. The great bulk of the work in our seed laboratories is done between September and June, when each laboratory may handle up to 200 samples per day. Only ten samples are tested free of charge for any farmer or seed merchant during the season. Over this number the service is charged for at cost.

Official seed testing is the basis of government seed control, which in older European countries is rated as a leading government service to agriculture. Any country without an efficient system of seed control soon becomes the dumping ground for inferior seeds from other countries, and low-grade home grown seeds may be sold to unsuspecting farmers. Our system is frequently referred to in other countries as being the most practical and efficient. Its importance is now being better appreciated when it is required that imported seeds are not released from bond until they are approved at the seed laboratories, and when cereal grains, flax, corn, as well as clover and grass seeds, are marketed on the basis of fixed quality seed grade standards.

NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN SLAUGHTER OF COWS AND CALVES

From January 1 to October 17, inclusive of the present year, 212,333 cows and heifers went through Canadian stock yards; 43,000 head more than in the same period of the preceding year. Drought in the grazing country has, undoubtedly, sent many young animals of both sexes to the shambles that would otherwise have matured and figured in the beef supply a few years hence. The present high price of milk has tended to save the dairy heifers, so most of the loss has been on beef cattle stocks. For example, there were marketed in Winnipeg during the last four weeks, 4,349 hardy, thrifty, beef-bred calves. It may clearly be necessary for farmers everywhere to square away, but good, young heifers and cows are the seed from which Canada is to reap her harvest. The demand in Europe is now coming to a head, and if it is possible at all, considerable sacrifice to save them will be well worth the cost. Mr. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary of the British Ministry of Food, says that there is not enough meat in sight in the world to feed Europe next year. If this heavy liquidation of beef cattle stock continues, there can only be one outcome. Cattle raisers will not be in a position to avail themselves of the splendid market which conditions promise for a number of years. The days of high prices will be spent increasing herds, and unloading will be timed for the days of the succeeding slump.

STOCKMEN MUST PAY RETURN FARE AT RATE OF 1 1/4 CENTS PER MILE

After the new year attendants who have been accompanying stock must pay for their return fare at the rate of 1 1/4 cents per mile, according to the ruling made by the railway commissioners at their recent meeting in Winnipeg. The railways are not allowed to issue any free transportation after December 31.

LUMBER CAMPS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING MEN

Returned Men Say They've Had Enough Roughing It—Let the Other Fellow Get Out.

Reports received by the Government Employment Bureau from all parts of Canada indicate that there is great difficulty in getting men to go to the lumber camps this season, or to remain when they get there. One large operator is asking for a thousand additional men; others are in a like predicament.

The situation is made worse in the eyes of lumbermen in that of the shantymen who have returned from overseas ten thousand have drifted into other occupations.

Thirst for City Life.
After their martial experiences abroad and fleeting glimpses of life in many old world centres these lads seem to have gained a thirst for city life, which they are now trying to quench. Even the fact that wages paid in the camps have doubled since the old days does not draw them from the lure of the big city.

It is true that a small proportion of men who lived originally in the city are going to outside occupations, and some of them to the bush, attracted by the healthy open-air life, the rule comfort, and the bountiful food which are the rule there. But these do not begin to make up for the loss of the shantymen.

Teaching New Hands.
But the lumbermen are willing to take a number of greenhorns to work in with what experienced men they get, and to teach those who are quick and adaptable whatever there is to learn.

In British Columbia and other parts of Canada the situation exists of unemployment in the cities and plenty of work in the bush and elsewhere, which the unemployed will not accept. "I want a city job or none," is the attitude. Even the returned soldier says: "We have had enough roughing it for a while. We think we deserve a city job. Let the other fellow go out." Meanwhile, at the outset of a period when Canada needs to engage extensively in building, this condition is not a healthy one. Lumbermen predict that the spring will find all stocks of lumber low, both to fill export demands and to meet domestic needs.

PREVENTIONS FOR HEAVING OF ALFALFA DURING WINTER TIME

Heaving of alfalfa by frost is due to alternate freezing and thawing. When the ground freezes expansion takes place and the surface of the soil rises, lifting the roots with it. With subsequent thawing the soil settles, but, being thawed free from the roots these do not settle with it. If the process is repeated the soil with each freezing takes a new hold of the roots and lifts them higher and higher each time. The roots are drawn up and injured and the top root may even be broken. This injury is particularly prevalent in the chinook belt, where warm winds, thawing the snow and surface soil, followed by hard freezing weather, are frequent.

The prevention of heaving is largely a matter of winter protection. The alfalfa should go into the winter with a good top, especially the first year. This may hold the snow so that only a prolonged chinook will bare the surface. Close pasturing late in the fall, or in the winter, is an excellent preparation for heaving. A light dressing of manure, evenly applied, preferably after some snow has fallen, will also afford protection, besides supplying plant food and also a mulch for conserving the moisture during the following season.

MINNESOTA LEADS ALL OTHER STATES IN CO-OP. COMPANIES

The division of research in agricultural economies at the Minnesota University Farm, after having made a protracted study of co-operation by farmers, finds that Minnesota leads all the states in the number of co-operative companies. It finds, too, that Minnesota's lead is not likely to be challenged for many years to come. Sound economic need is cited by the investigators as the basis for a successful co-operative company. "Such a need exists," they declare, "where the present markets give poor service or take too large profits; where the present marketing system is wasteful and expensive, and whenever the farmers by combining can reach better markets with their products or teach themselves to turn out better products."

Experiments conducted at the Manitoba Agricultural College, in the treatment of fallow for the eradication of *Sow thistle*, show that wherever the diskfoot cultivator was used persistently and thoroughly on the summer fallow and the land was kept black, the *Sow thistle* has been thoroughly eradicated, but on all land on which methods of summerfallow consisted of frequent plowings, or the use of narrow tooth cultivators, discs, or harrows only, this weed still persists.

Short Training Course for School Teachers

AN EMERGENCY PROVISION

There is still a great need for more teachers in Alberta. On account of the increase of the teacher-training period to a full year, there will be no class of graduates at Christmas this year. This will temporarily aggravate the present shortage. Plans are being made to establish an additional teacher-training institution in Edmonton just as quickly as possible, but in the meantime this—the transition year from the short normal term to the long—is fraught with special difficulties.

PROPOSED SHORT COURSE

As an emergency measure, to meet the present extraordinary conditions and for this year only, the Department of Education has decided, providing a large number of students can be secured, to offer a short course of training for persons with the necessary academic standing to enable them to qualify for limited certificates. This course will cover twelve weeks, opening January 5th, continuing until March 26th, 1920. It will be given in the city of Edmonton; will entitle the student to a temporary certificate, valid until January 1st, 1922. The holder of one of these temporary certificates, who desires to complete his training in order to secure a permanent certificate, will be entitled, providing he has had successful teaching experience, to admission to a normal school at the New Year, and may complete his training by taking the advanced period of the regular normal course, running from January 1st to the end of April in any year.

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FINANCIAL AID

All students enrolling for this course will be eligible for government loans just as those taking regular Normal Course, the maximum loan granted being \$50 per month or \$150 for the course.

APPLICATIONS BY DECEMBER 23

All who wish to enroll for this course are urged to communicate with the Department of Education before December 23rd. This information must be in hand by that date to enable the department to arrange for the necessary buildings, staff and equipment. While students may enroll until the opening day, the course will not be given unless a sufficient number enroll before December 23rd, to justify the department in proceeding with arrangements for premises, securing the necessary staff, and making all other necessary arrangements.

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These two boxers have already met in a six round bout which resulted in a draw, Gillam claiming the time too short for him to show at his best, and believes that in fifteen rounds he can win from Barrieau. Gillam claims to have taken part in one hundred and twenty-six bouts, of which number he lost only two. He is decidedly the favorite in the coming contest.

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WESTERN VETERAN ISSUES SPECIAL CHRISTMAS NUMBER

We are in receipt of the Special Christmas Number of the Western Veteran, for which we wish to express our sincere appreciation and extend them our hearty good wishes for a merry Christmas and much happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year.

The Christmas number of the Western Veteran is one that does the publishers credit, in size, advertising and make-up, as well as in the reading matter contained therein. That the people of Northern Alberta will continue to show their appreciation of our veterans by supporting their official organ in this district, is the wish of the Free Press.

Col. Joseph H. Thompson of the 110th infantry, Twenty-eighth division, who had charge of the conveying of the United States athletes to the inter-allied meet and home again, is preparing to urge the government officials to officially promote fencing, pistol shooting and horsemanship, which are fundamentally military and should be conducted as such.



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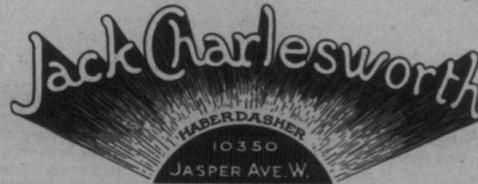
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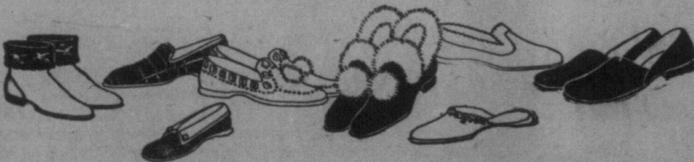
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MICKY MACKAY WILL LIVE UP TO HIS AFFIDAVIT

Refuses to Consider Offer of Toronto St. Patricks to Join Professional Hockey League.

When the rules for the reinstatement of amateurs were first published, much comment was heard on the affidavit all applicants were asked to furnish that they would remain amateurs the rest of their lives. It was suggested that the first chance a reinstated amateur had of getting into the professional class would be snapped up immediately and all affidavits forgotten.

At least one demonstration that such is not to be the case is that of Mickey MacKay, of the Calgary C.C.'s, when he refused the offer of the Toronto St. Patricks of the National Hockey League. The Toronto management has tried many schemes to induce MacKay to go east, one telegram which he received bearing the name of Hugh Lehman, the Vancouver goalkeeper, who is spending the summer in Toronto. Later MacKay received a wire from Lehman warning him that the St. Patricks were using his name in an endeavor to induce him back into the pro ranks.

Mickey MacKay claims he will live up to the affidavit he made when he was reinstated as an amateur.

SLOOP RESOLUTE PROVES TO BE IN FINE CONDITION

The America's cup sloop Resolute is now in the hands of Herreshoff's painters. The well known craft was recently thoroughly inspected by Robert W. Emmons and Charles Francis Adams, formerly manager and skipper of the boat in the shed where it was stored for three years. The sloop may be either a principal in the next American Cup race or a trial boat should a new defender be built to go against Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger. The Resolute was found to be in fine condition.

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COMMITTEE BUSY SOLICITING PRIZES FOR COMING BONSPIEL

The committee is now busy in soliciting prizes for the bonspiel which opens in Edmonton this year on February 3rd. In view of the big boost which the annual event gives to business in the city it is expected that they will meet with hearty response from the merchants and other interested business men. Among the new prizes which will be offered at the coming bonspiel is a handsome trophy which has been donated by the Edmonton City Dairy.

CHARLIE MOLL SAYS 1920 SEASON TO BE BEST EVER

The baseball season of 1920 will be the best that the Western Canada league has ever had and will be the first time that a class B. league has ever been organized, is the prediction of Charlie Moll, manager of the Winnipeg baseball club. Mr. Moll says the Western Canada fans will witness the fastest baseball ever played on the Western circuits.

GO TO ARENA CHRISTMAS DAY WITHOUT FAIL

Hustlers and Calgary Columbus Club's Will Stage Real Game on That Date.

The first real test of the brand of hockey to be played by the Big Four teams will be between the Hustlers and the Calgary C.C.'s at the Arena on Christmas Day.

Monday evening the Hustlers defeated the Fort Saskatchewan team and the Eskimos disposed of the University team in short order at the Arena. The Fort Saskatchewan team were in need of practice, this seemingly being their first time on the ice this season. However enough hockey playing was displayed to encourage the local hockey fans at the brand of hockey to be expected from the two local teams of the Big Four this coming season.

The power of the union label is proved by its progress.

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Calgary Earl, the fastest record horse ever bred in Western Canada, and which shattered the track record last summer at the Calgary Exhibition at 2:02 1/2, and owned by Sam Roe, of Calgary, has been sold to Mr. Burgess of Indianapolis. The sale price was \$6,500. The horse will now pass into the training hands of Sep Poin, one of the best known horsemen on the big circuit. The new owner, Mr. Burgess is one of the leading horsemen and can be congratulated on having landed this record-breaking pacer.

SEVERAL HUNDRED PAINTERS LOCKED OUT AT FRESNO, CALIF.

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HEED THE MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE.

The Labor candidates who were elected to the city council and School Board, appealed for the voters' support on a very definite program or platform which received, from all sources, a large amount of publicity, favorable and otherwise. It is reasonable to assume therefore that when out of ten men who were elected as Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees, seven were supporters of the Labor platform, the people of Edmonton, in a very decisive manner, gave their approval to the program of the Labor candidates.

The Legislature will soon be in session and Edmonton in common with other cities of the province will have an opportunity to petition for the charter amendments which the city council has reason to believe are desired by the citizens. No previous city council has had so clear a mandate from the voters as to what is desired in the way of changes in city government, as was given to the council of 1920. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Aldermen will not hesitate to carry out the citizens' desires in that respect. The successful School Board candidates are also committed to a definite policy, the carrying out of which will retain the confidence of the voters who so decisively made their wishes known by endorsing the Labor candidates.

Labor's land policy, the abolition of the property qualification, municipal ownership of public utilities, promotion from the ranks, the election by the people of all boards spending the city's money, the abolition of the improvement tax, should all have immediate consideration from the city council with a view to carrying out the people's expressed desires. Recognition of the Teachers' Alliance, the adoption of the teachers' minimum, proper medical inspection, permanent school buildings, larger grants from the governments, should not fail to receive the consideration of the 1920 School Board.

WILL NOT BE UNREASONABLE.

We hesitate at any time to infer that the demands of unions for higher wages or shorter hours may be unreasonable. But we are of the opinion that certain demands may be unwise in the light of circumstances which may exist.

The Edmonton city council of 1920 is one that will be disposed to treat in a fair and just manner with civic employees or unions of civic employees. In a short time a number of civic unions will approach the council in the matter of agreements for the coming year. It is reasonable to expect that there should be an adjustment along the line of an increase in wages that will be commensurate with the ever-increasing cost of living, and the Free Press has no fear that the question will be approached by the council with any other motive. We are also of the opinion that no local union whose members are employed by the city, will take an undue advantage of the fact that Labor was successful in electing a number of men to the council who are prepared to do the right thing by the city's work-people. We are certain that any inferences to the effect that the civic employees would make unreasonable demands on the city, are false and without any foundation of fact.

If the Free Press believed that any union of city employees were contemplating a move that was calculated to embarrass a city government who was willing to do the square thing, we would not hesitate, even at the risk of being misunderstood, to denounce any such unwise procedure.

VIOLENCE VS. VIOLENCE.

President Wilson made a statement some time ago that has been very widely quoted. It was to the effect that in order to silence objectors against wrong it was necessary to remove the wrong. But it seems that the action of the governmental authorities in the "land of the free" is based on the reverse of Mr. Wilson's apt remark. As an instance of this it might be pointed out that when the Seattle Union Record ventured to suggest that violence was not a cure for violence, that paper's premises were raided and three of its editors were placed under arrest.

The persecution of members of the I.W.W. in the country to the south is strengthening that movement more effectually than a battalion of soap-box orators could do in years. The New York Nation puts the whole question very concisely by remarking that: "We are witnessing everywhere a recrudescence of the rage against the I.W.W. which led to the many arrests and convictions and some deportations last summer. Yet the I.W.W. appears to continue to flourish despite the prosecutions, and the fact remains that arresting and jailing thousands of its members will not end the growth of the organization. There is but one remedy for that—the doing away with the conditions notably in the Northwest, which breed the I.W.W." The same sentiment has been repeatedly voiced by the A.F. of L. with regard to the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World. "While we have I.W.W. employers," said Frank Morrison, a short time ago, "we can expect to have I.W.W. workers."

In spite of the fact that violence is bound to breed violence, President Wilson's famous "force without stint" war phrase is only too evidently being applied to domestic troubles in the Republic. We quote again from the widely-read New York Nation: "The most lawless continue to be judges and district attorneys and law officers generally, and the gentle way they go about making good Americans in their raids is well illustrated by the following description of a raid upon the Russian People's House, taken from the most conservative of our New York dailies: 'A number of those in the building were badly beaten by the police during the raid, their heads wrapped in bandages testifying to the rough manner in which they had been handled. . . . Doors were taken off, desks were ripped open, and even the few carpets were torn up.' There was no resistance, but the place 'looked as if a tornado had struck it'; 'blood was everywhere on the walls.'"

Instead of removing the wrong that exists in industrial America, the authorities would seem to be taking every means to incite the objectors against wrong to violence so that further violence might be used and further crimes perpetrated. It is not easy to contemplate the final outcome of the present method of dealing with the unrest that exists in the country to the south.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

If long hours are necessary to prosperity why are the poorest workers those who have the longest workday?

The Free Press will be issued one day earlier than usual for the next two weeks. Our Alberta Federation convention number will be in the homes on New Year's Day.

The Teachers' Alliance is sure to encounter opposition to its demands from some quarters, but we would doubt the value of the organization if it did not arouse the antagonism of the stand-patters.

The spectacle of a Government preaching economy while it spends thousands upon thousands of dollars proving that someone signed a letter "yours for the revolution," would be funny if it wasn't ridiculous.

An article in the New York Nation reveals a rule of tyranny in the Steel Trust towns that could hardly be credited if affidavits telling the whole brutal story were not produced. The days of "Bloody Mary" lose nothing in comparison with the terrible acts of the Steel Trust hirelings in Pennsylvania.

MUCH BUSINESS BEFORE TRADES COUNCIL MEETING

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"liberty bonds" will be acquired for sale in aid of the defense fund.

Proposed Building Trades Convention.
James Winning, secretary of the building trades unions in Winnipeg, in a letter presented an interesting outline of a proposed convention of all unions of that ilk in the prairie provinces, the convention to be held in Regina in February. The communication was looked upon with favor by the council and was laid over for future action.

P. J. Monaghan who was dismissed from the fire department during the past summer, wrote to the council, in part, as follows: I understand it has been inferred that I reflected disparagingly on the Fire Fighters union. I had no intention that such inference should be made, and I hereby apologize for any statement I made, that would lead to the belief that a reflection was intended. Had I appealed to the Fire-Fighters' union, matters would have been different.

The application for affiliation of the railway clerks and freight handlers was reported on favorably by the Organization Committee and accepted by the council.

Business Agents' Office Proposed.
The executive committee reported on the matter of a business agents' office in the labor hall, to the effect that hall No. 4 be set apart for such a purpose for day-time hours only at a rental of \$1.50 per month, phone arrangements to be separately as required. A rate for rentals of other rooms was also reported, as follows: Unions holding one meeting a month, \$3; two meetings a month, \$5. Special meetings, \$1 each. Unions with a membership of fifteen or less, \$1 per month for one meeting, with special meeting terms for any other meetings they may wish to hold. Unions holding weekly meetings, \$10 per month. These items of the executive report were adopted.

The secretary intimated that he had issued a circular to all unions, requesting that they send in their current schedule of wages, so that the city fair wage clause might be properly amended to conform to new conditions. Delegate Cotterell referred to the fact that painters in the employ of the street railway department had not been receiving the pay provided for by the schedule of the painters' union, which was 70 cents an hour. He said means were being taken to have this remedied.

Election of delegates to the Federation of Labor Convention in Calgary, on January 5th, were opened for final consideration. Delegate G. H. Geary withdrew from the field, and Delegates E. E. Roper and John H. Bramham were made the accredited representatives of the council, with J. J. McCormack as an alternative.

Borden's condensed milk and Tuckett's cigars were posted as unfair. It was reported that Liberty yeast was now a fair product.

UNITED MINE WORKERS HAVE LARGEST GOOD STANDING MEMBERSHIP

The good standing membership of the United Mine Workers was 524,646 for the month of October. As there is always a certain per cent of membership that is released from the payment of dues because of sickness, lack of employment or other causes recognized by the union, the United Mine Workers' Journal estimates that the total membership for October was 550,000.

"No other labor union in the world ever has had so large a membership as that of the United Mine Workers for October," says the miners' journal. The largest other membership was 428,781, during August, 1918, when there were approximately 60,000 organized miners in the military service.

BANK ROBBERS "TAKING" STOCK IN CO-OP. SOCIETY

The co-operative movement is now becoming so popular and there is such a great demand for stock in the Central States Co-operative Wholesale Society that even bank robbers are "taking" stock in it.

On November 20th, the bank of Sandoval, Ill., was robbed and stock certificate No. 58, amount \$200, belonging to Local Union No. 621, U.M.W. of A., Sandoval, was taken from their safety deposit box.

An effort may be made to dispose of this stock certificate, but a notice has been sent out to advise members of the Society that it is now of no value, having been canceled, and a new certificate issued to the proper owners.

NEW YORK ACTORS FIGHTING TO OBTAIN "SUNDAY OFF" LAW

The Actors' Equity Association at New York has appointed a committee to go to Albany to fight any efforts to obtain legislation legalizing Sunday performances.

The Theatrical Managers' Association, it was charged, is operating a lobby at Albany for the purpose of having such performances authorized. Francis Wilson, president of the Equity, declared that the actor was not looking for his Sunday off on religious grounds, but because he is entitled to it as anyone else.

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