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WELL ATTENDED MEETING TRADES COUNCIL MONDAY

Personal Covenant in Mortgages and Committee Appointments Features of Meeting.

Recording its opposition to the personal covenant in mortgages, the appointment of standing committees by President McCreath and the latter's report on the Paternity Act were among the most interesting features of a well attended meeting of the Trades and Labor Council on Monday last.

Delegate Clark, seconded by Delegate Latham introduced the following resolution in connection with the personal covenant.

That all personal covenants should be eliminated from all mortgages and that this Trades and Labor Council do all in its power to make this resolution effective.

Delegate Clark explained that he understood there was a movement on foot among real estate agents and others interested, to have a personal covenant clause made effective in Alberta.

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From the same source came two resolutions which had been passed by a convention in Winnipeg, one supporting B. B. Russell and the other calling on all workers to take a strike vote in protest to the procedure of the court in the Russell trial and as a means of securing the freedom of Russell.

There was a division on the first resolution. Delegate Clark moved to lay on the table, pointing out that it was not the plan but the principle involved that should govern the council's action.

President McCreath reported as to his activities in connection with the Factories Act commission. He stated that at the meeting recently held in Calgary, some of the employer members of the commissions were disposed to ignore the powers of the commissions to decide on minimum wages and maximum hours that should be established under the act.

Unfair Movie Theatres The musician's union announced to the council by letter that the Princess and the Strand moving picture theatres were unfair to union labor and on no

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DR. MICHAEL CLARKE OF RED DEER AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"Class Consciousness and Paternalism" is to be the subject of an address to be given by Dr. Michael Clarke, M.P. of Red Deer, in First Baptist Church on Monday evening, February 9th.

SCHOOL BOARD RAISES SALARIES OF H.S. TEACHERS

Schedule Fixed at \$2000 With Annual Increments of \$150 to \$2900

The salaries of the High School Teachers of Edmonton were last week increased, scale being fixed to run \$2,000 to \$2,900. At the meeting of the School Board whereat the discussion of the increased scale took place, the chairman, Dr. Crang, said he was in favor of giving a good minimum rather than making a big maximum.

This was objected to on the grounds that the \$2,400 minimum was more than the teachers were asking for. The Alliance asked for a minimum of \$2,000 per annum with annual increments of \$150 to a maximum of \$2,900.

MANITOBA LABOR ASKS CABINET FOR ADVANCED LAWS

Adult Suffrage in Elections and Compulsory School Age from 14 to 16 Years.

Representatives of the Manitoba Federation of Labor on Monday waited on the Manitoba Provincial Cabinet for the purpose of submitting to them proposed legislative reforms which they believe to be in the interests of Labor in that province.

MONDAY MORNING SAW TWO STRIKES IN EFFECT IN MONTREAL

Monday morning two strikes were in effect in Montreal. The employees of water-proof making establishments, to the number of about six hundred are asking higher wages and recognition of the union.

INDICTED COMMUNISTS WILL ALL STAND TRIAL AT CHICAGO

Indictments against 85 alleged leaders of the Communist party have been made, and also indictment of 40 men and women charged with being high in the councils of the Communist Labor party have been made.

Among those to be tried are Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wife of J. G. Phelps Stokes, a millionaire; Nicholas I. Hourwich, editor in chief of Novy Mir, a Russian newspaper published in New York; Charles E. Ruthenberg, Cleveland, national secretary of the Communist party; Louis E. C. Fraina, editor in chief of the Communist party publication; Isaac E. Ferguson, chief counsel for the Communist party, and Alexander Stokkhtitzky, who is reported to have forfeited his bonds and fled to Mexico.

ROBT. HEWITT PLEASUED WITH LOCAL MOVEMENT

Railway Carmen Official Impressed With Progressive Character of Edmonton Labor.

Edmonton Labor men are most enthusiastic about the splendid condition of the movement in this city. Publicly and privately, in season and out of season, they have proclaimed that organized Labor in Edmonton is in a stronger, healthier and all-round more satisfactory condition than ever before.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 29, 1920. Dear Sir: I have been in your city for the past ten days in the interests of the R.R.C. of A. Am leaving for points West tomorrow and feel that I should not go away without giving some expression of my impression of the activities of Labor in this city, and extending my congratulations to Labor on being able to support such a champion of their cause as the Free Press.

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council on the night of my arrival, and was both pleased and surprised to see the largely attended meeting and the large amount of good sound business being transacted.

A cold blustery January, it is said, is the fore-runner of an early spring.

We are pleased to take this opportunity of congratulating Bro. Bill of No. 1, on his progress with the dance known as "The little brown jug."

Twelve new members were duly admitted to the brotherhood at this meeting, which speaks well for our organization.

It is whispered round that Bro. Cavley now on leave, and at present in the old country, has resigned from the Brotherhood of Bachelors and joined the Benedict club. He has the best wishes of all.

WISCONSIN SANITARIUM ADOPTS EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR NURSES

In a letter to sanitarians in Wisconsin the industrial commission says that one of the largest sanitariums in that state has adopted the eight-hour day for all attendants and that the sanitarium has reported to the commission that shorter shifts are practicable.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE WILL MEET IN SEATTLE THIS MONTH

A meeting of the triple alliance, composed of trade unionists, members of the railroad brotherhoods and farmers, will be held in Seattle February 14 for the purpose of perfecting the organization of this political movement.

O.B.U. TO ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS IN U.S. INDUSTRIAL CENTRES

It has been announced that a campaign for new members will be launched by One Big Union officials in large industrial centres in the United States. The cities which have been suggested as United States headquarters are Denver, Butte and San Francisco.

NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

On Saturday, January 31, the wedding took place between Bro. Bill Guthrie and Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKay, at the residence of the parents of the bride. She was prettily attired in blue taffeta and carried a large bouquet of white roses.

The assessor's department should feel proud of the art that was displayed by one of the employees at the Social Hall of St. Luke's Church. The part of "Susan" in the laughable sketch "Turn him out" was well portrayed.

The Sisters (4th floor) tired of the inactivity of the Social committee, arranged a hen party. It was a one-sided affair—nothing to cackle about.

Who was the brother who, on being pressed to sing at his wedding feast, sang with great feeling "Gone are the days when my heart was young and gay"?

Miss Alberg made a trip to Vegreville last Saturday.

For real, first hand knowledge on how to thaw out frozen water pipe go to Bro. A. Templeton. Experience is a grim teacher.

February 13th is the regular meeting night.

FIRE FIGHTERS' LOCAL 209

The leaf is the staff of life, but the life of the staff of the Fire Department has not been one continual leaf this winter.

Oh Tom, bless the May buds, nice and new, which just have come, ha, ha, we mean the kind of buds that cool for happy pa and ma.

The stork arrived at the home of Bro. Clague on No. 5 on the 25th ult., carrying a huge basket, which contained a lovely boy. Mrs. and Mr. Clague are receiving congratulations on the new arrival.

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BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN LOCAL 998

The first meeting of this year was held on Wednesday night last, January 28th, a successful session resulting. After the usual business of the lodge being transacted the officers for the year were installed by Bro. Hewitt as follows: President, Bro. A. F. Hunt; Vice-President, C. Fell; Recording Secretary, F. D. Wishart; Financial Secretary, G. Brooks.

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FARMILO ORGANIZES RETAIL CLERKS AT FERNIE, B.C.

The editor of the Free Press is in receipt of a wire from Mr. Farmilo who is now at Fernie, B.C. The wire is dated February 5, and is as follows: "Organized Retail Clerks at Fernie; 90 per cent strong."

INDUSTRIAL PRESS IN TORONTO INSTITUTE FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK

The proprietors of the Industrial Technical Press, Toronto, have decided to hereafter close down business entirely on Saturday, and put into operation a five-day work week of 46 1/2 hours, in their plant.

LABOR PARTY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Dominion Labor Party will take place on Tuesday evening next in the large hall at Labor headquarters. Important business will be dealt with and a large attendance is desired.

C.N.R. MACHINISTS

Local 817 I.A. of M. meets on February 13th at 8 p.m. Don't forget. Visiting members are always welcome, and it is in the interest of all I.A. of M. members to use this privilege.

The Shop Committee is taking up a matter of no small importance with the officers of the road. The systemizing of the education of the apprentices to the craft is a matter that has long been neglected and should be thoroughly gone into by the committee. The haphazard and unsystematic method of producing mechanics used by the local shops works out to the detriment of both the trade and the industry.

All credit for the move is given to the apprentices as a matter of fact, but considering that the initiation is the outcome of having put the apprentices on rough work by the shop foreman, when the refusal of rough work or dirty work belonging to the trade by a member of the I.A. of M. makes him liable to a fine by the lodge, the credit is minimized. On the other hand, all of the boys have already put in the term specified in the schedule agreement with the railroads on this same rough work, and they do not relish the order of the shop foreman superseding the agreement, putting them back at a job, the flavor of which is cheap labor.

Just imagine being kicked by one of the apprentices—or the Baby Doll! What?

How about the conditions in the round house? Are you satisfied? The Shop Committee are not hearing much these days; they are too busy working to notice the weather.

Gros. Boh. Davis and Sam McLaughery are on the sick list. Show your brotherhood. Show your brotherhood.

Another machinist has been started to work on the new lathe, and Secretary Crook is looking after him.

Let's hear some news of Bro. Joe Walker. Isn't any member corresponding with him?

Start the ball rolling now. What are you going to ask for at the next agreement negotiations? Think of these questions. What was your standard of living in 1913 as compared with the present? How much could you save out of your wages in 1913?

Are you saving anything now? What about your future—your old age?

What about your children's future? Would they have to sell papers on the street if you pegged out now?

Is your rent going to be raised in the spring, and will you have to move? Also instruct your delegates to the Trades and Labor Council to start something if these questions hurt. Legislate, boys, legislate!

SAMUEL GOMPERS OPPOSES COMPULSORY HEALTH INSURANCE

Samuel Gompers, in speaking before the national civic federation, attacked compulsory health insurance, a bill for which is now before the United States Senate. Mr. Gompers said he was unalterably opposed to the principle of compulsory health insurance, and did not favor giving even the government additional powers over the lives and normal activities of its people.

DEBS AND KATE O'HARA OKLAHOMA SOCIALISTS' CHOICE FOR PRESIDENCY

Okahoma Socialists in convention unanimously endorsed Eugene V. Debs, now serving a twenty year sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta, Georgia, on conviction of sedition, for president of the United States. Kate Richards O'Hara, at present confined in the Missouri State prison, was endorsed for vice-president.

That customary energetic and active law of supply and demand is still looting on the job.

GARMENT WORKERS OF U.S. AND CANADA GET SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

As the result of a conference between representatives of the United Garment Workers of America and the Union Garment Manufacturers' association of America, an increase in wages has been granted to approximately 100,000 garment workers in the United States and Canada. Piece workers are to receive a 20 per cent increase and cutters an advance of \$6 per week, effective on February 15.

TEXTILE CONCERNS IGNORE ORDER OF COMMERCE BOARD

Board Declares It Will Resort To Means Available To Punish Non-Compliance.

Some time ago the Canadian Board of Commerce issued questionnaires to the textile manufacturers for the purpose of getting at the high cost of clothing. It seems these questionnaires have been ignored by the textile manufacturers, up to January 31 no firms having complied with the terms of the questionnaires.

The commerce board, in a statement issued Monday, announced that it will not submit to having their requests ignored by the manufacturers, and state that unless proper steps are taken by the manufacturers to request an extension of time for the answering of the questionnaire, the board will resort to means available to compel compliance with its order and to punish non-compliance.

The board is now giving until February 10 for formal application for extension of time and all applications must be supported by affidavit or statutory declaration. Otherwise officers of the defaulting companies will be prosecuted.

It is pointed out that those in default are guilty of an indictable offence and company directors and officers cumulatively are liable to a fine of \$5,000 or to imprisonment not exceeding two years. The companies have also been advised that in addition to prosecution, they, their office staffs and books and records, will be subpoenaed to Ottawa for a public investigation and the necessary information will be extracted by that means.

The board has power to enter the premises and seize the books and records of these companies, which action, if the board decides that it is being attempted to frustrate its efforts, it will not hesitate to take.

The board has notified the companies concerned that it will impose upon them severely such costs as the securing of the necessary legal and accountancy expert assistance that may entail in the event of it being necessary for the board to resort to processes mentioned. The board is satisfied that no serious attempt has as yet been made to comply with the terms of its questionnaires. It is resolved that its lawful demands shall be complied with.

COCHRANE NOW HAS UNITED FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE STORE

The Cochrane U.F.A. Co-operative Association, Ltd., composed of members of the Bransy Ridge, Cochrane and Dog Pond locals, on Monday purchased the general store of R. A. Webster, at Cochrane, and will carry on a general store business, and also undertake the marketing of various farm products. The former owner, Mr. Webster will be manager.

The Co-operative Association hope in the near future to begin to handle live stock on a considerable scale. A large number of shares at \$25 a share have been sold. The co-operative principle will be preserved in all transactions, stockholders obtaining a return on their capital and dividends being distributed in proportion to the purchases made by the various members. Every member of the association will have equal voting power.

LABOR MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

IN LABOR HALL
February 8, Sunday—Dominion Express Employees No. 14.
February 9, Monday—Boilermakers No. 279.
February 10th, Tuesday—Dominion Labor Party; Machinists "Old Fort" No. 1266; Bookbinders No. 188.
February 11th, Wednesday—Garment Workers No. 129; Electrical Workers No. 544; Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers No. 514.
February 12th, Thursday—Civic Employees No. 30; Stationary Engineers and Firemen; Retail Clerks' Protective Association.
February 13, Friday—Machinists No. 817; Civic Service Union No. 52.

LEGISLATIVE REFORMS WHICH LABOR DESIRES

Amendments and Complete Acts Submitted to Provincial Cabinet

The most important of the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, which were submitted to the Provincial Cabinet by representatives of the Alberta Federation of Labor, are as follows:

Section 34, Sub-Sec. (a) to read: "If a workman is disabled he shall be paid from the day of the accident," instead of from the fourth day after.

We request that the scale of indemnities be increased at least 100c, and that there be no maximum specified.

We also ask that the scope of the Act be widened to include all wage earners. (We call your attention to Agricultural Help, Retail Clerks, Janitors, Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Casual Labor, etc., for whom at the present time no protection is afforded).

We require an amendment that will give the Board power to compel employers to equip their plants with such appliances as will prevent injury to the health of employees from poisonous gases, fumes, acids, etc., and also to prohibit the employment of anyone in shops or places where danger of such injury exists.

We urge that the Board assume responsibility for the administration of the Medical Aid Plan. We further urge that provision be made for furnishing adequate treatment for sickness and accidents for all wage workers and further that this be extended to include the wives and children of wage workers. That collections be made from wages of workers to meet the cost of administering this.

We urge that provision be made for the first aid appliances, of a kind to be approved by the Board, being installed in all places of industry that come within the scope of the Act.

Amendments to Coal Mines Act.
1. Amend Section 17, clause (c) by striking the words "selected by the mines of each sub-district."

2. Amend Section 9 to provide for a maximum work day of 8 hours for all men employed in and around mines.

3. Amend Section 34 to provide for pay days being every alternate Saturday.

4. Amend Section 35 by adding after the word "them," the words "on a mine run basis to be paid in legal currency."

5. Amend Section 58 by adding the following to be known as clause (7), "In all rooms and other working places canvas shall be kept not less than twelve feet from the working face for the purpose of ventilation."

6. That regulations providing for the use of electric safety lamps in all gaseous mines be adopted.

7. That regulations governing the use of explosive be made more elastic to meet the requirements of hard coal needing the use of extra powder, same to be left to the discretion of the shot lighter and approved by the Inspector of Mines.

8. Amend regulations governing wash houses and lockers by striking out the words "on a price agreed upon between the men and employer" and substituting therefor the words "free of charge."

9. That the Coal Mines Act be so amended as will provide that no person shall be employed at the mining of coal who has not first obtained a certificate of competency from a board of Examiners, such Board to be composed of a member selected by the miners, another by the Government, compensation for the work of the said Board to be provided by the Government.

Amendments to the Factories Act.
1. Amend Section 9 by adding after the word "penalties" the words "salary or damages incurred by said traveling shows, either for labor or accident to persons employed in this Province."

Amend Section 26 to provide for a maximum work day of 8 hours for five days of the week, with a further provision for a half-holiday on the other work day of the week, with a further provision for a maximum number of hours of forty-four (44) per week.

Amend Schedule A. to include all persons employed back of the curtain line in all theatres and open air stages in parks and fair grounds; also persons engaged in the projection rooms of theatres.

Widen the scope of the Act to include all persons employed in Hotels, and Drug Stores throughout the Province. An Act Respecting Allowances to Parents and Children.
1. This Act shall be cited as the Children's Welfare Act.
2. Interpretation.
3. There shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council a commission of three persons, the duties of which shall be to study and once in

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TORONTO STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES HAVE SPLENDID RECORD FOR PAST YEAR

Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union is an organization that does things. This is the largest local trades union in the Province of Ontario and is also most efficiently managed. They have a membership of over 2,000 and last year paid out in sick benefits, old age pensions and relief the sum of \$17,463.68, which goes to show the high state of efficiency the organization has attained.

Organized machinists of Beverly, Mass., have notified the United Shoe Machinery company that they will not accept individual contracts. The workers claim that this contract nullifies every form of collective action. It provides that the worker shall remain in the company's employ for one year and accept all factory rules. There is no suggestion that the worker be given a voice in rules that refer to working conditions and wages.

DETROIT BUILDING TRADES ON STRIKE ISSUE CIRCULAR

Make Statement As To Methods Employed By Dupont Co. To Secure Help.

The Detroit Building Trades Council which is still on strike in the cities of Detroit, Pontiac and Flint, Michigan, against the Dupont Engineering Company, and also on strike in Detroit against the Albert A. Albrecht Co., make the following statement in regard to the situation there, in a circular letter issued to Labor papers and journals:

We are progressing favorably, but the opposition are putting up a strenuous fight against us, backed up by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association in these cities, also the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of the State of Michigan.

The Dupont Engineering Company are so badly crippled that they are using every subterfuge to bring men into trouble on the job; getting them to sign up a 90-day contract and holding their baggage on the job if the men refuse to go to work when they find out that a strike is in progress. They are also bringing men to Michigan from the Island of Malta, a British possession. They are getting men through the Buick Motor Car Co., of Flint, Mich., who advertise for building tradesmen, and then send them to the Dupont Engineering Company jobs.

These methods show how hard pressed this company is. However, the big fight is yet to come, so we warn all building tradesmen and others to stay away from Detroit especially, and also from Flint and Pontiac, Mich.; in fact it would be advisable to stay away from any part of Michigan on account of the contemplated trouble that looms for this year.

This is one of the biggest fights in the history of the Building Trades Council in Detroit, and we are going to win. Stay away from Michigan and help us to win quicker.

Pay attention to advertisements for Detroit, Flint and Pontiac, under any subterfuge whatever. Any information that you can give us in regard to these advertisements will be appreciated. Watch for them in the papers.

Fraternally yours,
DETROIT BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL
Fred'k G. Palliser, Secretary

HALIFAX COUNCIL WOULD INCREASE COMPENSATION ACT

Halifax Trades and Labor Council have adopted a resolution petitioning for an amendment to the Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Act to the end that the maximum wage of \$1,200 per year upon which benefits are paid be increased, on the ground that most workmen were now receiving in excess of \$1,200 per year. Another resolution called upon the city to raise the scale of wages now being paid employees of the corporation. P. J. Healey is the President of the Halifax Council for 1920.

MINIMUM SALARY OF TEACHERS MUST BE SUFFICIENT FOR LIVING

New York State Commissioner of Education Finley calls on every community in that state to realize that the minimum salary for teachers must be sufficient to meet living conditions.

"A large percentage of teachers," he said, "are leaving the service to enter other professions and callings. Something must be done of a fundamental, thorough-going nature to keep our best teachers and to induce our best young men and women in high schools and colleges to enter this high calling."

"As an officer of the state, charged with certain responsibilities, teaching the schools, I am under obligation to bring to public attention certain existing conditions that endanger the effectiveness of our public school system. At a time when greater demands are made upon public education than ever before in the history of our country, we are confronted with a substantial lessening both in the number and in the professional training of our teaching force."

ORGANIZED LABOR MAKES WONDERFUL PROGRESS IN JAPAN

Idea of Combination has Captured the Japanese Working Men's Minds.

The intensity of Labor unrest in Japan has, in a marked degree, grown since the early summer of this year. Strikes demanding higher wages have spread from small to large factories, from private to government works, and the greater part of them have resulted in success of strikers. This Labor dispute, however, has, since the middle of September, entered upon a new phase.

On September 18 the first and greatest ca-canny occurred at the Wawasaki shipbuilding yard, Kobe, in which 15,000 men were involved and well organized by organizers of the Japanese General Federation of Labor, Yui-kai (the largest trade union in Japan). This continued for eight days, and at last a great success was won by the men. They gained not only higher wages but also the eight-hour day.

This lesson of successful "ca-canny" gave a great impetus to other working men who had not previously known this weapon. Though they were threatened by the police law which prohibits strikes, there is in fact no law to condemn "ca-canny."

After this, "ca-canny" spread rapidly to the important workshops. The Kobe Steel Company, the Osaka Iron Foundry, the Tokyo Tobacco Monopoly Bureau, Tokyo Cotton Spinning Company, the Osaka Train Company, and many other plants were threatened. The government and capitalists are so alarmed that, it is reported, they are considering a new law to make illegal this version of the industrial weapon.

"Ca-canny," "go-easy," or "sabotage," is denounced by many European Socialists and trade unionists, and Japanese working-people, too, are aware of its dangers. But who can blame their conduct? They have no right to strike, no right to organize, no franchise, and even no right to live!

A new phenomenon in the Japanese labor movement is the demand for the eight-hour day—demand now conceded by many employers, except in textile industries. Nevertheless, the Japanese delegates at the Washington International Labor Conference have made a shameful effort to secure immunity from the "special condition" of industries in Japan.

Along with these Labor troubles, and in spite of the police law, the idea of combination has captured the Japanese working-men's minds. The Japanese General Federation of Labor, Yui-kai which was organized in 1912, and is led by Mr. Bunji Suzuki, has increased its membership and its power with startling speed.

LONDON PRISON COMMISSION FINDS NO CRIMINAL TYPE

After Several Years' Investigation Reject Theory That There is a Criminal Type

After several years of investigation a London prison commission has rejected the theory that there is a "criminal type."

Broadly stated, these scientists conclude that as individuals criminals possess no characteristics, physical and mental, which are not shared by all people. Criminality, it is stated, is not a morbid state similar to a physical disease which can be diagnosed and established by observation.

The theory of the Lombroso school that a physical criminal type exists, is denied by the commission, which has investigated several thousand criminals in English prisons. It is stated that physical differences exist between different kinds of criminals precisely as they exist between different kinds of the law-abiding population. The results of the investigation challenge contrary claims of persons who have assumed to speak with authority on this subject.

Both with regard to measurements and to physical features in criminals the statistics present a startling conformity with similar statistics of the law-abiding classes.

THREE WEAPONS WITH WHICH LABOR PROTECTS ITSELF

Collective Bargaining, Political Action and Co-operation for Farmers and Labor.

Collective bargaining, political action and co-operation are the three weapons, with which Labor protects itself and advances its cause. Collective bargaining is the immediate means for increasing wages, shortening hours and bettering industrial conditions. It is Labor's weapon in the shop, the mill and the mine in controversy with the employer. Through collective bargaining Labor has made its great advances during the last fifty years. It has been a long struggle, a weary struggle and in many instances its status; its right to organize; its right to act as a unit. And it must remain Labor's weapon so long as the wage system prevails.

Political action has been forced on Labor by the fact that the State is part of the industrial system. It is the weapon of industrial power. It can be used to crush Labor, if the State is controlled by the capitalist just as it was used by the Czar and the Kaiser to crush the serf. For the State means the army, the constabulary, the police, the department of justice. It is the agency that makes the laws and then enforces them. The State is the greatest of all agencies in determining the distribution of wealth.

Labor must break into politics for self-protection if for no other reasons. It must possess political as well as industrial power. It can only secure this by sending Labor's own representatives to congress and the State legislature to insure that the wealth of the world is not diverted from the producing to the exploiting classes. The recent election in England where Labor swept the municipal elections, is indicative of the rise of Labor's political power in that country. The election in the province of Ontario shows the possibility of coalition between the farmer and the worker in the control of the State. For a generation the workers have controlled the Australian commonwealth and have made Australia the most advanced State in the world in its social legislation.

Co-operation in the buying and selling of products, in banking, in manufacturing, in building and owning of homes, is the third weapon of Labor in its struggle for emancipation. Economic power must precede political power. In every age men and groups have been recognized as they have become economically powerful. And Labor will increase its ability to fight in the industrial and political field in proportion as it controls its economic life. This is why Labor is urging co-operation for workmen and farmers. For the worker and the farmer constitute the producing classes. Their economic interests are as one. And Labor can cut the cost of living; Labor can improve its standard of living; and most important of all Labor can create within itself a sense of dignity, and of solidarity when the ranks of Labor are interlaced with the things it owns and operates in common.

Collective bargaining, political action and co-operation are the triad of the new commonwealth; the commonwealth of those who produce; of those who must unite if they would save the world from the destructive influences of unrestrained capitalism.—The New Democracy.

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The New York National city bank has estimated that the world's debt is \$200,000,000,000, as against \$40,000,000,000 in 1914.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AIM AT 500,000 MARK

Editor Frank Duffy of the Carpenter, official magazine of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, suggests that the membership aim for the half million mark.

The Sporting Page

SANTA AT THE "SAN"

The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union maintains a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis at Pressmen's Home, Tennessee. The following piece of prose poetry by one of the inmates of the institution appeared in the last issue of the American Pressman:

Santa at the "San"
On Christmas eve, here at the "San," we "T. B.s" and our little clan had just the finest, bestest time. We dined up like a brand-new dime, and merry quips and jests so gay just chased our troubles all away. The medical director said: "You fellows needn't go to bed, we'll just suspend the usual laws and go and welcome Santa Claus!" So, then, at Santa's cheery hail, we all went down and couldn't fail to see, dressed up in festive rig, the merry Christmas tree so big. Its branches reached out to the hall and, honestly, it was so tall that people viewing from afar said once or twice it brushed a star! Well, anyway, 'twas awful high. (You know we couldn't tell a lie.) We laughed at every little trick—forgot that we were ever sick—and then we gathered 'round so near and sang, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!" Our chief was here with smiles a yard, the bolshevik he'd hit hard; and as these lines we duly pen there's peace on earth, good will toward men. And now we turn again once more where Santa Claus comes in the door; he gave us handkerchiefs and socks, neckties and even building blocks. The old boy surely spread himself and to us who are "on the shelf" it meant much more than just a gift, for in the clouds there came a rift and sunlight from the skies above reminded us of those we love. And when next Christmas comes around we'll be, not underneath a mound, but back at home among the folks a-singing songs and cracking jokes, and years and years from now you'll see our grandchildren upon each knee. They'll kiss us then and give us hugs; we'll tell 'em how we "beat the bugs" and how we blessed him—every man—when Santa Claus came to the "San."—Hugh Gorham.

Over 1,700 women are employed by the street railway companies of New York city.

THREE CORNERED TIE POSSIBLE IN BIG FOUR LEAGUE

Hustlers Have Made Good Record Throughout Season in Keeping Scores Low.

With the Wanderers two games in the lead, the Eskimos will go to Calgary, Friday, to play the Wanderers and should they succeed in winning this game and the next the above two teams will be tied for first place in the league. This will leave only the last game to be played which is a home and home game, the Eskimos and Hustlers playing at Edmonton and the two Calgary teams at home. The Hustlers and C.C.'s will furnish the sport at the Arena here on Friday.

It is possible for a three cornered tie to be made in the league during the last three games which same might occur through the Hustlers and the Eskimos defeating the Calgary teams in the next two games and the C.C.'s defeating the Wanderers in the last game and the Hustlers winning over the Eskimos in the last game here. Should it so turn out, the Wanderers, Eskimos and Hustlers would all three be tied for first place with seven wins and five losses. The Hustlers are gaining fast in their play and it is a good indication of their strength that not once this season have they had more than four goals scored against them in one game. In only one game have they been beaten by more than a margin of two goals and in the most of the games which they have lost the loss has been by one goal usually scored in overtime and usually in Calgary.

Rubber tire workers affiliated with the A. F. of L. have secured the eight hour day, wage increases and the right to bargain collectively, at Springfield, Ill.

The Hotel Chambermaids' Union in Mexico is opposing American armed intervention in that country.

YOUNG BOB AVOIDS MANAGERS BECAUSE OF FATHER'S WARNING

Speaking of managers, we heard a story that throws an interesting side-light on the reason why Young Bob Fitzsimmons is doing his own managerial work. We mentioned the other day that the son of the former champion of the world ought to put himself under the careful eye of some man who knew the game, says a writer in Brooklyn Eagle. The story was responsible for a phone message from a man who knows Young Bob, and knows him well. "What you said the other day about Young Bob needing a manager," said the man at the other end of the wire, "is fine dope, but I'll tell you something you don't know."

"Bob's father is responsible," said our informant. "Before he died he warned Young Bob about managers and told him to do all his own ring business himself. Young Bob believes everything his father told him. That is the reason he won't have a manager."

This twenty-year-old youngster, is son of the former champion, heavyweight, whose recent debut in Newark has caused him to be the most sought-for boxer in the country today.

Young Fitz is a light heavyweight, and is said to be one of the cleverest big fellows ever seen in the ring.

N.Y. PRINTERS REWARDED AFTER LONG VACATION

Did Not Go On Strike; Declared a Vacation; Now Receive \$9 a Week Increase.

Over 6,000 job and book printers of New York City were last week granted an increase of \$9 a week by the board of arbitration. The scale under the award will be \$45 a week.

This closes the story of one of the most remarkable labor disputes which has occurred in the United States. The printers, asking for an increased wage, were not given the sanction of the international union to strike and no strike was declared but thousands of them announced they would take a vacation, and many national publications were tied up for a period of more than two months in the late fall.

Any member of the Typographical Union could work in the shops without being penalized by the union, but none could be found to take the place of those on "vacation." An attempt to send some of the work to other cities failed when Typographical men elsewhere announced they would refuse to handle it.

The National Federation of Postal Employees reports nearly 10,000 more members in December than in November, and 1,100 more in November than in any other month in the history of that organization.

In Spokane, barbers have raised wages after a short strike. The employers believed they could enforce the non-union shop idea which they formerly referred to as the "open shop," but which they now call the "American" plan.

In New York, a city-wide strike that menaced the ladies' garment industry has been averted by both sides referring the matter to an arbitration board. The workers ask for higher wages to meet the increased living costs.

Four thousand women are included in the membership of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

JEM SMITH WAS ENGLAND'S MOST ACTIVE RINGMAN

Battled With Bare Knuckles and Established a Wonderful Record.

(By James J. Corbett.)
Of all the ringmen that England ever produced few were more active than Jem Smith, who held the championship in the various divisions from welter-weight to heavyweight. Smith assembled a splendid record as a ringman, but the crowning achievement of his career was his terrific encounter with Jake Kilrain on French soil in 1886, the last real battle of Smith's career, and certainly the most spectacular. That fight took so much out of Smith that it virtually ended his fighting days.

Smith began his career in a rather unusual way. As a youth he had made quite a reputation as a fighter among the neighborhood boys. He always was fond of pugilism and whenever contests were staged in his vicinity he usually could be counted to be on hand.

A boxing competition open to 140 pounders was put on in London in 1882. Smith went there as a spectator and after the first battle had been staged his boy friends said to him:

"Jem, you're a whole lot better than those fellows. Why don't you get into the tournament?"

Smith jumped up from his seat, hunted up the managers of the show and asked to be entered. He was accommodated. Smith jumped into the ring wearing most of his street clothes, but he whipped every man who faced him and had won the 140-pound championship of London.

Some months later Smith beat Bob Preston in a bare knuckle fight near London for a purse of \$200, the first real money that Smith ever received as a reward for his ring efforts.

Late in 1882 London boxing enthusiasts put on a competition for 154-pound fighters. Smith beamed only 145 at the time, but he entered the tournament, defeated all his foes and won the championship. Two days later he met a fighter named Liddard, who weighed 160 pounds, and knocked him out in six rounds. Two weeks afterward it required only four rounds for Smith to beat Snavey, a 170-pounder.

Along in 1883 a boxing competition for middleweights, staged in Shoreditch, was won by Smith. He had to defeat three men to insure victory for himself. A fight followed with Bill Davis, whom Smith knocked out after one hour of battling.

After defeating Henry Arnold with gloves in fourteen rounds, Smith who then weighed only about 150 pounds, matched himself to battle James Skidmore, one of the giants of the English prize ring. Skidmore, far over six feet tall, weighed 224 pounds and towered over Smith like a mountain over a mole-hill.

Smith, a terrific puncher and a fast and aggressive fighter, tore in at Skidmore at the first call of time and knocked him cold in the third round, an accomplishment that awakened England to the greatness of Jem Smith.

On December 17, 1884, Smith took on Wolff Bendoff in a glove match to a finish for a \$100 side bet. Smith broke his left arm in the third round and had to fight from then on with his right. But it was good enough to win for him and he knocked out Bendoff in the twelfth.

Smith entered a tournament in 1885. The Marquis of Queensbury rules gov-

FOOTBALL DEEDS OF CARLISLE INDIANS ONLY A MEMORY

The Carlisle Indians, one of the greatest drawing cards in football, have passed and their football deeds are only a memory now. The game which produced such stars as Thorpe, Benum Pierce, Guyon, Metzera, Mount Pleasant and Hudson, is lost forever at Carlisle, and the football world grieves.

TEACHERS ARRANGE SERIES MEETINGS DURING SEASON

Organization and Salary Questions Over Will Now Inject Some Social Interest.

Up to the present time the High School Teachers' Alliance have devoted their time to the matters of organization and salary. The work of organization being pretty well in hand and the salary question practically arranged to their satisfaction, the association has taken up matters of educational and social interest.

A series of meetings of educational and social nature has been arranged for during the season, the first of which was held at the Victoria High School Saturday evening. Superintendent of Schools, W. G. Carpenter, addressed the meeting on the subject of "The Problem of the High School," after which a discussion took place particularly concerning the curriculum. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the discussion, and a pleasant social time was spent. The wives of the members were the guests of the Alliance for the evening.

erned the fight. Smith knocked out all of his opponents and won the title. He then set claim to the heavyweight championship of England. This was disputed by Jack Davis. The result was a match on December 16, 1885, in Godstone, for a \$1,000 side bet. The men fought with bare knuckles and Smith knocked out Davis in four rounds.

Alf Greenfield then challenged Smith. The fight which followed took place in Paris on February 16, 1886, for a side bet of \$1,500. Smith had all the best of it up to the thirteenth round when Greenfield's partisans, realizing that they were about to lose their wagers, broke into the ring and stopped further battling. Jem Mace, the referee, declared the fight a draw, a decision which created a storm of criticism throughout pugilistic circles.

After two fights with Jack Knifton, each of which was broken up by the police, Smith remained in idleness for a while. But when Jake Kilrain, the great American bare knuckle warrior, arrived in Europe, Smith lost no time in challenging him. Kilrain accepted and the battle which followed ranks as one of the greatest in ring history.

The men fought under London prize ring rules for a \$5,000 side bet and the diamond belt, signifying the world's championship. The battle took place December 19, 1887, on Isle St. Pierre, France, before a sizeable crowd. Kilrain and Smith were almost matched in size, as Smith by that time had taken on weight and beamed well beyond 200 in fighting condition.

The men started battling at a furious clip and through nearly fifty rounds they fought desperately. But honors continued even. From then on until the 105th round the fighting was featured only by occasional rallies. Both men were in a fearful condition and each was near exhaustion as the 106th round began.

As the fighter stood the scratch for that session they clinched, held a whispered conversation and then, breaking from it, and without consulting the referee, they announced that the fight was a draw.

Smith went into retirement soon afterward.

INTER-PROVINCIAL BASKETBALL AT UNIVERSITY SAT.

First of Annual Interprovincial Games Between U. of A. and U. of Saskatchewan

The first of the annual inter-provincial basketball games will be played at the University Saturday night, between the University of Saskatchewan and University of Alberta teams. Last year the University of Saskatchewan won both games, however, this year the Alberta boys feel that there will be a different story.

The University is credited with having one of the strongest teams that ever played in Alberta, and have been practicing every night this week and regularly all winter. The yhave speed and their team play is almost perfect. The lary all winter. They have speed and are also in good shape having practised all season and defeated nearly every team they have come up against.

RACING COLORS OF MAJ. BELMONT WILL BE SEEN ON N.Y. TRACKS

The maroon and red racing colors of Major August Belmont will be seen on the New York tracks once more in 1920. Among others who will race under the silks of the chairman of the jockey club is a coming 2-year-old named All Hours. He is a brown son of Negofol and Hour Glass II and therefore full brother to the great Hourless, who won a majority of the stakes on the New York tracks while racing for the Belmont stable and is now in the stud with a prospect of having winners of his get racing during the coming season.

The intention of Major Belmont to resume racing of thoroughbreds of his own breeding was made known when he entered All Hours in the juvenile and Keene memorial stakes for 2-year-olds to be run during the spring meetings at Belmont park.

President Wilson has nominated Miss Florence M. West to be receiver of public moneys at Pueblo, Col.

"SNAKE" AMES, FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER HAS CHANGED TO GOLF

Old-timers remember "Snake" Ames, who was one of the slipperiest football players of his day. When he was playing with Princeton he was a terror. Today he is golfing and quite a bog. At Onwentsia he is one of the top-notchers. He was the winner of the annual pow-wow tournament on those links.

In St. Louis, in thanking delegates to the central trades and labor union for his re-election as recording secretary, David Kreyling said: "If you make progress slowly and get things gradually they'll stay with you. Watch your step and be sure you are right before you go ahead."

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ROUMANIAN GOVT WAS BOYCOTTED IN RECENT ELECTIONS

Seventy per cent of the people of Roumania boycotted the government during the legislative elections by refusing to vote. The Socialist party, the Unionist party, the League of People and all the subject nationalities numbering about 420,000 citizens withdrew their candidates and their ballots in protest against the absolutist government.

The government aided in suppressing the Labor vote by excluding 400,000 men, most of the union members, because they were "still considered mobilized" and in neglecting to register 300,000 others.

In spite of the fact that only 30 per cent of the people voted, the Liberals, who were the real masters of the government, suffered a humiliating setback as defeated only 100 members. Seven Socialists were elected, in spite of the fact that the party members had all refused to vote.

The Woman's Page

LOVE OF WEALTH IS CORRUPTING MANY PROFESSIONS

Ald. Mrs. Gale of Calgary Says Inordinate Greed of Today Is Appalling.

Ald. Mrs. Gale of Calgary, in an address before the Men's Own of Central Methodist Church of that city, last Sunday, declared that the "competitive system, production for profit, should give place to a co-operative system and production for use."

"Is it too much," said Mrs. Gale, "to expect that after the splendid self-sacrifice displayed to win the war, we should attain the same heights to make sacrifices in time and money, if not in life, and organize with that splendid spirit of co-operation to educate the people to the full knowledge of our Christian religion through our churches, believing and preaching the kingdom of God, that industrial peace may be brought about? Let us hope that the forward movement will establish such an era of friendship and co-operation between capital and labor, that the weapon of strife will be no longer needed."

For several years, she said, the characteristic spirit of the people had been the worship of money, and today an autocracy of wealth with a right almost divine had been established.

"Even the retail coal merchants of the city," said she, "did not hesitate to take advantage of the award of 14 per cent increase in the wages of miners, which did not in any way affect the price of coal they had on hand or the ordered coal they had coming to them. Yet every consumer was charged 50 cents a ton extra in a time of the greatest need, when so many men were out of work."

Called an "Agitator" Mrs. Gale said that she had been described as an "agitator" because she remonstrated when the factory inspector allowed the merchants to work their clerks for three days from 8:30 in the morning to 10 o'clock at night, and in addition to giving up their half-holiday during Christmas week. The action she had taken was prompted by consideration for the interests of the girls, whose welfare she had at heart.

Medical Profession. Mrs. Gale declared that the standard of the medical profession had been lowered during recent years, and she quoted instances in which large sums had been charged for the performing of simple operations. In one case \$300 had been charged for an operation on the nose. The love of wealth was corrupting this as it was corrupting other professions.

Mrs. Gale described the efforts she had made to get signatures for a petition last year, asking for the reinstatement of the postal workers. It was known that these men had not had a square deal. The lack of sympathy which was shown in certain quarters was appalling. Yet the government itself, after six months, was climbing down, and after saying that the men were discharged for ever, had now announced that their applications would be entertained.

The speaker had sometimes wondered whether, until the clergy were in a measure independent of the goodwill of parishioners, a fearless renunciation of practiced wrongs could be expected from the pulpit. "For centuries," she said, "the church has taught us to resist evil in an individualistic manner; by imparting a knowledge of the commandments and a love of God, and all things good that would make the world safe—but has it been effective? Look at the greed and grasping spirit portrayed at every investigation into the

WOMEN ARE MAKING BIG PROGRESS IN ART OF MEDICINE

A succinct summary of the progress of the woman physician was made at a recent banquet of the Women's State Medical Society, New York. It was established that one-third of the 6,000 women physicians in the United States registered for war relief work.

Military commissions have been conferred by the United States government upon a number of women physicians working in France, where they have been decorated by English, French, Greek and Serbian governments. Excludes that hospitals be staffed exclusively by American women physicians, for war relief work, have been made by both Serbian and French governments and have been granted.

At the present time, the summary stated, women are admitted on the same terms as men, in more than 40 co-educational medical colleges in the United States, including Columbia, Yale and Harvard. Taking New York as an example, there are women on the staffs of at least five large hospitals in the city; many women are on the New York board of health, and on the faculty of many co-educational schools, such as the New York Post Graduate, Cornell, Columbia, and Harvard.

WHY THE TEACHER NEEDS A HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB

Lack of Co-operation With the Home Chief Obstacle to Further Advancement.

When the little strange boy or girl walks into the class-room at the beginning of the term, it is as if the teacher were confronted with an unexplored territory. The child's characteristics and mental capacity are known only in a general way to her as she knows human nature in general, but the nature and mind of the individual child are unknown quantities. Daily contact soon overcomes this drawback to a certain extent, particularly in the case of the perfectly normal child. But there are always some pupils who show certain peculiarities of temperament puzzling to the teacher, to say nothing of the sub-normal or abnormal child. With her limited knowledge of such pupils, the teacher needs to go beyond the classroom for an explanation of these tendencies.

It stands to reason, therefore, that if the teacher wishes to have an intelligent understanding of the child, she must know not only its home environment, but the child's mental and physical history. The only way to accomplish this is to come into personal contact with the mother. As soon as the child enters school, two people are now supervising its development. The mother and teacher become partners in the business of character building, and it is just as necessary for them to work together as the partners in a business firm. In fact, it is generally conceded by the most advanced thinkers in the educational world, that lack of co-operation with the home is one of the chief obstacles to further advancement.

Now what is the best way to bring about this co-operation? The teacher cannot visit every home, nor can the busy mother make frequent visits to the school. It is obvious, then, that the point of contact can be attained by having a common meeting ground for mother and teacher. If the mothers can be made to understand that the school building should be used as a centre for the interchange of ideas, and as a means of stimulating each other, then the first steps are taken for the formation of a club. The more active the teachers are in such a club, the more easily they will attain their object of getting a knowledge of their pupils through the mothers.

If in union there is strength, then surely the parents can confer still greater benefits on the school, the pupils and the teachers, by claiming the oft unused privilege of tax-payers of being heard, the school building, equipment, and health conditions, and thus accomplish what the teachers by themselves are unable to do.

With these facts confronting her, can any mother hesitate to set foot on the path that leads from the home to the school?

usually inflated prices of commodities, of the very necessities of life.

"What has the state done to control profiteering? Has it accomplished one little thing? Think of the thousands of dollars of the people's money being used in these investigations—one has a feeling that the government laughs.

"What is the accepted standard of morality—or rather, is there any accepted standard of morality? Men who have been convicted and imprisoned for getting money under false pretences by cheating in their contracts, are received into society apparently without any stigma."

Edith Beale and Ethlyn Thayer are members of Michigan's forest fire-fighting brigade.

"DAUGHTERS OF CANADA" IS NEW ORGANIZATION

Basis of Work Is Strong Constructive Campaign for Development of Canadianism.

Recently there has been launched in Toronto a new organization. It does not favor of the imperialistic organizations which grow like dandelions under Toronto skies, but appears to be "an honest to goodness" effort to develop a genuine Canadianism. "Daughters of Canada," is the name of the new organization whose basis of work has been expressed as a strong constructive campaign for the development of Canadianism.

Commenting on the organization a Liberal Toronto weekly says: "A most gratifying sign of the times is the formation of a new women's organization, the Daughters of Canada. Very little headway can be made in any country towards the awakening of the national consciousness and the creation of a national sentiment based upon affection for and loyalty to country, in which the women of that country do not take a foremost part in incubating in the young pride of nationhood and citizenship. The Daughters of Canada have been the first to react strongly to the sentiment of Canadian nationhood in which Sir Robert Borden and the Prince of Wales have been laying stress. If the Prince of Wales can express his pride by being regarded as a Canadian, who in this country will object to Canadians themselves being satisfied to be known, first, last and all the time as Canadians? No true Canadian will stultify himself or herself by being less loyal to his country than the Englishman is to England. The aims and objects of the Daughters of Canada are attuned to the spirit of this new epoch when Canada is preparing to assume the full status and dignity of nationhood—the co-equal of England herself. It is so Canadian in spirit and outlook that we look to the day, not far distant, when this nation-wide movement will play a big part in the building up of strong and durable foundations of unity and patriotism. Any Canadian woman may become a member of the Daughters of Canada on the payment of an annual fee of one dollar who subscribes to its declaration of purpose."

The declaration of purpose issued by the new society is as follows:

"We, women of Canada, realizing the responsibility resting upon us by reason of our newly-acquired status as a sister nation, which has been declared by the leaders of our government and emphasized by the Prince of Wales on his recent visit, hereby bind ourselves into a national organization, to be known as the Daughters of Canada, in order that we may more effectively develop a spirit of true Canadianism, based on love and pride in country; to promote racial concord;

"To advance through our educational system and by other methods a knowledge of sound democratic principles and stimulate a love for Canadian art, music and literature in our schools, community centres, in the homes and among the institutions of our people;

"To study the constitution, history and geography of Canada, what is involved in citizenship, and our relation to other countries socially, economically and in other respects;

"To conserve and develop our national resources for the benefit of our people and the extension of our Canadian influence, and to strive for equality of opportunity in the production and distribution of wealth;

"To welcome strangers within our gates, help them to understand the spirit of our people and our institutions, and encourage them to become citizens of Canada;

"To work faithfully for the freedom, peace and prosperity of this country, and to encourage wise economy and thrift among our people."

The organization has declared itself against the election of honorary members, life members or patrons in any position or office.

A Dominion charter has been applied for, which empowers organizing in any part of Canada.—Grain Growers' Guide.

FREE SPEECH IN UNITED STATES GAINS A POINT

Free speech in the United States gains a point with the defeat of the Sterling and Graham anti-free speech bills. It is now certain that the rules committee will not recommend a special consideration of any anti-sedition measure. The measure, under such circumstances, would have to take its turn with 11,000 other bills and without special ruling could not be reached this session.

Men's Fine Grade Boots \$7.50, \$8 and \$8.50

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WELL ATTENDED MEETING OF TRADES COUNCIL MONDAY

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tion of Delegates Owen and Latham, the notice was ordered posted in the Labor hall.

Delegate Owen made the suggestion that it would be a good thing to have fraternal delegates from the school teachers' alliance attend the council meetings, and the matter was referred to the executive to report on at next meeting.

Delegate Smith of the Machinists addressed the council in regard to the organizing of the stationary engineers and firemen, giving some information as to the recent activities of the fraternity and making suggestions as to securing their affiliation with the trades council.

Auditors' Report, 1919
The auditors made the following report on the affairs of the council for the year 1919:

Receipts—	
Per capita tax	\$1352.84
Rents for hall	1316.50
Winnipeg Defence fund	110.50
Initiation fees	20.00
Election campaign	175.00
Wages	95.00
Miscellaneous	20.50
Cash on hand, January 1, 1919.	76.24
	\$3166.58
Disbursements—	
Wages—Secretary	\$ 775.00
Janitor	188.00
Editor	150.00
Rent of hall	600.00
Winnipeg Defence fund	110.50
Election campaign	175.00
Per capita tax	42.87
Convention expenses	478.15
Telephone, water and light	100.58
Stationery and printing	102.00
Alterations to hall	333.04
Office Equipment and Furniture	46.50
Miscellaneous	60.68
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1919.	3.24
	\$3166.55
Assets and Liabilities.	

From an extended report of the auditors it appears that the total assets amount to \$281.94, after making allowance for certain unpaid assessments and rentals. The liabilities amount to \$543.23, which will leave a net balance to the credit of the council of \$258.71.

On January 1, 1919, the number of unions affiliated with the council was thirty; on December 31, the number was

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Credentialed—A. N. Wright, Typographical Union No. 604; C. S. Smith, Machinists No. 817; Mumfries.

Press committee—E. E. Roper and H. Hawkins.

Delegate Harry J. Clarke, was appointed as an accredited delegate from the council to the Edmonton First club.

The resignation of Mr. A. B. Groff as a member of the Welfare Board was accepted with regret. President McCreath and others expressed their appreciation of the splendid service that had been rendered to the city and the Trades Council by Mr. Groff during his association with the Welfare Board.

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GREATER DIVERSITY OF FARM CROPS IS PROFITABLE PLAN

Ensilaging Crop Is Best Way to Give Animals Green Feed in Winter.

The solution of many of our cropping problems such as weeds, rust, drifting soil, etc., depends upon the planting of a greater diversity of farm crops. Diversified farming must necessarily include livestock, since many of the crops we would like to introduce must be marketed through them. There seems, however, to be some problems that must be solved before the livestock side of the farm can be made profitable. One of the big difficulties is the production of suitable feed. This production is three-fold, the securing of better pasture, more suitable winter feeds, and cheaper and more reliable succulent feeds.

In the production of succulent crops we have depended upon both roots and ensilage. In the West the cost of producing and storing root crops makes the general feeding of them almost prohibitive. It would, therefore, seem that for the present at least, ensilage would be the best means of supplying this type of feed.

What Takes Place in the Silo
It is an undisputed fact that all classes of livestock thrive, make their largest gains and give a greater production of milk, when they have access to the green feeds during the summer either in the form of pasture or soiling crops. Our endeavor, therefore, during the winter, should be to give them as near green feed as can be supplied. In supplying feed for the human race we endeavor to overcome this difficulty by "canning" fruits and vegetables; for the stock we endeavor to do much the same thing on a larger scale, by ensilaging the crop.

It is an understood fact that if a food is moist and warm it decomposes or rots. This decomposition or rotting is brought about by a bacterial action. If we can prevent or arrest this action, the food will not be destroyed. Before these bacteria can work they must have warmth, moisture and air. If any one of these factors is absent their work will stop. We use this knowledge in preserving food for both human and animal use. The refrigerator or cold storage plant makes use of the first factor. The drying of food or the curing of fodder the second, and the canning or ensilaging, the third.

When the green crop is placed in the silo all the air cannot be excluded, no matter how thoroughly it is packed. The bacteria make use of this air present, and fermentation starts and continues until the air is used up. This gives the food a fermented flavor which is fortunately relished by most classes of livestock. Just here it might be well to note that some scientists are now advocating bone-dry ensilage, claiming that it is more valuable for feed than the old-fashioned fermented food. The bacteria commonly supposed to be responsible for the fermentation in silage, produce what is known to distillers as wild yeast. This yeast is the cause of the over fermentation and decay. If they could be replaced by lactic acid bacteria, the air would be used up before over fermentation takes place and the ensilage would therefore be sweeter. This is accomplished by securing from the bacteriologist a culture of lactic acid bacteria. These are mixed with water or other substances and spread over the ensilage, when the silo is being filled. Up to date we have not made a test of this but next year our project will include it.

SCOTLAND SHOWS SIGNS OF DISCONTENT WITH FOREIGN RULE

Even in Scotland, which only recently was cited by the Prince of Wales as an example of the success of the British imperial statesmanship, there are growing signs of dissatisfaction with foreign rule. The statesmen of Toronto, which has recently completed an investigation of the Scottish situation, sums up its conclusions thus:

"There are three parties in Scotland, which may be designated as the Left, Center and Right. The left is a vigorous and growing movement that aims at complete separation and independence, the Center, which before the war carried on a fight for home rule similar to that of the Redmond party in Ireland, has since advanced its demand and now claims Dominion home rule; and the Right, which is a dwindling remnant of imperialism, like the Carolean minority in Ulster, abides by the status quo.

WOOL GROWERS URGE PROBE OF CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS

Utah delegates to the National Wool Growers' association charge clothing manufacturers with palming off shoddy for all-wool clothing. It was declared in a suit of clothes sold for all-wool at prices ranging from \$60 to \$75 a suit, there is actually not more than \$6 to \$7 worth of wool in the fabric. Yet this shoddy imitation is sold to the public as all-wool at two or three times what a real all-wool piece of goods should cost in comparison with the price paid the wool producer for his product. The wool growers want the manufacturers probed.

CO-OPERATOR ADVISES MAKE HASTE SLOWLY

Not So Much a Question of Taking Time But of Following the Right Path.

Make haste slowly, is the advice to co-operators by Albert Sorenson, secretary of the Co-operative League of America.

"Co-operation seems slow," he says, "only because it recognizes the necessity of going ahead only so fast as the working people are trained in co-operative management and principles. If they all understood that co-operation, too, could be established as a universal system within a few months. It is the training, not only of the rank and file, but of the managers and directors which takes time. Co-operative business is very different from private business, and the man trained in private business is apt to be a failure in co-operative business, even if he has the co-operative business in his soul."

"Co-operation began on a big scale in this country before. The American Protective union, with nearly 1,000 branch stores throughout the country, the Sovereigns of Industry, with about an equal number of stores, reaching half way across the continent and up into Canada, and finally the Knights of Labor spreading all over the country. And all are buried in the grave yard of failure."

"On the other hand, wherever the workers have begun humbly and cautiously, carefully studying the road before them, as in Great Britain and all the other European countries, they have steadily forged ahead. Nor is it so much a question of taking time—hurry up the work all you like, put on full steam ahead. But follow the right path."

LABOR PROBLEMS ARE RESULT OF OVER PROSPERITY

According to the Philadelphia press, Rev. Benjamin L. Ansell, a missionary from China, believes that labor problems are the result of "over-prosperity."

The clergyman says there are no strikes in China, and that that country is poverty stricken.

"I think that, perhaps, accounts for the fact that it has no strikes or other labor troubles such as America and Europe have suffered since the war," he said. "There are no organizations in China corresponding to the trade unions of America. To be sure, there are trade guilds that were started 2,000 years ago. Chinamen are brought up generation after generation in one trade. It is difficult for a man not brought up in the profession to find work or to get into a guild."

"Where in America you pay \$6 or \$8 a day for carpenters, we pay from 22 to 30 cents a day. Unskilled labor may be had at 13 cents a day. But, of course, there is a difference in living expenses. The laborer can buy his months' supply of food for \$2. Students pay only \$3 or \$4 a month for board."

HOTEL EMPLOYEES OF NEW YORK WILL SOON BE ORGANIZED

If the plans of General Organizer J. Loster, of the International Federation of Hotel Workers are successful, the 200,000 employees of New York's hostels will soon become unionized. Loster says that there are already 21,000 members of the organization which he represents, and that while this is but 10 per cent of the number who gain a livelihood in the hotels, indications are that efforts to persuade all of the workers to become members of the union will be entirely successful.

The Farm Page

CANADA BIDS FOR IMPERIAL SETTLERS TO TAKE UP FARMS

Two Representatives Sent to England to Interview Imperial Ex-Service Men.

W. E. Scott, formerly deputy minister of agriculture for British Columbia, and Russell Wilson, of Saskatoon, a farmer who has pioneered successfully in the Great West, have been appointed by the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada, a select committee for the purpose of interviewing Imperial ex-service men who desire to come to Canada to take up farms under the terms of the Soldier Settlement Act. Both of these men have had experience in soldier settlement activities, having been assisting the board in their respective provinces in an advisory capacity during the past year.

They are expected to reach England about the first of February, and will at once begin the work of making selections from the candidates who offer.

This is the first time that any of the Dominions has adapted this system of selection of emigrants from the British Isles. It is the purpose of the Soldier Settlement Board, with the aid of the selection committee, to secure as great a proportion as possible who are agriculturally experienced. Of the others who apply the committee will select according to the suitability of the candidates for farming in Canada. The candidates selected must possess on their arrival in Canada at least \$1,000

O. S. LONGMAN NEW PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL AT CLARESHOLM

O. S. Longman, B.S.A., at present farming at Deloraine, Man., has been appointed to succeed the recently resigned principal of the provincial agricultural school at Clareholm, Alta. Graduating from Manitoba in 1913, Mr. Longman served on the original staff of the Clareholm school where he won a large place in the affection of the student body and the community at large. After leaving Clareholm he acted in the capacity of field husbandry instructor at Oids, returning to the home farm to replace an enlisted brother. The department is to be congratulated on obtaining Mr. Longman's services.

in cash and be prepared to pay on purchased land, livestock and equipment, 20 per cent of the purchase price cash down. They all come as probationers. Those who have had extended farming experience in the Old Country will be required to work at least one full season on Canadian farms; and those without experience at least two years before they can qualify as settlers.

The selection committee in the British Isles will consider only those Imperial ex-service men who are physically fit and possess such other qualifications as reputation for honesty, intelligence and thrift. With these prerequisites it is expected that a very desirable class of men will come to Canada during the coming season.

Judging from a casual survey of the advertisements, hardly anything in this world is of quite so much importance as automobile tires.

ANGUS M'MILLAN APPOINTED TO DOM. LIVE STOCK BRANCH

As Head of Sheep and Goat Division Will Extend Sheep Industry in West.

Angus McMillan, B.S.A., until recently lecturer in animal husbandry at the Manitoba Agricultural College, has resigned to accept an appointment as head of the sheep and goat division of the Dominion Livestock Branch. Mr. McMillan graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in 1912. Later he went to McDonald College, where he was in charge of sheep husbandry for the province. Here he also had considerable experience in organization and administration work. He organized the first co-operative wool growers association in the Dominion and had charge of the marketing of from 170,000 to 200,000 lbs. of wool annually from ten associations. He has gained considerable prominence as a sheep judge, officiating in that capacity at some of the big exhibitions in the eastern states and Canada. He has a particular knowledge of Southdown Shropshires, Oxford, Leicester and Cheviots. For a number of years he has been giving considerable time to lecture work.

In his new capacity Mr. McMillan will have jurisdiction over the activities of the division in all provinces. He considers that the West offers an excellent opportunity at the present time for effective work in sheep expansion on account of the system of farm-

FIGHT AGAINST UNIONISM IN FEDERAL SERVICE

Individual Efforts Against Unionism Interpreted As Beginning of Fight to Finish.

The affiliation of Federation employees with the American Federation of Labor will be an important issue when the report of the joint commission on reclassification of salaries is laid before the U.S. Congress, states the "Railway Post Office," published by the Railway Mail Association.

While the report will make no recommendation on this question, it will, nevertheless, contain testimony heard by the commission on the right of government employees to organize. Congressmen are already lining up against such a privilege, it being understood that congressmen who led the fight against the policemen's union are preparing to seize the reclassification commission's report as an opportunity to open their guns on unionism in the Federal service. It was declared that these congressmen will oppose the granting of increased salaries to government employees who are members of the Federal Employees' Union.

There have been a number of individual efforts in the Capitol lately antagonistic to unionism, it was pointed out. These have been interpreted as merely a beginning of a fight to the finish. The National Federation of Federal Employees is equally prepared to meet

ing usually followed. Sheep, he says, fit in well with grain growing on account of their ability to keep weeds in check, the inexpensive buildings required to house them, the small amount of labor entailed and the quick returns secured. He looks therefore to doing considerable work in assisting to extend the sheep industry of the prairie provinces.

the pending attack upon its organization. It has clearly defined its position, emphasizing particularly its non-strike clause, and has declared from time to time that the organization is working for the best interests of the government as well as the individual.

But such declarations by the Federation have made little impression upon its opponents, it is said. There are a number of senators and congressmen who refuse to be swayed from their position that the unionizing of federal or municipal employes is a menace to public welfare.

At the headquarters of the reclassification commission this phase is regarded as a delicate issue. The commissioners have never made any comment upon it, and the employes themselves have spoken but once of unionism in connection with the reclassification work.

Generally, it has been regarded as having no bearing on reclassification, and perhaps for this reason was ignored; yet at the time for presenting the commission's report to Congress approaches there is every indication that a warm fight will develop upon unionism.

LABOR PROTESTS AGAINST ABOLITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT DOLE

Representatives of 300,000 union men have called upon the Parliamentary Labor party to block all business in the house of commons until the government has restored the unemployment dole. If the government fails to comply direct action to abolish the dole, which leaves utterly without resources many thousands of unemployed workers. These recommendations were included in resolutions adopted at a conference of the South Staffs and Worcestershire Federation of Trades Councils, which demanded that the government make some provision for its masses of unemployed until it has solved the problem of unemployment.

The chief health inspector reports that between six and seven tons of food has been destroyed in the Winnipeg incinerator since January 7th, largely consisting of eggs and apples.

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Men's Wool Lined Mitts. Worth up to \$1.50. Last 3 days **95c**

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By Julio Ray Phelps

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I travelled all over the globe for my health Till I'd lost all my hope and most of my wealth, I tried every poultice and lotion and aid Every pill and prescription that ever was made, I visited doctors from Shanghai to Rome, But I had to give up in the end and come home.

They told me my sonnet was just about sung, That tuberculosis had claimed my left lung, That my pulses were listed at six beats behind, And in a matter of days I'd be totally blind, And they'd ordered a box for a fast dying man When I woke up one day and became a screen fan!

Well, six reels of Fairbanks brought back my left lung, And when I saw Theda my last fling was flung, My voice was restored (it had thinned to a squeak) By doses of Arbuckle—three times a week, Dot Gish got my poor circulation to start, And a big Griffith love scene remodeled my heart.

Annette Kellermann put my eyes back in shape, With the first dose of Glauz my chills made their escape, My interest returned with a Hart Western play, And Chaplin repaired my knee joints right away, The Mack Sennett "squabs" fixed my bum appetite, And the insomnia left with Petrova one night.

So look at me now—a completely well man, And all just because I became a screen fan— All of my ailments entirely lost And no good time wasted and no excess cost. So I claim there's more health stored in one reel of thrills Than in all the quack doctors and all the pink pills!

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MOVIES ENHANCED BY APPROPRIATE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

Film Palace Is An Agency That Has Done Much To Popularize Music.

Speak of music now-a-days and many people think instinctively of moving picture theatres. The film palace is an agency that has done as much to popularize music, in many respects, as any other medium, and there are reasons why this is the case. There are those who are, or were, disinterested in classical or operatic music until they happen to hear it in a moving picture theatre. Then, their interest is aroused; they make inquiries regarding the name of the selection if it is not announced before or during the rendition, and they tie themselves to the music store to duplicate it on a phonograph record or player-piano roll. Many of the selections thus popularized are "over the heads" of many auditors, and their solution of the difficulty is found in the canned or self-played music. The technique of the average person does not go much beyond Tosti's "Good-Bye," but with phonographs and player-pianos there are no longer any obstacles in the way of domestic enjoyment of any compositions.

Thrilling Overtures.

The musical feature of moving picture presentation has been highly developed in recent years. Several of the larger moving picture theatres in New York City have symphony or concert orchestras of immense size. The musicians in these organizations number from forty to seventy persons, many of whom are real artists drawing real salaries. These orchestras "tackle" a Bachmannoff number just as easily as a swaying Sousa March. Their overtures are thrilling and sensational, added to which they heighten the effect of every picture that is thrown upon the silver sheet. They bring out the laughs in the comedy and they arouse the blood in the stirring episodes of a melodramatic release. They fire the imagination and fill the air with enthusiasm during the screening of a patriotic picture. Last, but not least, they play with the picture.

The moving picture theatre manager who has studied the subject of music and who insists upon certain ideals is the "exhibitor" who is successful because his pictures seem to be so much better than those which are seen in a rival house where a dinky orchestra does out so many bars to the minute and is probably thinking of something to est just when it should be playing up to a climax. It is in the up-to-date moving picture house that many people acquire the taste for more music. The pleasing notes, arranged to accompany the theme of the picture plot, tickle the ears and the sense of hearing is pleased as well as the sense of seeing. The patrons walk out of the theatre with a thread of a strain on their minds, and they retain this bare bit of harmony until they satisfy themselves with the possession of the whole composition.

Most everybody attends the moving picture theatre in these times, but many people studiously avoid the opera and the recital. They are afraid of the latter, but they feel that they will like the music in the film theatre. It may be the same as is programmed for a concert or choral oratorio, but the people have the idea that it will sound more heroic when it is used as a "setting" for pictures.

Buys at the Music Store.

The moving picture theatre manager is also always anxious to engage vocal artists of accepted standard as additional attractions, because he knows that the singer will bring still more devotees of music to his theatre. His programme becomes just that much more interesting to a certain section of the community. The regular patron also hears something that he likes—and he buys at the music store at the first opportunity.

The orchestral "library" at many moving picture theatres is complete in many ways. All kinds of music, pastoral, serenades, minuets, arias, operas, popular songs, dances, marches, hymns, classics, Gregorian chants, fantasies, romantic overtures and symphonies are classified in these theatre libraries, and it is the duty of the conductor of the orchestra to attend a pre-release screening of an attraction to arrange appropriate music. Many picture producing companies provide cue-sheets or musical suggestions with all features, and these are readily and widely used by orchestra directors. It is a fact that the music libraries are frequently far more comprehensive than the actual selections available in churches and elsewhere. In many cases, particularly with super film productions, a film company will arrange for the composition of an original score by some competent musical authority so that the theatre orchestra will be able to play something that will exactly fit the picture. Theatre directors also frequently arrange extemporaneous or improvised action to suit the various scenes.

Musical Themes.

Nearly every director will provide two musical themes for every big picture. One will be a romantic or pastoral air to emphasize the love passages in the picture. The other theme will be a

MAY ROBSON COMING IN "TISH" COMEDY

With the coming to the Empire theatre of the charming comedienne May Robson in her new comedy "Tish," for three days starting Monday, February 9, theatregoers will be among the first to see this sterling actress and her splendid new starring vehicle on its short preliminary tour before the piece is brought into New York for a run. "Tish" is a dramatization by Edward E. Rose, of the widely read Letitia Carberry stories, written by Mary Roberts Rinehart, and recently appearing in the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. Rose has seemingly "scored" for the third time in one season in his admirable adaptation of "Tish" for the stage, as his "appy Ricks" is enjoying its full measure of popularity and success in New York where it is one of the real "hits" of the present season. "Penrod," which is the other effort of Mr. Rose this season is meeting with almost phenomenal success in the larger cities.

It was the personal wish of Miss Rinehart, the author of the Letitia Carberry stories, that should they be successfully adapted for the stage, that Miss Robson play the part. The success of the adaptation for the stage, the wonderful production given the piece by Augustus Pitou Inc. and the almost instantaneous triumph scored by Miss Robson in the charming character of "Tish," has assured the new comedy of a long and successful career.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MOLLY BY Patricia Foulds

Oh, Molly was a dainty maid of photograph renown, The sweetest bit of dainty that ever graced a town. Now, facts about their favorites is the public's latest fad, And Molly's popularity, it nearly drove her mad.

She couldn't get away from it, and even in her sleep. She dreamt of interviewers around her—three rows deep. Till at last she grew quite desperate and she sent a little note To all the "Movie Magazines" and this is what she wrote:— Now, here is my biography for all the world to know, And everyone who wants to may believe that it is so.

My mother was an Eskimo from Greenland, and my father was an Indian of the Mohawk tribe so bold. And I was born aboard a boat down in the southern seas, The boat belonged to China, so I guess I'm Chinese.

And when I came upon the screen I changed my name, 'tis true, But if you'd landed Phoebe Hicks, now tell me, wouldn't you?

In my previous position I was not a footlight queen, But shone in quite a different sphere—in Childs' I reigned supreme. I'm fond of reading "Mother Goose" and classic things like that; And always I'm accompanied by "Lily," my pet bat. My favorite fruit's a lemon, tiger lilies I adore, The coin that I get every year weighs half a ton or more; I've buried seven husbands and living I have three, But Colonel Heeza Liar hasn't got a thing on me.

heavy strain to be played whenever the villain shows his hand. In all instances, a real attempt is made to have the music synchronize with the story of the film.

Music has reached a stage of perfection in the playing with the film features in some theatres that the most casual patron of a theatre immediately appreciates the effort to surround the presentation with the proper tone. On the other hand, it goes decidedly against the grain for a musical critic to attend a performance in a film theatre where little or no effort is made by the orchestra to play with the picture. The careless playing immediately kills both the picture and the music. The orchestra may be a high-class organization and its renditions may be exceptionally fine in themselves, but they agitate during the tense dramatic moments. The shadowy footsteps of the villain were "heard" amid the strains of a serenade, and once, when there was a fine opportunity for the employment of the theme of a popular song, the orchestra was struggling with an intricately technical selection. The music was entirely out-of-place, although beautiful in itself. To cap it all, the members of the orchestra told each other all the latest jokes during the "rests"—to the discomfort of the audience. Whether these rests were intended as silent climaxes was not ascertained.

The moving picture patron invariably hears a potpourri of selections at every show, and out of the lot there must be a considerable portion that strikes his fancy. He learns his music as he goes along, and sooner or later becomes an enthusiast of melody.

The whole effect is spoiled when the music does not coincide with the story. In Fresno, Cal., several transfer companies in that city have been tied up because of a refusal to meet the new rate of \$6 a day presented by the Teamsters' Union.

SOLDIER ACTORS PLAY EMPIRE IN "RIFF, BING, BANG"

Direct from France, where they played over five hundred performances immediately behind the lines, for our Canadian boys; the crack bunch of entertainers known to the entire C.E.F. and R.E.F. as "The Dumbells," are now on a limited tour of the larger cities of Canada, and will appear here at the Empire theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 12, 13 and 14, with Saturday matinee.

This brilliant organization of fighting funsters is still under the personal supervision of Capt. M. W. Plunkett, to whom great credit is due for making them into the favorite of all soldier attractions in France. For this homecoming series of performances they are offering the best of their original overseas musical comedy revues, "Riff, Bing, Bang." It will be played here exactly as it was presented to the soldiers in France, the only difference probably being in the manner of staging and the comfort with which the audiences can sit and view the performance. There is really a lot of difference between a real stage and comfortable opera chairs and a make-shift stage built out of packing cases and lighted by candles. However, special care has been taken to maintain the atmosphere of the trenches, and while there will be no air raids nor bursting German shells to live the performance the audience are promised some real thrills in the way of scenery and costumes, songs and dances, and most of all "girls," for "Marjorie" and "Marie" are still with the original cast, as well as the famous "beauty brigade"—each member of which has had at least sixteen months actual experience with a line regiment before dropping back a few miles to entertain his comrades.

ONE ON BERT LYTELL

Bert Lytell, the Metro Star, is fond of recalling the days in his dramatic apprenticeship, when, as a member of the Alcazar Stock in San Francisco and other companies, he learnt the subtleties of his craft.

Lytell's rapid rise to the rarefied atmosphere of stardom has been won by hard work. When he was "in stock," doing melodramas among other plays, he improved each moment of the stage, perfecting himself in his parts and often found himself reading lines aloud on the streets or in other public places, much to his embarrassment.

When he was playing in a Maine town he tried a short cut through a cemetery one evening from his hotel to the theatre, and frightened three elderly women nearly to death as he strode through the burial ground exclaiming fiercely: "I've got you at last, scoundrel, and you must die the death of a dog!"

Lytell is now at Metro's West Coast studios, where he has completed work in "Lombardi Ltd." He lives at a hotel in Hollywood which is noted for its atmosphere of absolute quiet. Striding along the veranda the other day, the star was running over a situation in his new picture. Suddenly he almost shouted: "I love you, I love you! Wonder-girl, be mine!" Whereupon a dozen women living at the hotel started up from various nooks

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ABOUT "PURGING" THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Can the reader remember of having ever heard of a strike which was not brought on by the "dangerous radicals" in the union? As a matter of fact it can be stated without fear of contradiction that every man who has had an active part to play in union affairs has, at one time or another, been referred to as "too radical." Usually coming from a disgruntled employer who has been made to realize that the workers are something more than mere machines, such an accusation against a union official is the stigma imposed because of duties well and faithfully performed, in the interests of the workers represented. When a man who is prominent in the affairs of a trade union is referred to as a "red," a "bolshhevik" or just plain "too radical," it is well to investigate very carefully as to who imposes the term, and why.

Organized Labor receives a great deal of advice about its "radicals." It is a blank day indeed when some good-hearted soul does not plead with trade unionism to "clean house"; to "purge" itself from the radical element. As a rule, however, it is not possible to believe wholly in the disinterestedness of those who so freely give the advice. In some cases there is too much evidence of a desire to make organized Labor a nice meek and mild movement that could at all times be counted upon to refrain from interfering with the beneficiaries of privilege. All the wisdom in the world is not in the Labor movement but we hesitate to think of what organized Labor might be today if its affairs had always been conducted according to the advice of those on the outside. Much advice to Labor to "purge" itself of the extremists, can safely be placed in the same category as the time-honored pun of the opponent of organized Labor who believes in unions providing they are "properly conducted."

CIVIC UNIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS

The Free Press must confess its inability to understand by what method of reasoning those who are responsible for the suggestion, arrived at the idea that the city's assistant department heads should be compelled to withdraw from their respective unions. Surely it is not the purpose of the commissioners to dictate as to who should be members of a union and who should not, and this paper would not be surprised if the civic unions combine to repudiate the suggestion that members of the organizations should be compelled to withdraw their membership.

If the unions were contemplating any changes in the rule as to who should compose their membership, we would think that such change would be of an inclusive rather than an exclusive nature. We cannot see why the commissioners should have any objection to the department heads themselves joining the unions if they so desired, and the organizations permitted their entrance. We certainly do see several strong objections to any present members being compelled to withdraw, and we miss our guess if the unions are prepared to be dictated to as to who shall or who shall not compose their membership. Furthermore, we can pretty well assure all and sundry that should the civic unions so decide they will have the unqualified support of their fellow trades unionists in this city.

NOTHING UNREASONABLE HERE

Shortly after the civic elections it was being freely predicted in some quarters that civic employees would make a "clean-up" on the city exchequer in the way of greatly increased salaries. At that time the Free Press ventured to prophesy that no such unreasonable demands would be made, and recent events would seem to bear out the correctness of our prediction.

In the adjustment of school teachers' salaries the reasonable demands of the teachers and the prompt and business-like manner in which the new Board disposed of the matter of salaries for the year is certainly refreshing after the dilly-dally policy that has been characteristic of past administrations. In fixing the minimum salary for male assistants in high schools the Board certainly did not err on the side of liberality. Two thousand per year for a man who has sufficient training to be a high school teacher could not by any stretch of imagination be referred to as exorbitant. The same can be said of the maximum of \$2900 after seven years' service.

The demands of city employees are equally as reasonable as those of the teachers. When all salaries and working conditions are adjusted between the School Board and the City Council and the employees coming under the jurisdiction of those bodies, the Free Press has no hesitancy in predicting that taxpayers and all concerned will feel that the interests of all have been properly considered and protected.

HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE

There is considerable of an agitation at the present time to provide for the "personal covenant" in connection with mortgages. The idea of course is all in favor of those who are conducting the agitation, namely, the financial men who would benefit thereby.

The personal covenant, in effect means that the mortgagor practically pledges all he owns or expects to own as security for money that is supposed to be advanced on a particular piece of property. In other words the mortgagor must be protected from any contingency, and at the expense of the mortgagor. Loan companies are not in the habit of loaning money on property that, at the time the loan is advanced, is not of sufficient value to secure the mortgages from loss in case of default on the part of the mortgagor. The personal covenant would provide that in the case of a slump in the value of property, and the mortgagor not being able to meet payment of the loan, the loan company could attach other of the mortgagor's property than that on which the loan was advanced, providing the latter had lost value to such an extent that its sale would not produce sufficient to cover the loan. In other words it would seem to be a case of heads I win, tails you lose insofar as the loan company is concerned. The farmers have recorded their opposition to the personal covenant and in their decision they have the unqualified support of organized Labor.

STUDY OF LABOR INSPIRES ENTHUSIASM

One of the most remarkable attributes of the Labor movement is its enthusiasm inspiring quality. The underlying principles of the movement are so sound, the aspirations of Labor are so unselfish and just, that any person who studies the movement with an unbiased mind becomes a Labor enthusiast. This has been particularly noticeable in the past few years when preachers, educationalists and men of like callings have been flocking to Labor's ranks. In Britain especially has this trend been apparent. The Labor movement invites study of its purposes. It has nothing to lose and all to gain from careful investigation of its aspirations by those who can be influenced by humanitarian principles. When the subject of unionism is approached with an honest desire to ascertain what it is and what it represents the student becomes impressed with the fact that humanity is the first consideration of the movement. Organized Labor cries out for better education, better housing, better food, better working conditions, more leisure and all other advantages for the betterment of its members only but for every human creature. Labor's aim is to change "the scheme of things whereby one man is engaged through life in grinding Labor to win a bare and precarious subsistence for himself, and another man who does not toil receives every hour of the day, every hour of the night whilst he slumbers, more than his poor neighbor receives in a whole year of toil." (The quotation is from Lloyd George). When the underlying motive of the Labor movement is understood and appreciated, the fact that its adherents become enthusiastic is not surprising.

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EDITOR'S NOTES.

The Teachers' Alliance has only one step to take to complete its effectiveness as a trade union. There should be no delay in becoming affiliated with the central bodies of organized Labor.

On Tuesday evening February 10th, at the regular meeting, will be a good place to join the Labor Party. Are you a member?

Patriotism has been said to be the last resort of scoundrels and the folks who can and do shout the loudest about democracy are those who would resort to any means to keep democracy from functioning.

President McCreath and the other Labor members of the Factories Act Commissions do not intend to be sidetracked from performing the duties which devolve upon them, and they will have the enthusiastic support of Alberta organized Labor if they persist in ignoring any attempt to deal with other than the vital questions of wages and hours, until those have been fully considered.

Organized Labor was born of the necessity for the common expression of common aspirations and desires. The same ground for organization still exists in a larger degree. Hence the ever-increasing growth of the Labor movement.

CORRESPONDENCE

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February 4th, 1920.

Editor, Free Press:

Dear Sir,—The controversy between Dr. Crang and the Mayor is very interesting from Labor's point of view. Dr. Crang is a self-made man, having been for several years an active member of the Bricklayers' Union in Toronto, therefore knows the base of Labor. What stands out as a remarkable fact is: Dr. Crang, as soon as he got the power, acted for those he represented; instead of referring orders back to committee. What Labor requires is such men; actors, not referees.

To boost a city, the first thing to do is to have a satisfied citizenship. Weather is no object if opportunities are equivalent, yet it is a known fact, married men, in the city's employ several years, and with families to support, are getting \$82 a month. Therefore in my opinion the first duty of Labor representatives is to revise the wage schedule, let all new men be married, and those already in the employ given the hint to get married. Make the job worth while and guarantee no discharges on account of age. All other improvements come secondary. Take my case, I am not a member of the city's staff, yet I have relations in England, Toronto and Vancouver, and know that I will wind up where I get the best reports from. It means I will go to the best place, or they come here; once the pack is here you have citizens. Now take 500 cases of such, it ultimately means at least 2,000 steady newcomers each with further connections, not transients; that is the base of power, satisfied citizens. Then once you have that, debts, etc. will vanish of their own free will; therefore Dr. Crang's view, I uphold, and say the council ought to come through with the money, and instead of fighting, do likewise and copy his example.

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