

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

The Associated Federal Employees of Ottawa.

Federal Union No. 66.

THE FAILING CANDLE AND THE RISING SUN.

The passing of an institution, like that of an acquaintance, is a saddening thing. We may have criticized its actions and smiled at its weaknesses, yet we watch almost reverently its dying struggles and bend to catch its last expiring sigh.

In such sad case lies our old friend the Civil Service Association. "Life, like a spent steel, is passing towards the goal."

A hurried examination of physicians (some forty-three in number) is held. One gives it as his professional opinion that unless a strong stimulant, a "mountain dew" in other words, of \$2.00 per annum is administered, the patient cannot last the year.

Under the supervision of our President, we have now prepared a case for reconsideration of the salary scales of the clerical service. We are about to present it to the Board of Hearing, at which our President is a member.

Such is the unwary course of nature and even the "resolution" of the Civil Service Association is not after it. Yes, I think I will stop in at the florist's.

These plans are, of course, not perfect. They have certain defects which cannot be overcome. We cannot attach to them a fine old British name like Griffenhagen; they are a domestic, not an imported product, and hence do not possess that fine finish that inspiration, as it were, only to be derived from the keen intellect of foreign specialists.

communicate with bell, book, and candle all who had joined our union, and then, having freed his ranks of union sympathizers as far as might be, proposed to vote on affiliation with Labor? And was it not likely under these circumstances that the vote would be against affiliation? And rehearsed plan on the part of the executive of the association to secure an apparent endorsement of their policy of "splendid isolation?"

Our thoughtful member would seem to have reason on his side. However, it is not our most sensible course, however, for those intending to vote for affiliation to join us now. They should either vote or so, if they desire to translate their votes into action.

General Organizer William Varley, of the American Federation of Labor, was in Ottawa last week en route for the Maritime Provinces where he will continue the organization campaign inaugurated some time ago.

Richard Riely and H. Chantland are new business agents of the Niagara district of the International Machinists, whose membership now numbers 10,000.

Business Agent H. Lewis of the Machinists, reports that conditions in the trade are in good average shape throughout the city at the present time.

On Tuesday evening at the Labor Temple a bronze tablet to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the members of the International Union of Bricklayers in Toronto, who fell in action was unveiled.

CONSERVATIVE WING MAKES BIG VICTORY IN THE U. M. W. UNION.

The radical element in the United Mine Workers of America failed in its effort to win a majority of the nominations to national offices in the organization, it was announced at the office of the union at Indianapolis last week.

EASTERN CANADA.

GUELPH ALLOWANCE COMMISSION READY. The Mothers' Allowance Commission of Ontario have announced the appointment of the Guelph board who are to deal with any applications in Guelph and vicinity, and instructions have been received by the members to commence work at once.

WESTERN CANADA.

WINNIPEG LABOR WILL AGAIN CONTEST CIVIC ELECTIONS. Intent on making a fight for the mayoralty and all the aldermanic and school trustee seats, the Winnipeg Branch of the Dominion Labor Party took the preliminary step in its election campaign last week, when it instructed the executive to call a convention of the membership for the purpose of nominating candidates.

SEAMEN DECIDE TO ARBITRATE.

It was announced today at the offices of the Union of Sailors, Stokers and Cooks of vessels engaged in inland navigation that a referendum among members of the union throughout Canada on the subject of the men's wage demands, had been taken and was in favor of the appointment of a board of conciliation. Members are in favor of a strike if no settlement can be effected by such board.

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The executive committee of the Ontario Safety League has approved a plan by which the public will be treated to a week of safety. The week of October 10-16 has been designated "Safety Week," and in that week the Safety League and the various organizations co-operating plan an intensive drive against accidents.

Similar large scale campaigns have been held in other cities and have been a notable success. The "Safety Week" held in St. Louis in the autumn of 1918 is the most conspicuous example, as fatal accidents in the corresponding week in 1917 were 24 and in "Safety Week" there was one fatality. Cleveland cut its fatalities in its "Week" last year from 15 in the same week of the previous year to 6 in "Safety Week." Pittsburgh cut its fatalities from 25 to 15. These facts are vital to a community and experience has shown that the good effects of the safety propaganda have been continued month by month ever since. Similar intensive drives against accidents have been a success in industry and on the railroads, and the league looks forward with confidence to success.

During Safety Week, the various committees plan to teach accident and fire prevention to men, women and children in a spectacular educational campaign in which various forms of publicity will be used. The public will be reached by means of posters, bulletins, bill boards, street-car cards, letters, advertisements, meetings and safety shows and given a liberal education in safety.

Sub-committees of the Safety League will cover such subjects as: Publicity, Bulletins, Motion Pictures, Schools for Industrial Safety, Statistics, Boy Scouts, Women, Traffic, Schools and Colleges, etc., etc. The various days of the week have been specially designated—Safety Sunday, with special sermons in the churches; Monday is Careful Day for Motorists; Tuesday will be Careful Day for Street Car Men; Wednesday is set aside for School Safety; Thursday will be At Home Day for Safety; Friday is to be called Careful Day for Pedestrians; and the slogan for Saturday will be "Safety for All. All for Safety."

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