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TORONTO, FEBRUARY 26th, 1904. WHAT IS UNREASONABLE?

In the discussion of the claims made by union men for increase in wages, the expression is frequently heard from those who do not work or have a "soft snap," that "workingmen should not be unreasonable."

The moral difference between the two elements is great, however, in many cases, the employers being able to give fair terms, while the worker may be, and often is, at the former's mercy.

Now, if all workers have become employees, we can see that it will be necessary for them to combine if they wish to have laws made in favor of themselves.

Without going into details of family expenses, which of necessity vary greatly on account of taste as well as means, just think of how a man with a wife and two or more children can fill the bill at all, much less have anything left to save, which means an average throughout the year of from \$7 per week up!

Don't generalize. Take up each item and put opposite it what it costs you—and find out how much you would be in debt, if you took the "reasonable" wages you would have the other chap be satisfied with.

With the illimitable resources of this country and the facilities of turning them into utilities which machinery have brought about, it is nothing short of a moral shame and an intellectual disgrace that any man able and willing to work does not get at least twice as much as the average workman does to-day.

Interests are to spoil the many for the enrichment of the few. What is the remedy? Workingmen think for themselves, cease supporting their enemies and act unitedly in their common interest.

THIBET some years ago was neutral territory in the strict and absolute sense of the term, dealing with no outsiders and interfering with none. But she was on the high lands between Russia and Britain.

Now Britain is supposed to think that Thibet has been flirting with China and perhaps Russia, and sends a military force into the country to protect her interests.

It is very necessary that the employees of to-day take a look at the ideals of their minds and examine them very closely so that they can find out if they are false or true ideals.

Three fishers went sailing away to the west, and the west ever the sun went down; Each thought of his home, and of those he loved best.

Three wives sat up in the lighthouse tower, And they trimmed the lamps as they kept the watch; They looked at the small, and they looked at the shower,

Three corpses lay out on the shining sands, In the morning gleam, as the tide went down, And the women are weeping and wringing their hands.

In my own union the number returned as out of work in the month of December last is 3,643. An unemployed man benefits paid out in 1902 cost our union \$46,033, or about \$234,000. Our membership is 69,942. Just think a while!

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God did not create a working class, neither have we created a working class. We are a part of the human race, and we are to be treated as such.

When you vote for a workingman, you are voting for a living wage. When you vote for a capitalist, you are voting for a living hell.

OUT-OF-WORK PROBLEM. Editor Toiler: This is a good time of the year to consider the "out-of-work" problem.

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The barbarian of old had outgrown the habit of devouring his fellow-man of a hostile tribe, when he emerged out of savagery into barbarism. But the civilized barbarian of the capitalist system has invented a new method of devouring, not the men of a hostile nation, but his own fellow-citizens.

Directory of Union Meetings

- Unless otherwise stated all meetings take place at 8 p.m. When only one name is given it is that of the Secretary. Organizations changing Secretaries are requested to notify this office at once. TOBACCO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL. President, JAS. SIMON, 42 Albany Ave.; Secretary, D. W. Kennedy, 15 Edwards Street 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Richmond Hall. BUILDING TRADES. CERAMIC, MOSAIC AND EUCRATIC TILE LAYERS, No. 27, J. W. Farley, 27 Markham St. Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, Richmond Hall. BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, No. 14, Wm. Cooper, 116 Victoria Ave. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Temple Building. BROTHERHOOD CARPENTERS, No. 14, Wm. Cooper, 116 Victoria Ave. Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, Richmond Hall. AMA GATED CARPENTERS, Branch No. 1, A. Ross, 21 Markham St. AMA GATED CARPENTERS, Branch No. 2, Wm. Cooper, 116 Victoria Ave. AMA GATED CARPENTERS, Branch No. 3, Wm. Cooper, 116 Victoria Ave. ALUMINUM WORKERS, No. 14, Wm. Cooper, 116 Victoria Ave. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, No. 14, Wm. 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LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing Army of Workers... Under a new agreement the machinists employed by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad have been granted a wage increase of 10 per cent.

Scotch steel workers have had their wages reduced 5 per cent... Mayor McClellan has sent a note to the General Federation of New York City to the effect that careful attention would be given to the demands of the street cleaners, asking to have the eight-hour law strictly enforced.

THE TEMPTER AND TEMPTED

By W. B. Farnsworth in the Island Printer... That the class known as labor "skates" or "fakers" will continue to thrive is to be expected. With such fertile soil as industrial conditions present, the wonder is that so few members succumb to the temptations surrounding them.

Union "grafting" is a rare thing in the printing-trade unions, and I can not but think that the high standard of business ethics prevailing among the employers is to some extent responsible for this.

AFTER STOCK TAKING COMES THE BARGAIN GIVING... Stock taking in a store the size of ours naturally enough finds us with many broken and odd lines. We cannot carry these goods over, we never do, instead in goes the price pruning knife, the result being a store full of bargains in Union made goods of every description.

ELLANEOUS... KERS' UNION, Charlie... OF LEATHER WORKERS... BLOWERS' ASSOCIATION... WAGON WORKERS...

The amendments to the Manitoba Factory Act in reference to child labor and other matters, having passed the Legislature, James Sutherland, president of the railway organization, speaking on the question, stated that an active campaign to organize all factory female workers had been commenced, and it was the intention to have a strike in such a shape that a big strike might be called in protest against the measure in July next, when the Dominion exhibition would be on.

In line with the actions of other trade unions of Hamilton, Pa., the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper-hangers' Union, No. 209, will ask for an increase of wages, to take effect on April 1. The increase is slight and will likely be granted by the employers.

The announcement was made at Topeka, Kan., that representatives of all the co-operative agricultural interests of the Mississippi Valley will meet in Omaha, Neb., March 1, to effect an organization to be known as the National Farmers' Exchange, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Another illustration of how "labor skates" are made is furnished by some building trades in a populous centre. There had been many labor difficulties in this industry when an old and prominent trade-unionist suggested that a board composed of employers and employes, charged with the duty of settling disputes, be formed to dispose of these differences, thus avoiding strikes and lockouts.

Realities not Pretence Deeds not Words... This special bargain offering, would fall in its primary object also in its great helpfulness and usefulness to you, if it did not supply "Union made" goods, that were equal in every particular of construction, finish and design to the best goods we have ever offered only we have not the full range of sizes to make a selection from, and the price difference your gain, a price reduction of from 25% to 40%. The bargain list appears all over the store, the money saving opportunities are to be found in every department.

INTERNATIONAL... LEAGUE, No. 22, J. King St. West... INTERNATIONAL, No. 376... LEATHER WORKERS' ASSOCIATION...

Gold Seal EXPORT LAGER... Is the very finest beer made in Canada... Nearly every dealer has it—those who have not will get it for you if you insist.

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Another practical turn is being given to the back-to-the-land movement at London, England. An influential reparation committee is being formed, with the co-operation of the Lord Mayor, to replace on farm land the unemployed who have been driven from the towns to country life. Relief operations are being confined at first to the unemployed of East and South London.

STATEMENT OF FACT... From the Cold Climate of Dawson City to the Gurney Foundry Co... The following very interesting letter was forwarded to the Gurney Foundry Company, of Toronto, from the Dawson City Trades Council on January 14th last. It gives a little more news in an interesting controversy.

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Carter's Teething Powders... Best for Teething Babies... RECOMMENDS THEM... CARTER'S WORM POWDERS... CARTER'S HEADACHE POWDERS...

THE STROLLERS

By FREDERIC S. ISHAM.

Author of "Under the Rose"

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"Can you spare me a little time to borrow morning early before we leave?" said Saint-Proper finally. "Yes," returned the manager in surprise. "What is it?" "A foolish piece of business. The business is in New Orleans. I have secured an examination of an antique and appropriation. 'What is it being done here?' said 'I thought we had seen the last of this. It is followed—Constantine?" "I don't know. We met today at the race."

Advertisement for Dominion Brewery Company, featuring White Label Brand and Ales and Porter.

Advertisement for DAVIES Brewery CO., featuring Oryzated Crystal and Cream Ales, Porter and Lager, Tonic Malt Extract, and Vienna Beer.

He stood his ground bravely for a moment, playing feebly into space, expecting the fatal stroke. When would it come? Then the state colored boots were extruded in a black cloud. But while his mind passed into unconsciousness his breast was openly presented to his antagonist, and even the count shuddered.

CHAPTER XXI. THE land baron's injuries did not long keep him indoors, for it was his pride rather than his body that had received deep and bitter wounds.

Francis' discreet eyes were down-cast. Why did the victor wish to learn about the Saint-Proper family? Why, instead of going, did he linger and eye the man half glumly? Francis had said so many of his master's secrets he scented his opportunities with a sixth sense.

CHAPTER XXII. The count stepped nimbly from his position between the two men. Again the swords crossed. The count's glance bent itself more closely on the figure of the soldier, noting how superbly he could not be suppressed in the clubs and cafes.

With his blade at guard Saint-Proper remained motionless. The land baron stepped feebly and then sank softly to the earth. That fatal look, the expression of a duelist, vanished from the soldier's face, and allowing from the point of his weapon to drop to the ground, he surveyed his prostrate antagonist.

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