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- Walter Whitton 1
- W. J. Wilson 2
- A. R. Williams 2
- G. H. Wilkinson 2
- Harry Whitley 2
- Bertie Whitley 2
- Woman Symphonists 1

TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL

At the last regular meeting of the District Labor Council seven new delegates were elected, representing 200 workmen. Communication from the Brewery Workers was read, contents ordered to be noted and filed. Circular in striking iron moulds was referred to the Metal Trades section. Delegate Simpson, Provincial Secretary, reported eight thousand shares applied for up to date, selected a return to a meeting of the Miscellaneous Trades Union, to be held at the next regular meeting of the Council, the 19th inst.

CANADIAN MILITIA ACT

And Old Age Pensions Discussed in a Report by the Educational Committee to the District Labor Council.

Your Educational Committee, in their report for May 12th, 1904, beg to submit the following: We have been further considering the principle involved in the Canadian Militia Act, which was partly the subject of our last report, and we wish to supplement that report with the following: We find that of all the heavy burdens that press upon the producers of the world's wealth, militaryism is the heaviest. The loss of the toller in England is far better than in any other European country, yet in the city of London, where wages are the highest, one and a half millions of people live on 40 per cent of the estimated cost of services to the men engaged as soldiers and non-commissioned officers, to the enormous sum of \$2,87,800,000 (two billion, eight hundred and forty seven million, eight hundred thousand dollars).

ditions in wages of fifteen millions of dollars annually, while they kept the price of steel the same. Labor-saving machinery of an expensive character as to be unobtainable by any other person than large capitalists, is freighting the small employer and reducing the demand for labor. The meat, coal and oil supply is completely in the hands of trusts, and the stream of cheap European and Asiatic labor is ever increasing in volume and flooding our labor market, and our democratic parliaments have betrayed the trust they were elected to defend, and are selling the valuable resources of our Dominion to the plutocrats, who pay them the price of their treachery.

The committee emphatically affirm that this condition of affairs forebodes a gloomy future for the toiler, and cannot be dealt with by the ordinary methods of trade-unionism. We therefore recommend that a bench-mark be fixed as far as possible in the Public Schools of Ontario, giving a brief history of the struggle of militarism against citizenship, wealth versus labor, bribery and corruption against honor and right, and that this book shall contain selections from the Bible and such writers as Carlyle, Ruskin, J. Stuart Mill, Henry George, Count Tolstoy, Karl Schaefer and others, showing what the great leaders of humanity have taught to be the duty of man to his country, his neighbor, his fellow-citizen, his commercial and to the whole race of humanity. We also ask you to authorize your Educational Committee to consult with such other public bodies as will cooperate with and assist in along this line, so that our children may learn in their youth the true facts of the case regarding this eternal battle of liberty against slavery and of right against wrong.

Right Superannuation of Teachers. Your committee desire to call your attention to the repeated application of the Toronto Public and Collegiate School teachers to the Ontario Government for Government assistance towards a superannuation fund, commonly called old age pensions. Your committee have enquired into this matter, and we find that it is becoming to be a regular thing for teachers and preachers to have old age pensions. We find that of all the occupations enumerated in the tables of the life insurance companies, those which are most destructive to health and life. We also find that many of the applicants for this fund are in receipt of salaries ranging from one to two thousand dollars per annum. Your committee have submitted to the members of the school-teachers' association a list of old age pensions, enough to provide for their old age, what can be expected from the manual workers represented at this Council, whose average income is less than \$200 a year, and often not of work and looking for another job.

We therefore recommend that the secretary of this Council write the Minister of Education, calling his attention to these facts, and protesting against any Government pension being given to school-teachers, and also recommending that the Government should pay one eighth of the cost of old age pensions to old men and women 60 years of age and upwards, also appealing strongly for old age pensions of 20 per cent for old men and women 60 years of age and upwards, which would pay one eighth of the cost of old age pensions to old men and women 60 years of age and upwards. We submit that every citizen in this province is just as much entitled to Government assistance in old age as are the teachers of our Public Schools, and we urge the teachers of our Public Schools, W. T. Thompson, Chairman, W. West, Secretary.

THE BREWERS HARD PRESSED

O'Keefe and Reinhardt Beers are being put up in Cope-land Brewery Barrels.

The developments in the brewery workers' strike, which has been in progress for some time, have been reported in the following manner: The O'Keefe and Reinhardt Beers are being put up in Cope-land Brewery Barrels. The great 250,000 gallon tank at Cope-land, which was formerly used for storing beer, is now being used for storing the new O'Keefe and Reinhardt Beers. The fact that the new O'Keefe and Reinhardt Beers are being put up in Cope-land Brewery Barrels is a clear indication of the success of the brewery workers' strike.

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Los Angeles, Cal., March 11. (Special Correspondence.)—Again it has been demonstrated that when union men and women stand together they can win any fight that is based upon reason. It will be remembered that at the request of organized labor, the Peruna Drug Co. of Columbus, Ohio, refused to renew its advertising contract with the notorious Los Angeles Times. Evidently the Peruna Co. combination proceeded to bring in a new contract with the Los Angeles Times, as it was not long until Peruna informed the unions of Los Angeles that it had decided to again advertise in the Times, and once more it began to patronize the arch enemy of organized labor. Organized labor sent word all over the country that Peruna had entered into an alliance with Peruna and Ohio, and asked that union men and women everywhere call upon druggists and inform them that one handling Peruna was as destructive to health and life as the patronage of men and women striking for living wages. After three weeks of this missionary work throughout the country, Peruna has telegraphed the Los Angeles Times that the battle is over. Ohio and Peruna have been routed. Organized labor is victorious. And this will be in every instance where there is a clear-cut issue between the Citizen Alliance and organized labor, if the people will only stand shoulder to shoulder, as they did when they marched upon Peruna. This lesson will be of incalculable value to the advertisers of the country. It was a glorious victory.

Tenders for Coal 1904.

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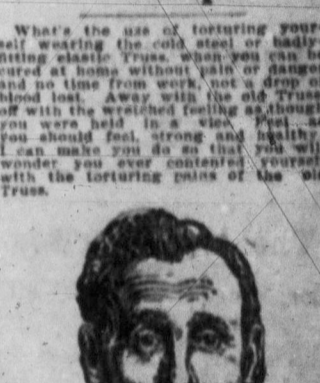
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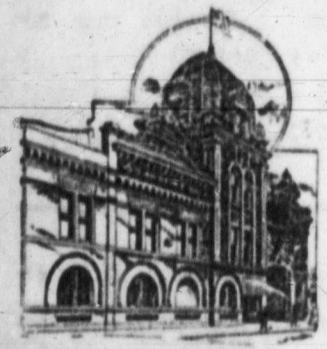
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Continuation of the Evidence in the Suit Against Labor Men.

375 Q.—Upon what ground did you base your refusal to supply them again? A.—Their places were filled.

380 Q.—Then a great deal of your knowledge is an information from other men? A.—Yes.

385 Q.—You say that you were a member of the committee? A.—I was a member of the committee.

390 Q.—Do you know Mr. Johnston? A.—No, I do not know Mr. Johnston.

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IN THE WAKE OF A SIDE COMB

By SYLVIA LEE

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When the girl one loves as one has never loved before throws her arms about one's neck and says, "And I think it would be so lovely to have diamond side combs instead of a soft-tinted, if you don't mind, dear," and blushes—

Well, one buys the side combs without a question, and later perhaps one reflects. But then it's too late.

It thus befell with Harkness and Leda, who the two stary hands so deftly posed amid the knotted tangles of her sunny curls that she suggested a diadem and in no wise led any man to the conclusion which time honored custom has drawn from the solitary

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could not help seeing how wretched she looked. Her hair bore no sign of side comb.

When they went out later there seemed to be a species of shadow mixed with the preliminary silence.

The man spoke first and he waited a good while. "You haven't found it, have you?"

"Oh, dear, no." "Don't you think perhaps it fell out in the boat?"

"Why, there was nothing in the boat to loosen it." Harkness felt the corners of his mouth suddenly give away even while his temper checked. He looked off to the right for a long minute and then asked severely:

"Was there anything at the Point to loosen it?" Leda's mouth flew open in undesignated fright.

"Who told you we were to the Point?" "I know it all the time," she began to cry.

"I never will again, truly." "How could you believe so?" said the lover, launching himself suddenly into the full tide of his righteous wrath.

"You put me beyond all patience; going off like that with Wrycroft, and you know perfectly well that you are long to some one else, and then actually letting him!"

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