

Parties Stand on Railroad Policy

CIVIL SERVANTS AND MANUAL WORKERS IN FRANCE

(L. F. T. U. (The Congress of the National Federation of Civil Servants Unions (Federation des Fonctionnaires) was attended by 200 delegates representing about 150,000 civil servants organized in 31 unions. The National Federation is affiliated to the French General Federation of Trade Unions. The evolution towards a new social order of which the organized working class movement is the driving power as well as the gradual transformation of the political state into an important factor in the process of production, impose new tasks upon the Civil Servants. "We have come to realize," said Tessen in moving his report on the right of association, "what a great part can and must be played by the trade unions in the economic transformation of the State."

CO-OPERATIVE HOME BUILDING SUCCESSFUL

The People's Construction Company, of St. Paul a co-operative building association organized by steady employment for the workers at the high union wages. During the past year many large jobs had to be refused by the company because the workers were not organized to handle them; but with the success and experience now achieved the manager predicts that next year's construction will reach 1,000,000. In Boston the building trades unions have formed the Construction and Housing Company of Boston, which has been incorporated for \$100,000, divided into 80 shares, held by more than 1,000 workmen. A number of important building projects have been successfully handled. The management and administration of this important undertaking has been entrusted to leaders who fitted themselves as competent business men through courses in business methods, accounting and finance at the Boston Trades Union College. A similar movement has started in San Francisco, where the workers, tired of waiting for the contractors to provide them with work, have started building homes for themselves through a workers' building and loan association. Recently organized, any man can secure credit to build a home by making small monthly payments. In Jackson, Mich.; Reading, Pa.; and Brooklyn, N.Y., workers' building guilds have successfully erected many homes at cost of labor and materials; while several western co-operative societies have built co-operative apartment houses to solve the housing problem for their members. The shortage of several hundred thousand homes throughout the nation is due to the fact that the co-operative system has broken down as an incentive for real estate speculators and contractors to provide homes for the people. Co-operative home-building has proved the one way out.

LABOR GREATLY INTERESTED ON THE ROCKEFELLER'S "UNION" MEETS PREDICTED FATE

Denver.—The 1914 miners' strike in southern Colorado was followed by a company "union," approved by John D. Rockefeller, jun., and hailed by President Welborn of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company as industrial democracy. The company is a Rockefeller unit. Tons of valuable white paper was used to explain the new system that would end strikes. Hard-headed trade unionists were called cynics and joy killers when they predicted failure of the new "union," but their prophecy has been fulfilled. The company has reduced wages 30 per cent. in violation of an award by the government's vituperous coal commission, and in violation of the state industrial law which provides that 30 days' notice must be given before wages are reduced or workers strike. The commission took no action against the company and the coal miners suspended work. The company has become forgotten among industrial law proclaimed, as in the days of Ludlow. The commission will appreciate information whereby it can jail these workers without being censured for not taking action against the company when it violated the law. OLD FOGGIES IN THE NAVY. Newport, R. I.—The country's navy has its share of the old fogies, according to an address by Admiral Sims, president of the naval war college. He said the submarine and air plane are in their infancy, and that the navy is still dominated by old ideas, weapons and methods of demonstrated value had been due to a habit of mind that could be indulged in the past with comparative safety, "but which is manifestly a danger to a country which has become involved in international politics." He said "military conservatism" has often been responsible for defeat in battle and sometimes for national disaster. He cited Fulton and Ericsson to prove his statement. "The inventor of the submarine had a hard time in convincing his naval officials of the merits of their invention."

QUEBEC FIREFIGHTERS WITHDRAW FROM THE CONFEDERATION OF CATHOLIC WORKERS OF CANADA

Vice-President A. Donald Dear of the International Association of Firefighters paid an official visit to the Montreal local last week. He was accompanied by Mr. Arthur Thibeault, secretary of the Hall Firefighters. Many important questions pertinent to the Quebec Firefighters were considered and efforts will be made by the International Association of Firefighters in that province during the next session of the Legislature to have the double platoon system made compulsory upon municipalities. This law is now in full force and effect in Ontario and in the Winnipeg Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada a resolution was unanimously adopted instructing the Provincial Executives to press for this legislation when the legislative program of the Congress was being presented to the various Provincial Governments. President Arthur Beaulieu of the Montreal Firefighters is a member of the Quebec Provincial Executive Committee of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and as such will be in a position to answer all questions concerning firefighters which might be put to him by members of the Quebec Cabinet Council. The Quebec Firefighters, who have been members of the National Catholic Workers of Canada, have withdrawn from that organization. It will be remembered that during the last session of the Quebec Legislature an arbitration law for civil employees was enacted. Due to the efforts of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada the compulsory acceptance of the Board's award was struck out of the law. The National Catholic Union was opposed to this move but the Legislature upheld the views of the Congress. During the summer the Quebec Firefighters went out on strike after an arbitration board had made its award. The strike was a failure and demonstrated that the views held by the Congress were the correct ones, namely, that no strike can be successful unless the public is with the strikers. The National Catholic Union at their recent convention in Hall decided to again press for the compulsory acceptance of a Board's award. The Executive word instructed to press for this amendment to the Act. The Quebec Firefighters have withdrawn from the National Catholic Union and as the Montreal Firefighters are one hundred per cent. International it is expected that no change will be made in the Arbitration law of Quebec. Vice-President Dear reports that the Montreal local is in excellent shape and they expect that before long all of the Firefighters in the Province of Quebec will be identified with the International Association of Firefighters.

CO-OPERATORS' WAGES

Further reports are to hand regarding proposed reductions in wages for co-operative employees. The Northern Council of Co-operative Hours and Wages Boards (Northumberland, Durham, etc.) has confronted the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, the members of which suffered a reduction as late as August last, under an award of the Industrial Court, with a demand for new reductions of 15s for adult males, 10s for adult females, and 5s and 7s 6d for juniors. In the North-Western area, the Co-operative employees, whose last reduction was fixed in August by the Joint Committee of Trade Unionists and Co-operators, are now asked to accept a further 15 per cent. cut. A 12s reduction is demanded of the Distributive Workers in the Midlands counties. In Mid-Glamorganshire a 30 per cent cut has been put into operation without communicating with the unions, and the Distributive Workers' organization has accordingly reported the case to the Joint Committee of Trade Unionists and Co-operators, which is stated to be taking action in the matter. A similar state of affairs exists in Bedford and Buckinghamshire.

MAJORITY REPORT ON THE GRAND TRUNK

The majority report of the board of arbitration in wages dispute between the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees and the Grand Trunk Railway upholds the general decrease in wages of 12.5 per cent. made effective by the railway last July. The opinion is expressed that the method adopted in distributing the reduction resulted in the lower paid employees suffering greater decreases than those receiving higher pay. The board recommends that an effort should be made by further negotiations to adjust these inequalities. The report is signed by John M. Godfrey, chairman, and H. H. Vaughan, the Grand Trunk Railway representative. A minority report will be made by Peter Berovitch, K.C., M.A., the representative of the employees. The sessions of the board were held in Montreal and Toronto during October and November. It will be remembered that following the session of this Board in October that an agreement was reached between the Grand Trunk Railway Co. and certain of its employees. It was afterwards alleged by the C.B.R.E. that these employees did not have the opportunity to enter into an agreement with the company. Subsequently the negotiations were reopened before the board. In the majority report it is stated that as far as the Board is aware representatives of three other organizations, who signed the agreement, have not repudiated their action. The report sets forth that the employees signed their willingness to accept certain reductions but that they contended that the aggregate reduction of 12.5 per cent. was excessive.

Items of Interest from Overseas

BRITISH UNEMPLOYMENT. "We are confronted with the worst period of unemployment that this country has seen probably for a hundred years." This was the opening sentence of Mr. Lloyd George's speech on October 10, in presenting his measure for relief. The Premier went on to say that the present trouble was not one of the usual cycle of trade depression. It was due to one abnormal cause that 1,750,000 workers were out of employment. There had been nothing like it since the end of the Napoleonic wars. The causes were the same, and the symptoms the same. FAIR PRODUCTIONS. An important and far-reaching agreement has been made between the Amalgamated Woodworkers' Union and the Employers' Federation regarding foreign joinery. The agreement provides that no joinery shall be accepted in this country unless it has been produced under satisfactory conditions. Large quantities of foreign joinery have been coming into the country, and these the woodworkers have refused to handle. The employers threatened a lock-out, but negotiations have resulted in the agreement outlined above, and the decision of the woodworkers to handle existing stocks of foreign material. It is understood that this is the first agreement of its kind entered into in this country. WAR BONUS. At a conference of the National Federation of Postal and Telegraph Clerks, presided over at the Holborn Restaurant by W. H. P. Smith, a resolution was unanimously adopted pledging the conference to "unqualified opposition to any modification of the agreement of the National Whitley Council regarding the 'war bonus' award, which would have the effect of lowering the already inadequate standard of living of postal and telegraph clerks." It was decided that the annual conference should be held at Matlock in May. COTTON WORKERS. Unemployment depression continues to deepen in the Lancashire mill district. An increase of 18,000 unemployed was registered at the labor exchange for the week. A change for the worse is markedly noticeable in the cotton trade and in the engineering plants there is no indication of any activity. Nevertheless, some tram workers, who, of course, are in regular work, are repeating their refusal to work on Christmas Day and the following day. Some local authorities announce that if this refusal is persisted in, such workers will lose the two days' summer holiday, which in the past has been granted with full pay. STRIKE SETTLED. Cheltenham tramway strike has ended by a virtual win for the strikers. The manager met a deputation headed by Mr. Gleave, Birmingham, organizer of the United Vehicle Workers, and it was resolved that the 45 hours week (The company asked for a 54-hour week). The men agree to a reduction of 5s a week, instead of 2s, for the next 13 weeks, but at the next sliding scale reduction it is agreed that the cut shall be correspondingly less. All the workers are to be reinstated. COURT CASE. In the High Court Mr. Justice Astbury heard an application to restrain the National Executive of the Electrical Trades Union from suspending the London District Council of the Union. The action was brought by Stephenson and others, London members of the union. The judge ruled that the case did not lie, and made an order for costs against the applicants. In giving his ruling, the judge pointed out that the executive had no power under the constitution and rules to suspend the District Council, but the rules provided that the District Council should consist of 99 members elected by the 99 branches in the district. The power to suspend such a council lay only with the 99 branches. The Daily Herald understands that the London district officials of the E. T. U. are taking steps for the formation of a London District Committee in conformity with the constitution. STRIKES ILLEGAL. A measure described as an Industrial Armistice Bill, the object of which is to avert strikes and lock-outs for a period of five years, has been presented by Mr. Jenson. It seeks to establish for each group of trades an arbitration board consisting of a chairman (appointed by the Minister of Labor), two representatives of the employers' associations, and two representatives of the employees' trade unions. Under the Bill strikes and lockouts are illegal, the maximum penalty being £500. Provision is also made for penalties in respect of failure to comply with awards of the arbitration boards or Court of Appeal. OMNIBUS WORKERS. The London Omnibus Workers, after taking a second ballot, decided to accept the advice of the Labor leaders not to strike for a readjustment of the hours necessary to the handling of traffic during the rush hours. The leaders were emphatic in stating that if a strike had been precipitated, the men would have fought alone and would have been decisively beaten. The new agreement gives the men the rate of pay until next April, with an additional pay for night and Sunday work and longer annual holidays than they have had. The Manchester Tram Company officials are strongly urging the employees on the trams in Manchester to work on Christmas Day, which the

CLOAK MAKERS GAIN; OUTGENERAL BOSSES

New York.—Organized cloak manufacturers have been out-general in an effort to smash the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union. The bosses destroyed the union by showing the small labor cost in the garments. The bosses then insisted that the union interfere with greater productivity, but again the union put the employers on the defensive by showing that the joint production plan created under the agreement, was considering this question, and that before its report was made the employers precipitated the present situation. The employers' talk about "an honest day's work," which is referred to by President Schlesinger of the

SOVIET CONDITIONS TO BE AVOIDED

The average working day in Soviet Russia is two hours longer than in Canada. The majority of unskilled laborers in the Soviet Union work 12 hours a day, despite the fact that the legal working span is only eight. The last two hours are "overtime," but in practice a regular part of the working day. Members of the Communist party are obliged to work 12 hours a day, but they are not compelled to by law, they generally do remain at their posts. The anomaly of a proletarian-ruled country with a longer standard working day than a capitalistic country, grew from the necessity of the hour. In contrast with the labor leaders of France, who insist on strict adherence to the eight-hour day even in the devastated regions of the Communist party, one of the best disciplined political and economic bodies in the world, passed a ruling compelling all its members to stay at their posts at least ten hours a day. This refers, of course, to laborers working in the few factories that are operating, in railway and street-car services, and the various government plants. "Free lancers," such as drabkay drivers, or anyone not directly employed by any large institution, average from 11 to 12. Skilled workers, clerks, accountants, and professional people attached to government bureaus, theoretically work only eight hours, but actually often work longer, according to whether the head of their department happens to be a "driver" or not. Their day is also increased, as a rule, by the necessity of walking home. Owing to the fact that manual workers are always preferred in the distribution of free streetcar tickets, and also to the fact that all cars are so crowded during off hours that it is difficult to get a place even with money, a large section of the former middle class are obliged to walk home. The few errand adventurers from America, who have come to Russia expecting to find a workingman's paradise of short hours and high pay, have been bitterly disappointed when they found themselves put to work longer hours and for less pay than in America. Also those expecting not to have to work at all have suffered even greater disillusionment. Everybody has to work in Russia. Lenin and Trotsky, to all appearances, head one of the strongest governments of Europe. This is one of the radical facts

WINNIPEG PLAN TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT

Definite plans to relieve unemployment in cities and to cope with the serious condition of farmers throughout the province is laid before the provincial government at Winnipeg by a delegation of labor members headed by F. J. Dixon, leader of the labor group. Several of the labor members residing in rural constituencies, dealt with the problems facing the farmers and the need for financial assistance in order to permit them to carry on agricultural operations next year. Scores of rural schools throughout Manitoba will be forced to close their doors this winter, due to inability of farmers to pay their taxes. M. J. Stanbridge, M.L.A.,

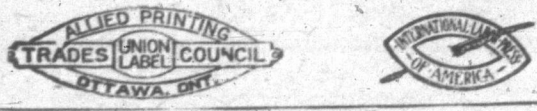
HALIFAX FIGHTERS SCORE

Halifax, Nova Scotia.—The Typographical Union has again scored in its fight to enforce the 44-hour week agreement between employers and the International Typographical Union. The local union is slowly beating down

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Washington.—In comparing employment figures of October, 1921, with those for 14 identical establishments in October, 1920, the bureau of labor statistics reports that in eight of the industries employment increased and in the remaining six less employment was recorded. The largest increase, 32.5 per cent., is in the woolen industry. Men's ready-made clothing increased 20.5 per cent. The iron and steel industry showed the largest decrease in employment, 37.

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PUBLIC SERVICE YET PREDOMINATES.

Periods of tension makes for unsettled policies, having a disturbing effect in every direction that the human mind has perforce to travel.

Without a change given to vicious minds we may yet have to place public service in the same category as our sporting life, having a professional and amateur class catering to public office through the polls and yet be unable to place the amateur class above the lurking suspicion that is prevalent in the minds of those who are today responsible for seeing nothing but greed in the public office seeker.

That it is manifestly untrue of the many who go to the polls that self is the first thought can be proven and proven again, and the quicker this line of proof is presented the quicker will the call to public service be realized by the best qualified.

Anti propaganda, if you will, but this Labor Press prefers to have it called truth when placing service in its truthful plane and herewith presents a notable case:—

One of the busiest of London's citizens is Councillor W. H. Girling, Mayor of Shoreditch, who lives in Hoxton, where poverty, distress, and unemployment are so prevalent.

DESIRE FOR CORRECT SELECTION.

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SOLDIERS LEARNED VALUE OF FORESTS.

The remarkable increase in the interest which Canadians are taking in their forests is attributed by some to the fact that members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the war came home with a new conception of how vital forests are to any state.

SHELTER BELTS AND SOIL FERTILITY.

A blanket of four or five inches of snow over a prairie farm during winter and until early spring means a large amount of moisture for the soil.

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HALIFAX PRINTERS SHOW FIGHTING QUALITIES

In Halifax the struggle of the Typographical Union for the 44-hour week has led to new and unlooked-for developments. For years the Union has been content to allow its members to use their own judgment in respect to voting at political elections, but this year conditions have altered to such an extent that the union printers, in order to protect their own interests, have been forced to take definite action.

printers' strike for the 44-hour, a number of printing offices, which have refused to grant the shorter work week to their union employees, are now operating under non-union conditions, employing strike-breakers who are non-taxpayers and non-residents of the city of Halifax.

EDMONTON ACTIVITY IN MUNICIPAL FIELD

Four aldermanic candidates and two for public school trustees were placed in nomination by the Edmonton branch of the Dominion Labor Party, for the civic elections on December 12th.

school board. The aldermanic candidates are Andy Davison, Geo. D. Swier, R. H. Parkyn and John Stark.

A meeting of the party on Monday evening it was decided to add additional planks to the aldermanic platform as follows: "To advocate abolition of the board of public welfare; the work to be placed under the administration of the council."

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT HAS NO STRINGS

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CALGARY BUSY ON CIVIC ELECTIONS

The Dominion Labor Party in Calgary have four candidates in the field for aldermanic honors, and two candidates for the school board trustees. It is considered highly probable that the party will not run a candidate for the commissioner's seat.

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NOVA SCOTIA LABOR CANDIDATES

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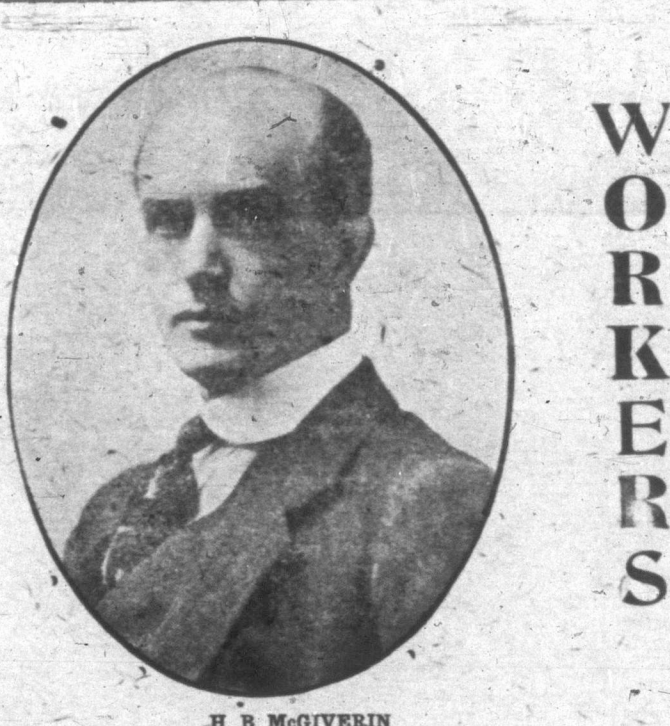
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QUEBEC COMPENSATION CASE

Albany, N.Y.—The state workmen's compensation commission reports a queer compensation case, wherein a worker engaged in moving a stone chased a rat from under the building. In attempting to kill the rat with a piece of board a silver pierced the hand of the worker, and blood poisoning developed.

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acquiesce in the return of the Grand Trunk railway to the former owners, and the ultimate disposal to American railway interests; as well as the looting of the Canadian National Railways to the point where transfer to private corporation control would be welcomed by the taxpayers."

Premier Meighen replied: "Your telegram 25th alleges alliance between Sir Lomer Gouin and Quebec Liberals, the Canadian Pacific, Bank of Montreal and Wall Street interests for certain purposes, including change in present plan of operating National Railways by business board."

There is ample evidence that first two parties referred to, Sir Lomer Gouin and leading Quebec Liberals, are determined on transfer of or disintegration of present National Railway system. Proposals of Lord Shaughnessy on same subject have been expressed in memorandum now made public. Beyond that I do not know views others referred to.

"Whether downfall of Hon. Mackenzie King as leader is sought on behalf of Sir Lomer Gouin, backed by a Quebec bloc, is for them to say."

"Personally I have been loyally and splendidly supported by all parliamentary followers and candidates for parliament in our behalf, and judging from every indication am being now supported by the great mass of the people. The policies stated in your message to be subject of attack after election, are policies established and put in effect by the present government, I have defended them through many sessions against every assault. By these policies I stand and no combination or manoeuvre will turn me from my course."

"I know nothing about the alliance to which you refer beyond the reports which I have seen in the newspapers," declared Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive party, in a telegram forwarded to C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, Ottawa, in reply to a request for information regarding a probable coalition after December 6th, of which Mr. MacNeil said there were rumors, and the "looting of the Canadian National Railways."

The telegram continues: "Furthermore, so far as the Progressives are concerned, no understanding of any sort with any other organization or interest has been suggested or undertaken. The representatives of the Progressives are standing for certain well defined principles including continuation of ownership and control of our railways by the people. Those representatives have been chosen in free conventions and all those who may be elected will go to Ottawa supporting these principles, free from the dictates of any party machine and able to act in the best interests of the whole country."

Mr. Mackenzie King from Peterboro sent the following wire: "Replying to your communication received by wire today, permit me to say that I have the utmost confidence in the loyalty of all the Liberal candidates of the province of Quebec to the Liberal party and toward myself as its leader."

"The persistent circulation of such rumors as those contained in your telegram owes its origin, I believe, to a very natural desire on the part of certain members of the National Liberal and Conservative party to have formed, after December 6th, any kind of a coalition which would afford to members of that party a continued participation in the control of government, and to create in the interval, for party political ends, as much as may be possible in the way of distrust and dissension."

"It is, I think, unnecessary for me to add that a coalition for

any such purposes as those mentioned in your wire would meet not only with my entire disapproval, but also with my most active opposition, and in this I do not hesitate to speak for the Liberal party as well as for myself."

(Signed) W. J. Mackenzie King.

Addressing a meeting of women electors of the St. Antoine division of Montreal, in which he is running as a Liberal candidate, Hon. Walter Mitchell, former provincial treasurer, on Saturday Hon. Walter Mitchell, former provincial treasurer, on Saturday from Ottawa sent out by C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary-treasurer of the Great War Veterans' Association to various political leaders and to the presidents of the Bank of Montreal and of the Canadian Pacific Railway, alleging that he and Sir Lomer Gouin, together with the presidents of the bank and railway referred to above, were conspiring against Premier Meighen.

He added that such "conspiracies" had "their birth in the imagination of some diseased brain."

Sir Lomer Gouin sent the following telegram to Mr. MacNeil: "Your telegram received late last night. There is no truth or foundation whatsoever in story mentioned by you, the whole of which I most emphatically deny."

(Signed) "Lomer Gouin."

COAL FACTS WANTED: OWNERS EVADE LIGHT
Chicago.—The coal industry is sick and refuses to let the doctor make an examination, said John Brophy in an address before the public ownership league.

The speaker is president of coal miners' district No. 2 (central Pennsylvania). He is also chairman of the nationalization research committee of the United Mine Workers of America, which has declared for the nationalization of mines.

The address was a challenge to coal owners. The speaker charged these business men with profiteering and quoted their own figures to prove it. He charged them with waste and inefficiency, and quoted government officials and coal owners to prove it.

He charged them with producing coal for the stock market and not for use, and presented statements by stock brokers to prove it.

Despite this array of facts the speaker said that the miners do not ask for a verdict from the public until every source of information is available.

"When the miners ask that all the facts be put at your disposal, the operators start a publicity campaign against facts through paid advertisements in the newspapers.

"What facts are needed? First, facts are needed on costs and profits. The federal trade commission started to collect this data. In 1920 congress asked the commission to investigate and report the cost of mining coal, and \$150,000 was appropriated for the job. The national coal association asked for an injunction stopping the investigation. The injunction was granted because mining coal was not interstate commerce.

"We miners stand for nationalization of the coal industry, and as a first step we ask the co-operation of the American people in securing a centralized, continuous and compulsory fact-finding agency. In demanding this I am talking as an American citizen. It is in the interest of the great class of American coal consumers that as a representative of the United Mine Workers of America I ask you to urge congress to pass immediate legislation for a fact-finding agency."

VANCOUVER TO ESTABLISH CAMP.
Unmarried unemployed men in Vancouver will be provided for this winter by the establishment of a military camp at Hastings Park. The camp will be equipped with military supplies and is prepared to give board and lodging to men at \$5.60 a week. Two days' work at 40 cents an hour or \$6.40 a week, will be guaranteed each man with free baths and laundry. The men will have the rest of the week in which to look for work. They will be required to register in and out of the camp, and will be under discipline, enforced by officials of the Police Department.

The preparation of a nine-hole municipal golf course and general work in the city parks will provide employment, the cost of which will be borne, one-third each by the city, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government.

ONE MILLION A MONTH.
Indianapolis.—Receipts of the International Typographical Union for the month September 20 to October 20 totalled \$1,047,526.61. Of this vast amount \$683,057.47 was for the 44-hour week assessment, \$54,345.80 for the ordinary fund, and \$50,718.42 for the old-age assessment.

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