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GREATER PRODUCTION AND UNEMPLOYMENT CLASH IN BRITAIN

Wholesale dismissals from government dockyards in England, is intensifying the employment problem. On one hand is heard the demand for greater production and on the other is the workers' insistence for relief because of unemployment.

The government's unemployment insurance bill includes those between the ages of 16 and 70 years, and is intended to supplant the present plan which applies to about one-quarter of the workers and pays 11 shillings (about \$2.75) a week. Pending legislation would increase these benefits to 15 shillings (about \$3.75) to men and 12 shillings (about \$3) to women.

NEW GLASGOW TYPOS RECEIVE UNIQUE PROPOSAL

Union Accepts Proposal for Six Months' Grace As Sporting Proposition.

The New Glasgow, N.S., Typographical Union, in keeping with the trend of events, on the expiration of the wage contract entered into with the employing printers and publishers in Pictou County, put forth the demand recently for a 25 per cent increase on the present wage.

Four members of the union met the employers in the Council Chamber in the town hall, and the situation was discussed at considerable length. The employers in giving their reasons why the increase could not be granted, went into detail and explained clearly the many factors with which they had to contend. The tremendous increase in price of all newsprint and other essentials has made it an extremely difficult matter to keep things moving. Apart from this they pointed out that the printers and publishers were not getting the work at home they are entitled to, much of it being sent out of town. They intimated that a "Trade at Home Campaign" along the printing lines would be instituted.

The proposition eventually put up to the Union was that a period of six months be given the employers to make good along business lines. This unique proposal was accepted in good spirit by the Union, and it was decided at a special meeting to accept the proposal as a sporting proposition. So six months from date the New Glasgow Typographical Union, clothed with the armor of virtue, will seek the reward of merit.

ONTARIO RAILWAY MEN PROTEST AWARD GIVEN RECENTLY

The award given the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway men recently has been protested. The men claim that it gives them no chance but to work at a lower salary than before. Is it any wonder that they protest? A strike has been threatened unless the Minister of Labor agrees to appoint another Conciliation Board to deal with the salary question.

INTERNATIONAL'S STRENGTH IN CAN. IS DUE TO WORTH

Employers Have International Organizations So Why Not Labor.

The reason why International Unionism is so strong in Canada today, after years of trial is, because it has proved its worth, says the Toronto Industrial Banner. There never yet has been a national or independent union in the Dominion that was ever able to withstand a long drawn out or sustained struggle, because they have never been strong enough in either numbers or finances to bear the strain.

For years the Canadian Federation of Labor has proved the truth of this assertion. Again and again it has planted National unions in opposition to the older and legitimate international organizations, but in the long run the majority of the said organizations have either disbanded or gone back to the international fold.

The cry of keeping your money in Canada and not being dictated to from union headquarters in the United States is the most veritable rot. Canadian unions have been in strikes in which they have received in benefits from the International unions more than all the money they have ever paid into the International coffers. As the employers of Canada and the United States are organized along international lines, labor is only wise when it follows their example, a union of one hundred thousand or a quarter million members is in better shape to finance a big strike or lockout than a small and insignificant Canadian organization that all told does not have one fiftieth of the monetary resources that are in waiting in most of the International treasuries. The Canadian locals affiliated with International bodies know A. F. of L. are in a better position to defend their members than any other kind of labor union in America or anywhere else.

In one year alone, the International labor movement in Canada has enrolled more new members than the Canadian Federation of Labor totals up altogether. The statistics of the Ottawa Bureau of Labor fully attests this fact. The A. F. of L. is everywhere making enormous headway. It has now gone over the four million mark and the coming in of the big Railroad Brotherhoods will bring it up close to five millions.

What have the little fellows with but a few thousand members all told to offer as against a big affair of millions of wage earners. If unity is strength, why divide up with dual organizations that from the very nature of things, may get along in fair weather, but must inevitably go under in periods of acute and long drawn out depression. The International Labor movement in the Dominion is strong, because the overwhelming majority of Canadian union men belong to it and what is more there is a reason why, but some people are so dense and bone-headed they can not see—the cat.

PRODUCTION FOR USE INSTEAD OF FOR PROFIT

First Plank in Platform of Winnipeg Branch of the Dominion Labor Party

Production for use instead of for profit, was made the first plank in the platform of the Winnipeg branch of the Dominion Labor party, adopted in connection with the forthcoming provincial elections, at a convention last Saturday.

Walter F. Harvey, of Springfield, Man., was in attendance at the convention as a representative of the United Farmers of Manitoba. Mr. Harvey extended greetings and said it was recognized that the farmers were in a fight against class domination and that the interests of the farmers were the interests of the workers. He made it clear, however, that the farmers party was chiefly interested in the federal field, the provincial governments, notably the Norris government, having given the farmers a certain amount of consideration.

Greetings were also extended by James Dunn, representing the ex-soldiers and ex-sailors' party, who said this party would be behind labor in the selections, although it hoped to run candidates of its own.

A number of resolutions were passed. One condemned the Norris government for failing to carry out the platform on which it had been elected and appealed to the electorate to save the province from its hands. The union government was asked to resign and "give the voters a chance to elect a representative government." In another resolution, unshaken confidence in the innocence and integrity of the men convicted on sedition charges was expressed.

It was decided to form a provincial executive, and arrangements were made for raising campaign funds. It is the intention of the party to run six candidates for Winnipeg seats in the legislature and these will be finally selected at a meeting called for Wednesday night. The announcement was made that the Brandon and Dauphin branches would nominate candidates and that labor in other parts of the province would support farmer candidates.

It is much easier to form a new habit than it is to reform an old one.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ITALIAN GEN. FED. OF LABOR AT MILAN

Milan.—The national convention of the General Federation of Labor of Italy will be held here during April. Points to be discussed include the nationalization of the land and of national resources, the International labor conference, at Washington, joint action with the Socialist party, nationalization of industries and syndicalist education.

Delegates of the Socialist party and members of the parliamentary Socialist group will attend the convention.

UNION WORKERS MAY EMIGRATE FROM SEATTLE

Emigration Contemplated As Answer to Anti-Union Employers

(By the Federated Press)

Seattle.—Wholesale emigration from Seattle by union workers may be organized labor's answer to the anti-labor fight being prosecuted bitterly by the employers through the Associated Industries of Seattle, judging from developments here during the last few days.

Efforts of the employers to lengthen the working week from 44 to 48 hours has resulted in the walking out of 1,000 men in five machine shops here and the departure of several hundred other mechanics for eastern cities, where they have been assured of union conditions. The "Leave Seattle" movement will assume huge proportions unless the anti-union forces cease their activities, the employers are being warned through the labor press and in personal interviews with labor executives.

Special trains, if necessary, will be employed to carry workers to the east, where jobs are awaiting them, according to J. W. Kelly, organizer of the International Association of Machinists, and Joseph Reed, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Boiler-makers, Shipbuilders and Helpers.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has sanctioned the back-east movement. In a telegram to William Short, president of the State Federation of Labor, Gompers declares thousands of skilled mechanics are needed in the east and middle west, and expert craftsmen are wanted in the automobile factories of Detroit, The Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western are but two of the railroads said to be in bad need of help.

Short, in an interview, predicts the crippling of industry in Seattle by next spring unless the exodus is stopped.

Not only are mechanics affected. Hundreds of tailors have left the city during the last few months as the result of the anti-union fight waged by the employing tailors under the direction of the Associated Industries, which dictates to small storekeepers by withdrawing credit if they refuse to do as ordered.

Seattle workers may have suddenly hit on a solution of labor-capital wars, union officials declare. With the city depleted of craftsmen profits will fall and the bosses must mete out justice to their workers or go out of business. Not even the Associated Industries can function with no toolers from whom to exact profits.

BANK EMPLOYEES SEEK INCREASE AND BETTER CONDITIONS

The Royal Bank Employees Association has written to the head offices of all the chartered banks in Canada asking for a twenty-five per cent increase in salaries up to \$2,000 dating from January first, 1920, "without prejudice to any annual increase and allowance at present in force (with a minimum of \$200)".

Other improvements in the conditions and work of the bank employees asked for include the following:
No night work, except on Saturday and Mondays and on special occasions, such as pay nights, with alternate staffs for night work, and the head office of the banks to "treat through its officers with duly accredited representatives of the Employees Association on all matters of grievance which may arise between employers and employees."



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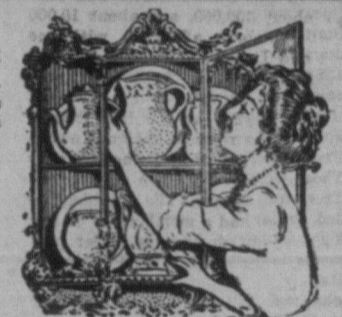
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AUSTRALIAN COAL MINERS CONSIDER VARIOUS REFORMS

Six Hour Day and Five Day Week With Other Better Conditions To Be Submitted

(By the Federated Press)

Sydney, N.S.W.—The coalminers of Australia recently gathered in conference here to consider various reforms in connection with coal mining in Australia and New Zealand. The following claims are to be submitted to the employers when the conditions of the trade are reviewed next October:
1. A six hour working day.
2. A working week of five days.
3. Abolition of contract system of payment.
4. Two week's holiday on full pay every year—during Christmas and New Year vacation, when trade is slack.
5. A minimum weekly wage.
6. Compensation in the form of full

wages to be paid for time lost through occupational diseases or accidents, with full compensation in the event of death.
7. Tools, lights, and explosives to be provided by mine owners free of charge.
8. Mineworkers to have an effective voice in the executive control of the industry.
9. Adequate bathing facilities and change houses to be provided at all mines.
10. Modern safety appliances to be installed at all mines.
11. Proper sanitary arrangements to be likewise installed.

The royal commission appointed to investigate housing and other conditions in connection with mining, is now sitting at Sydney and sensational evidence showing the degrading conditions under which the miners are forced to live is being elucidated. Another commission is sitting investigating occupational diseases in connection with the mining industry.

Since the dry law went into effect, there has been a remarkable renewal of interest in chemistry on the part of middle-aged men, some of whom have set up kitchen laboratories.

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Typographical Local—Secretary, D. K. Knott, Box 1058; meets 1st Saturday, in Labor Hall.

TRADE UNIONIST IS ELECTED AS MAYOR OF CITY IN MAINE, U.S.

(By the Federated Press)

Waterville, Me.—Ernest Finermore, a labor man backed by the trade unions of Waterville, has been elected mayor of the city against the combined opposition of the business interests backing Everett C. Wardell, Republican. The vote stood 1,225 to 1,449.

It was the first campaign labor has waged in this city. The result has been

that the union men have gained confidence in their political power and have planned to organize a labor political club, which may broaden out as a branch of the Labor party.

Although Finermore ran as a Democrat, the fight was a clear one, with the workers on one side and the business interests on the other.

Finermore made friends by his stand three years ago when he was marshal of the city, by refusing to break up labor union meetings when men were on strike.

LABOR INTERESTS TO THE FORE IN ONT. LEGISLATURE

Widows' Pensions, Minimum Wage, Elections Act, Abolish Property Qualifications.

Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor has indicated in a measure to what extent the interests of labor will be considered in the Ontario Legislature during the next few weeks.

In addition to the Widows' Pensions Act and the Minimum Wage Legislation a bill has been introduced to abolish property qualification for candidates seeking municipal offices. Provision will also be made for the extension of the municipal franchise to every member of a family providing they are over twenty-one years of age.

Premier Drury has brought down a new Elections Act which has many important features. One of the most important provisions is the fixing of the date of elections every four years, which prevents the pernicious practice, so often followed by the old political parties, of bringing on an election at the most favorable time to thwart the progress of democracy. Another important provision is the protection of the franchise to those who are compelled to move from one electoral district to another before the date of election.

Some of the important of the provisions of the Act are: Elections every four years; nominations second Thursday of October and polling day second Monday thereafter; maintenance of polling places in hospitals; polling hours from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m.; extension of privilege of advance poll to sailors as well as railwaymen; appointment of chief election officer for province; permission to vote to those who move from one electoral district to another before elections; right of bed-ridden patients in hospitals to vote; elimination of stamping of ballots; right of Indians to vote if they took part in the war; duty of municipalities to provide polling places at \$6 for each polling place; time for issuing the writ for the election to be not more than 30 days before nomination day.

An election board will take the place of the voters' registration board, the chairman to be the county or district judge instead of an appointee of the Lieutenant Governor. The right to be placed on the voters list without being sworn unless the voter is challenged; provision for registration of absentees on affidavits.

The Government will have nothing to do with the preparation of the voters' lists and as little as possible with the conduct of the elections. Wives of naturalized citizens who have not been naturalized must have certificate from a judge that they are entitled to vote by marriage.

MAY BOYCOTT LITERATURE OF RADICAL TYPE

Paper Trade Journal Advises Manufacturers to Hold Up Paper

(By the Federated Press)

Pasadena, Cal.—What appears to be a conspiracy on the part of the paper interests of the United States to suppress the publication of The Brass Check, the unsparring study of the American newspaper by Upton Sinclair, has been uncovered here. Sinclair has made a public statement declaring that every effort to obtain enough to print new editions of his book have been mysteriously stifled. Paper is not to be had, his printers claim, no promise for it can be made, and the prices to be asked for paper if it ever is available will be very high indeed.

The reason for that is very plainly suggested in the February number of The Paper Trade Journal of New York, says Sinclair. In that number there appears an editorial headed "The Balance of Power" in which the paper manufacturers are reminded that they alone possess the power to destroy "red revolutionary radicalism." The editorial says:

"If you want to effect the genuine cure you must wipe out the source of supply. There is no law—constitutional or otherwise—that hinders the manufacturer or dealer from choosing his own customers."

"We urge that someone in the trade take the lead, and we believe that co-operative action and support will be quickly responded. Let us choke off the supply of paper to these enemies of the government, of law and order, and of our daily bread!"

"Let us not delay another moment, for the dangerous seed is being rapidly scattered to the four winds, and is falling on fertile ground."

"And in taking active advantage of the golden opportunity, we will not only serve the government in the most effective patriotic fashion, but we will cause to be diverted a considerable tonnage of paper from unworthy and evil purposes to deserving customers and legitimate uses."

Industry rightly belongs neither to the capitalist nor to labor. It is the organization by which commodities are produced necessary for the welfare of the community of which they form the industrial constituents, and in whose service it should be carried on by them in trust.—Halifax Citizen.

AUSTRALIAN GOVT PAYS LARGE SUMS TO OLD AGE PENSIONERS

Sydney, N.S.W.—During 1919 the sum of \$19,404,325 was paid by the Australian government in old-age and invalid pensions, not including war pensions, which is a separate liability running well into \$30,000,000 yearly. There are 96,924 old-age pensioners in Australia, while 33,144 more draw invalid pensions. The rates paid have been \$3 per week, but are now increased to \$3.50 per week, owing to increased cost of living.

During 1919, 50,554 maternity bonus claims were paid at the rate of \$25 for each child born—in all \$1,513,850.

BUILDING TRADES MAY CLASH WITH CONTRACTORS

Detroit Electrical Workers Will Have Other Tradesmen With Them

Detroit, Mich.—A clash between union electrical workers, members of Local 58 United Brotherhood Electrical Workers, and contractors appears imminent. The employers have served notice upon their workmen that they will absolutely refuse to negotiate if the new wage scale to be presented shortly stipulates an increase of 50 cents an hour over the present scale.

The prevailing scale is \$1 an hour and the proposed half a dollar increase has been talked about in electrical workers' circles for several months. The present agreement expires May 1. The contractors say they are willing to concede a modest advance over the present scale of \$1 an hour.

Whether a struggle will actually be waged will be determined the next few weeks. The electrical workers are well organized militant unionists. Other building tradesmen are likewise well united, and if a conflict ensues over the question of wages, it is expected to be a long one since the contractors have the backing of the Manufacturers' Association, which is ambitious in the direction of crushing the might of organized labor in general, and of the building tradesmen in particular.

The lock-out of union tailors declared by some of the bosses is spreading to other shops. The men and women still at work have assessed themselves \$5 a week to help their brothers wage a successful struggle, and this effort at solidarity is denounced as a mortal sin by the merchant tailors' association. On account of their militant attitude many more tailors were locked out, with the prospect of a general fight on the Journeymen Tailors' union.

300 JOURNEYMEN TAILORS LOCKED OUT AT DETROIT, MICH.

Detroit, Mich.—Three hundred locked-out journeymen tailors are waging a strenuous fight against the merchant tailors of this city. A weekly assessment for the support of the lock-out victims has been voted by their unions. The membership also voted to call a sympathetic strike if any merchant tailors accept work from the strike-bound shops.

HEAVY GAINS BY LABOR PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA

London.—Heavy gains by the Labor party of South Africa in the recent election have resulted in a political deadlock, with no one of the three leading parties able to form a government. The Nationalist party, whose platform aims for an independent South African republic, gained twelve seats, placing it at the head of the list with thirty-three seats. The old South African party under General Smuts, which stands for the status quo, gained only three seats and follows with a total of thirty-one. The most sensational shift came in the Labor party poll, which showed an increase of sixteen seats, giving the new party twenty-one seats out of a total chamber membership of 134. The Unionists and Independents made no advance.

Although there is some possibility of a combination between the Labor party and the Nationalists, this merger would hardly outnumber the expected combination of the South African and Unionist forces, and a second election seems probable.

CHICAGO RETAIL CLERKS EXPECT TO ORGANIZE EVERY STORE IN CITY

Chicago.—Through the efforts of Retail Clerks' Union, Local No. 105, proprietor retail stores have been organized into an association and an agreement has been reached that is expected to take in every retail store in Chicago.

Under the new agreement, which is retroactive from April 1, about 800 clerks selling merchandise will get a minimum of \$40 per week and \$37.50 is the minimum in gents' furnishing departments, except for apprentices.

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LOCAL TEAMSTERS HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS

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 ment which the general teamsters and chauffeurs desire to conclude with the Edmonton Cartage and Warehouse-men's association, it is stated by Mr. Murray that the association officials decline to enter into an agreement on the ground that the business of each member is governed by different sets of conditions, so that it would be impossible to fix a schedule for the whole. Also that the membership is small, so that they would not like to originate a schedule which would affect the whole of the cartage firms in the city.

Ask 65 Cents Per Hour
 The employees are asking 65 cents per hour for an eight-hour day, which would work out at about \$6.50 per day. This rate is for drivers of trucks under one ton capacity, and 70 cents per hour is asked for drivers of trucks of over one ton capacity.

The rate now being paid is from \$3 to \$4.50 per day, and the majority of men make about \$4.50. It is also asked that men with their own teams shall be paid \$1.25 per hour for an eight-hour day.

The employers are offering \$5 for a nine-hour day.
 It is understood that if an arrangement cannot be arrived at shortly the assistance of the fair wage officer, F. A. Harrison, will be invoked, and that a request will be made to the federal department of labor to appoint a special committee to arbitrate in the dispute.

NOTICE

Correspondents for the Local Unions will please take notice that the Free Press has removed from 101 Purvis Block to the basement of the Adams building.

COUNCIL ADOPTS ALL AGREEMENTS BUT RAILWAYMEN

**Local No. 52 Gets Flat Increase
 of \$30 a Month; Retroactive
 to February 15**

The wage agreement with the Street Railway Employees was the only one not adopted by the city council at Monday's session. All the others, covering Civic Union No. 30 for outside labor, Civic Service Union No. 52, for inside workers, the firemen and electrical workers in the telephone and electric light departments were approved.

The council declared that the new wage scale asked for by the railway men, and forwarded to the council by the commissioner, was in excess of that asked for and granted other classes of civic employees, so the agreement was referred to the utilities committee.

In the case of Local No. 52, the agreement gives a flat increase of \$30 per month to the employees, save in a few cases. Two other agreements assented to covered the employees in the electric light and telephone departments and the agreement with Firefighters' Local No. 209 was also passed, giving the firemen \$140 a month.

A motion was carried that all the increases of salary to be made under the agreements should be retroactive to February 15.

WIRE MEN RAISE WAGES

Davenport, Iowa.—Electrical workers in this city, Rock Island and Moline have secured a \$1-an-hour contract.

The higher a man climbs the harder he may fall.

The Locals' Page

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

"Impelled, with steps unceasing, to pursue, Some fleeting car that mocks me with its view."

It has been brought to our notice that a certain person of plump appearance takes his daily exercise by running from his house to the street car. Of course we want it to be understood that we do not wish to imply that his rising at 8 a.m. makes this necessary, but would suggest that the sprinting is done for a morning exercise. It appears, from report, that Fred, one morning slipped and rolled along the icy sidewalk. This was so exhausting that it was found necessary to render him assistance when he reached the car. Some of the regular passengers on that morning car would be delighted if he varied his gyrations by a few hand springs and frog hops. The Athletic association would do well to take an early ride on the street cars and note the number of really good sprinters that would be a credit to it.

Bro. Spiller has got a rise—of the sixth floor. Since this news has leaked out the elevator has quit working.

Our delegates are to be congratulated on the successful agreement that they presented at the regular meeting and the thanks of the members is due to them for their valuable services.

True progress is something superior to your puffing engines and clicking telegraphs and independent of them. It is the advancement of humanity in the knowledge of its frailty and dependence; the elevation of the mind above its own limited requirements, to the infinite course of knowledge; the cleansing of the mind of selfishness and uncleanliness; in fact, it is anything whatever that tends to assimilate mankind more closely to the exemplar of perfect manhood.

ANTIS ARE CHECKED

Temple, Texas.—The anti-trade movement that was launched in several towns in this state is at a standstill, reports Secretary-Treasurer McKinley of the state federation of labor. These trade union opponents would be pleased to be known as "open" shop advocates. This term has a more pleasing sound and creates the impression that the anti-favor trade unions "if they are run right."

C.N.R. MACHINISTS

Local 817, I.A. of M. held their regular meeting on Friday the 9th and the attendance was very good. Next meeting night is on the 23rd at 8 p.m. Make it interesting! Visitors in town phone Secretary H. Crook, 81193, or get in touch with him at 12419 108th avenue.

All cards of Old Fort Lodge are to be sent to the secretary of 817 at the above address. Now you fellow members, belonging to Old Fort, make things a little easier for our secretary as he has lots of work to do. It will only cost you three cents to mail your card. Don't forget, please.

Many intimations appear to indicate that we are on the verge—not of hopeless ruin, chaos and disaster; of calamity unprecedented in all history; but rather that through conflict we are emerging into new and finer conditions. Help on the movement! Join the Labor Party!

Wonder if Bill Wood (science man) ever saw an atom or a molecule or electrons, or force?

The apprentices are at peace with the world. Williams has fixed them up fine in the shop and now their schedule will be carried out to the benefit of all.

Paw—"When are you going to have another?" What did she mean, Paw? No one suspects you of having had any yet.

The first step toward a full knowledge of a truth is first to suppose, or assume that there is a truth. McShane's book, that is being offered to mechanics, apprentices, etc., in the shop, is a truth if we assume that his previous achievement was a truth. All old timers know the old book and at that time there was nothing to beat it.

PRESSMEN'S DANCE

The local Printing Pressmen are putting on a whist drive and dance on Saturday evening, April 17th in Haddon Hall, corner Namayo and Jasper.

Whist, for which there are six prizes, commences at 8:30. Lynch's orchestra has been secured for dancing and a good time can be expected. Tickets 50 cents, can be secured at any printing office or at the door.

UNITED FARMERS AND LABOR JOIN HANDS IN ONT.

**Will Start Co-operative Stores in
 Many Towns and Cities
 of Province.**

The United Farmers and the Labor unions are joining hands to start co-operative stores in many towns and cities of the Province of Ontario, says the Industrial Banner. It is only recently that the Toronto District Labor Council has appointed a strong committee whose aim will be to co-operate with the U.F.O. to start co-operative branches in that city.

In St. Thomas a canvass is now on to secure four thousand guaranteed customers in the city and four thousand in the country, who will each subscribe for a \$10 certificate and as soon as that number has been secured, 8,000 customers in all, a big co-operative store will be started. These certificates are rapidly being taken up, and, what is more, two of the largest local grocers have offered to sell out their stores and entire stock to the co-operators.

In other industrial centres similar action is also being taken and a general feeling everywhere prevails that in such co-operative action on the part of the producers on the farms and in the cities a great deal may be accomplished in reducing the high cost of living. This action in each case is a result of the success which has followed the co-operative efforts of the U.F.O. and a disposition on the part of its promoters to extend the benefits of the enterprise to the city workers.

The strides which the Farmers' co-operative movement has made in the Province of Ontario is well illustrated in an article which appeared recently in the Toronto Mail and Empire, from the pen of J. J. Morrison, secretary and organizer of the movement, under the caption of "The History and Aims of the U.F.O.," which is well worthy of reproduction. Mr. Morrison in his statement says:

"A meeting was held in the Labor Temple, Church street, Toronto, commencing on the morning of Thursday, March 19, 1914, and so began the organization which is now playing such an important part in the affairs of the Province.

"At the annual meeting of the Dominion Garage, which had been held on December 17 previously, a conference was held to consider the co-operation and consolidation of all existing farmers organizations, and a committee consisting of Henry Glendenning, Elmer Lick, H. B. Cowan, E. C. Drury, J. J. Morrison, W. C. Good and Col. J. Z. Fraser had been appointed with power to take whatever action they saw fit in the interests of the endeavor. So they called the meeting mentioned above. About 200 delegates attended, and after a number of addresses and much discussion, a resolution was carried unanimously, 'That as a representative gathering of farmers we should proceed to organize along the two lines recommended, affiliating all the local farmers organizations and forming The United Farmers of Ontario and The United Farmers Co-operative Company, Limited.

The Development of the Project Has Been Marvellous.

"So much for the beginning. The progress of the movement has been marvellous. At the close of 1914 the U.F.O. consisted of forty-four large clubs and had a membership of about 2,000. At present, just six years ago today since that first meeting which lasted for several days, we have 1,268 affiliated clubs and well over 50,000 members.

"The United Farm Women of Ontario was organized in 1915 as the natural running mate of the U.F.O. Its aims are identical with those of the U.F.O., and all women are admitted to the U.F.O. on the same basis as men. This plan admits of the two organizations having a common treasury, and in places where there is no U.F.W.O. club, the farmers wives and daughters may join the men's clubs and enjoy all the privileges thereof.

"During the period of six years The United Farmers' Co-operative Company, Limited, has also flourished. It was incorporated with an authorized capitalization of \$10,000 for the purpose of enabling the farmers of Ontario to purchase their supplies and market their products to the best possible advantage. On August 7th, 1917, the authorized capitalization was raised to \$250,000 and application will be made within the next couple of weeks to increase it to \$1,000,000.

"During the Company's first full year of business (1915) the sales amounted to \$225,000. In 1919, in spite of trade conditions, its volume of business was \$1,000,000.

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GAIN 1,000 MEMBERS

St. Paul, Minn.—An increase of 1,000 members during the last few weeks is reported by Mutchler Workmen's union No. 365. This local was formed in 1915. In four months it had 2,500 members. The present increase is the result of a 100 per cent organizing campaign.

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WINNIPEG COUNCIL SEVERS CONNECTION WITH DEFENCE COM.

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ductive of much interest outside of Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council recognizing the need for aggressive and co-ordinated action and that such action can only take place as the responsibility for initiating and guiding the work is taken by the International Trade Union movement, has decided to sever its connection with the Defence Committee and to ask the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the International organizations to consider the very serious questions arising out of this trial and to take such steps as may be thought necessary to place the Trade Union movement upon a firm basis.

Three things are of paramount importance:—

1. The dependents of the men now in prison must be supported;
2. Every effort must be made to procure the release of the men in prison;
3. The rights hitherto recognized as belonging to Trade Unions must be re-established.

To accomplish this big programme the support and co-operation of every man and woman is needed.

After consultation with the Trades and Labor Congress executive the Winnipeg Council is sending out this letter with the idea of letting the workers throughout the United States and Canada know just how matters stand.

If the Trade Union movement is not prepared to shoulder the responsibility of safeguarding its own vital interests then the outlook is indeed dark, but surely the aspirations felt by the rank and file and expressed by the men who have been placed in positions of responsibility are strong enough to make this continent ring with a demand, strong, united, and insistent that the men be given their liberty and the workers' industrial movement be allowed the right of free expression.

We intend to leave no stone unturned to achieve these results. The workers know what the result of this trial means to them. We have confidence that they are prepared to do their duty. The council is now taking up the work, as soon as a definite policy is decided upon another circular will follow. Kindly address all communications to—

CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP WEEK BEGINS SAT., MAY 1

Saturday, the 1st day of May is the date set for the beginning of the clean-up and paint-up campaign in Edmonton. Letters have been sent out from the headquarters of the campaign to the secretaries of the various organizations of the city asking their support and assistance in their efforts to make the city cleaner. The organizations will be asked to appoint a committee of two or three persons to work in conjunction with the main organization in the effort to make Edmonton a clean and healthy city in which to live.

Spring is the house-cleaning period for municipalities as well as for private premises. Recognizing that fact, Mayor Clarke has designated the first week of May as Edmonton's clean-up week.

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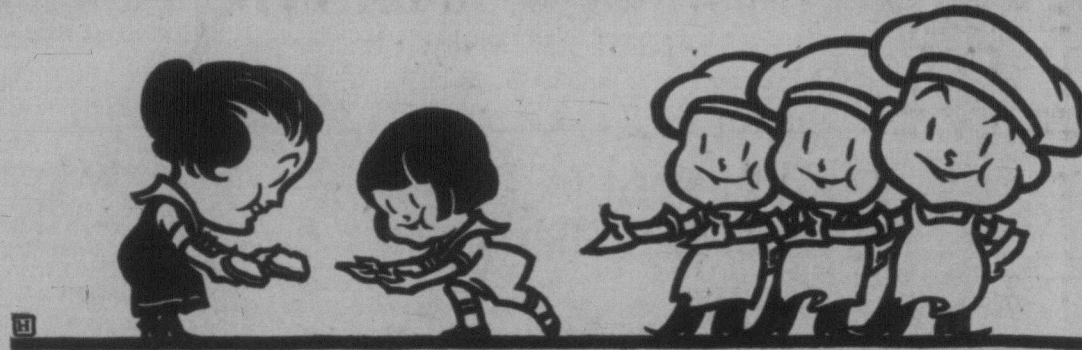
Clean streets and alleys are a city's best advertisement, and the way to get them is to go after them all together in a regular campaign.

MANY SCHOOLS CLOSED

Washington.—There are 18,379 schools in this country that have been closed because teachers have been starved out and cannot continue on the low wages paid, said Arthur E. Holder, member federal board for convolational education. He has summarized the board's investigation of this question and declares that "the paramount issue of today is the welfare of our children, our schools and our teachers."

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SPEAKS AT THE
ALBERTA ALLIANCE

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I think we should be getting a little nearer the millennium in educational matters," was the comment of T. E. A. Stanky, president of the alliance, on the results of the Edmonton policy.

A former teacher himself, Mr. Barnes declared that he had left the profession for economic reasons alone, and therefore could not fail to sympathize with the splendid efforts of the alliance to improve the conditions under which teachers labor.

"As teachers," he said, "you should be loyal to your own profession—should seek in common the promotion of the welfare of your members. Members of the medical profession fix their own fees. What rights have they which teachers should not have? None. The lawyers do the same and have embodied their regulations as to fees in legislation." He believed in inviting members of the school staff to sit with the boards. Both in city and in rural schools they should be co-operating members with the trustees themselves.

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The Woman's Page

MODERN WOMAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO FILL DUAL ROLE

Men Nowadays Want Wives Who Can Make Dollars As Well As Doughnuts

The statement was made recently at an educational convention that "men nowadays want wives who can make dollars as well as doughnuts." That must have given a terrible shock to any Darbys or Joans who might have been present, and, of course, the statement did not get by without a protest from one mere man that "if women continue to go into employment we will have to get somebody to make homes."

The federal board for vocational education, one of the United States agencies concerned with the boy and girl problem, is of the opinion, however, that the modern woman, to be the perfect woman, should be able to do both. Realizing the important part the home plays in the economic welfare of a nation and in order to maintain the high standard of efficiency for industry the board in 1919 federally aided 598 schools teaching home economics and 475 schools teaching trade and industries.

It is estimated that in 1919 there were 11,000,000 women and girl wage-earners in the United States, and an industrial survey of New York City disclosed that four out of every five girls had dependents and were forced into the field of industry by necessity.

In 1910 the United States census report showed that 47 per cent of the entire female population of the United States were or had been married, that one out of every four women was a wage earner and one out of every four wage earners a married woman.

In its third annual report the federal board for vocational education states that there are more persons engaged in home-making than in any other single occupation; that there were about 25,000,000 women of twenty or more years of age in the United States in 1910, of whom 80 per cent were married, and assumes that it is but fair to say that as large a proportion of the girls under twenty years of age will eventually marry.

From the above it would seem that man need not fear the entrance of woman in industry for, by tradition and instinct, home-making is woman's exclusive job and her influence will always be found for the betterment of society, protection of human life and for the happiness and welfare of mankind.

The fundamental aim of the federal board for vocational education is to see that the individual is fitted to pursue effectively some specialized work, whether for industry or home-making. Vocational education makes it possible for the woman to know and enjoy her work, and to find that class of work that calls not only for her interest but also develops her latent ability and thus find a solution to much anxiety and dissatisfaction both in industry and in the home.

NEW PARIS THEATRE PRESENTS BEST ART AT DEMOCRATIC PRICES

Paris.—Plans are under discussion for a popular theatre in Paris, which will present the very best art at democratic prices. The art committee formed in the chamber of deputies by Paul Boncour, Socialist, and others, is now considering plans for the theatre.

The committee has suggested that the request for a subsidy recently submitted by the minister of arts for the Comedie Francaise theatre and the Odeon, be granted on condition that the troupes of these theatres present a certain number of popular performances during each season.

Same Rights as Labor

Teachers at least had the same rights to organize which were possessed by the manual workers. Skilled and unskilled workmen had blazed the trail in organization. Essentially all who labored for the service of the community, whether by hand or brain were members of the same class. Brainworkers should not allow their pride to exalt them above others who were engaged in manual crafts. One and all should recognize their common service to humanity.

EDITH CAVELL'S DYING WORDS FIND NO PLACE ON HER MONUMENT

London.—A striking example of British propaganda right here in London is being commented upon in newspaper circles. Recently Queen Alexandra unveiled the new statue of Nurse, Edith Cavell, a worthy addition to London's unsightly monuments.

It is now a matter of history, undisputed by even the most ardent British patriots, that Edith Cavell's dying words were "Patriotism is not enough." Yet they find no place on her monument. In their stead is carved "For King and Country."

WHO IS TO BLAME FOR EXTRAVAGANCE SHOWN IN DRESS

Older Women Should Set Better Example to Young Girl, Not the Designer.

In any question today concerning extravagant dress, there is a tendency to place all the blame upon the shoulders of the girl, and "the foolish girl" who spends too much or who goes into extremes of "undress," comes in for pretty general condemnation.

But husbands as well as fathers pay big dressmaking bills, and anyone who attends dinners and dances knows that many married women (some of them mothers of young daughters) appear in dresses that are nothing short of indecent.

It is time that the older woman should set a better example to the girl, and that she should refuse to be guided by designer or dressmaker who tries to force a "Vamp" dress upon her; it is time that she should realize the sensual appeal of this style of dress.

It is well known that outé fashions originate for the most part at the dictate of the demi-monde and others of like kind, who use certain allurements of dress to capture the lower senses and the pockets of their male clients.

No decent woman who stopped to think would wish to be associated even remotely with such as these. There are plenty of good women who have the gifts necessary to the production of charming and artistic dress, and it is time that they should set the fashions for themselves and others of their kind.

Woman's advanced position today demands that she should exhibit restraint in expenditure on mere adornment, and that her dress should be appropriate and modest.

FRENCH TYPOS ON STRIKE TO RETAIN EIGHT HOUR DAY

Declare They Will Defend Eight Hour Day to the Limit of Their Endurance

Paris, France.—More than 6,000 printers in this district are on strike to enforce the eight-hour law passed by the French parliament. The printers asked for wage increases to meet the high cost of living, and were informed that wages would be increased if the 10-hour day was reinstated.

The Typographical union of France has levied an assessment on the entire membership and has issued this statement:

"It is the eight-hour day that the master printers are determined to abolish, and in these conditions it is our imperative duty to support our Paris brothers. The eight-hour day, which the workers have bought with their blood and their lives, demanded for 30 years by the trade unionists, and finally enacted into law by parliament—this eight-hour day we shall defend to the limit of our strength. It is regrettable to be compelled to admit that the eight-hour day, given an international standing by incorporation into the

MARRIED WOMEN IN INDUSTRY ARE INCREASING

Women's Small and Agile Hands Adapted to Work of Certain Industries.

"The forewoman has come to stay," says Mrs. Anna Labor Burdick, special agent for trade and industrial education for girls and women, federal board for vocational education in the U.S. "The typical watchmaker of the United States is a nineteen-year-old girl. The number of married women in industry has increased 100 per cent, since the war. Certain industries are limited to their expansion only by the number of women employees to be obtained."

In the course of her work Mrs. Burdick meets all sorts and conditions of women. The following are some of her interesting observations of women in industry:

"Women's small and agile hands are especially adapted to the work of certain industries. Women are needed in garment and hat work, the hosiery industry and soap making. The expansion of the hosiery knitting and garment making industries is limited only by the number of women obtainable."

"Women make and assemble the delicate parts of adding machines, office appliances, Mazda lamps, electric light equipment and appliances. In 1914 five-eighths of the employees of the Waltham watch factory were women. It is surprising to know that the typical watchmaker of the United States is a nineteen-year-old girl."

"Before the war there was only the foreman in all industries where women were employed. Since the war there are both the instructional forewoman and the production forewoman in all women employing industries. In the Betts Artificial Limb Company, Indiana, women are admitted in the classes in foreman training along with the men."

"In the Betts company women also do the set-up work. Certain machines have to be 'set up' to run a job lot through. Formerly a 'set-up man' set up the machine and a woman operated it. The machine got out of order and she raised two fingers as a sign for the set-up man to come. Today women do this set-up work."

"In Milwaukee, Wis., a street car advertisement from some factory which needed women workers exhibited a picture of a bride, groom and preacher. Underneath were the words: 'Many marriages are made in our plant. Come down and pick out your job.' Then there was a long list of the social advantages accruing to the girl who would work in that factory. Needless to say, the factory did not expect the girl to quit work after her marriage."

"Married women in industry have increased 100 per cent, since the war. At Grand Rapids, Mich., the furniture factories advertise for housewives who will work at least two hours a day, suiting their own convenience as to when they will come."

Pennsylvania has a greater diversity of industry than any other State, leading both New York and Illinois in that particular.

peace treaty, is being deliberately sabotaged by French employers.

"It has been the constant effort of the Typographical union to shorten the working day in correlation with the installation of labor saving machinery. The eight-hour law legalized our demand. Our trade union education, the very fundamentals of the organized labor movement, impose upon organized labor the imperative duty of defending this working class victory against the consolidated employers waging a war for its destruction. Every local affiliate with the Typographical union of France must give whole hearted support to our Paris brothers on strike. For it is well known that if the master printers of Paris win in this battle they will undertake to use their position as a vantage ground to destroy our unions throughout France."

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At a dinner given in his honor by cable officials and operators, Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company at London, heard some blunt statements by a British trade unionist.

Mr. Carlton said he wanted firsthand information on the views of employees, and A. Crisp, a member of the Cable-Telegraph Operators' association, replied:

"The Operators' association has taken the unalterable attitude that it is entitled to retain, in common with every other body of organized workers, the right to strike, should the regrettable necessity to do so ever arise."

The Western Union cable system does not recognize the Operators' association, and the speaker said it was possible to secure a signed pledge from the cable men not to strike for two years if their association was recognized, returned soldiers not penalized, and working conditions improved. Turning to President Carlton, the speaker gave notice that the right to strike would not be surrendered on the assurance of the cable official that his board of directors "are genuinely solicitous of the welfare of their employees."

WHEN UNIONISM WILL DIE
When the lion cuts grass like an ox,
And the fish-worm swallows the whale;
When the tarapin knits woolen socks,
And the hare is outrun by the snail;
When serpents walk upright like men,
And doodle-bugs travel like frogs;
When grasshoppers feed on the hen,
And feathers are found on the hogs;
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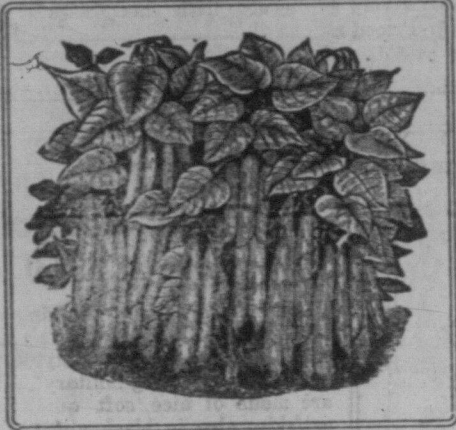
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U.F.A. LOCALS PROTEST AGAINST FRANCHISE BILL

Send Resolutions to Central Office
Condemning Passing of
the Bill

Central Office of the U.F.A. at Calgary is in receipt of many resolutions from various locals throughout the province, protesting strongly against clause 10 of the new franchise bill, which will make it a crime punishable by two years' imprisonment, for any association not formed exclusively for political purposes to engage in any political activities whatsoever, or to contribute to funds for political purposes.

A resolution from Ramsey local, No. 400, states: "We regard it as our right as enfranchised citizens of the Dominion of Canada to nominate and secure the election of a parliamentary candidate who will serve the interests of our country best, and whereas in order to do this we expect to and are willing to finance the election of such a candidate, and whereas the bill now before parliament contains a clause that will not only debar us from taking such action, but positively prevent the candidature of those men who we believe will best serve the people. Be it resolved that we, the members of the Ramsey local of the U.F.A. most bitterly condemn the passing of the franchise bill in its present form, and demand the deletion of the objectionable clause; and we further instruct the office of our organization to use its utmost endeavors to secure this alteration."

Similar in tone are resolutions from other locals who offer their support to the central committee in any action that may be deemed necessary.

UNITED TRADE UNION ACTION FOR OVERTHROW OF PRESENT SYSTEM

The committee of the British Socialist party, on Monday, voted 62 to 11 in favor of a resolution advocating "unit trade union action to improve the prospect for successful overthrow of the present system prevailing in the world." The committee decided the time was opportune for success of the workers' program in the struggle which inevitably will arise from the present chaos brought about by European capitalism and united action was advocated to sectional strikes.

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on Government

Armed with the endorsement of some of the most prominent public bodies in the province and knowing by actual experience the requirements of better railway facilities, there is a strong delegation of northern Alberta men now in Ottawa to press on the government the absolute necessity of better railway accommodation in the Grande Prairie district. This they propose should be affected by the extension of the Canadian National line on from Whitecourt through the Grande Prairie district.

Last week C. A. McDonald and Capt. R. B. Howell, of Grande Prairie were in Calgary and while there were got in communication with the board of trade by W. F. Stevens and having laid their case before the special committee received its endorsement and will no doubt receive the support of the entire board. This has already been secured from the Edmonton board.

The delegation is representing the U.F.A. district organization, the Great War Veterans and the Grande Prairie board of trade and are prepared with a strong case to lay before the minister of railways. It is unnecessary to dwell on the criminal inadequacy of the railway facilities which have caused such serious hardships and financial loss not only to the settlers of the northern part of the province, but to the province as a whole during the past winter. In the case of Captain Howell himself, as a concrete instance, he has 8,000 bushels of registered seed oats which would be worth at least \$125 a bushel if it could be got out to supply the demand which exists in Alberta and other western provinces. But it is all in storage yet and only a small proportion will be available for seed and that chiefly in his own neighborhood. In addition he has registered Red Bobs and Ruby wheat for which he could get from \$11 to \$12 per bushel for seed if he could get it out, but it is also tied up.

When the instance cited is multiplied by the thousands of other sufferers in the Grande Prairie and other districts tributary who are in the same serious predicament, it is quite easy to understand the earnestness with which the members of the delegation are setting forth on their mission to Ottawa and that they have received the strong endorsement which is backing them up.

The organization has been the formation of the Farmers' Publishing Company, Limited, with 1,700 shareholders, which now owns 'The Farmers' Sun,' issued twice a week, to upwards of 35,000 subscribers.

Saved Million of Dollars to the Consumers in Freight Rates.

"If prevented for many months, by the evidence given by its representative, the increase in freight rates sought by the railways, thus saving many millions of dollars to the consumers. It made a strong plea before the Board of Railway Commissioners for free interchange between the Bell Company and local companies on long distance telephone calls. Late in 1918 it opposed the application of the express companies for an increase on the rates of carrying cream and milk and succeeded in having the move defeated.

"And not by any means the least, through its educational campaign, it succeeded in having forty-five members elected to the Ontario Legislature, who have now formed a government, and also have two U.F.O. members in the Federal House at Ottawa.

"And what of the future? We believe that the principles of co-operation which will lower the cost of living, and our Co-operative Company is already doing great work in supplying goods from the producer to the consumer, with the least middleman's profit will prevail. Last year we sold nearly one million pounds of binder twine; in three weeks we sold two thousand tons of standard stock feed, and we have handled over one hundred cars of live stock in a single day and feel that as yet we have only touched the fringe.

"The Company has recently acquired a cold storage plant at Morrisburg, and will specialize in the handling of produce, more especially eggs, both for domestic consumption and for export. Several other new lines of business are also under consideration.

"Our farmers are thoroughly aroused and are determined to bring about not a revolution, but a reformation of Canadian public life. They believe that the principles set forth in the Farmers' Platform will prove to be the salvation of the country in its present financial condition and will mean greater prosperity for everyone. They are determined that Canadian public affairs shall be conducted upon a higher plane and that special privileges shall be abolished from our midst.

"These ideals are appealing with ever-increasing vigor to all classes of the people, who realize that they are the selfish aims of the class which forms the backbone of the nation."

SCHOOL TEACHERS AT MILWAUKEE RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL RAISE

Milwaukee, Wis.—The salaries of high school teachers here at last have been raised. The action follows warnings that the cream of the city's high school teaching force contemplates leaving the profession to seek more profitable work. All class B teachers, those not heads of their departments, will be raised from \$180 to \$300 a year, according to the length of their service. Class A teachers, those who head their department are to receive from \$270 to \$380 more than last year.

PRODUCTION OF TIMOTHY SEED IN ALBERTA

Large Home Market Is Open to
the Timothy Seed Grower
at Present

The Department of Agriculture has recently been investigating the possibilities of timothy seed production in the Province and likewise of marketing the seed profitably. There is no doubt about the possibility of producing a superior class of seed or of marketing the seed readily at a satisfactory profit. Timothy is a successful crop over a considerable part of the Province in the centre and north, in scattered districts along the entire western part of the Province and on the irrigated lands.

To produce seed that will bring high prices in any market it is necessary to manage, handle and thresh the crop for the special end of seed production. Up to the present time comparatively little timothy seed has been produced in any of the Prairie Provinces. During 1915, however, sufficient Alberta grown seed was marketed to test the requirements of the Eastern Canadian trade and likewise to establish the standing of Alberta seed in Eastern markets. Since the beginning of the year six or eight cars of Alberta seed have found their way to Eastern markets. Reports from the trade emphasize the distinct superiority of the Alberta seed with respect to bold, plump kernel and good size in comparison with the United States product which at present constitutes a large proportion of the supply for Eastern Canada.

Canada Imports Timothy Seed. There is open to the timothy seed grower at present a large home market and perhaps also a good foreign market. The Dominion alone requires between 600,000 and 700,000 bushels of timothy seed annually of which sixty or seventy per cent, or about 400,000 bushels, is imported from the United States. On account of the adaptability of our soil to timothy growing over a considerable area and of the superiority of the Alberta grown seed, it would appear to be sound economy for Alberta farmers who have the right kind of land, to give some attention in the future to the production of this crop for the Canadian market.

The United States Market. There is equal opportunity for securing a good market in the United States. Canadian grown timothy seed is admitted duty free to the United States where the demand at present is very keen and the price correspondingly high. While the United States exports considerable timothy seed, conditions are favorable to the putting of Alberta seed on the United States market. A considerable proportion of the timothy seed of the United States is produced on the heavy lands of the Central States such as Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. Iowa alone produces over 1,000,000 bushels annually and on land ranging in value from \$75 to \$150 per acre.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates the advance in the capital valuation of land to be twenty-five per cent. over the past four years, which constitutes a considerable additional cost in the price of land products. In addition to the handicap of heavy capital investment as compared with Alberta the United States timothy seed producer has to meet a tariff amounting to 17½% in entering Canada. During the past ten years the wholesale price of timothy seed on the Chicago market has increased from \$4.50 per cwt. to \$7.00 per cwt. which is the average price over the twelve months of the year 1915. The price closed in December of 1915 at \$8.00 per cwt. Under these conditions and with no trade barriers and a superior quality of seed, there should be no difficulty in entering the United States market.

Northern Grown Seed. Independent of local or temporary conditions which favor the production of seed there are general and fundamental reasons why the special work of seed production over the whole series of field crops should become thoroughly established in the Province. It is a recognized principle in seed production that the farther north a crop can be made to grow beautifully and mature satisfactorily the better constituted the seed is. This has already been demonstrated in Western Canada with respect to the cereals. Alberta Red advanced perceptibly on the Turkey Red from Kansas as to size of kernel, quality of content and weight per bushel.

GARDENING IS NOW RECEIVING MORE ATTENTION

Ease With Which Garden Produce
Can Be Grown Makes It An
Economy.

The breaking of the land, the growing of crops and the introduction of livestock have so far been given first place by the farmer; and rightly so, as his bread and butter has depended upon their success. It is, therefore, not surprising that the making of a garden has been neglected for a time.

The ease with which garden produce can be grown and important place such produce occupies in the economy of the farm home, however, makes the garden an enterprise that should not be overlooked for one day longer than is necessary. Every farmer should have a garden, for he can grow in it a great variety of vegetables and fruits needed on the table. Not only every farmer should have a garden, but it would be a matter of economy for every family of the city, who have some space in their back lot, to raise a garden.

Many have not had a garden because they do not know anything about the making of one. They seem to think there is some mystery about it beyond the capacity of the average person and that it is only meant for the fortunate one under whose magic touch every plant seems to thrive. Such is not the case. With a little care and thoughtfulness any one can have a nice garden.

The location of the garden is an important consideration. Suitability of soil, good natural or artificial drainage, convenience of access, suitability of exposure, should all receive consideration in the location of a site for the vegetable garden. The garden should be located as close to the house as possible, this makes the caring for it and the harvesting of the crop easy.

Land with a gently rolling or undulating surface with a southern to a south-eastern exposure is the most desirable for general gardening operations. It can be worked much earlier in the spring than that having a northern exposure. Such crops as tomatoes, that require a long season and a warm location to mature, can be grown successfully on a southern slope, while on a northern slope maturity would likely be impossible.

A good garden soil should contain a liberal amount of sand. The best soil for most vegetables is a rich black loam or a sandy loam. The quality of vegetables depends largely upon the quality of the soil on which they are grown. Vegetables of much finer texture are produced on sandy soils than on those of a clayey nature. Heavy clay soils are cold late and hard to work. Garden land should be well drained since crops on well drained land suffer less from drought as well as from excess of water than they do on undrained land.

As a general rule it may be said that it is best to plow deep. Seven to ten inches is about the right depth, especially on the better soils. On extremely light soils shallow plowing is advisable, unless the garden has been heavily fertilized with stable manure thoroughly mixed with the soil. Deep plowing is undesirable where the subsoil consists of a cold and heavy clay. A good plan is to change the depth of plowing every two or three years. Fall plowing for the garden is to be preferred, though good results can be obtained if spring-plowed land is thoroughly prepared. If the land is plowed in the fall it becomes disintegrated and packed by settling, and from the action of the weather, and when the upper surface is cultivated and put in good condition early in the spring, a better seed bed is secured than is commonly the case with spring plowing.

Experience has taught that, in Southern Alberta particularly, where irrigation is not practised, one half of the garden should be summer fallowed thoroughly each year. This assures an abundant supply of moisture, plenty of available plant food for the next year's garden crop, and freedom from weeds. Harrow the first time in the spring with the drag harrow to conserve the moisture and prepare the seed bed.

(Next week the subject of when to plant and the method of planting the garden will be dealt with.)

The Alberta oat has practically made a new standard of weight per bushel fashionable for the greatest of feed grains. Good seed is the first condition to successful production of crops. Alberta cereals are already finding their way east and south through wholesale seed houses. The value of seed is a question of constitution depending upon symmetry and perfection in kernel. The recognized plumpness of the Alberta timothy kernel is the latest evidence of the fitting and inevitable survival of northern grown seed.

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CANADIAN UNIONS TO BE REPRESENTED AT CHICAGO CONVENTION

Canadian unions will be represented at the fifteenth annual convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union which will open in Chicago May 3. The convention will mark the twentieth anniversary of the union's existence.

vice possible, by laying down their lives in the sacred struggle for liberty. While our festival is largely competitive in character, it is co-operation alone which makes it possible on any but a petty scale.—From the New Syllabus of the Association.

Stage & Music

CRITICS ENTHUSE OVER "POLLYANNA"; SHOWN AT ALLEN NEXT WEEK

Mary Pickford as "Pollyanna," in her first independently produced picture for United Artists, comes to the Allen theatre Monday for a five-day run. When "Pollyanna" was first published in book form, persons of all trades and professions gave it exceptional popularity, for it became the theme of continual discussions. At that time the publishers report there were over 1,000 ministers in as many pulpits who delivered "Pollyanna" sermons. Afterward, when in play form, the story again attracted public attention; editorial writers and critics enthused over its philosophy, and now again, with the advent of this story in motion pictures, with Mary Pickford in the title role, the same unusual interest is being manifested.

One of the most enthusiastic believers in the philosophy of the "glad girl," and one who has heralded his belief broadcast from his pulpit, in a discussion on "The Pollyanna Treatment," in his church, said, among other things: "In every church there are people who are in need of treatment. There are people who are drugging themselves with all sorts of medicine, who need nothing but a new viewpoint of life, a new comprehension of the power of happiness that is within themselves and in others, a new knowledge of how to find the bright side even under the darkest trial, of how to effect regeneration through words of cheer and encouragement, of how to generate a spirit of resignation, even of gladness, through the thought that, sore as the affliction is, hard as is the deprivation, it could have been much worse."

"What they need is the Pollyanna treatment. Let them take that treatment, and no matter how deep-rooted their real or fancied troubles, no matter how many the attempted cures that have failed no matter how joyless or hopeless or helpless their outlook seems, their dark horizon will gradually brighten and, in time, it will stand out resplendent in all the colors of the rainbow."

"I prescribe the Pollyanna treatment because of a firm conviction that, were it generally taken, it would cure society of a thousand ills by which it is afflicted, and that were the treatment to be consistently kept up, it could come nearer than any other agency has thus far succeeded in making our earth a paradise."



MARY PICKFORD
Mary Pickford in "Pollyanna," the film sensation of the year, which opens a five day engagement at the Allen theatre on Monday next.

SEATTLE LABOR HAS GONE INTO MOVIE BUSINESS

Will Produce Films To Show World the Workers' Side of Industrial Struggle
(By Joseph Corbett)
Editor Seattle Bureau, The Federated Press.

Seattle.—Labor has gone into the movies.

Out here in Seattle the organized workers by the tens of thousands are pledging their support to a labor controlled organization which will produce movie films, fiction tales with an economic punch intended to show the entire nation the workers' side of the industrial struggle.

Already 65,000 American Federation of Labor men in this city, through the Central Labor council, have gone on record in support of the film producing organization which has been given the title of Federation Film corporation.

Other cities will be asked to cooperate as the movement grows with the ultimate object of a giant chain of producing studios and distributing agencies carrying an appeal to all workers, organized and unorganized alike.

Seattle labor is not promoting its movie undertaking in any amateurish fashion. Arthur Nelson, scenario writer and director, and author of a recognized text book on the structure of the film play, has been engaged as general manager and director of the productions for the company. Nelson was formerly a director with the Frontier-Universal Co. and has been identified in an executive capacity with a number of other companies. Some of his successful film plays are The Day of Reckoning, Under Fire in Mexico, Sands of the Desert, The Will o' the Weak and Capt. Courtney. He was the author of the Slim series of cowboy comedies popular two or three years ago.

And no combination of interests can gain control of labor's film company by buying stock. Fifty-one per cent of the corporation's assets must always be in the hands of organized labor bodies. All the trustees of the company are elected by unions or the delegates of the Central Labor council.

Already one union, the boilermakers' local, has pledged \$10,000 to the undertaking. Unions, small and big, are falling in line and endorsing the financing plan whereby each union man by vote of his local subscribes \$1 in four payments of 25 cents a month, much less than he now spends to view films turned out by capitalist controlled companies.

Labor did not take the initiative in movie propaganda. Heads of the big producing companies recently met in Washington, D.C. and arranged to produce a series of pictures to combat "radicalism." Labor is to be shown up as a thing unclean, according to the plans worked out at the national capital. Advance notices being circulated of one "anti-radical" film, The Red Terror, indicate that the public is to be taught that labor in the grip of "foreign agitators" is engaged in bomb and other plots.

It's a protective warfare that has been undertaken by labor, but it promises to develop into a real offensive as labor pours forth funds for its latest venture.

An audience of 5,000,000 A. F. of L. workers, who with their friends and families will number at least 15,000,000 is already assured for the pictures. Patrons of these films will no longer be required to view organized labor

TYRONE POWER IN "THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE" & "THE LITTLE BROTHER"

A notable revival of two remarkable plays will be presented at the Empire theatre for three days commencing Monday evening, April 19, with matinee Wednesday, when Tyrone Power and a selected company of players will be seen in Charles Rann Kennedy's famous morality play "The Servant in the House," and in Milton Goldsmith and Benedict James Striking play "The Little Brother."

This is the first production to be sent out by Trans-Canada Theatres, Limited, the newly organized all-Canadian corporation which controls a chain of theatres from the Atlantic to the Pacific, throughout the Dominion.

Theatre-goers will recall the sensation which "The Servant in the House" created when it was first produced twelve years ago, and the controversy which arose over the astonishing portrayal of the role of the Dragoon by Mr. Power. Dramatic critics both in New York and in all the principal centres of population throughout the United States and Canada, agreed that Mr. Power had created a character that was destined to stand out prominently among the most notable of a decade. The high reputation which this distinguished actor has attained on both sides of the Atlantic has been largely built up through his uncompromising stand against any form of suggestiveness or impropriety upon the stage, and his firm adherence to nothing but the highest form of drama.

Mr. Power's portrayal of the Priest in "The Little Brother" is one which has been praised highly by the leading dramatic of the day for its tremendous strength and its vital human appeal.

It is keeping with the avowed policy of Trans-Canada Theatres, Limited that Mr. Power should be presented in such plays as "The Servant in the House" and "The Little Brother" as their initial production in the Dominion.

The cast selected to support Mr. Power, includes members of high reputation, and among them will be found Mr. Harvey Hay, for three years leading man with Mr. William Faversham and Maxine Elliott, Mr. Walter Edwin, Mr. Harold, DeBecker, Mr. Irving White, Mr. Robert Taber, Miss Edna Holland, Miss Alma Chester, Miss Chela Knight and others.

Monday evening, Wednesday matinee and evening, Mr. Power will be seen in "The Servant in the House." On Tuesday evening he will present "The Little Brother."



FANNY SIMPSON, the dancing star of "Honky-Tonky Town" at the Pantages next week.

representatives cast in the role of vulgar bullies arbitrarily calling strikes and wreaking vengeance for fancied wrongs.

The Central Labor council of Everett, Wash., and the Metal Trades council of Tacoma, Wash., two influential labor bodies have investigated the Seattle plans and given them their sanction and support.

Money is now being raised by a specially appointed executive finance committee of the Seattle Central Labor council to produce the first picture, The New Despair, the scenario of which has been approved by discriminating trades unionists, both conservative and radical.

The finance committee is headed by F. A. Burt, secretary-treasurer of the Trades Union Savings & Loan Assn., organized labor's own savings institution. Following is the advisory board of Federation Film:

Jack Mundy, president Seattle Central Labor council; James A. Taylor, president Pacific Coast Metal Trades; F. A. Rust, James A. Duncan, secretary Seattle Central Labor council; E. B. Ault, editor-manager Seattle Union Record, labor's newspaper, and Robert Dunlop, former assistant superintendent of the United States government employment bureau here.

Manager Nelson, who draws no money for his services in order that all cash raised may be used in actual development, has furnished the Federated Press with the following observations:

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PROGRESS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN

(Continued from Page One)

A good party program combined with an aroused social conscience are fundamental, but by themselves they will never win a majority in parliamentary government. There are other important factors which must be understood to get at the reasons for labor's rapid rise towards political supremacy. One of these was touched upon by Wake in speaking of "the growing political consciousness of the trade unions."

It may comfort discouraged supporters of the American Labor party to learn that 10 years ago the British Miners' Federation, which at the last general election placed 25 of its men in parliament, had been so bound up with the Liberal party that its members would scarcely look at a Labor candidate. British labor bore the same relation to the Liberal party a few years ago that many A. F. of L. officers would now have American labor bear to the Republican party. Today solidarity of the workers behind the workers' party has become a reality in England. And for the reason that the majority of English trade unionists are also Socialists some amusement and more amusement is derived on this side from contemplating the bitter hostility towards Socialism exhibited by such eminent trade unionists as Samuel Gompers.

Another development which has contributed greatly to the success of the political labor movement is the Labor party reorganization effected early in June, 1918. By this act the party ceased to be merely a federation for political purposes of trade union and Socialist bodies. The basis of membership was broadened so as to include every man or woman willing to accept the party program and pay a subscription of 25 cents a year. The effect has been to rally to the party standard thousands of teachers, doctors, clergymen, lawyers, journalists, managerial employees, clerks and secretarial workers; and literally tens of thousands of women in all walks of life. "It is the class of mind and not the class of life with which we are concerned," as the national agent puts it. The result of this infusion of "intellectuals" has been to develop a corporate sense as a national party and bring a large number of trained executive minds to the service of the labor movement. The absence of any prejudice against these "middle class" members can best be shown by the fact that the member of the present executive committee of the Labor party elected by the greatest number of votes is Sidney Webb, the famous economist. Nor, on the other hand, does the most ardent proletarian fear that the British labor movement will ever be dominated by what must always be a relatively small group of supporters of the intellectual type.

A most democratic system of decentralization is employed by the Labor party in selecting its candidates for parliament. Local labor parties have now been formed in nearly every constituency. The various organizations affiliated with the local party, whether trade unions, Socialist bodies, or independent members as described above, nominate their own candidates. Choice of the man or woman who shall contest the district for labor is made by a democratically chosen local selection conference. Ratification of this choice by the executive committee of the National Labor party (known as the national executive) is then required, although this ratification is almost always a mere formality. It should be held in mind that under the English system of government a parliamentary candidate need not be a resident of the district for which he stands.

At first glance the election campaign also appears largely a local affair, but in reality a great deal of responsibility is centered on national headquarters. Every by-election in England now is a fiercely contested battle and generally a three-cornered battle, as the Liberal party has virtually severed its allegiance to the utterly discredited coalition government of Lloyd George and is running many independent candidates. With the coalition and the liberals sending their most able speakers to the field of each successive election, and the press of the entire nation taking an active part in every campaign and generally bitterly hostile to labor, it is evident that the national executive is called upon for continuous good generalship in order to gain seats for his party.

A large part of this responsibility devolves on the national agent, who sends his organizers to the constituency the moment an election is declared, arranges the schedule of campaign speakers, and has also a large share in determining what planks of the general party platform, i.e., Russia, nationalization of industry, conscription of wealth, etc., shall be stressed in the campaign. It is a post calling for wide knowledge and the keenest political instinct.

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LABOR MEMBER MAKES GOOD

Another session of the Alberta legislature came to a close on Saturday. It was in many ways a disappointing session from Labor's standpoint. The increases in the indemnities to be paid under the Compensation Act are only partial, and a small part of what was needed to make the act as valuable as it should be. The minimum wage amendment to the Factories Act was horribly mutilated in the process of submission by the Government. Alex. Ross, who was prevented by a technicality from submitting the bill himself, passed it on to the Government; but it was so altered as to defeat some of the important provisions in the original draft. There were many other questions settled—and left unsettled—during the session in a manner highly unsatisfactory to Labor. It was hoped that this year Alberta might overtake some of the other provinces in the matter of Labor and social legislation, but the session's end finds us still lagging behind.

The bright spot in the session just closed was the work of Labor's sole representative. From his reply to the speech from the throne, which was easily the best address delivered in that debate, to the closing hours of the session, Mr. Ross was "on the job." Being Labor's only representative his duties were particularly arduous, for the reason that he had to be prepared to express the viewpoint of Labor on every question that directly interested the workers. With four or five Labor men in the house the work could have been divided among them, making it less strenuous and giving greater opportunity for study and concentration. Mr. Ross was always in his place. He supported everything of a progressive nature, and fought measures which he considered unjust or inequitable with all his characteristic vigor and tenacity. Never criticising for criticism's sake, but always contributing constructive thoughts and suggestions, Mr. Ross is an able representative of his constituency and the Labor movement.

Readers of the Free Press were fortunate in being enabled to keep in touch with the work of the legislature through Mr. Ross's splendid articles which appeared in this paper each week during the session. The fact that many of our readers have commented favorably on the manner in which the Free Press covered the session, may in a measure repay Mr. Ross for the sacrifice of his time in preparing his interesting and instructive articles and news items.

EXTREMISTS AND PROGRESSIVES

Probably the most persistent of human traits is that of going to extremes. Consequently there are many extremists prominent in the public life of every country. They can very well be classed in two main divisions: extreme reactionaries, and extreme radicals. Or, in other terms, those who can see nothing good in the new and those who despise all of the old. Both are extremists and both are equally dangerous.

There are many things in connection with present society that are bad. Many of our economic and social customs have outlived their usefulness and are obsolete. Changes are necessary and very desirable, and those who oppose them are extremists of a reactionary type. They stand in the way of human progress and are dangerous to the best interests of humanity.

There are some things in connection with present society that are built upon solid foundations of righteousness and service. Not all of present civilization can be scrapped with impunity, and those who advocate such action are extremists of a radical type. Their views are as dangerous to the orderly progress of the human race as those of the reactionary extremist.

But there is a middle road to be followed in the matter of social progress. Those who follow this course are the people of broad mind and clear vision. What is good in the old they would retain; what is bad they would discard. They would not grasp new thoughts and ideas because they are new, but because they could serve humanity. They are not reactionary or radical. They are progressive.

The extremist of any type is narrow; the progressive has breadth of mind and vision.

THE A.F. OF L. AND POLITICS.

It is not correct to say that the American Federation of Labor is keeping out of politics, and those who make such a claim have surely given the latest policy of the A.F. of L. a very superficial study. As a matter of fact the Federation has established a gigantic political organization throughout the United States and has adopted a platform so broad as to earn the approbation of a radical journal like the New Republic.

The new non-partisan effort of the American Labor movement is something more than the scheme of "elect your friends and defeat your enemies." In the matter of tactics, as well as of program, there is an innovation: "Our central bodies and our local non-partisan political committees have a great opportunity in the primaries. Here a smashing effort can be made to nominate members of trade unions for elective office." Commenting upon this move the New Republic says: "Mr. Gompers has put a cutting edge on his political weapon for the first time. If he is in earnest about it, if he really intends putting the full strength of organized Labor behind trade union candidates, he is likely to cut a deep gash in some of the industrial sections of the country."

It will be noticed that while in the past individual trade unionists were asked to reward friends and punish enemies with their votes, now central bodies have been instructed to form political organizations for the purpose, nominating and electing trade unionists or others favorable to the Labor movement. Whether the plan proves to be successful or not, it at least dispels the idea that the A.F. of L. believes in keeping out of politics.

FREE SPEECH AGAIN

Agitation that is purposeless, impracticable and otherwise unsound, if given free rein will evaporate into thin air. The white light of publicity, like no other agency, will reveal the weaknesses and follies of impracticable and illogical ideas and proposals. The Free Press has made this claim many times before and we have been corroborated in our views on as many occasions from a number of sources. We are glad to have our opinion on this matter confirmed further by the president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Mr. Moore who has just returned from Britain, finds that free speech there is not questioned in any way, and the consequence is that political ideas which will not bear the test of a searching analysis, are dying a natural death. This is what can be expected, for "out in the sunlight evil dies." Free speech, free press and free assemblage are the inalienable rights of free peoples.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the trade union movement fulfilled no other purpose than that of the mouthpiece of Labor its existence would be justified. Organized Labor speaks for all the workers, expressing the needs and aspirations of the toilers, organized and unorganized.

There is much sound common sense in the words of Mr. Stanley at the Alberta Teachers' Convention, when he said: "Heretofore cheap talk on the dignity of labor and the joy of service has been accepted in lieu of gain of the realm, but it is no longer legal tender. I have not seen any statement that \$1,200 is too much for the job. If it would close schools we would not ask for it, but for every one closed because there is no salary to pay the teacher, ten will be closed because there is no teacher to pay the salary to."



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The continued exclusion from the Factories Act of women and girls employed in restaurants, hotels and theatres, is worthy of the strongest condemnation.

The attendance at Trades' Council meetings is fairly good in Edmonton, but there are still a large number of delegates who do not answer to the roll call. Local unions should insist on their delegates being in attendance at the meetings.

The Labor Press

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Legislation which benefits the mass at the expense of the excess indulgence of the few may be called class legislation by those whose indulgence is curtailed, but it is the kind of legislation Canada needs. Legislation which fosters and encourages the excess indulgences of the few while thousands are denied the right to live a normal life is the kind of class legislation the industrial and agricultural workers are organizing to destroy.—Industrial Banner.

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