

labor has Overcome Attacks

PRESIDENT TOM MOORE URGES ONLY INTERNATIONAL SATISFACTORY

At the Provincial Convention of Firefighters of Ontario held at Ottawa... President Tom Moore, who was one of the honored guests along with International President Baer from Washington.

Ottawa Trades Council Elections

The semi-annual election of officers of the Allied Trades and Labor Association resulted in practically all the old slate being returned with the exception of the executive committee, to which for the first time in the history of the association a lady delegate was elected, who headed the poll.

"FIGHTING BACK" SPEECH BY PRESIDENT GOMPERS

Labor had halted the shock troops of its enemies, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced in his speech to the International Typographical Union annual convention. Mr. Gompers said that all over the world, just before or soon after the armistice, capital made up its mind that it must secure the master hand over the working people of the world.

Teachers Favor Strike if Necessary

Strike action to enforce fair conditions for teachers was endorsed and urged by Harry Charlesworth, president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, at their first annual meeting Toronto. He said it was vitally necessary to protect the interest of teachers in each province and the federation was a step towards cooperation.

PRESIDENT HANNA OF NATIONAL RAILWAYS ABOVE FEDERAL LAW

The application of the five railway brotherhoods of railway employees for a Board of Conciliation, to deal with wage reductions on Canadian railways, reached the Minister of Labor from Toronto. The application is being given consideration at the present time and there will be further announcements from the Labor Department on the matter.

ONTARIO FIREFIGHTERS CONFERENCE

The report of legislation, read at session of the convention of Provincial Federation of Firefighters was the first step taken by the Ontario Federation's activities from the inception of the permanent platoon system, the pension and superannuation fund act, and the volunteer insurance act.

Another 1000 to the Line

Toronto.—General Manager Thomas Bradshaw of the Massey-Harris Co. in a statement issued tonight announced the closing of the works, which will be reopened as soon as conditions justify. The statement declares that the company has been greatly affected by the sudden and heavy drop in the value of farm produce.

Hull Firemen's Board Completed

Mr. S. Larose, a returned soldier, and a well-known citizen of Hull, has been chosen as chairman of the board of arbitration to settle the dispute over wages between the Hull fire fighters and the city. Mr. M. J. Lavender the city's representative on the board and Mr. Eugene Reinhardt the firemen's representative, met and agreed to submit Mr. Larose's name to the minister of labor, which was acceptable and the board is now in session.

Conventions Balance of Year

Aug. 5-13, Quebec, Canada, International Typographical Union. Aug. 5, Cleveland, Ohio, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Brotherhood's International League of America. Aug. 8, Toronto, Canada, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America. Aug. 15-21, Toronto, Canada, International Photo-Engravers' Union of N.A.

Machinists to Elect International Officers

Eight new vice-presidents of the International Association of Machinists, seven in the United States and one in Canada, were chosen by referendum vote of local lodges, as follows: Ed. Nolan, Lodge 68, San Francisco. P. J. Conlon, Lodge 144, Washington, D.C.

A Dominion Political Platform

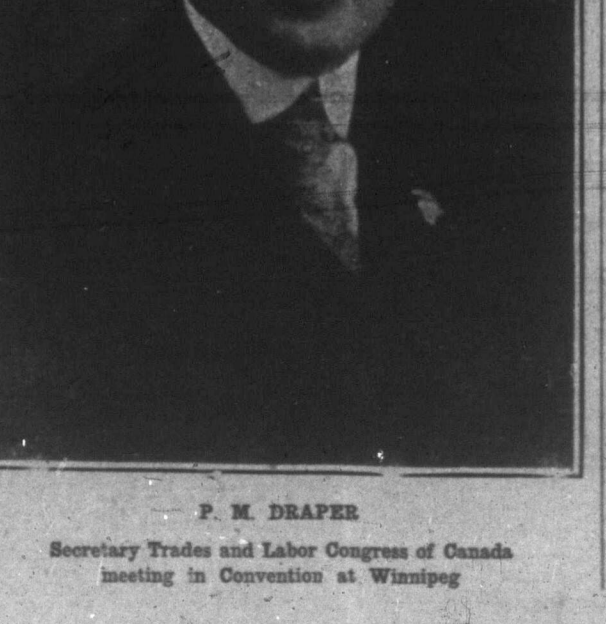
Winnipeg.—Drafting of a uniform political labor platform for the Dominion and the coordination of the various labor parties now in existence in the various provinces, probably will be taken up by some of the delegates attending the Trades and Labor Congress Convention here this month, according to Ernest Robinson, secretary of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council.

Montreal Street Railway Men Granted Board

Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, this afternoon notified J. L. Bourbonniere, secretary of the Montreal Tramways Employees' Union, at the department of labor had granted the tramway men's application for a board of arbitration to deal with the dispute between them and the Montreal Tramways Company with reference to the proposed reduction of wages.

Same Rates of Wages to Continue

Toronto.—Wages of the platform men in the employ of the Toronto Street Railway will be continued until March 31 by the Transportation Commission when it takes over the operation of the system on September 1.



P. M. DRAPER Secretary Trades and Labor Congress of Canada meeting in Convention at Winnipeg

Class Legislation Cry Is 'Bunk' Says Editor

Washington.—The cry of "class legislation"—a favorite of special interests—is "bunk," says the Washington Herald, which suggests that eastern bankers and congressmen abandon this term.

Miners in Lehigh Valley for Conciliation

Lansford, Pa.—The strike of approximately 8,000 mine workers of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. in the Panther Creek Valley, came to an end when the grievance committee of number 6 colliery and the executive board of the United Mine Workers in

Pipe Strike is Ended

Peoria, Ill.—The Plumbers' and Steam Fitters' unions have adjusted their strikes and signed a union-shop contract for three years. Last year's rates for steam fitters have been accepted and the plumbers agree to a reduction of 50 cents a day.



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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

THE TOLER, TODAY AND YESTERDAY

Labor is no longer typified by the figure in that painting, "The Man with the Hoe," with bent back and receding forehead and all the wrongs, sorrow and resentment of the ages writ upon his brow, said Sam Gompers. The men and the women of labor of today have learned the dignity of honest, productive toil and have come to realize their importance as the wealth producers of the world, without which toil and production, society and civilization itself, would shrivel and perish.

The wage-earners of today stand erect as sovereign citizens and look the whole world in the face, demanding no special rights or privileges but insisting that justice, freedom and democracy shall guide our industrial as well as our political.

LABOR WORKING SINGLE-HANDED

While alleged friends and frank opponents of organized labor bemoan that "trade unionists are only interested in hours and wages," these workers struggle for ideals, with their critics silent in times of great test.

Labor's present fight against the importation of Chinese coolies to Hawaii, thereby destroying the principle of Chinese exclusion, interests no critic of organized workers.

Under the banner of the A. F. of L., organized labor in the United States and Hawaii are alone fighting this proposal. Hawaiian trade unionists have commissioned two of their representatives to come to Washington, a distance of 10,000 miles, to expose the claims of sugar planters and their mercenaries. These unionists are now in the nation's capital, working under the direction of President Gompers.

Every affiliate of the A. F. of L., especially in the Pacific and inter-mountain states, has been warned of this menace, and protests are pouring into the halls of congress.

If the public were acquainted with this proposal, what it means, and the single-handed fight labor is making, the objections would storm the capitol. But the resolution is given the "silent treatment" by forces that hope they may win by stealth and intensify the Oriental question, now so acute in the far west.

The proposal is the most brazen yet suggested by reaction, drunk with war profits and flushed with political victory. It shows to what lengths plutocracy would go but for an alert and aggressive trade union movement.

The oozy, sentimental, so-called "liberal," the muddled doctrinaire, the popularizer with his rose-water theories, the writer of giddy labor programmes, the denouncer of trade unionism—all are silent as big business attempts to insert in the Chinese exclusion act the thin edge of a wedge that would permit hordes of coolies to sweep, like locusts across the Pacific and inter-mountain states.

MEMBERSHIP IN UNIONS

Members of labor unions who desire to promote the welfare and prosperity of their unions of membership will always be found attending the weekly meetings, and not standing on the outside, criticising or condemning the work of those within. When these non-attendants are asked why they do not attend, their excuses are many and some of them ludicrous. Why did they ever join a labor organization if they did not intend to take an active part in establishing its welfare? Do they consider that the mere fact of paying their dues is a fulfillment of their obligation to the union, or that serving once on a ball or social committee is all that should be demanded of them?

If their employers attempted to treat such men unjustly, where would they look for redress? Would they not lay their troubles before their organization, and would they not expect that organization to use its influence to adjust the difficulty? Of course they would! But just because their nests are feathered for the present they take no interest whatever in the organization that, in a measure, is responsible for the goodly supply of feathers.

Some say that the union is of no benefit to them, that they would be receiving wages just as large as they receive at present if the union had never been organized. It would be gratifying to know where these malcontents receive their information. Is it from the employers? If all the men who have been benefited by their membership in the union would attend the meetings, no how would emanate from the corporal's guard that does not attend.

We don't approve of fining, because men who won't attend unless their pockets are touched, are not of the material generally found in those who take an interest in their organization, and their presence, in some cases, would retard rather than advance the progress of the union.

Let us eschew the temptation to absent ourselves from our union meetings.—Contributed.

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Another Drop in the Bucket

Toronto.—The City Council authorized a large amount of municipal work which provide employment for some of the city's idle men. Among them was the paving of Yonge street for nearly three miles on the north end at an estimated cost of \$466,815, and the construction of a drainage system for the eastern and western harbor developments at a cost of \$800,000.

British M.P. Calls for More Wages

Sir George, Craydon Marks, member of Parliament for the last sixteen years for the North Cornwall division of England, arrived from the United States where he has been resting since the beginning of June.

Sir George, originally a member of the Liberal party, but who, on the formation of the coalition government, became a supporter of the government, is secretary of the Liberal group of the British members of parliament. He was an ardent worker during the war in matters apropos of labor and during his stay in New York and Chicago he addressed meetings on this subject. He will leave Ottawa for England on Thursday week, but as Sir George is here on private affairs it is believed that he will not accept any proffered invitations to speak publicly.

Sir George expressed himself as being in complete sympathy with the returned men, who want to fight under the promise of being able to return to a better country but who were now quite disillusioned. They found, according to the speaker, that any betterment of the world had left them in a worse position than before. Any benefits obtained by humanity had passed them by and they had gone back to a country where men had made money beyond the wildest dreams, fortunes that they sacrificed of the returned men themselves had made possible. They had now become both restless and faithless.

"If the labor situation is to be restored to normal," said Sir George, "the workers must be offered more than mere wages. They must be given an interest in their respective trades. They must be allowed to share in the profits and have a strong incentive to increase all the time the output."

British House Favors Sex Equality

An important step in the direction of equality between the sexes was taken in the House of Commons as the result of discussions regarding the admission of women to positions in the civil service. A resolution introduced by Sir Robert Stevenson Horn

Chancellor of the Exchequer, was unanimously adopted, providing that after a transitional period of three years, women shall be admitted to civil service in the United Kingdom under the same conditions and regulations as govern men.

Regard, however, is to be had to the suitability of women for the situations to be filled. Women appointed to posts in the civil service will have the same status and authority as men, but, having regard to the financial position of the country, the question of remuneration of women as compared with men shall be reviewed within three years.

A proviso was inserted in the resolution safeguarding the interests of former service men.

CONFERENCE WITH ALBERTA GOVT.

The unemployed conference called by Premier Stewart adjourned to meet again, it is expected, about September 1, when a permanent scheme for dealing with the anticipated volume of unemployment during the coming winter will be considered. In the meantime a committee appointed by the conference will gather data throughout the province, which will be submitted to the September meeting, particularly in regard to necessary relief measures.

On this committee will be the mayors of Edmonton, Calgary, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat and the following representatives of provincial organizations: Herbert Greenfield, of the United Farmers; Mrs. C. B. Wagon, of the Red Cross Society; Walter Smiagen, of the trades and labor council; and Robert Gallagher, of the Great War Veterans. Information will be tabulated by the officials of the government employment bureau service.

Premier Stewart's suggestion that a reduced wage be given and taken for-writer work under the control of the government was not acceptable to the majority of the delegates of the conference, and a resolution was brought in by the committee to the effect that the standard rate of wage be paid for all such work under either the provincial or federal government, the basis being the current rate of pay for any particular class of work in the locality concerned.

It was also urged that the employment bureaus throughout the province secure as much as possible of the

necessary harvest help this season from among the unemployed in Alberta and that any additional hands be secured in some other part of the west rather than bring in men from the east or from across the line.

Strict enforcement of the alien labor act was felt to be desirable, and the next unemployment conference will likely request the provincial government to employ only Canadian citizens on the irrigation works in the south, so far as practicable, with a request also to the federal government to exercise a more rigid control of the alien labor situation in general.

The committee was of the opinion that the provincial government should furnish the necessary funds for the advance of transportation and blankets to workmen by the employment bureaus, with arrangement for repayment through the employers.

CLAIMS ALIEN LABOR EMPLOYED

Calgary, Alta.—That chiefly not Alberta, but alien labor is being employed on the government irrigation ditch, and that not a man out of the hundreds of unemployed swarming round the Calgary and Lethbridge government employment bureaus has an opportunity to work there, is the information brought back to the city by Rev. D. A. MacKillop. He found it very hard to pick up any information about the labor situation there, those being in the best position to give information being very reticent on the subject.

WAR INTEREST POSTPONED

Washington.—Treasury officials told the senate finance committee that in interest of \$943,347,555 is owed the United States on allied war debts. Up to the last interest period Belgium owed approximately \$54,000,000 interest; France, \$284,000,000; Great Britain, \$407,000,000 and \$161,000,000. It was stated that the government has agreed to postpone interest collections, without compound interest, for three years, or until April 15, 1922. The agreement was made in 1919.

Sugar Planters Advised

Chicago.—If labor is scarce in Hawaii, there are plenty of unemployed in the United States without importing Chinese coolies, said Victor Olander, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois state Federation of labor, in a protest to congressmen and senators against the proposal of Hawaiian sugar planters.

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Hank Woods, the huge Hamilton manager of boxers, must think he has world's champion in his stable in his new boy, Eddie Beattie, the title holder, whom he showed to Toronto fans a couple of weeks ago. Charlie Hallat, the Toronto promoter, who wants Beattie for a fighter for his next show at the arena August 16, had the time of his life trying to pin Woods down to a contract for Beattie to box his show. Hallat selected Ernie Barreau, the Pacific Coast boy, who was champion here this spring, as Beattie's opponent. Woods and Beattie are not doing any worrying about Barreau, or how tough he was, what percentage of the Coast boy would come in at, but he was fussy about percentages and judges and all that sort of stuff. Hank had Charlie Barber shop in town for three days. Woods signed up—and Hallat was knocked down three show and most of the chairs in his Hamilton barber shop trying to get to the desk to sign his "John and his record indicates that he is of" to the contract, when Hallat

GOLD MINERS' WAGES INTACT

According to the Northern Miner, all around the gold mines wages are tumbling. Railway and paper workers, government road employees, forest workers, silver miners, all have taken cuts in wages. But gold mine wages remain at their peak. And at the same time the gold mines offer full time, steady employment; no five days a week operation, no lost time.

Looking over the provincial labor situation it appears that the gold mines are the last high-wage employers in the province. They are among the very few employers in Canada who have not cut wages.


There are no developments, in a news sense, in the gold mine wages situation. It is a subject that the operators prefer not to express an opinion on. But nevertheless it is known to be a live subject, particularly with the mines that have large tonnages of low grade ore that at present costs of treatment must be considered waste rock. Very few of the mines can afford to continue forever to disregard this low grade material. Sooner or later the question of converting it into bullion will be an urgent one. "We are all pretty fortunate in having high grade material to work on, allowing us to pay high wages, but we are shortening the lives of the mines by postponing the day of fair dilution of high grade or negotiations are under way that may lead to cuts of as much as 30 per cent. Silver miners have accepted wage reductions averaging 15 per cent, and those nickel miners who are fortunate enough to have positions have been cut about the same. Government road workers have been reduced to \$2.50 a day and board.

The above wage changes are in industries in the same territory as the gold mines. Elsewhere almost every kind of work has seen lower labor costs affected. In the textiles, cotton knitting mills, 10 to 20 per cent. Woodworkers' wages are down 19 to 20 per cent, building trades are cutting 5 to 15 cents an hour with greater cuts on the way if the idle men are to get work at all. Rubber industries have cut as much as 20 per cent; chemical industry, 5 to 20 per cent; shipbuilders, up to 17 per cent. In the metal trades reductions range from 7 to 25 per cent. Meatpackers accepted a 12 1/2 per cent cut. Farm wages are half what they used to be, in some sections.

As compared with these wage reductions, the Labor Gazette notes a fall in food costs of 40 per cent. from July last year. It is only fair to note that the drop has not been so marked in Northern Ontario because freight rates are a large part of the cost of goods when they have to be transported long distances.


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Washington—With one dissenting vote, the house committee of the District of Columbia, voted to lay the anti-picketing bill on the table. Congressman Blanton is the sponsor of the bill. The bill would stop picketing in the nation and was introduced with the intention of securing a "model" anti-picketing law for the various states, with the prestige of approval by Congress and the president. Congressman Blanton made heroic attempts to secure its passage and introduced numerous anti-union influences during the last campaign appeals for financial assistance to aid Congressman Blanton were signed by a large employing interests.

Won't Employ Unionists

Washington—Testifying before the separate committee that is investigating the Mingo county (W. Va.) miners' lockout, Ernest L. Bailey said he had instructions from superior officers not to employ members of the United Mine Workers' union. The witness is superintendent of the Portsmouth-Solvay Coke company's mines at Freeburg, Ky., across the Tug river from Mingo county. He said his company furnished 100 high-powered rifles to employes to "protect" themselves.

Want Public To Boycott

Boston.—The anti-boycott association, now known as the league for industrial rights, should secure an injunction against the commission of necessities of life.

This state organization favors the boycott and calls upon the public to use this weapon against ice cream retailers until the prices come down.

In its statement the commission said buyers control the market, that no business can long survive a boycott and that the public should use the weapon it possesses and make greedy tradesmen be decent.

Sugar Is Plentiful

New York.—The Federal Sugar Reserve can't understand why prices are advanced when there is an oversupply. There are 700,000 tons of raw sugar available for export. This is enough to last October 1 when new domestic cane crop will be on the set.

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Lynch Law Rampant

New York.—Lynch law is rampant in this country, says the New York World, which calls for the law's protection to the individual.

"In the south," says the World, there are bodies of men organized to set aside ordinary procedure and take immediate revenge on persons, white or black, who by word or deed violate the sacred codes that have grown up around the color line. In the north the differences of opinion are mainly economic, and he who advocates what seems radical or dangerous to the majority—or even in some cases to the minority—lays himself open to being horsewhipped or run out of town. To be a non-partisan leaguer in Kansas, a United Mine Worker in Mingo county or an I. W. W. in Washington often robs one automatically of the protection of the courts and the authorities.

"If the law is to retain respect it must come to the assistance of the individual, who is fast losing his ancient liberties of speech and action before the illegal assaults of the crowd. The lynching spirit, once sporadic and universally condemned, is now as fashionable and general. The law has been lenient too long."

Alert To Coolie Menace

Washington.—Reports to A.F. of L. headquarters show that trade unionists in every section of the country are alert to the menace of coolie labor, and to the designs of those who would permit Hawaiian sugar planters importing this labor under bond for five years. Trade unionists realize the effect of this ponage on Hawaiian workers and they also realize that with this principle established it would be but a short time before it would be applied to the United States on the ground that it is unfair to ask sugar planters in this country to compete with coolie labor. The next step would be in the fruit industry of the Pacific coast, followed by railroad managers and captains of industry for this "cheapest labor in the world."

The views of these employers is shown when ship owners recently denied the request of seamen and marine engineers to agree to give American citizens first preference in employment. The United States shipping board sustained the ship owners in their position.

Miners Won't Be Bluffed

Clearfield, Pa.—If Thomas H. Watkins, was throwing out a "feeler" when he suggested wage reductions for miners in this district, he received an unexpected answer. Mr. Watkins is president of the Pennsylvania coal and coke corporation. A recent wage-cut speech by him has been given wide circulation, and the miners reply, "No broken contracts; no wage reduction." The coal owner wants wages reduced and the miners to sever connection with the United Mine Workers. To all of which the workers reply, "Nay, nay." And the language they use is so plain that Mr. Watkins can understand.

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The Fight To Break The Unions

Just what to do the chambers of commerce, the employers' association, the "associated industries," the Republican Publicity Association, and other like-minded organizations actually mean when they proclaim the "open shop" as the new slogan of Americanism? It is important to find out, for the labor struggles of the next few years, will center around that issue, and the public is already being "educated" by the familiar methods of cheap propaganda to a proper attitude in the matter. The employers have tried to tell us what the open shop campaign implies; they have named it the "American plan of employment" and in the words of the "Dallas Chamber of Commerce Open Shop Square Deal Association," the open shop is "the only way to cure radicalism" and has been inaugurated "to protect personal liberty and property right by seeing that non-union workers have an equal chance with workers who belong to unions." It is inevitable that Americans should respond sympathetically to the proposal that all men must have an "equal chance." If the open shop means an equal chance the open shop propaganda will be easy to conduct.

What the term implies, however, is something quite different. The open shop, as the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has said, is in practice simply a non-union shop. The idea of union and non-union men competing for jobs on equal terms and working side by side is in fact nothing more than an amiable fiction. The primary object of labor organization is collective bargaining between the employer and the union. The object of the open shop is to eliminate collective bargaining and to substitute dealing with the individual worker. If collective bargaining is eliminated, the union is killed; a worker might as well join a golf club as a union in an open shop. The open shop, then, becomes a non-union shop and the meaning of the present campaign becomes clear. The New York World put the matter very plainly when it said last week that "the champions of the open shop are not actuated by any patriotic impulse whatever. They believe that the open shop is more profitable to themselves than the closed shop and that to destroy the unions would put money in their pockets. That is all there is to the controversy. The open shop advocates wear a mask of patriotism because they are afraid to meet the economic issue." In the face of the obvious intent behind the open shop campaign the noble spectacle of the embattled employers of America rising in defense of the "personal liberty" of their employees takes on a comic aspect, while the claim of the employers that they seek to increase production must, in the present state of the market at least, be largely discounted.

Winter, the industrial depression, and the disorganization of the forces of labor have joined to help the open shop drive. In certain industries unemployment is rapidly increasing; in several large cities in the east we have already read reports of missions and lodging houses filling up with hungry, unemployed workers. That business men are looking to these conditions to help break union "arrogance" is freely admitted; although one prominent employer put it perhaps a trifle bluntly when he said the other day: "The union man is not so cocky as he was just before the election. In a little while he will be eating out of his employers' hand." The unions are weakened as a fighting force by their jurisdictional divisions, their conservatism and preoccupation with petty politics. It is plain, moreover, that at present public sympathy does not turn to organized labor. Accusations of "labor profiteering"—largely unjustified—and revelations, such as those lately made in New York, of the corruption of individual labor leaders have hurt the workers' cause in the public mind.

With the generous assistance of the political party in power in Washington the employers have some reason to feel hopeful. Certain factors, however, may modify the outcome of their drive. If the period of depression turns out, as wiser men than Harding believe, to be a short one, the labor situation will change. The Federal Reserve monthly bulletin, the Annualist, the current report of the Harvard Committee on Economic Research, the monthly review of the National City Bank all agree in a general expectation that a revival is due. If they are correct, it is obvious that the employers of the country cannot work their will upon even the weaker unions. Even bread lines and unemployment and the vast pamphletting campaign of organized business can do more than defeat individual unions in weak industries and they may have the salutary effect of forcing the rank and file to think in other and more constructive terms. Meanwhile the poor public, victimized like the labor unions by the literary deluge sent out by the employers, should keep firmly in mind the true meaning of the open shop.

Relief by Popular Subscription?

Halifax, N.S.—Funds toward the relief of the unemployment situation in this city will be raised, it is hoped by popular subscription. At meeting of the city council a committee of four aldermen was appointed to act as a permanent unemployment committee.

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