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## LABOR PARTY OF UNITED STATES IS ORGANIZED

### Object of Movement is to Organize Workers to Support Principles of Democracy.

Representatives of Organized Labor in convention at Chicago, Monday, created a new national political body, to be known as the Labor Party of the United States.

The convention adopted a lengthy declaration of principles of the election of a national committee, which will consist of one man and one woman from each state. Headquarters for the party will be established in Chicago.

The convention adopted a resolution condemning the peace treaty and league of nations covenant as it did not conform with President Wilson's fourteen points and was not in the interest of the working classes of the world.

Some of the planks in the platform are as follows:

- Abolition of the United States Senate; International solidarity of labor; Maximum hours of labor for men and women to be eight hours a day and forty-eight hours a week; Old age unemployment and sick pensions; Nationalization of unused lands; Incomes of individuals to be limited by law; National initiative, referendum and recall; Application of the "home rule" principle in state, county and city government; Denunciation of government by injunction; A demand for international disarmament to prevent future wars; Denunciation of universal military training and conscription; Immediate release of all political and industrial prisoners; Equal pay for men and women; Demand for free speech and free press.

The object of the movement as set forth in its constitution "will be to organize all hand and brain workers of the country to support the principles of a political, social and industrial democracy."

The following resolutions were adopted:

- For the impeachment by congress of the United States District Judge Anderson of Indianapolis, for his action in granting the government a mandatory injunction ordering the reopening of the coal miners' strike.

- Protesting against the massacre of Jews in the Ukraine and other European countries.

- For the release of Eugene V. Debs, Kate Richards O'Hara, Carl Haessler and 1,000 other political and industrial prisoners.

- Demanding a new trial for Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

## SAILORS WILL HOLD CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

### More Than 65,000 Union Sailors Will Be Represented at Twenty-third Annual Convention.

More than 65,000 union sailors will be represented by delegates to the twenty-third annual convention of the International Seamen's Union of America, which will convene in San Francisco on January 12, 1920.

Andrew Furness of San Francisco, president of the International Seamen's Union of America, will preside at the sessions of the convention, which promises to be one of the most interesting labor conventions ever held in that city.

The membership of the International Seamen's Union of America has greatly increased during the last year, with the result that there will be many "new faces" seen in the coming convention.

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific, which is making elaborate preparations for the convention, will be represented by the following delegates: W. Bastion, F. H. Bryerson, Joseph Faltus, Andrew Furness, P. B. Gill, William Hardy, C. G. Larsen, W. G. Milard, Harry Olsen, Jack Rosen, Edward Rosenberg and S. A. Silver.

## MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES GET NEW AGREEMENT

Negotiations which have been in progress since February last, by the Maintenance of Way Employes, for a new working agreement, were completed this week, by an agreement being signed between the United States railroad administration and officials of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Shop Laborers. While demands of the union were not fully met, the eight-hour basic day was established for track laborers and others of that classification and time and one half pay after that hour was provided. Most of the other employes included under the agreement will receive time and a half overtime pay after ten hours. Approximately 400,000 men are affected.

## The Labor Candidates

### S. A. G. BARNES

S. A. Gordon Barnes is another of the Ontario boys. He was born on a Lambton County farm in 1875 and is of U. E. Loyalist descent. Having been brought up in the atmosphere of the pioneer he naturally drifted westward and in 1897 we find him supplementing the meagre salary of the school teacher by taking up a quarter section of raw Saskatchewan land. While doing these duties and teaching the community school, Mr. Barnes continued his studies and after



attending the University of Manitoba, graduated with first class honors in mathematics from that institution in 1903.

Although he had previously graduated from the Toronto Normal school and the Ontario School of Pedagogy the salaries offered upon the completion of his college work did not sufficiently attract and he immediately entered the insurance business in the city of Winnipeg, coming to Edmonton with his family in 1906. Mr. Barnes' fondness for the teaching profession expressed itself in his home-making for he married Miss Florence Shaver of Woodstock, Ontario, who is also an experienced teacher and a university graduate. They have four children to be educated in the Edmonton schools.

In the 1910 civic elections he was a successful School Board candidate and was re-elected with increasing majorities in three succeeding contests. His record as a consistent member of the Finance Committee and his usefulness in that committee in the early years of the war are well known to the Edmonton public. Then too, his sound, clear attitude on all matters of vital importance has proved his fitness for the position as School Trustee. He believes that large financial problems will have to be solved during 1920 and new educational policies must be adopted if Edmonton is to meet her immediate educational needs. He has urged at all times the development of the community spirit.

His candidature was unanimously endorsed by the Dominion Labor Party and the Trades and Labor Council. These bodies know Mr. Barnes' democratic attitude on all public questions and are giving him their unqualified support.

### J. W. H. WILLIAMS

J. W. H. Williams was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He migrated to Edmonton in 1910 and has become well known in the city as a fearless champion of clean politics and progressive



legislation. He enlisted in the 6th Battalion and left Edmonton with the rank of Sergeant. On arrival in England Sergt. Williams was transferred to the Canadian Record Office, Green Arbor House, where he remained for eight months. Mr. Williams reverted to go to

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRADES COUNCIL

The next regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held in Labor Hall, Monday evening, December 1st. All delegates are requested to be present.

## DECEMBER 13TH CONFERENCE WILL BE NOTABLE EVENT

### Representatives of National and International Affiliates of A. F. of L. Will Be Present.

The December 13th conference of industrial and transportation workers, called by the A. F. of L. executive council and the four railroad brotherhoods, will be a notable event.

Representatives of national and international affiliates of the A. F. of L. will be present, as will representatives of the railroad brotherhoods. To consider the call states, the grave dangers affecting the very foundation of Organized Labor in this critical reconstruction period.

It is intended to take counsel and to formulate such action as may be essential to safeguard and promote the rights, interests and freedom of the great masses of the people of the country. "It is imperative," the call continues, "that the responsible representatives of the labor movement shall, therefore, consider the situation in the industrial and legislative field and agree upon fundamental principles, and a program which the wage earners will accept in performing their duties as citizens and at the same time maintaining the right of free men in order to conserve human interest and welfare."

"We conferred with the representatives of the various farmers' organizations. The conventions of these several bodies will be held within the next 30 days. The representatives of the farmers, while in sympathy with the conference, did not feel that they had the authority to appeal their names to the call. However, formal communications will be sent to their conventions inviting them to appoint representatives to participate in the conference of December 13th with authority to speak in the name of the organizations they represent."

## CANADIAN EXPRESS CO. COMPROMISES WITH EMPLOYEES

The Canadian Express Company has made a compromise to its employees regarding their demand for a new schedule, which consists of an offer of an agreement as to the two weeks' vacation clause and provides for a general increase in wages whereby those receiving less than \$100 a month would receive a 15 per cent increase; those getting from \$100 to \$110 a month, a 12 per cent increase, and all getting more than \$110 a month, a 10 per cent increase. It is understood that the employees will accept the offer. Their schedule had asked for a reduction of mileage basis to 5,000 miles per month with an increase of 25 per cent on the present wage scale.

## CARPENTERS AND PLUMBERS HAVE SECURED INCREASE

Montreal Men Who Have Been Out Since September, Successful in Securing Demands.

Montreal Carpenters returned to work Monday, after having reached an agreement with their employers, by which the men agreed to go to work at their old rate of sixty cents an hour, on the understanding that they would receive an increase of 7½ cents an hour on December 1st.

The carpenters' strike began about September 1st. About 200 men reported for work Monday.

The plumbers' strike has also been settled. The plumbers went out on September 2nd, and from October 15 to November 15th about 150 plumbers got an increase of wages to 75c an hour, returned to their work. This left some fifty or sixty plumbers still out until recently. It is announced that a committee of the master plumbers and the men will be appointed to agree on a new scale of wages and working hours. The old rate was from 45 to 60 cents an hour.

## P. M. DRAPER WINS FOURTH PLACE ON LABOR EXECUTIVE

### After Hard Fight at Labor Conference Canada Wins Place on Governing Body.

P. M. Draper, secretary of the Dominion Labor Congress, and Canadian workers delegate to the Industrial Conference at Washington, has been selected as one of the six labor nominees to the governing body of the international labor office. The other five countries nominated to send a labor delegate are: France, Holland, Great Britain, Denmark and Germany. Mr. Draper took fourth place, however, should the United States join the international labor conference, he will cede to Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The governing body consists of 24 persons. Twelve representing governments, six employers and six workers. The organizing committee of the conference declined to include the Dominion among the eight nations of "chief industrial importance" and therefore titled to direct representation on the governing body. The Dominion government filed a formal protest for consideration by the council of the league of nations. For several days government delegates from 34 nations had the election of the four under consideration and finally when the ballot was taken the result was the election of the four following: Canada, Spain, Poland and Argentine.

In actual voting Canada came third, a victory generally conceded to be a tribute to the forward position which the Canadian delegation has taken at the conference.

## DAYLIGHT BAKING IS BEING URGED BY CAN. FEDERATION OF LABOR

Representatives of the Canadian Federation of Labor, Tuesday, interviewed Hon. Mr. Rolfo, provincial minister of labor of Ontario, and requested that the provincial government enact legislation to bring about daylight baking. The Bakers' Union, which recently lost a two weeks' strike to obtain daylight baking is affiliated with the national organization.

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## PORTLAND CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL DENOUNCES MURDER

By a standing vote last week, the Portland, Oregon Central Labor Council, adopted unanimously a resolution condemning the murder of ex-service men at Centralis, Washington, on Armistice day, and proclaimed its opposition to the revolutionary element.

Organized Carpenters at Pine Bluff, have raised wages to 92½ cents an hour.

## LABOR COMMITTEE ROOMS

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For information as to whether you are on the list and where you vote. Any information regarding the campaign gladly given. Those desiring to give their services in aid of the Labor candidates ask for Mr. Freeman.

## MASS MEETING IN INTERESTS OF LABOR CANDIDATES

A mass meeting in the interests of the Labor candidates will be held in Labor Hall, Saturday evening, November 29th. Everybody welcome.

## UNION EXECUTIVES HOLD MEETING IN LABOR HALL, MON.

### Candidates Made Good Speeches and Appealed for Support in Next Two Weeks.

On Monday evening the Executives of the various unions in the city held a meeting in Labor Hall to discover what more they could do to help in the fight. The need of scrutineers and canvassers was emphasized. Volunteers were needed to canvass some of the polls still uncanvassed. The Organizer explained the system on which he was working and gave every encouragement if all would work. He needed some of those who had motors to volunteer their services. Mr. S. J. McCoppen, chairman of the Campaign Committee made an eloquent appeal for more funds. He pointed out that the best way to avoid the expense of a strike was to secure the return of Labor aldermen and school trustees. The candidates made excellent speeches on what had already been done and appealed for all support during the next two weeks.

## RAILWAY WORKERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING SUNDAY

### Labor Candidates Present To Urge Their Cause and to Appeal For Support.

An important gathering was held in the Labor Hall, Sunday afternoon, November 23rd, when the workers on the railroads held a special meeting and most of the Labor candidates were present to urge their cause. The issue of municipalization was featured, it being pointed out that Labor had always stood for the city owning the gas franchise itself, as well as the power plant.

The School Trustees candidates appealed for all support in their attempt to break into the School Board, which has been for so long a close corporation. All the candidates urged those present to use all their influence to have men vote for the whole ticket. The meeting was well attended.

## RAILWAY CLERKS REPORT MANY NEW LODGES ORGANIZED

Adam Hay, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, who has been on an extended organizing trip throughout Eastern Canada, and has just returned to Winnipeg, reports his trip a successful one. He instituted lodges at St. John, N.B., Halifax, Quebec, London, Trenton, Windsor and Kentville. He had just received word, he said that schedule negotiations had been opened by the Montreal lodges. He also says Point St. Charles lodge in Montreal has recently collected \$11,000 back pay for its members from the Grand Trunk Railway. The schedule which the union was negotiating for in Winnipeg about two months ago, which was to apply to C.P.R. lines west of Fort William, is now in the hands of the board of adjustment, and an award by the board is expected shortly.

## ABSOLUTISM NOT DEAD, SAYS THE SEAMEN'S JOURNAL

"The labor group," says the Seamen's Journal, San Francisco, "walked out of the national industrial conference because the spirit of absolutism that died with Louis XIV has been reincarnated and has found a voice in Gary and the other fustian lords of the United States who profess to believe that they are the industry of America and that those employed therein are mere serfs."

## NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52.

Miss Lynn was a guest at an oyster supper one evening last week. From the rumors that are abroad it would appear that pearl hunting here has its perils for the medicine chest had to be promptly visited.

A quick recovery from ptomaine poisoning is exceptional. Congratulations, Miss Coonette.

Why not form a Ladies' Civic Basket Ball team? Talk this over with Miss Auld (Assessor's Dept.) We anticipate an early announcement of the first game. Agility creates and perpetuates gracefulness.

Bro. Robson walked into an open manhole a few days ago and rumor has it that in his descent most of his clothes was forcibly removed.

They are celebrating the advent of a daughter at the home of Bro. F. Smith. A variation in the route and destination of the stork would receive no adverse comment.

We would remind the Sixth floor that to have one of their staff roll in the snow on 95th street has an absence of dignity. If a Russian bath is desired a more appropriate place should be selected.

### THE CIVICS AT THE 'Y.'

Freddie Smith of the Elliott Fisher fame surpassed himself in the rope climbing contests, climbing in great style but got overheated with a burned palm as a result.

F. Neal, of the telephone, took the record time, doing the trick in 11 1-5 seconds.

Another good man came from the telephone in the person of Harry Fawns, who tied with Freddie Smith; time 11 2-5 seconds.

In the quiet throwing, H. G. Turner (Comptroller) and H. W. Fawns (Telephone) sure put over some ringers as did Small from the Engineers, but our friend from the Health, could show more efficiency with a milk tester.

The number of baseball players we have (not) in the block, was ascertained on Thursday evening as the score will show. True, Joe threw some ball but the support he got from 2nd baseman Neal did not give him a chance. Williams and Neal junior showed some style at bat and would have made some score had there been three pieces of ash behind the plate. Mac sure is some 1st baseman and made the only play of the evening.

Neal, senior, in the volley ball found serving not quite like being behind a lunch counter, the ceiling being in the way every time.

But at basketball the Civics shine, even though they think the freestyle preferable to practice. McCormack is certainly younger in basketball than one would think, especially when we saw the way he tackled Husky Bill of the Posties. Brother Turner had a couple of nasty attacks of cramp, but did good work in spite of them. Bro. Denton is bemoaning the loosening up of a couple of teeth and one cracked rib, so we understand that there was not so much gore in the game, as when certain other teams met. Fawns is sure a great boy and we heard the Posties more than once say "Watch the fellow in white."

The musical talent of the block did not turn out; much to our sorrow, for we hoped to hear Paderewski's rival in Craig, and it is said that the Salvation Army Captain would have been put quite in the shade for concertina work had Nursery shown up.

But we had a good time, anyway, thanks to the 'Y' and the Posties.

### C. N. R. MACHINISTS.

The regular meeting of Lodge 817, I. A. of M. is on December 5, and as this is the night of election of officers for the year 1920, a special effort must be made to be at the meeting. Don't let George do it" and grouse for another year if your choice isn't in office. Get busy! The place to air your grievances is in the lodge room, not on the other side of an engine.

The Joint Federation's meeting, of course, was fairly well attended, considering the temperature. Bro. Sommer giving some interesting information. The other brother would have been more pleasing to the majority if he had chosen some other, subject than ancient history. That book "sent this local junk" and spoken at every convention since conventions started. Something more along the lines of modern history-making is what is necessary. Let some of these besides Machinists

## DISCUSSION OF "MAXIMUM HOURS, MINIMUM WAGES"

### That Production Is Not Hampered By Limiting of Hours Has Been Demonstrated

(By Walter Smitten)

Judging from the expressions of the representatives of the manufacturers at the National Industrial Conference if the number of hours during which workers should be permitted to perform service were limited in accordance with the expressed desires of the representatives of Organized Labor then the business of the nation would suffer, we would not be able to retain our place in the world's market. The possibility of the regulation of hours of labor interfering with their profits I venture to say was the underlying reason for their objections.

### Short Work Day More Profitable.

That production is not hampered by the limiting of hours has been demonstrated too often for this objection to have any value. Superbly producing our places of commodity production we find almost without exception that where the shorter work day has been put into operation along with organization and installation of modern machinery the result have proven this system is more profitable to the employer than the old one when long hours were worked and I venture the opinion that where the change has been made the employer would be loth to revert to the old order of things. Our large industrial plants where the shorter work day is in operation are competing very successfully and in our institutions for distribution where the shorter work day has been tried we do not see a loss of business but rather a greater volume.

If this then is correct of what advantage is it to the wage worker to have shorter hours, if in the shorter work day we produce a larger volume of commodities will this not mean that we will have greater periods of idleness or a larger unemployed market. If all our business institutions were highly organized yes, but because such is not the case should the worker be required to spend long hours in the work shop; is

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## C.P.R. TRAINMEN AND CONDUCTORS SIGN AGREEMENT

A new agreement has been signed by the general committees of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors and the C.P.R. The agreement carries an increase in wages for most of the men in train and yard service and makes a few changes in the rules governing working conditions of yardmen; switch tenders now being included in the employees regulated for. The contract signed is virtually the same as obtains on United States roads, but the greater portion of the increase in wages has been paid by the company since last summer, the men having had an interim agreement to that effect.

The United Brick and Clay Workers at Chicago, have decided that striking steel workers may be employed in any yard in that district. The only requirement is that the striker must have a paid up card in the organization to which he is affiliated.

who read this get busy and tell your G.E.B.'s that you want closer combinations of craft organizations.

The shop comm. has been tackled by a mob of protests against a somewhat unnecessary piece of "sabotage" against the lavatory in the machine shop. It is rumored that someone is taking up a subscription to buy a door for the person who stole the lavatory door so that the place may be closed to the shop again.

The team of Woods & Mathew are getting along famously with their polling district and expect to pull in the whole outfit. Sounds good.

Look here youse guys wat's got a grouse against any on the Labor Ticket. Wat's th use uh spolling my town by lettin' some uh th' board uh trade profiteers and wops wat call themselves "Citizens Committee" run th show for profit—sh! for themselves, eh! Youse vote th' whole labor ticket—see! I'm tellin' yuh!

## PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS.

Members of this local attended the general Federation meeting Tuesday evening and feel their time well spent in listening to addresses by Messrs. Somerville and Kirwin.

Members are requested to be at the meeting on time Friday night as business of importance will come up.

The Secretary has received some copies of the new agreement which will be given out at the meeting.

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**DISCUSSION OF  
 MAXIMUM HOURS,  
 MINIMUM WAGES**

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he not entitled to a fair proportion of leisure time, should the worker be required to suffer the burden because of lack of foresight or business initiative on the part of the employer.

**Workers Entitled to Advantages.**  
 During the war, when so many of the workers were withdrawn from the field of commodity production, by a system of organization and a spirit of co-operation commodity production was kept up, now that the conflagration is over the worker should at least derive some benefit from the experience gained from the necessity for organization, we should not permit our system to go back to the haphazard methods that were previously in operation. Then again the workers should be entitled to some of the advantages that accrue from our inventions, all of the inventions are the result of effort and study on the part of workers, and when I state this I mean worker in the broadest meaning of the term, and surely some of the benefits should be derived by them, it should not be possible for the returns of the brains of the universe to be cornered by a few, the advantage of the ideas and work should be shared in by all.

How far it will be necessary for us to reduce our hours or as to what should be shared in by all.

How far it will be necessary for us to reduce our hours or as to what should be the maximum number required is problematical, but at least we can rest assured that no one will suffer on account of lack of production if the hours suggested by the representatives of labor are adopted.

This brings us to the second part of our subject, probably to quite a section of the workers the most important because in industries in which we find female labor employed to any degree there is a necessity for regulations providing the minimum wages that shall be paid.

**Minimum Wage for Women Workers.**  
 Probably the principle reason that makes this necessary is that to a degree the females employed in industry are not wholly dependent upon the wages they receive. In a number of instances we find the daughters of our business men taking employment merely to obtain spending money, they are not concerned about receiving sufficient wages that will ensure them a decent living neither do they have any consideration for the other female workers in the same industry, for we who have had the experience know that these are the people who regulate the wages that shall be paid to the rest of the employees. Recognizing the fact that persons are in business for the advantages to be gained from same we will readily understand that so long as it is possible for employers to secure help at a low figure they will not be prepared to pay that which is necessary to guarantee to the worker a decent living, and realizing that we will have those persons who only require money for clothes and amusement who will be prepared to work for the amount that will provide these things we will come to the point where we will agree that definite provisions stipulating the minimum amount of wages that shall be paid are required.

Not only does the system of working for spending money affect the wages paid to workers in industries where this is in operation but it reflects itself on the position of the workers in other industries.

There is another factor to this situation, there is no intention on the part of the class of workers I have referred to to remain long in industry, they are not concerned with the conditions of employment or the success of the industry consequently it is difficult to get any kind of an organization in industries where these people are employed which means individual arrangements are made with their accompanying disadvantages. After having considered the question this far I think we will agree that legislative enactments that will guarantee to these workers at least a living wage are imperative necessities.

**Periodical Trade Depressions.**  
 So far I have dealt with this question as it applies when industry is normal but this condition does not always exist, we have periodical trade depressions when large numbers of workers are not required and as in all other cases those are retained who will work for the least wages, everything else being equal. Employers should not be permitted to take advantage of a situation such as this, the service to the community and the cost of reproduction is the same during these periods, and provision should be made that would give to the worker the necessary protection.

The foregoing will deal with the situation so long as we deal with it by hours and wages but there is a step further we should take, there should be a minima established comprising education, housing and sufficiency of living that should be guaranteed to every worker so long as there is a sufficiency produced to do this, we should not be required to go without while there are stocks on hand provided we are prepared to contribute our quota to reproduction.

In my next I will discuss why labor should be represented on our Municipal Boards.

(Seventh of a series of articles contributed to the Free Press by Walter Smitten, Secretary of the Alberta Federation of Labor.)

Self-important men seldom get out of the wage-workers' class.

**IMPERIAL OIL CO.  
 INSTALLS PRIVATE  
 BRANCH EXCHANGE**

Business Increased Greatly Since Headquarters Transferred to This City

Owing to rapid expansion of business in Northern Alberta, the Imperial Oil Company has been obliged to install a private telephone exchange. The exchange was put into operation Tuesday morning and the number for day calls is 9361. This increase in business of the Company has been more rapid since the provincial headquarters was transferred to this city, and the management looks for still further increase with the development which is bound to take place in Northern Alberta.

**TEACHERS AS  
 MEMBERS OF  
 SCHOOL BOARDS**

Alliance Passes Resolution Asking That Teachers Be Admitted To Board Meetings:

By John W. Barnett  
 General Secretary-Treasurer, Alberta Teachers' Alliance

At the last annual general meeting of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance a resolution was passed: "that local alliances be recommended to request their school boards to admit their teacher or an advisory committee of teachers employed by them to school board meetings."

The object of the resolution is to enable representatives of the local alliances to take part in school board business on much the same basis as the elected members of the board, viz., to be present at meetings of the board, to serve on committees where the real work is done, especially the school management committee, and to take part in the discussion. The teacher is now disqualified for voting in Alberta by clause 101 of the School Ordinance, but there is a growing conviction that the time has come for this disqualification to be removed. The advisory committee suggested in the above resolution is but a compromise, pending action by the Department of Education to give voting powers to teachers serving on educational committees.

It is a mistake to suppose that such a change in the school law at the present time would be a revolutionary one. Neither would it create a precedent, information at our disposal shows that in many places for a number of years teachers have been serving as full-fledged members of education boards, not merely in an advisory capacity, but possessing the same powers as all the other members to initiate business, to take part in the discussion, and to vote on all matters.

The Education Bill of 1902, for England and Wales, Clause 17 (4), provides: "Any person shall be disqualified for being a member of an education committee who, by reason of having an office or place of profit, or having any share or interest in a contract or employment, is disqualified from being a member of the council appointing the education committee, but no such disqualification shall apply to a person by reason only of his holding office in a school or college aided, provided, or maintained by the council."

The educational authority in England and Wales is the equivalent of the Board of School Trustees in Canada, the difference being that the borough or county council is the educational authority; and the education committee, instead of being directly elected, is appointed by the council, its personnel consisting of members of the council together with a small number of co-opted members. The clause was not carried by the Government of the day in face of opposition. It was adopted without dissent by all parties in the House of Commons. That Parliament attached a good deal of importance to teachers becoming members of education committees is obvious from the fact that the insertion of this clause in the Education Act constituted a considerable

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**STEEL STRIKERS  
 ACTING IN MOST  
 ORDERLY MANNER**

Investigating Committee's Report Tends to Discredit the Workers.

The one outstanding fact in the present steel strike is the peaceful disposition of the strikers. From all the strike centers reports continue to come that the men are conducting themselves in the most orderly manner.

For ten weeks they have been idle and in all that time there has been no disorderly conduct seen among any of the strikers in any of the strike centers. The only disorder that has occurred has been the result of mal-administration by forces that wear badges of civil authority and pseudo detective agencies.

The situation has been so palpably peaceable that these agencies that are supposed to start something in order to put the strike on the toboggan side of the law, have practically thrown up their hands in disgust.

The United States Steel Strike investigating committee has made its report which turns out to be a clean bill of health for the United States Steel Corporation. It seems that the committee has believed the statements of the corporations' emissaries, while the testimony of the strikers is classed as radicalism. It thus places every reputable labor leader connected with the American Federation of Labor in the radical category, for all agitation among the steel workers has been conducted under the direction of organizers and secretaries that have the sanction of that institution. It pictures the United States Steel Corporation as a benefactor, that it furnished good homes for its workmen and pays them well.

The whole report tends to discredit the workers by insinuating that the real cause is not for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions. The Amalgamated Journal says "the workers must work out their own salvation by standing together industrially and politically. They can do this only by having a National political party that represents every phase of industry."

**WHAT THE MINER  
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The average number of working days per miner per year is 200.

The average number working days per miner per year, during the peak of wartime production, was 225.

During the peak year of war production, all war demands were met and a surplus of thirty million tons of coal piled up.

Labor cost per ton of coal since 1916 has increased 40 cents.

Selling price of coal at the mine has increased about \$1.75, or about 150 per cent.

The average wage rise is about 44 per cent, compared to an increased cost of living, the lowest figure for which is 76 per cent.

Coal production for the first nine months of this year, January to August, inclusive, fell off 25 per cent, as compared with 1918, a ratio of loss in tonnage equalling sixty working days. On the basis of that showing it is estimated that the average number of working days for all districts in 1919 would be 180.

The price of bituminous coal at tide-water for 1914, 1915 and 1916 was \$2.20. On February 1, 1919, it was \$4.10. On that date the government removed control of prices. In 1917, with no control, the price went to \$6.00.

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## ELECTRICAL WORKERS AT PORTLAND, OREGON GET EIGHT-HOUR DAY

The Oregon state conciliation board has awarded an eight-hour day to electrical workers employed by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company. Over 200 employes are affected. Wages of linemen are advanced from \$6 a day to \$8. For the first six months apprentices will be paid \$5.20 a day, with a gradual increase for three years, when the \$8 rate will be paid. In its award the board called attention to the high cost of living and the hazardous work of these employes.

## TEACHERS AS MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS

(Continued from page 2.)

change in the law and practice with regard to the eligibility of servants of a council becoming members of a committee of that council. It is true that the clause is permissive and not mandatory in character, but the power thus conferred upon the council is a large one. They may appoint as members of the local education committee teachers working within the area, receiving salary from the council and they may, in making such appointment, consider any recommendation on the subject submitted by an association of teachers. Many education authorities at once took advantage of the power given under the Act, made suitable provision in the scheme for the constitution of the committee, and teachers became members of such committees. In cases where the scheme made no such provision it has been, and is still, possible to rectify the omission by an amendment. Certain authorities have amended their schemes, with the approval of the board of education, and in such areas teachers, although not at first members of the committee, have now been appointed. About three hundred and fifty teachers are now serving as members of education committees in England.

It is worthy of note that the number of authorities which, having adopted the practice of appointing teachers as members of the education committee, have now abandoned it is so exceedingly small as to be negligible, and in every case there have been peculiar local circumstances which make it impossible for these few instances to be regarded as having any bearing upon the general question. On the other hand, the number of educational authorities adopting the practice is steadily increasing. Several local authorities have entrusted to their teacher-members duties of an important character and have found them especially helpful in dealing with difficult professional cases. The advantages which accrue to the educational authority, to the teaching profession, and consequently to the whole educational work of the district, by the inclusion of teacher-members are now generally recognized. The teacher takes to the educational committee not merely his own technical knowledge of educational questions, but the collected opinion of his teacher colleagues. He is able to explain the attitude which teachers are likely to adopt with regard to proposals affecting the work of the school, and such knowledge of the teachers' views is often of the very greatest service to the committee and its officials. But the teacher-member's duty is by no means restricted to offering educational advice. He himself learns something of the principles upon which the committee may be acting, something of the motives which guide them in reaching their decisions; and without in any way disclosing any procedure which the committee may regard as confidential, he is able to give the members of the teaching service such information as may prevent misconception and thus materially aid the smooth working of the educational machine. The teacher-member becomes a bond of union between the educational authority and the teaching profession. His presence as a member of the committee is a constant evidence of mutual trust and goodwill.

That the employer and the employed Street car men employed by the Nashville, Tenn. traction company have secured a union shop agreement and raised wages to 42 and 48 cents, according to length of service.

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### EVERYBODY'S VIEWS

(The Free Press takes no responsibility for any opinions expressed in letters to the editor. No letters can be accepted for publication, and will not be printed unless accompanied by name and address of writer.)

Editor, The Free Press.  
 Dear Sir: Under the caption "Labor and the Veterans" you deprecate the entry of the G.W.V.A. into politics, yet in the very next article you give a most convincing reason why we (the G.W.V.A.) should do this. You say "that a number of Edmonton Unions are not affiliated with the Provincial Central Body," and there are doubtless a considerable number of men who, for some reason or other, belong to no union at all. Probably, those you do not catch, we may. And, you must remember, that although Labor interests in the main run parallel with ours, yet we have many interests which, though they deserve your sympathy and support, might quite possibly fail to receive that same if we were not a political power. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours is human nature, and the man who has nothing to swap, is apt to be "left" on bargaining day. We failed with the present government only because we were not a political power; the lesson is learned. Most certainly we shall enter politics, and I fancy we shall strike a very good bargain to the benefit of all concerned, with the Farmers and Labor. Yours very truly,  
 50TH BATTALION.

## POSTAL EMPLOYEES DEFEAT PROPOSAL OF "NO STRIKE"

A "One Man Strike" Has Been in Effect For Years as Result of Oppressive Conditions.

Tabulation of a referendum by members of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks shows that the proposal to eliminate the "no-strike" clause from the constitution has been defeated.

"There has never been any serious talk of a postal employes' strike," said Secretary-Treasurer Flaherty of this organization. "For a number of years, however, there has been in effect a 'one-man' strike. That is, individual employes by the thousands have singly quit work as a result of oppressive conditions. The service is being steadily drained of its best material because of the archaic labor policy of its administrators who refuse to recognize the value of the human element."  
 "In Chicago 5,000 substitute employes have quit in the last six months. In New York there has been more than a 500 per cent turnover in the motor vehicle service since it was established 18 months ago. Mr. Burleson cannot blame Congress for the latter condition. He has ample authority to fix wage standards in this service that would be high enough to minimize this expensive turnover. He refuses to do so."  
 "It is a conservative statement to say that the post office clerk of today is doing the work of one man and one-half of five years ago. This general speeding up process has driven thousands of employes from the service."

## STREET CAR MEN GET UNION SHOP AGREEMENT AND WAGE INCREASE

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must be brought together in closer cooperation than has been the practice in the past is a proposition behind which there is a growing volume of public support. It is probable that in no phase of public service can this practice prove more useful than in the field of popular education, for the regulations of a school board depend very largely for their effectiveness upon the loyal cooperation of the teaching staff.

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### ANNIVERSARY WEEK AT ALLEN THEATRE

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For anniversary week Manager Buchanan has arranged a splendid program, bringing to Edmonton two of filmdom's leading stars. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the celebrated grand opera diva, Geraldine Farrar, will be seen in her latest Goldwyn release, "The World and Its Women," while for the last three days the attraction will be the latest Paramount-Artcraft release of Elsie Ferguson, "The Witness for the Defence," adapted from the stage success of the same name. Comedies, travel pictures, and other features will be included in each program, and at the matinees only will be shown the second episode of that thrilling serial, "The Great Gamble." The management will distribute carnations to the lady patrons as anniversary souvenirs.

The great upheaval in Russia forms the background for the latest Geraldine Farrar Picture, which Goldwyn will present at the Allen Theatre, beginning Monday. The overthrow of the Czar's government, the effect it had on the soldiers, and the general discontent of the populace is shown in a series of vivid pictures.

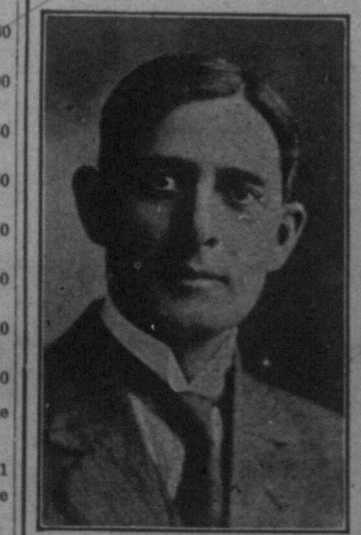
Into this atmosphere is woven the story of an American girl's rise to fame as an opera singer in Russia, paralleling in a large measure, the actual rise of the heroine, Geraldine Farrar, to the pinnacle of her operatic career. Besides the story of the singer's ambition, another tale finds its way in the unfolding of the story. It is the story of the singer's love for an imperial prince who has formed an unhappy alliance with a woman of his class, only to discover that she has proved unfaithful to her trust. Her death, with that of her lover when his castle is broken into by the peasants on his estate, paves the way for the happy consummation of the love of the prince and the singer.

### HOOT MON!

Next week's Pantages headliner will be one of the big treats of the local theatrical season. Jessie Blair Stirling, with her Seven Glasgow Maids, including the only lady pipe band in the world, will hold down the top position. Miss Stirling, drum major of the act, has among other things, been the prima donna for Sir Harry Lauder during his tours through Scotland. She is surrounded by an excellent company of singers and dancers.

Another Scotch offering of unusual interest is the Great Howard, the famous ventriloquist, who wrote "Somewhere in France is Daddy." He presents one of his latest songs as a feature of his new act. The Four Casting Mellows have a novelty in athletic acts in that there is a woman in the offering who performs feats as difficult as those performed by men. Chung Hwa Four, a Chinese singing quartette, Fiske and Fallon in "Words and Music" and Henry and Adelaide, introducing a change in dancing, the latest episode of "The Carter Case," and Canadian Kinograms, complete the program.

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### BOOTH TARKINGTON'S "SEVENTEEN" WILL BE AT EMPIRE MONDAY

Stuart Walker's production of Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" comes direct from a year's run in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The play is a dramatic version of Tarkington's Willie Baxter stories and might well be called a comedy of "Clothes and the Girl" for it deals with the attitude of a seventeen year old boy toward these important matters.

Willie Baxter, the hero, falls in love with a stuffy-haired little charmer who is visiting friends in his home town through the summer, and his ardor is so intense that his half-fledged soul gets completely jangled in the problem of wooing and of personal adornment for the great adventure. As a lover he is no favored child of fortune for his girl is an all-round flirt who plays no favorites.

How Willie "swanks" around in his father's dress suit, surreptitiously acquired; how he and his fellow swains nearly drive poor Mr. Parcher mad with their everlasting conversation about love; how Willie is forbidden the use of the parental dress suit; what wiles are employed to permit him to wear the sacred garment at the girl's going-away party—these are some of the matters with which the story and also the play is concerned. They may seem trivial in cold statement, but to Willie they are the most important things in the universe, and Mr. Tarkington has depicted the brainstorms of the infatuated Willie with much sympathy.

With rare skill Mr. Walker has transferred the Tarkington story to the stage, giving it all the bubbling spirit of "youth and love and summertime," by a delightful cast of young people. Thomas Kelly has leaped into fame for his sympathetic characterization of love-sick Willie Baxter. Lillian Ross brings to life the ten-year-old villain, Jane, and Lael Davis has made the duffy "baby talk lady," Lola Pratt, the toast of all who have seen "Seventeen." Judith Lowry upholds the banner of the grown-ups in the cast by her portrayal of Willie's and Jane's much-tried mother; Louis John Bartels as Genesis, the household servant; Aldrich Bowker as Mr. Baxter; Eugene Stockdale as the harassed Mr. Parcher, and a host of lively young people, including Ben Lyon, Agnes Horton and Robert McGroarty.

### FORD AUTOMOBILE PLANT TURNS OUT GASOLINE STREET CAR

A gasoline street car capable of making 70 miles an hour, is the latest invention from the Ford automobile plant in Detroit. News comes that this invention is to revolutionize the street railway and interurban transportation system. The car is to be given a public test in 30 days. The car's weight is 7,000 pounds to the average trolley's 15 tons and it has a motive power plant that compresses air for the brakes and generates current for the lighting and signal system.

### MODERATE MINIMUM WAGE IS RECOGNIZED TO BE ABOUT \$1,320

A minimum entrance salary of \$1,320 for United States government employees has been recommended to the joint congressional commission on reclassification of salaries by its advisory committee on wage policy. The joint commission was created by congress. The advisory committee held that the budget of \$2,220 for a family of five, prepared by Dr. Royal Meeker, commissioner of the United States bureau of labor statistics, is a moderate minimum. "Salary increases," says the report, "shall be made in such a manner as to lead to a compensation of \$2,220 within a normal period of about six years, unless dependency studies show the necessity of reducing the period of six years." It is shown that the minimum of \$1,320 and the \$2,220 rate after six years, are equivalent to rates of \$733 and \$1,233 on the basis of the value of the dollar before the war.



Thomas Kelly as "Willie" and Lillian Ross as "Jane" in Stuart Walker's production of Booth Tarkington's Seventeen

### NOISE LIKE AIR-PLANE ADDS TO MOVIE PLANE SCENES

All kinds of instruments are used behind the stage in theatres and picture houses to produce imitations of noises, such as the clattering of horses' hoofs, the entrance of a train into a station, and so on; and quite elaborate machines have been thought out to produce these noises. Flight has made it necessary to invent still another one, and a new instrument has been produced to make a noise like an airplane. Two large disks are fitted together with partitions like a waterwheel, and holes about four inches apart are arranged round the circumference. While one man turns the "wheel" quickly round, another man pours a jet of compressed air against the holes, and the noise is exactly like that of the motor of an airplane in flight.

### CALGARY PLANS TO HAVE LADIES' CURLING CLUB

A ladies' curling club is planned in Calgary and if enough women take an interest in the "roarin'" game the plans no doubt will be completed within a short time. This is the outcome of the second biennial committee meeting when it was decided that there be a special competition for ladies' curling rinks at the provincial 'spiel.

### VETERAN EXPLAINS WHY BUFFALO TRAVELED ON ZIG-ZAG COURSE

No person ever saw a herd of buffalo move in a straight line. They always took a zigzag course. The late "Buffalo" Jones explained this as follows: "A buffalo is a very cautious animal. His shaggy forehead prevents him seeing objects on either side. To prevent a surprise from an enemy he walks obliquely to the right and then to the left, and thus gets an unobstructed view of the surrounding country."

The buffalo had many small traits that are lacking in cattle. The buffalo never mired in swamps or pools as cattle do. When they found they were becoming stuck they threw themselves on their sides and swam or paddled through the mud as a hog does. They always had guards out day and night, to warn the herd of approaching danger. They always faced a storm and never "drifted" as do cattle. They lay down with their heads to the fiercest storms, tossing their heads around on their sides and sleeping contentedly, while the great mass of fur on their humps protected them from the winds.

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### WOMEN RETAIL CLERKS ARE AMONG PICKETS FOR STRIKING CLERKS

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- When the price of admission is more than \$1.00 but not more than \$2.00, a tax of 10c.
- When the price of admission is more than \$2.00, a tax of 25c.
- A tax of 25c shall be paid by every person attending any boxing bouts or contests.
- Where admission is given by pass or complimentary tickets a tax shall be payable at the highest rate charged for the performance to which admission is granted.

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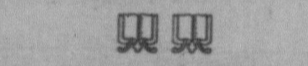
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# The Woman's Page

## MINIMUM WAGE IS BENEFIT TO WOMEN WORKERS

Was At First Opposed By A. F. of L. But Later Endorsed As Being Protective.

The minimum wage has been of inestimable value to great masses of unorganized women workers who are unable to protect themselves against the power of their employers, according to Edward F. McGrady, former president of the Boston Central Labor Union, and a founder of the Boston Labor College, in the Christian Science Monitor.

"The American Federation of Labor, at the start, was opposed to the minimum wage," said Mr. McGrady, "for the reason that it was fully recognized that many, if not most employers would promptly assume the minimum wage also to be the maximum. The federation, therefore, in the case of strongly organized trades, has advised employees to fight for what they want. What is given them by law can be taken away from them by law; but if they fight for certain demands and win a victory, the employer will hesitate a long time before he enters into a new conflict with the help. On the other hand, if the employees lose at the start, new opportunities will arise and eventually they can gain their demands in such a way that they will have little difficulty in preserving them.

"However, the federation found that a great many employers of women were making a practice of filling their shops with foreign-born women, as soon as the American girls became interested in a better standard of living. The American girls would be turned out on the street, and Polish, Armenian, Italian and Lithuanian women would be brought in to take their places. Those women worked not for a living wage but for a wage barely covering the necessities of existence. American girls could not get along on the money employers would pay these women.

"The employer also would deliberately introduce as many races and languages into his shop as possible. The story of the Tower of Babel is one Bible lesson that the employer has taken thoroughly to heart—he realizes that a confusion of tongues makes practically impossible any cohesion among workers, and with unorganized employees the opportunities for heartless exploitation are almost limitless.

Union men realized more than the employer the dangers of such a course. Union men knew that these women, if they did not receive satisfactory pay, would not organize and fight for it as American girls would, but that they would resort to sabotage—they would destroy equipment and materials. In one way or another, the employer who tries to get help at less than the market price will have his troubles; for the man or woman who realizes that he or she is poorly paid will fight back as well as possible, either by organization for better wages or by slovenly work for the bad pay.

"The federation, therefore, once it realized the tactics of the employers, became a strong advocate for the minimum wage for the benefit of those unorganized workers who are unable to protect themselves. In Massachusetts the whole strength of organized labor went into the movement to obtain a minimum wage law, and the law was passed. We support it in every way possible, and it has proved of the greatest value in protecting the women and girls who are unable to oppose the employers' power with equal power."

## U. S. ONLY COUNTRY WITHOUT MATERNITY BENEFIT SYSTEM

The United States is the only leading industrial country of the world that has no state or national maternity benefit system, says Dr. Henry J. Harris in a pamphlet on this subject, issued by the United States children's bureau. Eighteen countries have such systems. Few of these countries offer benefits to all mothers, but there is a general agreement that wage-earners shall be included. The benefit is usually money, either a lump sum or weekly payments, and occasionally medicine and medical and surgical service.

The pamphlet quotes a leading British publication, which states that while maternity benefits is a boon to the household when it comes, the maternity benefit in itself, and unconnected with any provision for prenatal care or for attention after the birth, does not afford alone "an adequate or a satisfactory provision for the great service of child birth."

## OHIO TIN MILL EMPLOYERS TRY TO INTIMIDATE ITALIANS

Italians employed in tin mills at East Liverpool, Ohio, are told that if they join the steel strike they will be deported, declared Organizer Cinquo, organizer for the United Mine Workers, in a speech in that city.

The trade unionist said he is informing the Italians of their rights and that this message will react on the mill management.

## ORGANIZATION BE MADE PERMANENT IS PROPOSAL OF BRITISH DELEGATION

The British delegation to the international working women's congress at Washington, submitted to the congress a plan to make the congress a permanent organization with affiliation with organizations of a "democratic national" character containing a "substantial proportion" of women members. The plan stipulates that only women may sit in the joint committee of affiliation.

## CHILDREN NOT NATURALLY CRUEL ONLY IGNORANT

The Child That Is Suffered To Torture An Animal Will Pass To State of Conscious Cruelty

It is a very general belief that children are naturally cruel, and one frequently hears such phrases as "the cruelty of childhood," or "all children are cruel, but they outgrow it," as if cruelty were like helplessness, or simplicity, an attribute of childhood, inseparable from the state of infancy. A cruel nature, of course, shows itself in infancy, as a generous one will show generosity, or a lazy one indolence; but cruelty in itself, that is, enjoyment in causing or witnessing suffering, is not a characteristic of childhood.

The baby who plays with a kitten, holding it up by its tail, or clutching its fur, crowing with delight at the little creature's cries of pain, is not cruel, because it has no idea that it is inflicting pain.

Even the older child who chases the butterfly, crushing it to death in a hot little hand, is not cruel, for he also is too ignorant to know what suffering he has caused.

Let no tender-hearted mother grieve over her child having a cruel nature because he torments the kitten or kills flies.

On the other hand, do not let her console herself with the reflection that cruelty is a quality inseparable from childhood, and one which she will outgrow as he outgrows others. There is no more insidious vice than cruelty none with more deleterious effect on the character.

The child that is suffered, unchecked, to torture an animal, will soon pass from an unconscious to a conscious cruelty; from careless infliction of pain to enjoying the sight of suffering; from the torture of animals to the hurting of smaller brothers and sisters. For the lust of giving pain grows quickly. Sometimes it originates in the love of power. The child knows himself weak and helpless in the hands of his elders, and finds a pleasure in proving himself strong and powerful to a creature feebler than himself; and this is easiest shown by hurting and frightening it. \* \* \* But kindness must be taught. Weeds only are self-sown; we need but leave the garden uncared for, and before long we find it overgrown with weeds. But we must sow and plant and tend with ceaseless care, if we would have our garden filled with sweet flowers and fruit.

VERA SERKOFF,  
 in The Humanitarian, London.

## SCHOOL TEACHERS NEED \$1,812 YEARLY SALARY TO LIVE DECENTLY

A school teacher needs a salary of \$1,812 a year to live decently, maintain interest and efficiency in her work, and to provide for old age, is the conclusion of a committee appointed by the Massachusetts teachers' federation to study this question.

It was shown by figures that a teacher who had a salary of \$500 a year in 1897 needed a salary of \$1,325 a year in 1917, to secure an equivalent share of the things of life. Since 1917 the advance in the cost of living has soared to new heights, making the estimated \$1,812 a conservative figure.

The chairman of the committee declared that at the present time many teachers in the state begin on a salary of only \$550. He said that up to a comparatively recent period one Massachusetts city was paying its young teachers \$350 a year—a practice which was not stopped until the state board of education called attention to its illegality.

## CONSUMERS GET MUCH WATER AND COLORING MATTER IN BUTTER

Despite the high price charged, butter consumers in the United States are in many cases getting large percentages of water, salt and coloring matter, according to officials of the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture. Several shipments of inferior butter have been seized recently under the federal food and drugs act.

Federal standards require that butter shall contain not less than 82.5 per cent milk fat, yet all the butter seized, it was declared, has contained less than 80 per cent, with a corresponding increase in the percentage of water, salt and coloring matter.

## WORKING WOMEN ELECT MRS. ROBINS FOR PRESIDENT

Second Congress Will Be Held When Next International Labor Congress Meets.

The first international congress of working women held at Washington the week preceding the industrial conference, adjourned with the agreement that the second congress will be held whenever and wherever the next international labor conference is to meet. It was decided to keep the organization on a strictly trades union basis.

Mrs. Raymond Robins was elected president and Miss Maude Schwartz, vice-president of the international organization. Both belong to the Women's Trade Union League. The selection of vice-presidents was attended with some difficulty. The French and English delegates insisted that the central powers should have some representation on the board of vice-presidents, and they finally prevailed.

Mlle. Jeanne Bouvier was elected to represent the Latin races; Mlle. Stychova, a Czech, to represent the Slav races; Miss Betsy Kieselberg the Scandinavians; Miss Mary MacArthur, the Anglo-Saxons, and a place was left vacant for a German and Austrian member.

A resolution calling upon the allied powers to lift the Russian blockade was carried unanimously. It was the last official action of the congress.

## COMMITTEE SHOWS GOVERNMENT'S PAY IS LOWER FOR WOMEN

A report by a congressional investigating commission shows that the United States government pays men more than it does women for the same kind of work. For women typists the rates range from \$1,000 to \$1,099 a year, while men doing the same kind of work receive from \$1,100 to \$1,199. Women statisticians with a college training start in as low as \$1,200, while men are paid \$1,800, \$3,900 and \$4,000.

The report refers to "the weaker bargaining power of women in connection with this condition.

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## EXPERIMENTS IN CONSERVATION OF SOIL MOISTURE.

Prof. G. H. Cutler of U. of A. Makes Interesting Experiments To Guard Against Drouth.

Owing to the drought prevailing over large areas of Western Canada during the past season, the results of experiments conducted under the direction of Prof. G. H. Cutler, professor of Field Husbandry, in the College of Agriculture, in the University of Alberta, are of special interest. It has long been known that from 200 to 1,000 pounds of moisture are required to produce one pound of dry matter in plants, the variation depending upon the variety of the plant concerned. The tillage experiments referred to have been conducted for the purpose of determining what is the best method of guarding against injurious effects of drought. Two experiments were carried on, one on corn land and one on fall ploughed stubble, wheat, oats, barley and peas being sown. The corn land showed increased returns over the fall ploughed stubble as follows:

In wheat, 20 bus. and 32 lbs. per acre.  
In oats, 56 bus. per acre.  
In barley, 32 bus. and 26 lbs. per acre.  
In peas, 37 bus. and 52 lbs. per acre.

The conclusion is that the best guarantee against drought is tillage to conserve moisture in the soil during the season preceding that in which the particular crop is grown, by summer fallow or the cultivation of some hoed crop, such as corn or potatoes.

## RHUBARB CAN BE FORCED EASILY DURING WINTER

Rhubarb Will Be Ready For Use In January and Continue for Two Months.

Rhubarb can be forced very easily during the winter. As the crowns or plants from which the stalks are to be forced have received the necessary nourishment during the season just past, it is not necessary to plant them in soil when being forced, although soil may be found the most convenient material in which to put the plants, as the roots must be kept moist for best results.

The plants are dug just before winter sets in, and before being put in the cellar they are left on the surface of the ground and allowed to freeze solid. An exposure to frost for from ten days to two weeks is desirable, as they afterward force more quickly. The plants are now put close together in the cellar for forcing either in soil in boxes or on the floor of the cellar. They may remain in total darkness while being forced, yet the forced rhubarb will be of a very attractive shade of red and not light in color as might be supposed.

The best temperature for forcing is between 50 degrees and 60 degrees F., though rhubarb will force at even lower temperatures.

The rhubarb will be ready for use either early or late in January, depending on the temperature of the cellar, and will keep throwing up fresh stalks until the roots are exhausted, which will not be for two months or more. A few good sized crowns cut off the plants in the garden will furnish enough stalks for family needs.—W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER INDUSTRY SHOWS INCREASE

The log scale for August, indicates another record for the logging industry of British Columbia, when the total reached over 200,000,000 board feet.

While it is anticipated that the remaining months of the year will show decline from this record figure, nevertheless it is expected that the log scale will show an increase over the corresponding months of the previous year and that the industry will show a logging output of between 1,850,000,000 and 1,900,000,000 board feet. This will be in contrast to 1,761,000,000 feet in 1918 and 1,647,000,000 feet in 1917. When it is taken into consideration that logs are now bringing from 25 per cent. to 4 per cent. more than last year, values involved in the industry this year will be appreciated. Notwithstanding the comparatively poor results of the crops on the prairies and the slackening seasonal demand the lumber industry is yet a remarkable state of activity, and in the general consensus of opinion, will remain so as long as physical conditions will permit.—B. C. Financial Times.

Growing on the Manitoba Agricultural College grounds are a number of selected native seedling plum trees. These trees were in full bearing this year, and their crop has demonstrated very clearly that plums of good size and quality can be grown in Manitoba. From 50 to 100 pounds of fruit have been taken from each tree.

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The Commercial girls took the lead in the first half of the game, the score at the end of the half being 11 to 7. At the beginning of the second half the University speeded up and scored five baskets in a row. With but a few minutes left to play the Commercial forwards got busy and succeeded in duplicating the stunt of the University girls. When time was called the score stood at 21 to 18, the University girls having gained another point by a free throw by Miss Schopp.

Both teams played a good game and showed the result of strenuous practise, their team play being a big improvement over last year.

### EDDIE MAHAN SAYS COLLEGES ARE PLACE FOR GRIDIRON DOINGS

Eddie Mahan, noted Harvard football player, who recently returned from two years overseas service with the marine corps, donned his football togs and got out on Soldiers' field to do his share towards whipping Fisher's candidates into shape to thrash Yale. Eddie ran into Charlie Brickley at the Harvard club, and talked over professional football with his old hump. Brickley is said to be making considerable money, but Mahan is inclined to think that the proper place for gridiron doings is in the colleges and schools, hence his decision to help the Harvard coaching staff, rather than get into the professional game.

A sure sign that you don't know much is to think that you know it all.

Happy in these troublous times is the man with a genuine buttermilk thirst.

### A. MACLEAN, COACH FOR HUSTLERS IN BIG FOUR LEAGUE

Manager Earle Wolfe, of the Hustlers Hockey team in the Big Four League, has appointed A. MacLean as coach for the Hustlers. Mr. MacLean was, before the war, coach of the Winnipeg Victorias and Monarchs at different times. The Hustlers have a strong aggregation of players signed up and with the capable coaching which they will receive from Mr. MacLean should be dangerous contenders for the Allen cup.

### ALBERTA A.A.A. HAS REINSTATED ALL APPLICANTS

Frank McPherson, of Edmonton, Elected Secretary to Replace Leroy Chown, Resigned.

At the meeting of the governors of the Alberta Amateur Athletic Association held in Calgary last Saturday, reinstatement of all pro-athletes who made application for amateur cards, was made. Altogether there were nineteen applications made and sixteen of them were granted reinstatement, while three cards were held up as the applicants did not have a record of their pro-happenings on their forms. However, there is no doubt but what they will pass, when the information is forthcoming.

Brigadier-General McDonald, president of the Alberta Branch, stated that the great majority of the amateur cards which were granted were given to men whose standing has never been in question. "The governors," he said "were amply assured of the bona fides of the few ex-professionals to whom reinstatement was granted."

"It is a happy sign for amateur sport that there is a firm determination that no camouflage of any kind will be permitted and the large attendance of governors from outside points and the continued interest and thought which these representatives and busy men have given to the problems which have confronted them is an indication of our firm intention to have clean sport in a clean province. I am very proud to be associated with them. Alberta has certainly earned the right to have the Dominion championships of 1920 held within her boundaries."

The most prominent ex-professionals who were granted amateur cards were: Mickey McKay, formerly of Vancouver "Millionaires," Barney Stanley, formerly of Vancouver "Millionaires," Alf Barbour, formerly of Victoria and Portland hockey clubs; Gordon Keats, formerly of Toronto pro hockey team; Harry Scott, who was two years with Montreal Canadiens, and Bill Crowley, who played pro hockey in Edmonton three years.

It was with regret the branch was forced to accept the resignation of Leroy Chown as secretary. Frank McPherson, of Edmonton, was elected secretary to replace Mr. Chown, while E. D. Battum was elected assistant secretary.

A plea to endeavor to have the Dominion championships held in Alberta next year, was made by Joe Driscoll, of Edmonton, and the secretary was instructed to write the parent body regarding this matter. It was decided to hold the annual meeting next spring.

Don't open your mouth and swallow everything you hear—unless you are foolish and do not care who knows it.

### JUDGE SAYS TO WIN ON PAIR OF FOURS IS CHEATING

Pittsburg Judge Rules \$110 Is Too Much For One Hand and Absolves Defendant.

Stud poker players, attention! It is no longer the illustrious and omniscient Mr. Hoyle who alone may decide perplexing questions arising in the great national indoor sport. Henceforth, "according to Sweeney," must be accepted as equally authoritative.

For Magistrate John J. Sweeney, who conducts hearings in Central police court in Pittsburg, Pa., ruled that winning a pot of \$110 on a pair of fours was cheating, and consequently a man who gets his money back at the point of a revolver is no criminal.

George Bright appeared before the magistrate accused of "pointing a firearm." According to the testimony he had pointed a revolver at Joseph Benz at the close of a game of "stud."

Bright declared Benz had won \$200 and was about to rake in a pot containing \$110 on two fours, which he had dealt himself, when the fireworks began. Bright, it was testified, sprang to his feet, and, leveling a pistol, demanded his money back, asserting Benz had cards up his sleeve.

Benz returned the pot and then called the police, who arrested Bright. At the hearing Bright insisted that in the circumstances he was justified in introducing a little artillery demonstration. The magistrate, who did not appear unfamiliar with the intricacies of the case, admitted the merits of Bright's argument and absolved him.

### CHARLEY PICK SAYS ALL UMPIRES ARE BLIND BY INSTINCT

Charley Pick of the Boston Braves is only another of the vast army of ball players who think that all umpires are blind by instinct and insane by choice.

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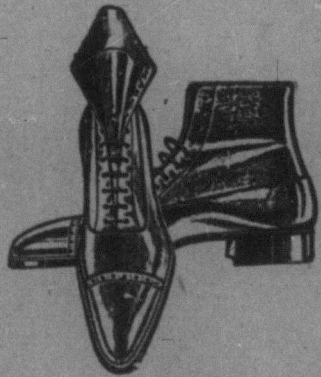
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#### A WEAK ALIBI

The perfectly legitimate boast of Alderman Esdale that he runs a union printing office, might carry some weight with trade unionists if that gentleman was seeking election as manager of the Esdale Press. But the fact that in his private business Mr. Esdale finds it expedient (used advisably) to employ union men at union wages, does not by any means erase the record of his attitude toward Organized Labor during his term of office as an Alderman. And it is by his public record that Mr. Esdale must and will be judged.

The explanation of Candidate Esdale as to why he opposed the agreements with civic employees, is miserably inadequate and does not carry the impress of sincerity. The opinion of the city solicitor that such agreements would be illegal has been widely disputed by other legal men. The fact remains, at any rate, that such agreements are actually in existence. Notwithstanding the city solicitor's alleged opinion and the strenuous opposition of Aldermen Esdale, Bush, Martin and Grant.

Trade unionists have no doubt wondered how Mr. Esdale would endeavor to "get out from under" with respect to his attitude toward unions of civic employees. His claim that he opposed the agreements because the city solicitor had questioned their legality, will strike Labor men as being a rather poor alibi.

#### POLITICS AND THE VETERANS.

We would direct the reader's attention to a letter appearing in another column of this issue, in reply to our editorial of last week entitled "Labor and the Veterans." We would hasten to correct the incorrect interpretation of our article as expressed by our correspondent. The following is what "51st B'n" refers to in his communication:

"There is some talk of independent political organization on the part of the returned men. We fail to see, however, that in the new move along group lines, the Veterans can claim to form a separate group. As in the industrial field the workers who are veterans have interests identical with workers who are not veterans, so in the political field the same mutual interests are apparent. Just as it would seem to be folly for a farmer veteran to vote against a candidate who would serve his best interests as a farmer, so it would seem that the worker veteran should line up with other workers along political as well as industrial lines."

The point which we wished to emphasize in the above, and which we still desire to emphasize, is certainly not that the Veterans should refrain from entering politics. What we did try to point out was the fact that all the returned men are members of some clearly defined economic group. The great majority are wage-earners. Some are farmers. Some are business and professional men. In the case of the two first mentioned groups, they are already organized as separate political sections of the Canadian population. We are confident also that business and professional men will be compelled to form such a group, if in the inevitable new order they are to have representation in future parliaments. We have said in reference to the wage-earning veterans: "Now that they have returned to civil life their interests, industrially, economically, socially and politically, are identical with those of other workers who did not go overseas." The same is true of the farmer veteran or the business or professional man who is a veteran. In one or other of the three groups mentioned every returned man must fit, and interests that are peculiar to returned men only, are few in comparison to those that affect, and will affect, the veteran as a worker, farmer or business man. And even though the returned men may organize along separate political lines, we have no hesitation in predicting that, sooner or later, they will find it necessary to join themselves as individuals to one or other of the groups we have mentioned herein.

The workers' political organization is separate in every way from the industrial organizations of Labor. Membership in the Labor party is not in any sense confined to trade unionists. Any adult person who believes in political representation by the workers, may, by subscribing to its platform and principles, become a member of the Dominion Labor Party.

#### A CRITICAL SITUATION.

It would take a modern Jeremiah to dope out the Labor situation in the States, particularly with respect to the railroads, where the situation is indeed critical.

The railroad workers deferred their strike in the shops and offices more than three months ago, at the earnest appeal of President Wilson that they give him time to reduce the cost of living. They say now that living costs as much or more than on August 1st.

Another powerful factor working toward trouble is the belief among the railroad men that Congress and the President will soon turn the railroads back to the private owners, along with a huge dividend guaranty which must be paid by the ultimate consumer. They fear that as soon as this is accomplished, the railroad companies will tear up the nation-wide agreement as to wages and conditions in the shops, recently made with the shopmen by the railroad administration. This agreement has all the value and substance of a union shop agreement; it is just the sort of thing that many of the most powerful private managers will attack at the first opportunity. Even the most conservative railroad workers will strike if that agreement is violated by private companies, and some believe that large sections of the membership of the unions may walk out if they even see the danger of its violation approaching.

These details of the railroad situation are uppermost in the minds of the heads of the railroad organizations. One of them is reported to have said that "all the elements of a general strike" are rapidly drawing together, thanks to the injunction policy, the proposed anti-strike law and the probable denial of wage increases to the railroaders. It would seem to be evident that the industrial war in the country to the south is only just beginning. The conference of union heads in Washington on December 13th will probably be the most momentous gathering of American Labor forces ever held. The rank and file are demanding action and big business says, "You must not advance." Which brings the old query to mind: "What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable body"? If the reader can answer that he should be able to dope out the Labor situation in the United States.

#### UNIONISM HAS NEVER FAILED.

The opponents of trade unionism point with glee to the defeat of this or that strike as proof of the inability of Organized Labor to better the workers' conditions. It is doubtless true that unions have not always been successful in every contest which they have undertaken. That is, the results sought have not been in every case immediately achieved, but it is equally true that no conquering army has invaded the country of the conquered, without having here and there received a repulse.

We have no hesitation in asserting, without fear of contradiction that in no industry in the civilized world have the workers been even fairly organized for a period of, say, five years, unless it has been followed by a substantial improvement in the matter of wages, hours of labor and social surroundings of those engaged in that vocation. Where unions have had a temporary failure or setback, it has not been the fault of the trade unions or trade unionism. It can be definitely asserted that in practically every instance where a union has been defeated in its effort to immediately improve its mem-

bers' material condition, the negligence, indifference or short-sightedness of workers outside the union have been responsible for the temporary repulse of Organized Labor. In a word, it is the absence of true unionism that is invariably to blame for the seeming defeat of trade unionism.

But despite the dead weight that Organized Labor has to bear with in its struggle upward, trade unionism has been of material benefit to all workers. It is true that the first thought of unionists is naturally for their self-improvement, and their prime purpose may not be to improve the condition of non-unionists. Yet none will dispute that as trade unions increase wages, reduce hours of Labor and secure more advantageous conditions of employment, non-unionists' conditions are relatively improved in every case.

Trade unionism is not an experiment. There is not an incident in the entire history of the labor movement where the workers have been organized in unions, and have fought for an increase of wages, a reduction in the hours of labor, or other improved conditions of employment, in which, though they have been defeated in the beginning, that they have not been ultimately successful, provided they have remained organized in their trade unions. This is a rule which there has not been a single deviation.

#### A BRILLIANT IDEA.

The suggestion of a Cardiff coal operator to the effect that only British subjects should be permitted to hold membership in the Miners' Unions is certainly a brilliant idea. It could very easily be worked to advantage too—if only British subjects worked in the mines.

A phase of the organization of workers which the Cardiff gentleman seems to be unable to grasp, is the fact that the unions are organized for the benefit of the workers, and such being the case it is not always necessary or desirable, from the workers' standpoint, that they should conform to the views held by the employer as to how they should be conducted or of whom they should be composed. It would undoubtedly be a fine thing for Mr. Montgomery and his colleagues if they could disintegrate a union by having all other than British subjects kept out, but it would be a mighty bad thing for the British subjects, and the aliens as well.

We have a great deal of sympathy for men of Mr. Montgomery's class. It is no doubt discouraging and disappointing to see men who were brought to America for the express purpose of beating down the American wage standard, taking their place alongside native Canadians and Americans in the fight to preserve a high standard of living. The idea of large employers of alien laborers has been to keep them in the slave-like attitude of the new immigrant. The idea of Organized Labor has been to make them appreciate the Canadian standard of life. To protect themselves from unfair competition, it was necessary, and is still necessary, for native Canadian Labor to educate the alien to the necessity of a higher standard, and to show him how such a standard might be maintained through organization. For it must not be forgotten that if Mr. Montgomery could get a sufficient number of aliens to run his mine at low wages for long hours, Canadian and British workers would work the same long hours for the same low wages, or not work at all. And in some Alberta mine fields such was actually the situation not many years ago.

#### EDITOR'S NOTES.

The trade union movement is ever on the side of progress.

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More things for the dollar would please us just as well as more dollars.

Everything in the nature of progress has been attained through agitation.

Is your union affiliated with the Alberta Federation of Labor? If not, why not?

The organized workers are fighting the battles of the unorganized, and therefore the inarticulate.

If our memory does not fail us, Mr. Ramsey told the people how to vote in connection with the firemen's plebiscite.

With a population less than half that of the United States, Great Britain has a trade union membership 50 per cent greater.

It is true that there are more dollars in some pay envelopes these days, but they don't seem to tighten the belt like the lesser number did in other days.

Generally those who talk about peace and harmony and concord between Capital and Labor desire to bring about such a happy condition on their own terms.

The January 3rd issue of the Free Press will be an Alberta Federation Convention number. We will have special articles from the Federation officers and other prominent Alberta Labor men. It is our intention to have copies of the paper distributed to every delegate at the convention in Calgary, in an endeavor to have the Free Press extend its scope to serve Labor throughout the province.

Alex Ross, after some months' study of the British Labor movement brings back the message that the British trade-unionists are jealous of their organizations which have taken a century to reach their present state of usefulness. Those who would have trade unionists believe that the Amalgamation and Federation movement in Britain is in any way similar to the O.B.U., are, to say the least, not adhering strictly to the facts of the case.

#### HUGH ROBINSON, GENERAL ORGANIZER INTERNATIONAL JOURNEMEN TAILORS DIES

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