

A SURVIVOR OF THE COURRIERE'S DISASTER LIVING IN FERNIE



FRANC HACCART

By J. W. WILKINSON (Organizer Trades and Labor Congress)

Many readers of The Federationist will remember the appalling explosion of the Courriere's mine in France, when more than 1400 miners were killed on March 30, 1904...

many days all over the mine, but only found dead men and horses, burned by the gas. We were very hungry and had to eat dead horses and rats, with some hay and bark of the timber...

"Explosion after explosion came, shattering timber work, causing the roof to fall everywhere, and putting out all lights. Nothing could be seen, but confusion was heard on every hand...

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ENOUGH POWDER ILLEGALLY STORED TO BLOW CORNER OFF THE ISLAND

CUMBERLAND, V. I., Aug. 19.—Do you see that stone building over there, not more than twelve feet from the tracks? asked a Cumberland miner of an associate the other day.

"Well, that is a powder magazine. It belongs to the coal company, and has a capacity of from 100 to 200 tons of high explosives. Have you ever thought of what might happen if anything should happen that would ignite any portion of the contents?"

"No, can't say that I have, but say it would be some explosion, wouldn't it?"

"I should kiss a pig. Say man, there's enough powder there to blow a corner off this old island. An explosion of that imposing structure would result in the immediate death of more miners than the coal company has killed in the past five years."



J. C. BURGESS

Secretary Central Labor Body Labor Day Committee—Member Mothers' Union.

The mayor wants to be habilitated in a robe of office to greet the Dook when he comes. He ought to look well in bloomers and a sunbonnet...

"As affairs politically go in Great Britain, it is not democracy, but aristocracy, that is on trial."

MINERS MAKING READY FOR WAGE INCREASE DEMAND

Nelson Convention Now In Session Will Arrange Details. Nelson, B. C., Aug. 22.—A special committee of District 1 of the Western Federation of Miners will meet here tomorrow morning.

President Meyer, on behalf of the international executive board, having sanctioned the District executive's action in the intention of the metalliferous miners of the province, to notify all mine and smaller employers that a demand for an increase in wages of 50 cents per day, all around, will be made.

Chief Officer Kelt of the C. P. R. steamship line refused to do the dirty work of the company, during the recent dockers' strike in the Old Country. He refused to scab it. For this the company "dismissed" him.

Two years ago Haccart came to America and worked for a while in Corona, Kansas. Whilst in the mines there he was in another explosion which killed 15 men, but was released himself after two hours.

Revisits Vancouver. J. H. Bodin, a former Vancouverite, paid this city a flying visit this week, and left for Seattle, where he is working at his trade, on Thursday.

PROBABLE PERSONEL OF WESTERN DELEGATES TO CONGRESS MEET

- Enough Delegates In Sight Now to Ensure a Banner Convention at Guelph. All eyes of the labor world in Canada are just now trained upon the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, convening at Guelph on Sept. 9.

BASEBALL PARODY AS PRESENTED BY LOCAL PRINTERS

News-Ad. Grouseers Put it All Over Province Crabs on Battle-field of Cambie Street. Tuesday afternoon the "News-Ad." bunch of ball tossers defeated the "Province" aggregation on the Cambie Street grounds by a score of 14 to 10.

The Winnipeg delegation, to date, looks something like this: Trades Council—Messrs. Riggs, Johnston and McGrath. Bootmakers—126—Hawthorne, Blacksmiths—W. J. Bartlett, Carpenters—U. Bro.—G. Armstrong, Electrical Workers—J. L. McBride, J. S. Milne.

The feature of the game was the magnificent form displayed by Olson, the "News-Ad" wonder in the pitcher's hole, and Allison's work on second. They both played major league ball, except in the eighth, when "Ole" King, in a fit of pique, threw a "four-bagger" and allowed the "Province" four hits.

Table with columns: PROVINCE, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows include Blair, Lerese, Menzie, Tamplin, P. Batley, Blakely, King, H. Balle, Shea, and Totals.

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B. C. ELECTRIC CO. DENIES THAT IT WILL SHUT DOWN WORKS

On the Contrary Every Effort Will Be Made to Push Work on Big Undertakings. A report reached The Federationist during the week to the effect that the B. C. Electric would probably shut down all its extension work on the B. C. mainland and Vancouver Island about September 1st, thus throwing a small army of men out of employment.

"The company," said a B. C. Electric official, "is at the present time engaged on varied and extensive operations all over its territory, which means the employment of a large number of men. It is the intention to proceed with these operations, as far as possible, during the fall and winter months. Of course, when rainy weather comes on, our forces will not be quite so large as during the summer season, but, wherever possible and with due regard for economical working, the operations will be pressed."

On Vancouver Island the company's work will be pressed as vigorously during the winter as on the mainland. The operations at this point include the work on the interurban line from Victoria through the Saanach Peninsula, 21 miles in length, which it is expected will be opened about the first of next year.

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There are to be stirring times in Vancouver this winter, and it would not hurt to have at least a series of open meetings in the Labor Temple during the winter months.

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Blind to such things. There is also the inspector of mines who comes here regularly every month. He never says anything about it. These are the men paid by the government to look after such matters. It is clearly a violation of the law to have these magazines in town, but the company's financial means to outwit any enforcement of protection is known to Mr. Crothers, and he has done his best to keep his attention from visiting this camp. Let us ensure like ministers of capital rather than labor.

PREPARATIONS ALL MADE FOR LABOR DAY PICNIC AND SPORTS. Wage-workers, Their Families and Friends, Will Adjourn to Masses to Hastings Park.

Preparations for Labor Day in Vancouver on Monday, Sept. 3, are now well in hand. The Trades and Labor Council Labor Day committee have over \$700 in prizes and cash, and a splendid programme of sports is being arranged. One of the feature events will be a tennis and football tournament, under the auspices of the Victoria Cycle Club. The Vancouver Union Band will be in attendance all day, and an eight-piece orchestra will provide music for the dance. The grounds at Hastings Park, reserved for the day at a very nominal charge, will be the site of the picnic and sports. The programme will be put on at 10 a. m. and continued until the evening. Printed programmes will be available early next week from the committee at Labor Temple, corner Homer and Hastings streets. The admission fee of only 10 cents, children under 5 free, places the day's outing within reach of all, and as the day is always observed as a general holiday there should be a larger attendance.

ALFRED W. SMITHERS, of London, chairman of the Grand Fraternal Board of directors, said to the News-Advertiser on Monday: "If there will come a let-up in the story of Canada's progress, and depression sets in, the blame can be placed on the shoulders of labor. Their demands are becoming so exorbitant and unreasonable that it is a question of time until British capital refuses to run the risks involved by strikes, demands for excessive wages, and loss of time caused by strikes and the consequent shortening of the working day."

He also bitterly complained of strikes regarding the work on the G. T. P. It is the fault of such unreasonable and bullying officials as this man who are directly to blame for all the suffering and inhuman treatment of the men on construction, who are compelled to go on strike. The government officials know these facts and they, too, are not less blameable.

Typo and School Books. The International Typographical Union, at its annual session last week at Cleveland, instructed its executive committee to investigate the "school book situation as related to the publishing industry," and to "campaign for the adoption by school boards of text books manufactured by employers of union labor."

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THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT AND LABOR DEPARTMENT

Are "Aliens" Subject to Penalties of Lemeux Act Unable to Invoke Provisions?

In November, 1910, the Union Steamship Company reduced the wages of the deck hands in employ \$5 per month, and they promptly applied for the appointment of a board under the Industrial Disputes Act.

William Lving MacKenzie King was then Minister of Labor, and his department decided to refuse the application because the applicants were not British subjects, practically forcing the men to accept a reduction of wages without relieving them from the penalties if they struck without first having an investigation.

When the Hon. Mr. Crowther, Minister of Labor, was on the Coast and the Lemeux Act was under discussion, with members of the Executive Board of the Provincial Federation of Labor, Vice-president McVety raised this point and produced the correspondence, he having acted on behalf of the Sailors' Union in the first place.

The following correspondence indicates the manner in which the case is being followed up:

(COPY)
Vancouver, July 19, 1912.
Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir: Referring to our conversation with you while in this city and me with regard to a decision rendered by the Department that applications for Boards of Conciliation under the Industrial Disputes and Conciliation Act must be signed by British subjects only.

The application out of which this decision arose was forwarded on November 18, 1910, and was made on behalf of the employees of the Union Steamship Company. The other correspondence follows in sequence and for the purpose of reference by yourself will result in a permanent rule that the legislation in question was never intended to place a premium on the employment of British subjects.

Such decisions as this have contributed largely to the disfavor into which this legislation has fallen, and I will be glad to hear from you when you arrive at a decision on this particular point.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) JAS. H. McVETY,
Room 211 Labor Temple.

Ottawa, July 25, 1912.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of the 19th instant. Are not you mistaken in saying that my Department is not going to bring to the effect that none but British subjects could apply for a Board of Investigation under the Industrial Disputes Act? I have just hurriedly looked into the Act, and I find that Section 42 does not prohibit British subjects from being members of a Board, but does not refer to the question of citizenship in making application. Your letter refers to the correspondence which took place with the Department in connection with an application on behalf of the employees of the Union Steamship Company sent to the Department on November 18, 1910. In a departmental letter of December 22, addressed to Mr. John Pearson, one of the persons from whom the application had been received, Mr. Pearson was informed among other things that the application was granted, "must be satisfied that the parties whose names are signed as signatories to the application are British subjects." The subject of the ruling of the then Minister of Labor, Mr. Pearson on January 4, 1911, took strict exception to the ruling in your letter of July 19 you point to certain objections to this ruling and ask if it is still effective. In reply I am to state that the Minister's view is that there are many reasons why it would be well that the signatures to an application should be those of persons residing in Canada; the Minister is not aware of any circumstances which would require or justify acceptance of an application not signed by residents of the Dominion. I am to add that in any application for a board it should be made clear to the Minister that the application is made at the expressed wish of a majority of the employees stated to be concerned in a dispute the application being otherwise in conformity with the Act.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
T. W. CROTHERS,
Deputy Minister of Labor,
James H. McVety, Esq., Room 211 Labor Temple, Vancouver, B. C.

(COPY)
Vancouver, August 14, 1912.
Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Crothers: Replying to yours of the 5th ultimo with reference to application for a board of investigation under the Industrial Disputes Act, I have also received the letter you referred to, in which you state that you follow very closely in style his usual non-committal replies.

Having in mind your statement while here that you were not in accord with the decision which I showed you at the time, one paragraph of Mr. Acland's letter is interesting, inasmuch as it practically confirms the decision which I have referred to.

"In reply I am to state," says Mr. Acland, "that the minister's view is that there are many reasons why it would be well that the signatures to an application should be those of persons residing in Canada; the minister is not aware of any circumstances which would require or justify acceptance of an application not signed by residents of the Dominion."

There has never been any question about the applicants for a board of investigation in Canada, unless very close to the line, unless they reside here? What we would like to know is a strict decision as to whether applications are to be received according to the act from persons employed in industries covered by the provisions; or whether the employment of other than British subjects renders the legislation non-applicable in any or all industries? If this is the decision of the Department, then we find ourselves in the position of first requiring to ascertain whether the employees are aliens or not, and if they are, the Government declines to appoint men to investigate matters, the aliens are compelled to submit to an investigation under penalty. It appears a somewhat far fetched view, but it also appears as though the alien employees are forced to strike without investigation, while British subjects are refused permission to do so.

Will be glad, Mr. Crothers, if you will render your decision on this matter and make the decision a matter of record and precedent in the Department so that we will know what to expect on future occasions.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) JAS. H. McVETY,
Room 211 Labor Temple.

"Joe" Clarke at Cleveland.
Joseph A. Clarke, now an alderman in Greater Edmonton, Alta., is one of the prairie Capital City delegation to the Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles, now in session at Cleveland, O. Joe not only takes an active interest in labor questions, but is some baseball fan. Under date of the 5th inst. he writes, in part:

"A very handsome man in Detroit yesterday, and Ty Cobb, as usual, made a couple of sensational plays, and Hal Chase nearly made one. I'm going to see the celebrated Boston team against the equally celebrated Veau Gregg of the Cleveland team this afternoon."

Wage-Workers' Forum

"The B. C. F. of L. in Politics."

Editor B. C. Federationist: Your correspondent, J. Kavanagh, in discussing the possibility of the Federation entering the political field, tells us that this matter "requires serious consideration." Many of us were already quite aware of that fact, and his remarks do little more than make it even more obvious to me.

Instance, we can only presume that he has abandoned all seriousness in his own consideration of the question and has started to poke jokes when he says the members of the B. C. Federation of Labor are "no farther advanced in economic intelligence than were the trades unionists of Great Britain when they formed the I. L. P." This in view of the fact that the Federation has declared for a defined Socialism; and considering also that the I. L. P. and the Fabian Society attempted for many years to gain the co-operation of the trades unions and succeeded only after a hard educational campaign.

It is hardly worth while dealing with any other matter your correspondent submits until he has had time and inclination to take to heart his own advice to others and seriously consider the question as to whether it is advisable for the organized working class to take possession of political power.

Speaking for myself, however, and I believe in doing so, I am also echoing the sentiments of a large body of organized workers in B. C. I say that I am not enamoured of the policy of the Socialist Party of Canada. Platforms, infallible between, and mangled at most conventions; chunks of illuminated economic terminology, and irresponsible talk, seem to satisfy the B. C. C. The organized workers of most countries are demanding and getting tangible material benefits because they have entered politics. It is up to the workers of B. C. to cease grovelling in petitions to McBride and Bower, to Borden and Findlay, and to begin to plant their own feet in the Dominion, Provincial and local parliaments, if they ever hope to get the goods.

The presence of the workers in these places constitutes the real social revolution, and none but orthodox politicians and pseudo scientific Socialists will stand in the way of the workers using their own solidly built organization and machinery to hasten the coming of that day.

P. SAXBY,
346 Fifth Ave. W.

Rice Lake Camp.

Editor B. C. Federationist: With reference to an article in your last issue regarding conditions in the Rice Lake camp, where work is being prosecuted by the North Vancouver City Council. The writer has had an interview with Aid. W. J. Dick, chairman of the Waterworks Committee. He takes periodical visits to the work and camp at least three times per week. He himself has spent several years in camp life (construction camps, etc.) and contends that he has never been in a camp run so well as the one under discussion. He further informed me that he would be pleased at any time to accompany a committee from any organized labor party—this at ten (10) minutes notice—to visit and inspect the conditions. Other prominent officials I have also interviewed speak in the same strain. Regarding wages: Your correspondent claimed that only \$2.50 per day was paid. This is partially correct. This is paid to muckers, and is at the same rate as paid to Vancouver workmen (organized civil employees) viz., 85 cents per hour—for the same class of work tunnel men get either \$4 or \$4.50 per day. Board is \$5.25 per week. Does this not call for an investigation?

Personally, I do not consider organized labor has anything to gain by the publication of matters of this description unless there is good solid foundation for same. I do not suggest that there is not in this case, but in view of what information I have been able to secure it might appear to others in a different light.

R. C. LAWRENCE,
P.S.—Writer is a member of Pioneer Division 101, Street Railwaymen's union.

North Vancouver, Aug. 15.

Editor B. C. Federationist: Owing to the outrageous conditions prevailing on the construction work of the G. T. P. and the fruitless attempts on the part of the workers to have their lot made better, they have been forced to use the only other weapon left, namely the strike. Along some three hundred miles of grade the camps are deserted and men have been pouring into Prince Rupert on every train by the hundreds. In spite of this the capitalist sheets are at their old game. One Vancouver daily paper stating, in big head lines, that the strike had collapsed; another making the statement that only twenty men had quit work in the vicinity. The local papers in the north are equally as bad, doing their best (or worst) to discourage the workers, but in this they have failed mainly for every one up here knows the facts. The conditions in the camps were horrible in the extreme, the most of them being in a very unsanitary condition; the food being of the poorest and the price of clothing and other articles entirely out of reason. Some of the camps have been ordered destroyed by a government inspector, since the strike started. The company's hospital at Lealy's Landing has been condemned and has been ordered remodelled, showing that the men had just cause for complaint. The demands of the men are that nine hours shall constitute a day's work, with a minimum wage of \$3.25 for muckers and \$3.75 for drillers; time and a half for overtime and Sundays; board not to exceed \$1.00 per day; better food and strict enforcement of sanitary laws; hospital fees to be turned over to L. W. W., who will equip and maintain all hospitals; organizers and delegates to have access to the camps at all times.

A. O. MORSE,
Sec. Local 326, I. W. W.,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Congress Delegates and C. P. R.

Guelph, Ont., Trades and Labor Council has circulated prospective delegates to the forthcoming convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada asking them to route their tickets via the Canadian Pacific railway, primarily because of certain benefits that will accrue to the Guelph Junction Railway, owned by the city of Guelph and operated by the C. P. R. on a percentage basis. And this because "the City of Guelph is interesting itself in the success of the Congress, and is making a money grant to help defray the expenses involved locally."

FOLLY OF FERNIE BANK CLERK LEADS TO 'PROMOTION'

Young Man Inveigled Into Bowser's Machine Steamrollered by Banker Accomplishes.

A good example of the advantage of being a "free-born British subject" comes to light in Fernie. The name of the lad involved is withheld for obvious reasons.

A young clerk who was working in the Fernie branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was put on the voters' list at the instigation of the bank manager. At the time the lad was only 20 years of age, but it was felt that the Hon. Mr. Ross would need all the help that could be got to return him at the last election.

In the meantime, however, some of the local Socialists had brought him round to their way of thinking and he was full to the brim with his new-born belief in socialism and never suspected for a moment that in a "free country" he would be interfered with.

He spoke to others of his kind in the bank about his intention of voting for Davidson, the socialist candidate, and so, when he went to vote at three o'clock on the day of the election, the officer in charge of the polling had been "put wise" by the bank people, and said: "Oh, by the way, Mr. how old were you when you registered as a voter?" The lad told him, and the officer said "You have no vote, then."

He returned to his work, and at five o'clock was invited into the manager's office and severely lectured for daring to hold opinions antagonistic to those of his master.

After a "gruelling" he was told that he would be transferred to Revelstoke, and there he is now.

His wages in Fernie were \$25.00 per month in cash, plus his board and room in the upper story of the bank premises, where he was required to sleep so as to be handy in case burglars wanted to shoot somebody before robbing the bank.

The latest that can be learned is that he occupies his spare time in Revelstoke learning to play "Rule Britannia" on the mouth organ, and studying the dividends paid to the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

By A. MacDONALD,
Local 676, B. of L.

Did you ever stop and ponder, as this old world swings around,
On the various kinds of people that you meet,
Did you ever note the difference 'twixt an old and faithful friend
And the ordinary man upon the street?
When you have money plenty and you're calling up the boys
That linger with you while you drink and smoke?
Did you ever note the difference in that self-same crowd of men,
And the chilly way they greet you when you're broke?

All men may be a criminal, and to get the ready cash
Resort to all the tricks behind the scenes;
Rob the widow and the orphan, turn his brother out-of-doors
For with him the end will justify the means.
Then society bids him welcome, and opens wide its doors,
And with the best he's qualified to rank.

And they'll all him that he's clever, and he gets the cheery smile,
'Cause he has the big simoleons in the bank.

All men are not spendthrifts, nor are they common drunks,
Nor the and women always make one lose.
Dame Fortune is a fickle girl, and when she's in a mood
You are very often apt to cut a deuce.
And when you're up against it, and the clouds are hanging low,
And the dust from off the road will make you choke,
You must mingle with the has-beens and go the way that links to the rear.

For you're guilty of the crime of being broke.
Dimes and dollars, dollars and dimes,
An empty pocket is the worst of crimes,
Do remember, old pal, when you're thinking of your friends,
That for one day of turkey, there's six days of hash.

Machinists' Union.
President Johnston, of the International Association of Machinists, in the August issue of the Machinists' Journal, gives a very interesting account of the activities of his organization since he took office in January last. It will be remembered that the last election of officers in that organization was fought out on Socialism vs. Militia of Christ lines, Johnston representing the Socialists thought, while J. A. O'Connell's membership in the Militia of Christ, made him the sponsor for that organization. Considering the fact that the new officers were left a legacy of strikes unheard of in the previous history of the organization, the old line officers have freely predicted disaster for the Machinists under the new regime. Johnston says in part:

"Owing to the large strikes which were in effect when the new administration entered upon its duties, we have been able to give scarcely any attention to the much needed work of organization.

"Notwithstanding the fact that we have not had a single organizer in the field since the beginning of the year, and with our vice-presidents giving practically all of their time to handling of strikes and adjusting of grievances, I am pleased to say that we have not only held our own, but show an increase in membership over and above what we had January 1, 1912.

"I exceedingly regret that so much time, energy and money are being spent in conducting strikes, some of which might have been avoided and the time, energy and money could have been devoted to real constructive work, viz., that of building up and strengthening the organization.

"Just as soon as we can adjust some of the strikes now in progress, special attention will be given to the great work we have before us, namely that of reaching the great army of unorganized machinists. There are hundreds of thousands of men working out our trade who are eligible for membership in our association.

"They must be reached and brought within our fold. Great progress can not be made while so many thousands are out of touch with the great labor movement. So let us stop striking, unless it is to defend the cardinal principles of the association, and give your officers a chance to organize the country. There can be no such thing as permanent peace while so many are unorganized.

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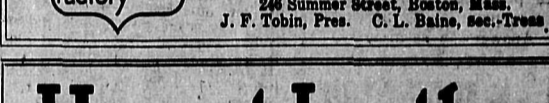
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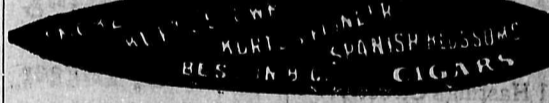
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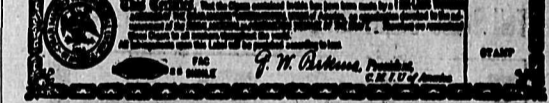
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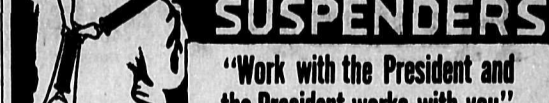


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Just outside the Baptist church, Fernie, a peculiar little scene might have been witnessed a week ago by those who had eyes to see.

Two prisoners, one a young lad of 18 or 19, clean limbed, bright-eyed and curly-headed, and the other a more seasoned may of about 35, with one of the most artistic examples of the tattooist's art on his arms that one would wish to see. The prisoners were fixing the wooden street crossing under the direction of City Jailor W. Owens.

The elder of the two was serving a sentence for vagrancy, and because, according to the local "beak" he had refused to earn his living by honest work and had sought to emulate the local real estate dealers and other pillars of Fernie society.

The lad was serving a 15 days' sentence for peddling without a license, and at the completion of his term must face the charge of entering Canada by eluding the immigration officials at Gateway. For this desire to earn his living honestly he was put in jail and his stock of cheap jewelry confiscated by the customs officers.

One of the prisoners is sentenced because he won't work; the other because he wants to work.

They say Fernie has not been quite right in its head since the fire.

Smithers Scorched.

The News-Advertiser credits H. H. Stevens, M. P., with this statement: "Mr. Smithers of the G. T. P. intimates that efforts should be made to stimulate agricultural immigration. Presumably his intention would be that these men should be used on railway construction. Another of the causes of the present labor conditions in B. C. is the introduction by American contractors of the American system of transferring large numbers of laborers, chiefly 'Dagos,' from one part of the country to another. This class of men do nothing else but railway work. The result of this system is that there are no permanent settlers brought into the country by the railways during construction and the decent settlers along the line will scarcely work with a lot of 'Dagos.' It is because of this system that Mr. Smithers and his company are desirous of importing Asiatics. In my opinion if the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific would treat their men right and keep faith with them when they make an agreement there might be some inducement for the Government and public men to sympathize with them in their efforts to obtain labor. Under present conditions there is not."

Provincial University.

As predicted by the Federationist, the new B. C. University is not an institution for the masses, but one exclusively for the classes. The Sun, in its leader, has this to say: "The McBridge government has worked its will upon the new University of British Columbia. Of that there remains not a shadow of a doubt. The University of British Columbia begins its existence in complete thrall to party interests and administration caprice. The first convocation, which was held yesterday, was the opening scene in a farce which will not end until the province sends to the legislature men large enough, mentally, to understand that no seat of learning can adequately perform its true functions or establish itself in the opinion of the world while it continues at the mercy of a political clique."

Lethbridge Unionists.

At a mass meeting of wage-workers in Lethbridge, Alta., last week, W. M. Donahue, president of Montana State Federation of Labor, Lewis Dine, secretary of Great Falls Trades and Labor Council, and local unionists, were the speakers of the evening. The meeting was heralded by a brass band, and Mayor Hatch occupied a seat on the platform.

The "Industrial" Idea.

Toledo, O., Typographical union has signed a contract with the publishers which contains the proviso that the "contract shall be null and void in case of trouble with an allied craft, providing such trouble can not be first settled by arbitration, such arbitration to be in accordance with the provisions of this contract." Not much in itself, but an indication of the trend of the times.

Survival of the Fittest.

It looks as if a grain-carrying rate war between British and American vessels on the great lakes is in sight. The formation of the \$10,000,000 merger of Canadian and English steamship lines to monopolize the traffic on the lakes seems to be the immediate cause of the tempest.

L. T. English in Alberta.

Leo T. English, an ex-member of Vancouver Typo. union, is secretary of the newly-formed Alberta Federation of Labor. His address is Lethbridge, Alta. There are few better posted men in the organized labor movement than Bro. English, and a few more contributions to the labor press from his well-directed pen would be appreciated.

THE MOVING PICTURE OPERATORS STILL OUT.

The Film Situation Being Taken Up in Eastern Canada. The Moving Picture Operators are still standing and refusing to break their obligation taken when they joined their organization. The theatres are still putting on pictures, though the protection in some of them is far from being up to the standard, and the risk from a film fire should be well considered by the general public before entering these places of amusement.

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In this regard organized labor should be alive to the immigration situation and be on its guard to its own welfare.

"A spirit of sanity seems to hover over the new millinery," says a fashion writer. This is a ponderous sentence, to say the least.

It might be a good idea for six or eight hundred unemployed willing-to-workers in this city to call personally, some evening, on the cheerful old seisy presiding over the destiny of the News-Ad. editorial sanctum. The realism of the "labor market" might set the old hen a-cuckin' once more. It hasn't been in the western zone of the soft, salt sea breezes of the briny Pacific long enough yet to understand.

Is there a sane man, employer or employee, on earth who believes that the present industrial unrest and rebellion of a robbed working class can go on forever? There could not be so much of it unless there was a mighty good reason for it. The mission, then, of organized labor must be to make the cause of the trouble a foremost issue. When the workers learn the cause it will not take long to remove it, and with it the effects.

The "Tizer" is very much nettled since the arrival of "Joe" Martin over the fact "that gun and warship makers in England are at the bottom of the demand for an adequate British navy." The morning oracle delves into history as far back as the Spanish Armada to point out that there were always cynics and faultfinders at the navy. It might have also added that there was only one real brand of naval quality and that, by divine right, belonged to the torres--or in the words of "Joe"--to the "jingo jackasses."

The only people in Canada who take the Allen Labor Act seriously are those who are paid to do so. A few federal government officers are understood to be on the coast, even now, "investigating" the operations of the Act. This at a time when the Canadian Northern railway at Fort William have chartered the ship Forest City to bring in strike-breakers from Houghton, Mich., in cargo lots. The best method of mending the Allen Labor Act is to end it. The farce has passed the screaming stage.

Before this time next year hell will have no terrors for thousands of working men and women on this coast. So grave has become the situation, even at this early stage of the game, that the local daily newspapers can see it coming. There is nothing to do up north but scab on strikers; there are hundreds of men walking the streets of Vancouver right now, some of the still unwilling to work for nothing. Large appropriations voted by municipalities for public work are almost exhausted. The outlook is one that leads those who know to wait till it comes. There'll be 'ol a poppin' this winter, all right, all right.

The World very rightly says: "We have had lately in Vancouver more than one arrest which could hardly be justified if the strict law which guards 'the liberty of the subject' were observed. Some arrests have more than justified themselves, others have not, and it is not out of place to remind the over zealous of the opening words of a standard Manual of common law: 'Every adult has an inherent right to personal liberty, which consists in the power of locomotion with out restraint other than by the due course of law.' Any restraint on the free power of locomotion, though it be only by a show of authority of force constitutes imprisonment. We need go no further. We are anxious to see Vancouver a law-abiding city, and those in authority setting an example of respect for the law."

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VANCOUVER CENTRAL LABOR BODY STARTS SOMETHING

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has unanimously endorsed the principle of Industrial Unionism, and will circulate all labor bodies of the continent to pass upon the same question. It is estimated that it will take a month to mail the necessary circulars, at a considerable cost to the central labor body; but it is contended that a discussion of the issues involved will repay the council.

G. T. P. Hospital.

Regarding the hospital system on the G. T. P. in the northern part of British Columbia, Mr. Stevens, M.P., says: "It is well known that this system is a disgrace to civilization and has been condemned by the provincial and Dominion officials. No doubt before Mr. Smithers arrives on the scene, after a month or so of notice, many of the objectionable features will have been removed, but up to a week or so ago the conditions were very bad. Men are charged for hospital and doctor's fees and yet in cases of accident or sickness receive treatment which in civilized society would scarcely be accorded domestic animals. Therefore it is small wonder to me that there has been a series of complaints from the men regarding the treatment they receive along the line."

Stavert Speaks.

The Federationist believes the following to be the most straightforward and emphatic assertion yet made by H. H. Stevens, M. P. Workingmen have become so used to political trickery by members of parliament that the following will be interesting: "There is not a company operating in Canada today that has done more to antagonize labor than the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific. In the East they are continually in difficulty with their men and have repeatedly refused to carry out solemn agreements made between their company, the men and the federal ministers."

C. N. R. a Nerve Outfit.

The Canadian Northern, through its agents, objects to a proposed wholesale transfer of men to the prairie provinces from B. C. on the ground that that company needs hundreds of men on construction work. At present there is a large number of unemployed in this city and ere the snow flies there will be thousands more out of work. The C. N. R. fancies that it will be able to starve them into submission. But B. C. workers will fight before they'll starve!

The Barbers.

Business Agent Burkhardt reports progress all along the line. While a few shop cards have had to be removed others have been installed and the local membership is growing steadily. The agitator among unionists urging them to patronize union barber shops is beginning to have its effect. "Archie" (at Doc Morgan's) reports gunning not as plentiful as for the past two months; in fact, "squirrels" are scarce; nearly always a barometer of finance, though oftener o fmen.

Coast Shipping.

Victoria, B. C.—Shipping good; few members ashore. Vancouver, B. C.—Fair. Tacoma, Wash.—Medium; prospects uncertain. Seattle, Wash.—Fair. Port Townsend, Wash.—Poor; prospects uncertain. Aberdeen, Wash.—Medium; prospects uncertain. Portland, Ore.—Poor; prospects uncertain. Eureka, Cal.—Fair; prospects uncertain. San Pedro, Cal.—Fair; prospects uncertain. San Francisco, Cal.—Good. Honolulu, H. I.—Dull; prospects poor.

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