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DULUTH'S BUILDING TRADES HARD HIT BY BOLSHEVIKS

Contractors Fail to Finish City Building, Seemingly Fearing Heavy Hand of Builders' Soviet; Agitators, Walking Delegates and Imported Workers Infest the City.

John L. Morrison in The Rip Saw: Bolshevism is credited with being the cause of suspension of work on the new city building for the water and light department. This Bolshevism is backed, so it is alleged, by "Live Wire" Armstrong's Soviet, the Builders' Exchange, Messrs. McLeod & Smith seemingly fear to continue the work against the wishes of the Russian bunch. Bricklayers, who are home-owners, taxpayers and long residents, are walking the streets, while imported gunmen and craftsmen are credited with being close at hand to take the local work if occasion requires and opportunity permits.

Mr. Phillips further stated that he was informed from a reliable source that gunmen, and leaders of strikebreakers were under cover in the city, ready to import workers or to "start something." The fighting commissioner further reported that Messrs. McLeod & Smith signified a willingness to finish the work and to pay the old scale, but that the builders' Soviet had denied permission for the firm to pay more than the reduced wage, fixed by the Soviet. Commissioner Murnian said that it seemed to be a matter of conspiracy by "Live Wire" Armstrong's Soviet against the contractors and that the proper method seemed to be to prosecute for that offense.

BOXING 38—ROUNDS—38 SHRINE AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 30th 5 REAL FIGHTS 5

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of "Live Wire" Armstrong's Soviet agreed to put wage reductions into effect, despite the fact that negotiations with craftsmen to that end were not opened. The bricklayers refused to accept a reduction while the contract was unfinished and they walked off the job. No strike was called—the men merely quit work. City commissioner Phillips did not take kindly to the idea of having the completion of the city's building delayed, especially because it was imperative to get into it by May 1. A week ago last Monday, the Little Commoner brought the situation before his fellow commissioners. He asked that the council call a joint session with the contractors. He reported that the contractors were willing to continue the old scale of wages until the job was finished, but that "Live Wire" Armstrong and Walker Jamar, big words in the builders' Soviet, were in-

streets at present, with wives and families at home in need. The question is, do we want a few men who style themselves the Builders' exchange to rule the city? McLeod & Smith are fair. They do not wish outside men to come in on this work. Neither do I. "The contract was entered into and the building started with the verbal understanding that the men who worked on the building would be paid the same scale during the time of construction of the building. Then an invisible influence stepped in and said, 'hands off.' All I ask is for the Builders' exchange to be fair and to grant these contractors the right to complete the building at the same rate of pay as was started in the beginning. This has been done in Rochester, Minn., by the Builders' exchange there." When interrogated, Messrs. McLeod & Smith professed to be willing to go

BOXING FANS TO SEE GOOD MILLS

Manager Carnes Announces Fine Bill for Next Week; Kid Billings to Meet Allison.

LOOK 'EM OVER— Main Bout—10 Rounds— 142 Pounds— Nell Allison, Morgan Park, versus Kid Billings, Superior. Semi-Windup—10 Rounds— 135 Pounds— Kid Alberts, Duluth, versus Al Van Ryan, St. Paul. Preliminaries. Harry Boyle, Duluth, versus Billy Walker, Manchester, England. Young Joe Stecher, Duluth, versus Kid Sherman, Eveleth. Billy O'Brien, Duluth, versus Kid Leary, Superior. Time: Wednesday, March 30. Place: Shrine Auditorium. Referee: Jimmy Potts, Minneapolis.

While Duluth boxing fans have seen some wonderful exhibitions of science and slugging this season it must be said that the next "mitt" carnival of the Duluth Athletic club, which will be staged at the Shrine auditorium on Wednesday evening, March 30, looks in advance to be the best of the year to date.

Nell Allison, the Morgan Park slugger, who has knocked out more opponents than all other Duluth fighters combined, will meet Kid Billings of Superior, Wisconsin's best welterweight, in the main event, a scheduled 10-round quarrel. It is just another one of those Duluth-Superior affairs in athletics in which one city is trying to down the other, and, as such, will prove a mighty attractive magnet. Betting on this battle so far favors Allison to win by a knockout and he is being liberally supported by the several thousands of employees at the Minnesota Steel company's plant where he is employed.

Billings has a mighty following over in Superior who favor him to defeat Allison and by such a margin as to leave no room for doubt. The Badger fans point to the fact that Jack Britton, world's championship welterweight, couldn't stop Billings in 10 rounds, so it is hardly likely that Allison will be able to accomplish the feat.

The great Al Van Ryan, the sturdiest and fastest lightweight developed in Minnesota in recent years will appear in the semi-windup number, another 10-round affair, with Kid Alberts, the Jewish lightweight of Duluth as his opponent. Alberts has been out of ring activities since his memorable battle with Nell Allison last fall when he made a poor showing and has since been ostracized from the boxing sport. He has asked to come back and fight and he will be given a chance against one of the toughest boys in the northwest. Alberts says he can and will whip Van Ryan. If he does Duluth fans will see the greatest battle ever pulled here, for the world will tell you that Van Ryan can fight.

Harry Boyle, the Philadelphia lightweight, has been matched to meet Billy Walker of Manchester, England, the latter a boy who made a great ring reputation during the war. Walker came to Duluth to fight main bouts but was told he would have to show some real stuff before he could expect to get his name in the headlines. If Walker can defeat Boyle, a rugged battler, he will be entitled to further and higher consideration from Promoter R. J. Carnes and will probably get it. This bout is carded for 8 rounds.

Kid Stecher of Duluth, a welterweight boxer, will meet Jack Sherman of Eveleth in a six-round go and Kid Leary of Superior, a featherweight, will tackle Billy O'Brien of this city in the curtain raiser. The bill, from top to bottom, looks like a winner and there is little question but what every one of the bouts will please. The advance sale of tickets indicates a packed house.

on with the work under the original wage to bricklayers. The representatives of the builders' Soviet declared that the contractors were free to act, but the firm impression of the hearers was that something secret and untold existed.

Messrs. McLeod & Smith spoke words plainly indicating their belief that, if they went on with the work at the old scale, they would encounter some obstacle, or a blacklist that would bar them from other and future contracts.

Thus the matter stands. As these lines are written, the work is suspended and no solution of the trouble has been found. If that building ever is completed the city probably will have to take over the contract and do the work.

It is said that new work on another contract is being done by imported bricklayers and that ugly gunmen patrol an alley back of the premises. The great national movement to smash organized labor, to break up the unions and to Russinize the workers, thereby bringing them under Soviet rule of the Lenines and Trotskys of Big Business, not only seems ahead of the coming of the birds, flowers and a hoped for season of activity and prosperity. The agitators, walking delegates and gunmen of the Builders' Soviet propose to run things here, even if they have to call out cheap McGilbert's cavalry and Moeke's rusty tanks. Dark days seem in prospect for Duluth.

B. T. C. TO MEET. The Building Trades Council will meet at Trade Union hall next Wednesday evening. Every building trades union is urged to be represented by delegates.

TRADES ASSEMBLY TONIGHT. The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Federated Trades assembly will be held tonight, Good Friday, at Owls' hall. A full attendance of delegates is urged.

FLOUR MILL WORKERS TO RESIST WAGE CUT

Jeon Spielman of Minneapolis, organizer for the Flour and Cereal Workers, was a visitor in Duluth and Superior Thursday. He was accompanied to Duluth by John Bachleitner, president of the Duluth-Superior local of flour mill workers. It is reported that mill owners are attempting to force a reduction in wages of from 15 to 25 per cent. A meeting of the union will be held Sunday to determine what course the men will take to resist the cut.

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Have prices come down on Things that Count? First 27 Staples Picked at Random Show an Average Drop of 31%

—as compared with prices of a year ago today. In other words, these twenty-seven staples averaged 45% higher March 21, 1920, than on March 21, 1921.

It must also be remembered that it was May of 1920—and not March—that marked the high tide of the cost of living—to that this 31% drop is short of the mark rather than over it.

PEOPLE hardly realize that the drop has been so severe as the comparison on identical merchandise indicates.

And these 27 items are only part of the story, nor has any effort been made to select only those staples which show the most favorable declines. There are others which would show up to even better advantage.

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Price declines are most pronounced where labor enters least into cost of production. Clothing prices have not dropped as far as piece-goods prices, due to the much larger proportionate part skilled workmanship plays in the making of a garment than in the weaving of the cloth the garment is made of.

At no other time in American history have prices dropped so swiftly. Even after the Civil War, when the purchasing power of the nation was weakened by our being short of gold and long on debts, there was no such decline. In fact, to have prices go down at all in a country holding the bulk of the world's resources—including its gold—is a unique experience in all history, we believe.

Table with 3 columns: ARTICLE, March 21, 1920, March 21, 1921. Lists 27 items like 27-inch Gingham, 36-inch Percal, etc., with price changes.

Twelve staple items selected from the Dining Room Menu show an average decline of 25.9%.

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