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**SUPERIOR LABOR UNIONS VOTE TO CUT OWN WAGES**

**Building Trades Workers of Sister City Make Reduction to Boost Industry.**

According to the Superior Labor Journal the building trades unions of Superior, following several months of study of the building situation, decided to readjust wages for the year. They have voluntarily voted for a general 15 per cent cut.

The following is the scale proposed for the various building trades unions:

Sheet metal 90 cents per hour to 80 cents per hour.  
 Carpenters 87 1/2 cents per hour to 85 cents per hour.  
 Bridge and iron \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.00 per hour.  
 Plasters, \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.00 per hour.  
 Painters, 90 cents per hour to 80 cents per hour.  
 Lathers, \$1.00 per hour or 5% cents per yard to 90 cents per hour or 7 1/2 cents per yard.  
 Hoisting engineers (derrick) \$1.00 and 90 cents per hour to 82 1/2 cents.  
 Concrete mixers, 75 cents per hour to 62 1/2 cents per hour.  
 Steam shovel engineers, \$250 per month to \$225 per month.  
 Cranemen, \$240 per month to \$150 per month.  
 Plumbers, \$1.00 per hour to 95 cents.

"We have done our part to stimulate the building industry," said D. J. Needham, secretary of the Building Trades Council. "It is now up to the material men to take a like position. I know of some materials that are still 400 per cent higher than they were before the war. Let them come down, too."

**DULUTH PREACHERS HEAR UNION SHOP DISCUSSION**

W. E. McEwen, editor of The Labor World, addressed a meeting of Duluth ministers at the First Presbyterian church last Monday morning on the Union Shop. He pointed out the difference between the so-called "open" shop, which he characterized as the real closed shop, and the commonly used term of "closed" shop which is applied by anti-unionists to the Union shop.

Mr. McEwen showed that the term "open" shop was misleading and was used for the purpose of prejudicing the American mind against that is closed. He said his respects to the organized enemies of union labor who are engaged in a wage-slashing campaign under the name of the "open" shop. He was asked many questions by the preachers at the conclusion of his address.

**HARNEY MAY FILE.**  
 John Harney, a well known union plumber, contemplates filing for county commissioner in the second district. He is discussing the matter with his friends and will announce his conclusions in a few days. He has been endorsed by his union and effort will be made to get the endorsement for him of the labor political committee.

**TRADES ASSEMBLY TONIGHT.**  
 The Federated Trades assembly will meet this evening, Friday, at Ows' hall. The committee appointed to investigate the proposed plans of city government will make its report.

**NEW COUNTY JAIL.**  
 An out-of-town construction company is the lowest bidder for building the new county jail. The contract will not be let until March 17. Union labor is concerned about the matter. The unions will make an effort to have the contract stipulate that residents of S. Louis county shall be employed on the building.

**SAMUEL UNTERMYER SAYS 'OPEN' SHOP IS BIG FAKE**

Chicago, March 11.—"The 'open' shop is a fake—there is no such thing," writes Samuel Untermyer, New York attorney, to John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago federation of labor.

"During our investigation I proved I think conclusively that in the case of the steel company and the electrical erectors' association that it is worse than a sham," said the New Yorker.

**GOVERNOR ALLEN WANTS TO BE COAXED TO RUN**

Topeka, Kan., March 2.—Governor Allen is flirting with a third term, and says the public is trying to force him into another race. The governor's well-known modesty prevents him from telling who the "foreign" are.

It is agreed that he will run if his publicity agents can manufacture a "public opinion" similar to that which jammed the "can't-strike" law through the legislature.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS.**  
 On February 1 this year, there were 4,302,614 barrels of apples in cold storage, according to the department of agriculture.

Other holdings were: Butter, 267,000,000 pounds; cheese, 33,000,000 pounds; frozen poultry, 103,000,000 pounds; meats, frozen and cured, 629,954,958 pounds; lard, 80,000,000 pounds.

**HE NEVER LIVED IN AMERICA.**  
 When Shelly wrote "If winter comes can spring be far behind" he was in Italy. The answer was "no" over there.

**CLAIMS OF BARBER BOSSES DO NOT JIBE WITH FACTS IN CASE**

The boss barbers ran a display advertisement in the daily papers Thursday in which they attempted to give their side of the controversy with the Journeymen Barbers' union. The language of the advertisement is similar to that used by L. C. Harris, president of the Citizens' Alliance, in a special bulletin issued by him under date of February 28.

It is evident that the statement is not that of the boss barbers, but of the Citizens' Alliance. The strongest claim made in the statement is that the boss barbers held a conference with the Journeymen Barbers' union about the middle of February and that the "union refused to make any concessions whatsoever and demanded a continuance of the old scale."

That is not a truthful statement of the facts. The boss barbers did present a proposition to the executive committee of the union for a reduction in wages, but that committee was without power to act and the matter was referred to the union at which time it was expected that a committee from the boss barbers would attend and present their case.

The committee of bosses did not attend the meeting of the union and the only information the members of the union received was in the report of its executive committee, shortly following which the announcement by the boss barbers was received that wages would be reduced on the Monday next. The union never had an opportunity to do other than accept or reject the mandate of the boss barbers.

When the boss barbers or Mr. Harris say that the Barbers' union was given a chance to consider the wage reduction mandate they are but mistaking the facts, and they are doing so for the purpose of bolstering up their weak case.

The Citizens' Alliance, through its infant child, the Boss Barbers' association, makes apology for the barber shops continuing the 25 cents shave and the 50 cents hair-cut. The overhead is so heavy, it says, that the boss barbers can not afford to reduce prices. Let us see about that.

When patrons paid 15 cents for a shave and 35 cents for a hair-cut journeymen barbers were paid \$18 a week and were given 60 per cent over \$32. They now propose to pay barbers \$20 a week and 60 per cent over \$32. The wage for barbers work for but 11 per cent higher wages than were paid to them before the war, while the cost of living is still at least 70 per cent higher than it was when the scale was \$18 a week.

The boss barbers are getting two-thirds more for a shave than they charged before the war, and 45 per cent more for a hair-cut, and yet they expect journeymen barbers to live on a wage scale only 11 per cent higher than the pre-war wage. They prate much about their own increased expenses which, they say, take nearly all they can make on an average increase in charges of 55 per cent, but they make no allowance for the increased living expenses of their employees. They are not consistent and they are decidedly unfair.

The Citizens' Alliance can not honestly defend the position of the boss barbers in this controversy, and it would not do so if it did not see "red" in the union shop, and also see an opportunity to strike another blow at union labor.

**JOHN NORLUND CALLED.**  
 John Norlund, father of Emil Norlund of the Plumbers' union, died Sunday last at the family residence, 305 North Fifty-second avenue West. He was a carpenter and millworker. The funeral services were held Thursday.

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**MORE WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports Increase in Employment in Certain Industries.**

Washington, March 9.—The bureau of labor statistics makes this report on employment:

"Comparing the figures of January, 1922, with those of identical establishments for January, 1921, it appears that there were increases in the number of persons employed in nine industries and decreases in five industries. The most important increases, 135.5 per cent and 114.9 per cent appear in the automobile and the woolen industries, respectively. Iron and steel show a decrease of 21.5 per cent, and car building and repairing, a decrease of 16.1 per cent.

"When compared with January, 1921, the amount of the payrolls in January, 1922, show increases in nine industries and decreases in five industries. Woolen shows an increase of 106.8 per cent and hosiery and underwear an increase of 91.6 per cent. Respective percentage decreases of 55.1, 37.5, and 80.5 appear in iron and steel, car building and repairing, and bituminous coal mining."

The bureau's figures are based on reports from representative establishments in 13 manufacturing industries and in bituminous coal mining.

**"BUSINESS IN GOVERNMENT"**

"Let me tell the Senator from Alabama that the member of the Georgia delegation in other house made a speech on the same line the Senator from Alabama has been talking (against deflation of Federal Reserve Board.) The next day he received from Mr. Platt, of the Federal Reserve Board, the most insolent letter I ever read. It was a threatening letter, and there must have been something sent out into Georgia about it, because this Congressman told me a short-while afterwards that he had received a letter from his son-in-law, who is a clerk in a country bank down there, in which the son-in-law begged him for God's sake not to make another attack upon the Federal Reserve Board, for if he did he would lose his job."—Senator Watson, Georgia.

**CARPENTERS HOLD LAST WINTER OPEN MEETING**

The local Carpenters' union gave the last of a series of social meetings at Axa-hall last Tuesday evening. W. E. McEwen was the speaker and discussed current labor topics. He dwelt on the necessity for maintaining an organization during this critical period and predicted that the "open" shop movement would soon spend itself.

He also explained the aims and purposes of the St. Louis county Building and Loan association and he urged every union family to start an account in the association on the opening day, next Wednesday.

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**RAIL RATES ARE CAUSE OF GRIEF**

**Virginia Legislature Sends Protest to Washington and Urges Cut in Charges.**

Washington, March 11.—Senator Swanson of Virginia presented to the United States senate a series of resolutions adopted by the Virginia legislature against present railroad rates. The Virginia lawmakers declare that the multiplicity of freight rates, of approximately 80 per cent more than they were prior to 1917, prevents such a reduction in living cost and rental charges as the present price of agricultural products and building material at point of production would seem to warrant.

"We believe a substantial reduction in freight rates is necessary and will materially aid in bringing about normal business conditions; that it will result in a revival of business and consequent increased tonnage to the carriers, which increased tonnage will more than offset revenue from rate reduction."

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