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THE "Y" DRIVE IS ON

With about 150 workers, all chock full of enthusiasm and spirit, were present at the "kick-off" dinner held at the "Y" Thursday night, the annual Y. M. C. A. canvass was officially declared to be on. The purpose of the canvass is to secure funds so that the non self-supporting activities of the institution may continue to function during the coming year.

These activities include such as boys' work, for non-members who participate in leagues and other activities of a similar nature in the use of the building by the public. The goal of this year's canvass is \$25,900 and this sum must be raised if the non self-supporting features of the "Y" are to continue.

There is no more worthy institution in the city than the Y. M. C. A., and it should have the support of every citizen. It is a fine asset to the city. It is a community center for all purposes. Hundreds of meetings are held throughout the year in its assembly hall and rooms for which the institution gets no compensation other than the good will created towards it thereby.

But where the "Y" really shines, is in the great work it does for the boys of Hamilton. This good is beyond calculation. It provides for them recreation, amusement and entertainment in clean environment and gives them a training that goes far toward their success in future life. It keeps them from roaming streets and alleys where they might get into mischief and harm. We sure need the "Y" and must help keep it going. The Press urges that all union men and women aid in every way possible to make this year's canvass a huge success.

PROVED ITS WORTH

Taxpayers have been watching the result of old age pension laws enacted in several states of the Union. Attention has been called to the working of the law in Montana which has had an old age pension statute on its books for four years. The law more than justifies its existence.

Experts have found that the law is no longer an experiment, and statistics gathered on the subject show conclusively that old age pensions cost far less than poorhouses and similar eleemosynary institutions.

Opponents of the pension plan have apparently fought a losing battle, as figures from Montana favor the pension plan decisively in the matter of cost.

During the calendar year 1926, the state paid pensions to 584 persons at an average cost of \$179.56. Under

CHRIST FOR ALL—ALL FOR CHRIST
The Word of God

THE LORD IS GOOD:—Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.—Psalm 100:2, 5.

PRAYER:—Our Father, we know that Thou art good, and that Thou art more willing to give us Thy Spirit than an earthly parent is to give good gifts unto his children.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

"BE CHEERFUL! DON'T WARP YOUR DISPOSITION WITH ENVY OF OTHERS! PERHAPS THOSE OTHERS WHO APPEAR TO HAVE MORE BLESSINGS THAN YOU ARE CARRYING SECRET BURDENS OF WORRY THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING OF."



the poorhouse systems, so the federal bureau of statistics determined after a careful survey, each inmate costs the state an average of \$344. Thus Montana is paying but a trifle more than half what it would pay to maintain its aged in poorhouses.

That the law is well thought of is evidenced by the fact that the commissioners of Silver Bow county, Montana, recently took action to adopt the pension system and do away with the poorhouses. It might be explained that under the Montana law each county is permitted to act for itself in the matter of adopting the system. The Silver Bow county commissioners said they were taking the step in the interest of economy.

Under the new system the county will save the taxpayers \$72,000 a year, not to mention the humane features of the law.

"DUTY" FIRST IMPORTANCE

This week's cables tell us Premier Baldwin gave this advice to British voters:

"Don't talk about your rights; talk about your duty. If every body in the country did his duty there would be no question of his rights."

The premier's advice can apply to citizens on this side of the Atlantic who ignore industrial injustice until they are inconvenienced and who then insist that their "rights" are interfered with.

In the present miners' strike, nearly a year old, no one talks about the "rights" of the public. The non-union fields are supplying coal.

When a previous soft coal suspension loomed, and Federal Judge Anderson issued his famous anti-strike injunction, the "rights" of the public were loudly proclaimed.

The non-union area then was not as extensive as now.

When men talk about their "rights" they should not overlook their duty to resist injustice inflicted on their fellow men.

Let defenders of their "rights" read of conditions in the Pittsburgh coal strike area, where, United States Senator Gooding says, "the (senate) committee found men, women and children living in hovels which are more unsanitary than a modern swine-pen."

THE "LAME DUCK" HOLDS ON

Killing of the Norris "lame duck" amendment by the house doesn't end the matter. Some day something will be done to abolish the lame duck sessions of congress. Everybody, with the possible exception of the contemporaneous maimed fowl, wants it done, but no one seems to get it done.

For the fourth time, the senate, by a vote of 55 to 6, endorsed the Norris resolution to submit a constitutional amendment to the people proposing to abolish the session of congress that begins in December and set inauguration day forward to January 15 instead of March 4. This proposed move would automatically kill the lame duck session. Congressmen elected in November would take their seats in January instead of a year after election.

Though the house rejected the Norris proposal, many of the members made telling points in favor of it. Among them was Representative Frank L. Bowman, of West Virginia, who pointed out that "the U. S. is the only country in the civilized world that permits by constitutional provisions an interim of thirteen months between the election of the members of the lower house and the assembling of congress, and the only country that makes it possible for members of the legislative branch of the government to legislate for months after their repudiation and rejection by the people."

THAT AGREEMENT

Fact-dodging coal owners and word-twisting attorneys are attempting to justify abrogation of the Jacksonville agreement.

The agreement was signed February 19, 1924, by miners and coal owners of Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, and was to continue from April 1, 1924, to March 31, 1927. It reaffirmed existing conditions and called for no change in wages or working conditions.

It further provided that both parties should again assemble "the second Monday of February, 1927, at Miami, Florida," or two weeks before expiration of the agreement, to consider a new contract.

The Jacksonville agreement has no double meaning. It is as plain and direct as the English language can make it.

The coal owners, however, are excusing a violation of the pledged word that is unequalled in this country. They would sweep aside the foundation of industrial peace. They would legalize contract breaking and would mock a solemn pact between employer and employee.

FIVE-DAY WEEK WILL COME

Workers should not be worried or disturbed by heated attacks on the proposed five-day work week. The eight-hour workday, abolition of the twelve-hour shift in the steel industry and, in fact, every advance made by labor has been denounced in precisely the same way as the five-day week proposal is now being assailed in certain quarters.

All far-reaching improvements in the condition of labor have been denounced as ruinous to industry and the nation. The same charge is being hurled at the five-day week. The five-day week, however, is already here in certain industries and these industries have not been ruined.

The shorter work week will come in other industries when they are ready for it by reason of increased production, and it will come in all industry when all industry is ready for it.

Evolution fights for the five-day week and there is no stopping evolution, whether in nature, in industry, government, or in any of the activities of mankind.

MELLON PHILOSOPHY

Asked by the senate digging committee if he was incensed by the Will Hays proposal that he accept \$25,000 worth of Sinclair bonds and give the equivalent in cash, Mr. Mellon said, "I don't become incensed. I take things in this world as they are and act according to my conscience."

That is an easy-going philosophy. But let us ask where the world would be if there were not men who resent iniquity and injustice and who refuse to take things as they are—who refuse to permit the evil and the sinister persons make the conditions under which we must live?

Where would the trade union movement be if it thought as Mr. Mellon says he thinks? It is well that all are not molded along the lines of "laissez faire" and that all do not refuse to be become incensed!

FIGURES ON LIGHT

The National Popular Government League prints a chart which shows that in 32 selected American cities having a total population of 25,000,000, electric current is served to consumers at an average of 7.4 cents. In 21 Ontario cities having a population of 1,179,000, the average rate is 1.6 cents. If the Ontario companies paid taxes and other charges on the American scale, the Ontario rate would be about 2.4 cents, leaving American consumers paying an excess of five cents over the Ontario rate. These seem to be enlightening figures on light.

Up in Middletown the stationary engineers went on strike several weeks ago, after the paper mills refused to grant them a few minor demands in their working conditions. Up to this time it has been a peaceful strike. We are told that the police in that city are now using some of the same tactics that are used by the mine operators in the coal regions. They say that the police are driving the strikers off the streets and say that the engineers have no right on the streets. And all of this is happening in "The City With a Soul!"

It will only be but a few days now until another drive will be made for the Community Chest. The kiddies' fresh air camp over on the waterworks hill comes in yearly for a part of the funds. We hope that the working people of our city will do

all in their power to make the chest drive a success. We must not let the kiddies' camp go backwards.

Again we want to call attention to the local unions who have not a full representation of delegates in the central body. Each union is entitled to three delegates, and there is no good reason why a full delegation should not be sent. All of the big things that are done for labor in Hamilton are discussed at the central body meetings, and all of the discussions should be reported back to the locals.

The retail clerks tell us that but a very few trades unionists call for the clerks' button. Organized workers should inaugurate a button campaign by calling for it and maybe we might find a few without it. Perhaps the customer and also the clerk are both negligent on this one important matter.

"MORAL CRIMINALS"

President Green Calls Transit Company in Wire to Mayor Walker

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, telegraphed from Chicago to Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, a scathing arraignment of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. He accused the company of brutal and inhuman conduct and beseeched the mayor to use the power of his great office to compel the officers of the company, whom he designated as moral criminals, "to obey the laws of decency, humanity and morality."

The telegram follows: "The brutal and inhuman conduct of the officers of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company has aroused the righteous indignation of millions of working people and their friends throughout the country."

"The discharge of scores of working men, many of whom had served this corporation for years, merely because they exercised their constitutional right to join a trade union, strikes at the very basis of industrial liberty and human freedom."

"How can the cause of industrial peace be promoted when a corporation is promoted when a soulless corporation such as the Interborough Rapid Transit Company seems to be carrying on a campaign of relentless industrial warfare. Such action tends to develop class hatred, class war and bolshevism."

"A corporation which pursues such an indefensible policy of persecution of loyal, trained, efficient employees, has no standing before the bar of public opinion. It has forfeited the right to exist. The power of public opinion enraged by its treatment of honest, upright citizens and workers should drive it out of management and control of a great public utility which depends upon the public for support."

"In the name of millions of working men and women I appeal to your honor and to the great heart and conscience of the people of New York for justice and redress. Stop the ruthless industrial warfare and compel the re-employment of all those workers who have been discharged."

"I beseech you to use the power of your great office to compel these moral criminals, the officers of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, to obey the laws of decency, humanity and morality."

STRAUSS COMPANY

Enlarging Bargain Basement For Clothing and Shoes

The Strauss Clothing and Shoe Company, following the successful merchandising trend in the better stores throughout the country, is remodeling their basement, and when finished will be a complete bargain basement in every respect.

For the past several years the basement has been devoted to bargains in shoes and also the receiving, shipping and storage rooms, but for the past few weeks carpenters, painters, electricians, etc., have been making extensive alterations and the entire basement has taken on a new and attractive appearance. It will be a modern basement merchandising center where the most attractive values will be featured in men's clothing and furnishings and shoes for men, women and children. An affiliation with more than one hundred men's and boys' stores throughout the nation enables the Strauss store to command a buying power in the markets that will mean the greatest of savings—and these savings will be passed on to the buying public.

A new stairway has been built in leading from the first floor to the bargain basement. This stairway will be most conveniently located right inside the main entrance to the store on the first floor. Announcement of the opening of Strauss' bargain basement will be made in a few days, and during this opening extra values will be offered.

Read the Press.

HIGH WAGES

Follow Shorter Work Day, Says Woman Leader

Memphis, Tenn.—High wages generally accompany short working hours while low wages accompany long hours and frequently undesirable working conditions.

This statement was made by Miss Caroline Manning, of the United States women's bureau, in discussing a survey of Tennessee wage-working women in a speech in this city.

The bureau's survey included wages, hours and working conditions of 16,000 women.

"Payrolls examined by us," said Miss Manning, "show that for the early part of 1925 the median of the weekly earnings of the women—that is, half the women earning more and half earning less—was found to be \$11.10 for white women, and \$6.95 for negroes."

The survey showed that some firms voluntarily reduced working hours from 10 to 9 a day, almost half of the women worked 10 hours or longer. One-half of them had a week day of 55 hours or more. One-half the women were 25 years or older, and 50 per cent were or had been married, with consequent responsibilities.

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COAL AND IRON POLICE ARE AIDED BY RAILROAD

Washington.—The Pennsylvania railroad aided coal owners in organizing their coal and iron police, according to testimony before the senate interstate commerce committee that is investigating the coal strike.

C. E. Leshar, vice president of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, told the committee that the private army was organized by Capt. John Z. Search while on leave of absence from the

Pennsylvania railroad, whose police force he heads.

Mr. Leshar stated that the coal and iron police are responsible only to the company. The witness acknowledged that there has been an increase in mine fatalities in the Pittsburgh district since the coal owners broke with the union.

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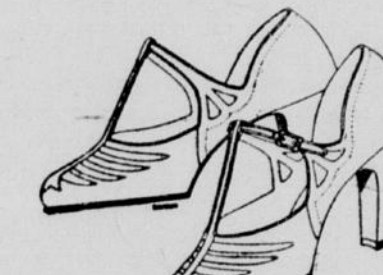


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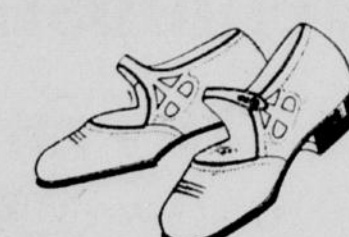


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