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## STRIKES AND SPECIAL POLICE FAIL TO DEFEAT C.N.R. STRIKERS

(Secretary of the C. N. R. Strikers Committee.)

The C. N. R. Strikers Bulletin has been dropped. The strike committee has been dropped. As the editor of the B. C. Federation has kindred, we have no space to give publicity to the strike, and as the desired publicity can be obtained better through the medium of The Federation, it was deemed advisable to drop the bulletin.

The spirit of the rank and file of the A. F. of L. towards the strike has been unchangeable and should be so. It is the rank and file with us, and it is the rank and file with them. The developments of the strike in the past week have been startling. The boss is still making frantic efforts to obtain scabs, with poor success. Vancouver has been flooded with scab herding man-catchers, but so well has the strike been advertised and so thoroughly are the workers of Vancouver imbued with the idea of class solidarity that all the endeavors of the contemptible reptiles to obtain scabs have come to naught. Several of the "stition men" have been in town on their usual errand to obtain scabs, with the usual result: they have spent all their money and obtained no scabs. The boys in Vancouver are not so adverse to a little amusement, and, as the weather is extremely warm, a little could refreshment be obtained at the expense of the boss. They would like to see the "stition men" again and often. They don't promise to help, but they will promise to help.

The strike committee has opened the union along the line, and we are awaiting with interest what action will be taken by the government in this matter. We will assure the authorities that we will be as persistent in enforcing our rights to maintain headquarters along the line as the boys are in San Diego to enforce free speech. Possibly the C. authorities will soon realize what the B. C. officials are fast learning—to attempt to suppress the strike is very expensive and futile. We are going to have strike headquarters along the line if every last one of the seven thousand strikers must go to jail to do it. It will be done.

Scout reports are very favorable. The tie-up is still complete with no indications of the boss being able to break it. In many camps there is not a man, in fact, this is true of the majority of the camps. In the camps where the boss has succeeded at great expense in getting a partial crew, he has not been able to keep them very long—not long enough to get away. Towhy Bros. secured a partial crew for their infamously man-making tunnel camp a few days ago, but thirty-six men walked off the job yesterday and now no camped.

A strike headquarters at Ashcroft. They were all good union men. They have paid their fare from Vancouver to Ashcroft. Yet they say that the parasites have intelligence. Forget it.

The bosses have been a little too stubborn. The authorities a little too officious for their own good. While we have been on strike we have not been idle and measures have been taken to extend the strike of the construction workers. Thus are almost completed, and possibly by the time this paper comes from the press the construction workers will be on strike for \$3.00 for nine hours. This is not a threat, but it is intended as a threat, but it is a statement that will soon be substantiated by actual fact. The strike will not stop, but may spread to every construction camp in British Columbia. Who knows? If the boss could only get a look at our membership books he would be forced to go some serious thinking; meanwhile—live is grave.

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## HAVELOCK WILSON WILL ADDRESS MASS MEETING TOMIGHT

Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the National Seamen's Union of Great Britain, and a former member of the British House of Commons, will arrive here tomorrow from Victoria. He will address a mass meeting in the new Labor Temple big hall this evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Central Labor body and the local Seamen's Union.

Sufficient has already been made known of Mr. Wilson's coming by the daily press to warrant every wage-worker in Vancouver to hear his message.

There are four in town at present. They are trying to get evidence that I told somebody not to go to work, but they were informed by their stools that I had told three different men to go to work by all means. The bulls took me to explain why I told the men to go to work and I told them to see the C. N. R. bill, as I wanted to get a fair trial. I was brought to see the foolish look they gave me when I said that I had told three different men to go to work by all means. The bulls took me to explain why I told the men to go to work and I told them to see the C. N. R. bill, as I wanted to get a fair trial. I was brought to see the foolish look they gave me when I said that I had told three different men to go to work by all means.

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## WHAT IS TO BE THE ATTITUDE OF ORGANIZED LABOR?

By CHRISTIAN RIVERTY.  
Secretary Victoria, B. C., June 28. I do not remember ever having heard a workman or an organization of workmen express a desire to discuss religion or denominational belief at their meetings. The reasons for that are, no doubt, many and varied. Respect for what they conceive to be the convictions of others and the useless effort of arguing on matters of faith, not to mention the bitterness liable to be engendered by an attempt to analyze the merits or otherwise of the different confessions, constitute the common reason for their neutrality on this question.

While not an explanation on this point, some significance can, however, be attached to the ever-growing and increasing religiousness at church conferences and gatherings, of like nature, that the common people are more conscious by their absence than presence in the church.

The line is being drawn tighter. It seems probable that workmen will ever desire to make religion a subject for discussion in their associations. That some desire, or a fear of it, is not to be denied. The same old time and places is proved by the fact that some labor organizations embody a spirit of religiousness in their constitution provision expressly prohibiting all such discussion.

For every positive rule laid down there must be at least a corresponding negative rule implied, if not so defined. It was expedient that labor organizations should be "non-sectarian," which could not mean anything else than that the organized laborer must not discuss religious matters, which could not mean anything else than that the organized laborer must not discuss religious matters.

It is reasonable to suppose that this idea of religiousness in part for having religious debates from working men's associations of today that is not with me is against me. It is appealing with increasing force to divisions of society.

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## QUARRY WORKERS ADD SOME 300 NEW MEMBERS TO ROLL

Congress President J. C. Watters Plants Two New Branches in Nova Scotia.

Int. Sec. Treas. Fred W. Butler of the Quarry Workers' International Union of North America, who has been in the city for some time, has just returned from a tour of inspection in Nova Scotia, where he has been successful in organizing two new branches of the Quarry Workers' International Union.

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## ORGANIZER J. W. BRUCE OF PLUMBERS' UNION VISITING VANCOUVER

Reports Trade Conditions in the Prairie Provinces as Best Ever Known.

John W. Bruce, organizer of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters, arrived in Vancouver on Wednesday, coming here to visit the local union. Bruce is a well-known figure in the plumbing trade, and he has been very successful in his work. He is now in Vancouver to visit the local union and to see what conditions are like here.

At Medicine Hat another new local has been formed, with the membership now negotiating an agreement with good prospects. "Trade conditions are the best they have been for years all over the prairie provinces," in fact, they are the best I ever heard of," said Bruce enthusiastically.

## STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ELECTED OFFICERS THIS WEEK

Most of Old Officers Elected by Acclamation and No Changes Are Made.

The members of Division No. 101 of the Street Railway Employees' Association held their annual election of officers on Monday night, resulting as follows: President—H. S. Schod. Vice-president—W. H. Burrough. Secretary—W. J. Lofting. Treasurer—W. J. Lofting. The new officers were elected by acclamation, and no changes were made.

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## UNION WAGE LAUREL IN SOUTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL CONTRACTS

Value of Electing Right Kind of Union Men to Watch the Law Emphasized.

At the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of South Vancouver, held Tuesday evening, 26th inst., the trustees considered the proposed school contracts for the coming year. The trustees were very much interested in the value of electing the right kind of union men to watch the law, and they emphasized this point in their discussion.

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