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LABOR AND OUR INDUSTRIES.

The action of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, which represents 200,000 workers male and female in the Dominion, in supporting the principle of protection in our fiscal system, shows that it is entirely in accord with the position taken by Hon. Arthur Meighen, the premier, who believes that Canadian resources in raw materials should be developed by Canadian workers, in order that we may get the full benefit of industrial development, and continuous and profitable employment for all workers.

The fall of d'Annunzio removes the last obstacle in the way of settling this vexed Adriatic question, and there is now a prospect of quietness and agreement in this country which has for so long been the centre of dispute and warfare.

What ever labor's ideas may be on the conduct of industrial enterprises, its welfare is linked up with their prosperity and it would be a calamity if the advocates of the free trade policy could obtain the opportunity to wreck the industrial and commercial prosperity of Canada.

For the past few weeks much attention has been focussed on the situation at Fiume, where Gabriele d'Annunzio and his band of legionaries for a time defied the Italian government, but the average man in the street no doubt wonders what it is all about.

The beginning of the trouble goes back much farther than the entry of Italy into the late war. The three provinces on the eastern coast of the Adriatic sea, Trentino, Kustenland and Dalmatia, used to be Italian.

When Italy entered the war, the Allies, in the Pact of London, agreed that Italy should have these provinces returned. The Serbians, including the Jugo-Slavs, although they did not then protest, were not willing to admit the right of the Allies to award to Italy territory which has been tacitly awarded to them.

To all territorial claims, four reasons may be advanced; that of historic unity, that of geographical entity, that of population, and that of culture and language.

When the appointment of this part of the Balkans was undertaken by the peace treaty, it at once became a storm centre. The treaty assigned a section of the Dalmatian coast line to Italy, but gave Fiume, the seaport of Hungary, to Croatia.

On January 5th, 1919, the United Serbian-Croatian-Slovene Kingdom was formed at Belgrade, and Jugo-Slavia came into being. It was at this stage that Fiume became the occasion of strife.

President Wilson took the side of Jugo-Slavia. Great Britain and France wished to make Fiume and a small section of the hinterland a free state. Italy demanded both the land and the port.

In 1919, Jugo-Slavia showed signs of breaking up, and this enhanced Italy's claims to control Fiume. In September of the same year d'Annunzio sprang his coup d'etat, and, with a few thousand troops, took possession of the city.

Italy was officially compelled to oppose an Italian soldier, leading an Italian army, holding a city which Italy desired to keep. The Allies agreed to a plan whereby the city itself was to be Italian, and the hinterland Jugo-Slav, but this was blocked by President Wilson.

In January, 1920, when the supreme allied council disbanded, the question was still unsolved. Both Italy and Jugo-Slavia conducted hostilities against d'Annunzio, but he held Fiume, and even occupied other places in the disputed area.

Later diplomatic efforts between Jugo-Slavia and Italy led to a meeting at Rapallo early in November, and to a settlement of the whole question on the basis that Fiume was to be independent, with territorial contiguity to Italy.

THE IDLE FARMER.

Who should the farmer be sore. When he has time for play; And he does not have to work, more Than eighteen hours per day!

He'd laugh at rubes, would Oswald Block. At get-rich schemes he joked; But he fell for some wretched stock. And that's how he got soaked.

Mrs. Gabb had dragged Mr. Gabb into the millinery store with her and had tried on a hat that was marked down to \$49.99.

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What kind of a town is Horseville? The kind of town in which everybody waits until Saturday night to get a haircut," replied the Fat Man.

Some men may be brave. But you will find a Braver man in Cincinnati. He runs a pawn shop.

Though many suitors would persist in chasing sweet Miss Mills, She married a chiropractor. And let him foot her bills.

In a divorce action in Louisiana (Clark vs. Clark, 22 South 578) the court decides that a casual spectator at a wedding might not be able to identify the groom later on, but he could identify the bride, the reason being that the bride attracts more attention than does the groom.

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"Nice day, little one," he began. "Yes, it is," interrupted the pretty waitress. "And so was yesterday. And the peach, and I know I have pretty blue eyes, and I know I have pretty white, and I like the place, and I don't think I'm too nice a girl to be working in a hotel; if I did, I'd quit my job."

And my wages are satisfactory, and I don't know if there is a show or a dance in town to-night, and I'm not going with you. Yes, I'm from the big cities, and I don't want to be in the country, and you can't see me in front of the hotel after supper, and my brother is cook in this hotel, and he weighs 200 pounds and can lick his weight in wildcats and the other day he wiped up the floor of the dining room with a fresh fifty-dollar-a-month drummer.

With Applauds to Luke.

When "Law" what made the cow jump over the moon? Paw—Moonshine my son, moonshine! G. E. McC.

Cheer Up! Thirteenth, happens only once in 1213.

Our Daily Special A Poshed Gentleman is One Who Never Tries To Cast Reflections.

Luke McLuke Says It may be paradoxical. But it is the man who doesn't get home often enough to get sick who gets homesick.

A man doesn't really appreciate the girl gets busy and marries him. He may not believe it. But the Live One in a Live Town might be a Dead One in a Live Town.

It is mighty hard to have a Full Heart when you have a Full Stomach. It may be true that Wealth does not bring happiness. But that isn't the reason why so many of us remain poor.

Opportunity is a Dame Fortune "are the only knockers who boost every time they knock.

No Honor for D'Annunzio. (New York Times) Honor was lost some time ago in this transaction, but there is still a chance to save the innocent inhabitants of Fiume.

Not Getting Excited. (Victoria Times) Gr-at Britain does not mean to be stampeded into a new naval policy because the United States and Japan propose to add a number of capital ships to their respective navies.

THE KNOCKER. You buy a car you think is great, a bus that's strictly up to date. Your breast is filled with wholesome pride when you go forth to take a ride, for you have saved a long, long while to buy a boat that's quite in style.

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Our Joe Miller Contest. The oldest joke is the one about the dining room in the hotel in a little town. A pretty waitress came up to his table and he ogled her and asked at her.

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