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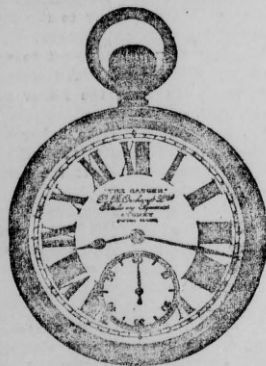
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NEWS AND VIEWS.

Writes Dora V. B. Chapple in the
Maoriland Worker:—

From east to west the cry goes forth:
"Man's duty to the State!"

We'd like to hear the other side
Before it is too late.

It seems to have been overlooked
By those who talk and plan.

We'd like to ask: "Owes not the State
A Duty unto Man?"

"Whatever the church may think
The rulers of the earth always look
Upon it as a branch of the Civil Service,
And regard the clergy as humble
Though useful functionaries whose
Business it is to pray as they are
old."—Francis Gribble.

The Papuan cannibal that spits
His human catch and cooks him to a
brown is not any more cruel than
the civilized savage that practices
he slower but just as sure method
of spitting his victim at the bench
of low wages and long hours.

About that new member; when are
you going to propose him?

The capitalist seeks to lessen the
cost of production and thus increase
his profits. With this object in view
he, quite legitimately, favours small
wages and long hours of labour. The
worker seeks to obtain more of the
good things of life with less effort
—a natural and legitimate desire—
and favours high wages and short
hours of labour. Thus the interests
of the two parties are distinctly an-
tagonistic. One may just as well
argue that two parallel lines can be
made to junction as to maintain that
the interests of capital and labour
are identical; they can never be iden-
tical, but always must remain oppo-
site.

See that you attend your branch
meeting.

Slab from a speech delivered by
William Hughes last week: "Let
those who have by word or deed
hampered recruiting or sought to
hinder Australia from doing her duty
turn over a new leaf, and help to win
this great war. If so, they will help
themselves, but if they do not pun-
ishment swift and certain will over-
take them, for the people have
spoken." As the Government has all
along possessed ample power to deal
with any attempt to discourage re-
cruiting; and as the Labour party
has not sought to prevent recruiting,
but rather to encourage it, these
threats of wholesale violence seem to
be out of place and uncalled for.

In another part of the same speech
William Hughes, evidently much in-
flated with the recent victory of the
Tories at the polls, refers to "the
loyalty of the junta, composed of dis-
loyalists, extremists, pro-Germans
and peace-at-any-priceers, who were
against the Empire." He was, of
course, referring to his political op-
ponents, the members of the Aus-
tralian Labour party; to Frank Tudor,
William Higgs, Hugh Mahon and
others of his old Cabinet colleagues,
as well as to the rank and file of
Labour members, and, behind them,
the million or so of Labour electors
that voted as free men and women
for the principles they believe in.
Apparently this venomous-tongued
proselete of Toryism has become
more arrogant than ever as the re-
sult of the Fusion victory.

Don't growl if your union officers
fail to do all you think they ought
to do. Attend your branch meetings
and help them to do better.

In another place this Prime Mud
Slinger refers to "these troubles,"
meaning political troubles, and says
that "they were bred in a dunghole
which was slowly fostering them." By
"dunghole" he means the junta,
which again means his political op-
ponents or, to be precise, the Aus-
tralian Labour party. Ergo, the mil-

lion or so of men and women com-
prising the Labour party of Aus-
tralia are, in the eyes of this person,
William Hughes, but the faeces, the
excrement of the community. Truly
these Rabelaisian compliments are
worthy of him from whom they or-
iginate, since he too was nurtured
and reared, politically, in the same
dunghill.

"The Progressive Labour World,"
Philadelphia, says: "The day labourer,
as opposed to the employer and to
other workers, is king in Australia.
The unions, through the labour party,
practically control the executive, le-
gislative and judicial machinery of
the cities, the States and the com-
monwealth."

It is true that we have to go away
from home to obtain news of our-
selves. Would the news were true.

One hour a week, or a fortnight,
for Union business. You reap the
benefit every day.

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BALLOT FOR ORGANISERS.

EXTRAORDINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Having been informed by written communication from the Execu-
tive that grave dissatisfaction exists owing to the non-inclusion on the
ballot paper of certain nominees who failed to comply with the ordinary
regulations and procedure appertaining to the conduct of a ballot—that is,
those who did not send their written consent—and giving due considera-
tion to the weight of an Executive recommendation, I have decided on the
following course:—

(1) That the ballots for the positions of organisers be postponed to
permit of those members that were nominated, but failed to consent in
writing to do so; and that these written consents be forwarded to the
Returning Officer not later than May 25th.

(2) The nomination of those members that did send in their written
consent to stand good.

(3) No fresh nomination to be entertained.

(4) The ballot for the position of general secretary not to be inter-
fered with.

(5) That any members that have voted for an organiser on the
present ballot papers shall not be disfranchised, but shall vote again on
the new ballot papers.

(6) The ballot for organisers to close on July 30th, 1917. The fol-
lowing members who were nominated for the position of organiser did
not send in their written consent:—G. Gardiner, Redfern; J. G. Evans,
Newcastle; Trams, S. C. Cowling, Goulburn; J. Hayman, Goulburn;
T. Godfrey, Newcastle; A. Thomas, Loftus Junction; J. E. Egan, Moree.

A special circular on these lines will be immediately issued to all
branch secretaries and collectors.

E. D. CAMPBELL, Returning Officer.

"Every line was as one man, and
the swing as the column moved past
Queen Victoria Markets was as per-
fect in its rhythm as the long roll
of the Pacific." This quotation is
an extract from the "Sydney Morn-
ing Herald's" report of the march
through Sydney of the New Zealand
troops, which took place on Wednes-
day. The lads from Maoriland are
undoubtedly a fine lot of hefty chaps
—the picture of physical vigor—and
they received a well-deserved recep-
tion at the hands of the crowd; but
to say "every line was as one man"
as they marched past the Victoria
Markets is—well it is contrary to
fact, to put it mildly. The writer
watched the procession from a win-
dow in the Victoria Markets and
noted with some amusement the free
and easy manner in which the men
marched, many stopping every few
yards to shake hands vigorously with
persons in the crowd. Some of the
lines were as crooked as a boomerang.
This is no reflection upon the New
Zealanders. Nobody wanted to see
them doing the goosestep, like me-
chanical toys. The point is, what's
the use of pretending that things are
what they are not?

Talk about the Amalgamated and
one big union to your non-union
mate.

"In the markets and shops," says
"The Call," a London publication,
"the prices of food mount higher
and higher until the women of the
working class weep from sheer des-
pair at trying to make ends meet."

Women car cleaners at Wellin-
gton, N.Z., receive 6/- per day. The
N.Z. Amalgamated is endeavouring
to get these employees the minimum
wage, on the principle of equal pay
for equal service.

To be a member of the "All
Grades" will cost you a halfpenny a
day. It's worth it.

Some of the big manufacturing
firms in America now make it a con-
dition of employment that the em-
ployee must have his photograph
taken by the company. Apparently
the idea is to establish a "Rogues
Gallery." It may be taken for granted
that the employers do not love
their employees to such an extent
that they want their pictures ever
before them.

There is only one reason
why the photographs are required
and that is to keep certain men
from obtaining employment.

incense My nose dreads; they turn
life into Lent, and launch anathemas
in My name, in sermons beautiful
indeed, but which are all Hebrew to
Me. If I believe a word they say in
them, I hope, My children, that the
devil will fly away with Me."

To have a live, active, useful union
there must be live, active members.

The State Fusion Government
(four ex-Labourites and eight
Tories) have closed down the Bot-
any State brick works. The other
day when the Journalists' Award was
published the "Telegraph," "Evening
News," and "Sun" proprietors gave
the members of their literary staffs
a fortnight's notice. Subsequently,
in the Arbitration Court, Mr. Geo.
Brickhill, of the A.J.A., mentioned
the fact to the judge and said that
"as a consequence the members—
numbering 80—had been thrown in-
to a state of consternation and
alarm." It is not stated whether the
employees at the Botany brick works
were thrown into a state of con-
sternation and alarm, but it is quite
safe to say that they were. What,
it may be asked, have the brickyard
men to do with journalists? They
are alike in this respect, that they
are all workers and none of them
like the prospect of being out of a
job.

The following appeared in the
"Evening News" one day last week:
"At the formation of a South Coast
branch of the Railway and Tramway
Service Association the following of-
ficers were elected:—President, Mr.
C. Reid; vice-president, Mr. G. Bur-
ton; treasurer, Mr. H. J. Locke; sec-
retary, Mr. J. L. Beckett; trustees,
Messrs. C. J. Turner and J. M'Der-
mott; committee, Messrs. E. Laffan,
J. Burton, T. Hall, E. Woollett, and
J. Caldwell; organiser and collector,
Mr. B. Ewings."

Apparently the "Co-operator" is
unknown in that locality.

Don't wait until you have a griev-
ance to air before attending your
branch meeting.

The other day a man was fined £3,
in default two months hard labour,
for punching the nose of a tram con-
ductor named Stokes. It isn't all
beer and skittles this tram conduct-
ing business; or at any rate if there
is any beer about the other fellow
gets it and the conductor becomes
the ninepin. The accused, who was
drunk, fell out of the tram and then
three stones at it.

No trains now run in New Zea-
land on a Sunday. Life is turned
into Lent. The few long distance
trains that run on week days are
limited to what one engine can haul
over the hills—about five carriages.

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W.E.A.: M. ARNOLD.

BRANCH MEETINGS

TAMWORTH.

A meeting of this branch was held at West Tamworth on the 5th inst. Mr. W. McEneaney in the chair. The balance-sheet was read and adopted. It was resolved that ballot papers be left in the secretary's hands. The following new members were admitted:—B. Coutman, junr., R. A. Cameron and G. Hardy. It was resolved that the names of unfinancial members be forwarded to Head Office for collection. The next meeting will be held on June 3rd, at 3 p.m.

ARMIDALE.

The monthly meeting of the Armidale branch was held on Saturday, the 5th inst. There was a small attendance, caused, no doubt, by the Federal elections. The branch chairman presided.

A circular was received from the Head Office, stating that it was decided to appoint all branch secretaries and collectors as Deputy Returning Officers in connection with the forthcoming ballot. The secretary informed the meeting that he had applied for 120 ballot papers; his action was endorsed.

A letter was received from Mr. Corish, re No. 1 (Per. Way) Board, stating that he expected the award would be gazetted at an early date.

A letter was received from the Head Office, re Mr. J. Purcell's application for a month's leave on full pay, stating that the matter was being taken up with the department.

The matter of unfinancial members was discussed, and the secretary was instructed to send the names and addresses of members in arrears to Head Office.

The matter of gatekeepers' wages was discussed, and the secretary informed the meeting that he had written to the general secretary on the matter, and he hoped to receive a reply soon.

TAREE.

The above-mentioned branch is still moving ahead. Several grievances have been dealt with lately. Mrs. Ward, gatekeeper, endeavoured for three months to obtain her removal allowance of £10, the branch took the case up, and within a fortnight the money was paid. Mrs. A. Phillips, of Bundock, late gatekeeper, applied to be paid for holidays due to her whilst in the service; she was paid for one day. The branch took the case up, and the result is that a mistake was discovered, and Mrs. Phillips is being paid for all holidays due to her for year 1916. Other cases are in hand—for instance that of S.M., at Coopernook, who was removed from Braxton without reason and not given a chance to appeal. Bill Crumpton, of Kendal, our branch collector, with nine medals.

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contribution for the January-March quarter. The balance-sheet was submitted and adopted. The amount collected for contributions was double that of the corresponding quarter of last year. The branch was re-established eighteen months ago with a membership of twenty, and it now has 77 members, of whom only five are unfinancial.

A complaint was made about the manner in which the postal officials dump "Co-operators" at the railway station, instead of delivering them to the proper addresses. The secretary was instructed to endeavour to have the matter rectified.

BRANCH NOTICES.

NEWCASTLE (No. 10).

The fortnightly meeting (for Traffic) will be held at Beacham's Room, Fern-street, Islington, on Sunday, May 20th, at 10 a.m. sharp, and at the Trades Hall, Newcastle, on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Business very important.

PARKES.

The monthly meeting of this branch will be held in the Railway Institute, on Sunday, 20th inst., at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Members are urgently requested to attend. Special provision is being made for the comfort of members in the way of lounge chairs, etc.

COOTAMUNDRA.

The branch will meet at the Town Hall at 8 p.m. on the 26th inst.

AMALGAMATED EXECUTIVE

MONTHLY ALL-DAY MEETING.

The all-day meeting of the Executive of the "All Grades" was held at head office on Saturday last, President V. G. Kavanagh in the chair. Other members present were, Messrs. Smith, Armstrong, Davis, McDonald, Wallace, Hopkins, Roe, Clyne, Rogers, Evers, O'Regan and the general secretary.

An apology was received from Mr. Falvey, whose father died on the day previous (Friday). A vote of sympathy to Mr. Falvey and his family was carried, the members standing in their places.

The accounts (set out in another column) were passed for payment. The President reported that there were no further developments with regard to the proposed amalgamation with the A.W.U.

In reply to Mr. O'Regan the President stated that the matter would have to be submitted to a ballot of the financial members and the date for the taking of the ballot would have to be fixed by the Executive.

It was resolved that the new rules, passed at 1916 and 1917 Conferences, be reprinted in the "Co-operator" in order that members may cut them out and paste them in their rule books.

Mr. Smith reported that he had written to the State Attorney-General asking permission for the Association to hold an art union with the object of helping to pay off the debt upon the newspaper. The reply was to the effect that there was no precedent for allowing an art union in aid of a thing of that kind.

The President reported that no reply had been received from the department with reference to the representations made by the Association on the subject of the new punishment system. The general secretary was instructed to again write to the department on the subject.

Mr. Evers contended that the matter should not be allowed to drop. If they failed to get satisfaction from the department they should go to the Minister for Railways.

Mr. Smith suggested that the question of the Commissioner over-ruling the decisions of the Appeals Board might be dealt with at the same time. They might, he suggested, support the Officers' Association, which was making representations on the matter.

Ultimately it was decided to co-operate with the Officers' Association in the matter of the findings of the Appeals Board not being given effect to.

MUSWELLBROOK.

A meeting of this branch was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, the 12th, Mr. Watters in the chair.

A circular from H.O., re instructions for taking ballot, was read. The secretary stated that he had written for the number of ballot papers required, and would forward same to the collectors, with instructions according to circular, as soon as they came to hand. It was decided that all ballot papers be returned to the secretary, and that he will then forward them to Head Office.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Kearney, in connection with his candidature for the position of organiser, also one from Mr. A. Evers. All members present decided to support Mr. C. Thompson for the general secretaryship, and Messrs. Kearney and Denford as organisers.

A receipt was received from Head Office for £14/3/-, being branch

was discussed at some length. Mr. Hopkins brought the matter up and the general secretary explained the circumstances. It was stated that Mr. Campbell had personally seen the Secretary for Railways and had explained to him that the Amalgamated had nominated a candidate for the position, and Mr. Spurrway had promised to do what he could to rectify the matter. However, nothing was done in this direction.

The general secretary reported that Mr. Mullaney had been selected by the men concerned as representative on the Demarcation Board. The appointment was endorsed.

A letter was received from the Guards and Shunters' branch containing allegations against a branch official and asking the Executive to have an inquiry into the matter. The President, treasurer and general secretary were appointed to make an inquiry into the charges.

The case of porter Hill, who was put off doing his work, was discussed.

He claims five days' pay for the time he was off. The department, the general secretary said, had been communicated with and the reply was to the effect that both were temporary men; that the man put on Hill's place was married; and that the request could not be entertained.

Mr. Roe said there were other cases of a similar character and these, with Hill's case could be submitted to the consideration of the Commissioners by the deputation already referred to.

The general secretary read a draft statement concerning the attitude of the employees' representative on No. 3 (Traffic) Board, which was intended for publication. It was decided to hold the matter over for further consideration.

A letter from Mr. T. Godfrey, of the Newcastle, No. 10 branch, was read by the general secretary, respecting a proposal to establish a separate Traffic branch of the Association in Newcastle. The subject was discussed at some length, the general opinion being that a Traffic branch should be established at that centre. It was decided to ask Mr. Godfrey to convene a mass meeting of Newcastle traffic members and intending members for Sunday next; that President Kavanagh attend the meeting and that Messrs. Hopkins and Caneen be invited to be present, and that the President shall report the result at the next all-day Executive meeting.

A suggestion from Newcastle (per Mr. T. Godfrey) for the abolition of Wages Boards and the substitution of an agreement with the Commissioners was considered. The President pointed out that there were but few service boards outstanding at the present time. Under these awards all their men would be covered and the awards had a currency of three years. They could not at present make a move in this direction, but at the termination of the war they would have the right to have their claims reconsidered. It was resolved to inform Mr. Godfrey that the Executive is in sympathy with the proposal and that the matter will not be lost sight of.

On the question as to the re-admission into the Association of employees that left on the occasion of the loss of registration and were in arrears, it was decided to recommend that such men be allowed to re-enter on purchasing a yearly medal. The arrangement as regards payment for the medal it was decided to leave discretionary with the branches.

With regard to the margin judgment and No. 1 Board and the question of the attitude to be taken up by the employees' representative in the application for increases, it was decided that the general secretary shall confer with Mr. Hogan with a view to obtaining the best possible wages and conditions, and that a compromise be accepted only where it is deemed reasonable and satisfactory.

The case of Mr. Lockard, who was unsuccessful in obtaining the sum of 17/6, representing time lost on the Saturday and Sunday following the annual conference, was considered. The department, it appears, put another man in Mr. Lockard's place before he did not report for duty before noon on the Saturday. He having been granted leave on the Friday. It was decided to pay Mr. Lockard the sum claimed and, if possible, to induce the department to make good the amount.

The general secretary reported on the Clancy case in the terms set out in another column and it was decided to center with the other service unions with a view to arranging for a test case. The President and general secretary were deputed to carry out this decision.

Some outstanding differences between the management and employees of the East Greta Company were explained by the general secretary, and the matter was left in his hands for adjustment.

Messrs. McDonald and Roe reported having attended a meeting of the State Service Confederation, and President Kavanagh was appointed to represent the Association on that body.

It was resolved to ask the branches concerned in laying claims, before No. 2 Board to appoint representatives to confer with the President on the subject of claims.

Mr. Corish reported upon the work he did in connection with the Wages Boards during the absence of the

STAFF CHANGES

RAILWAYS.

Weed Ending April 28th.

LOCOMOTIVE BRANCH.

Appointments.

Call Boys: Noel Shellswell, Dubbo; John C. Wall, Eveleigh.

Fuelmen: William Harland, Victor Elliott, Walter Bates, John Keane, Hamilton.

Cleaners: Lewis A. Cox, Eveleigh.

Promotions.

Shop Boy to Cleaner: L. North, O. Travis, E. Allerton, Eveleigh.

Removals, Resigned or Left the Service.

Boilermakers' Helper: Maurice Hamilton, Eveleigh.

Car Builder: Oscar Neilson, Eveleigh.

Gasfitters' Apprentice: John Williams, Eveleigh.

Fuelmen: William Bristow (Horsely), Ernest Vessey, Eveleigh; David Brangrove, Goulburn.

Examiner: James Molloy, Narrandera.

Pumper: John Ensor, Penrith.

Drivers: Daniel Hannigan, Wellington; Thomas Woods, Eveleigh.

Fireman: Fredrich Abel, Nyngan.

Deceased.

Wagon Builder: William Blackwood, Eveleigh.

Boilermakers' Helpers: Alfred Stottell, Eveleigh; Joseph Seage, Bathurst.

Fitter: Robert Robinson, Eveleigh.

Fuelmen: James Clark, Eveleigh; Leslie Black, June.

Firefighter: Walter Dever, Hamilton.

Sand Burner: Leslie Pritchard, Hamilton.

Foreman's Clerk: W. Jarrett, Eveleigh.

Cleaners: Herbert Cheeseman, Penrith; James Heffer, Werris Creek.

Fireman: Horace Watts, Eveleigh.

Junior Clerks: John Cochrane, Parramatta; Hilton Unto, Penrith; Frederick Bence, District Superintendent's Office, Murrumbidgee.

Porters: Harold Hawke, Goulburn; William Wilcock, Trundle.

Junior Forgers: Royal Elliott, Narrandera; Robert Jones, Lakemba; John Hunter, Blacktown; Thomas Macadam, Fairfield; Ernest King, Hornsby.

Bundanoon: Cecil Turner, Demondrille; Lawrence Ingersole, Blackheath; Allan Lowe, Eskbank; Charles Kirk, June; Cecil Wood, Maryvale.

Gatekeepers: William Bond, Woolloomooloo; Annie Johnson, Molong.

Promotions.

Porters to Night Officers: Conrad Gehrig, Wallendbeen to Table Top; George Webster, June Lee Staff; Cyril Harding, Taree to Whittingham.

Porters to Clerks: William Hunt, Newcastle; Alexander Gow, Newcastle to Tighe's Hill.

Guards to Clerks: Edward Edgar, Alexander Irwin, William Standen, Newcastle to Berthing Master's Office; William Taylor, Murrumbidgee Relief Staff.

Porters to Shunters: Walter Lucie, Homebush; Thomas Hagon, Picton; Percy Cowling, Reginald King, Goulburn.

Night Overall: Reuben Perry, Newcastle Relief Staff.

Clerk: Floyd Finch, Gulgong.

Guard: Patrick O'Brien, Hornsby.

Shunter: James Kane, Waterfall.

Porters: Berthold Schmidt, A.C. Burns; Stanley Neilson, Sydney C.C. Sheels; Martha Shiel, Dubbo.

Junior Porter: Thomas McDonnell, Gosford.

Attendant: Christina Robertson, Falconbridge.

PERMANENT WAY BRANCH.

Appointments.

Fettlers: William B. Murray, Byrock-Brewarrina; William A. Jeffrey,

general secretary. The report appears elsewhere in this issue.

The subject of the election of general secretary and organisers was discussed. It was said that much dissatisfaction was expressed because a number of candidates who did not forward their consent in writing were excluded. Eventually it was resolved to recommend the Returning Officer (Mr. E. D. Campbell) to make fresh arrangements to allow the candidates an opportunity of making good their error. An official announcement appears on page one of this issue.

Robert Gunn, Bogan Gate-Tottenham; Joseph W. Short, William P. Fogarty, John T. Donnelly, Wellington-Nyngan; William T. Black, Nyngan-Cobar; William Fiddis, Nyngan-Bourke.

Promotions.

Ganger to Sub-Inspector: Patrick Burns, Bathurst.

Fettler to Ganger: Albert Lowe, Nyngan-Bourke.

Resigned or Left the Service.

Fettlers: John T. Bourke, Emu Plains-Raglan; John McIntosh, June-Hay; Arthur Attridge, Paul Sprich, Charles Knight, June-Albury.

ELECTRICAL BRANCH.

Removals.

Probationer: Frederick H. Lyons, June Junction.

STORE BRANCH.

Removals.

Ganger: Edward Harrington, Eveleigh.

Laborer: Edward Walsh, Eveleigh.

SIGNALING BRANCH.

Appointments.

Blacksmiths' Apprentice: George H. Brewer, Sydney.

Removals.

Fitters' Apprentice: Frederick Duffy, Sydney.

Electrical Fitters' Apprentice: Samuel J. Shorter, Sydney.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT'S BRANCH.

Appointments.

Clerks: Arthur V. Parr, Lawrence Wogan, Head Office.

THE STUDENTS' CORNER

The Economic Interpretation of History.

Edwin R. A. Seligman.

In his "Economic Interpretation of History," Edwin R. A. Seligman, Professor of Political Economy in the Columbia University, New York, says:

"Human life has thus far not been exempt from the inexorable law of nature, with its struggle for existence through natural selection. This struggle has assumed three forms. We first find the original struggle of group with group, which in modern times has become the contest of people with people, of nation with nation. Secondly, with the differentiation of population there came the rivalry of class with class: first of the sacerdotal class; later, of the moneyed interest with the landed interest; still later, of the labour class with one or all of the capitalist classes. Thirdly, we find within each class the competition of the individuals to gain the mastery in the class. These three forms of conflict are in the last resort all due to the pressure of life upon the means of subsistence; individual competition, class competition and race competition are all referable to the niggardliness of nature, to the inequality of human gifts, to the difference in social opportunity. Civilization indeed consists in the attempt to minimise the evils, while conserving the benefits of this hitherto inevitable conflict between material resources and human desires. As long, however, as this conflict endures, the primary explanation of human life must continue to be the economic explanation—the explanation of the adjustment of material resources to human desires. This adjustment may be modified by aesthetic, religious and moral, in short, by intellectual and spiritual forces; but, in its last resort, it still remains an adjustment of life to the wherewithal of life.

"When a more ideal economic adjustment is finally reached—that is, when science shall have given us a complete mastery over our means of production, when the growth of population shall be held in check by the purposive activity of the social group, when progress in the individual and the race shall be possible without any conflict except one for unselfish ends, and when the mass of the people shall live as do today its noblest members—then, indeed, the economic conditions will fall into the background, and will be completely overshadowed by the other social factors of progress. But until that period is reached, the economic conditions of the social group and of the mass of individuals must continue to retain their ascendancy."

These are the conclusions—or some of them—reached after an inquiry into the genesis and development of the theory of the materialistic or economic conception of history. Marx, of course, it was who first formulated the doctrine; than whom, says the writer of this work, there has been no more original, no more powerful, and no more acute intellect in the entire history of economic science.

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RAILWAY & TRAMWAY BOARDS

TRAMWAY No. 2 (ELECTRICAL) BOARD.

In the Industrial Court on Monday last, the general secretary of the "All Grades" applied for a variation of the Award of Government Tramways Group, No. 2 (Electrical) Board dated 25th January. The application covered the following groups of workers:

Storekeepers (or storemen), Tramway depot, Newcastle, 15/- per day; construction storekeeper, White Bay, 15/- per day; overhead lines department, gangers erecting electric poles, etc., 14/-; laborers erecting electric poles, etc., 13/-; stablemen at overhead lines depots, 12/-; stablemen in charge, 13/-.

Mr. J. S. Cargill (Solicitor for Railways) appeared for the Commissioners and Mr. A. C. Warton (Secretary of the Tramway Union) for that Union. His honor stated that it was a question whether or not the application was an attempt to reopen matters already dealt with by the Board. Mr. Thompson argued that some of the men claimed for were inadvertently omitted whilst others claimed for were left out of the Award without being heard. After considerable argument his honor stated the matter would be listed earlier than Monday next, 21st inst.

Mr. Thompson then asked for notice of the hearing being given so that his witnesses could obtain the necessary leave of absence from the department.

No. 4 BOARD.

ZARA STREET AND WHITE BAY.

On Wednesday last further consideration was given to the "All Grades" application to extend the award of Govt. Railways Group, No. 4 Board (Randwick Workshops and Ultimo Power) to Zara street and White Bay power houses and to tramway depots. Mr. J. S. Cargill appeared for the Railway Commissioners, and Mr. Conington, instructed by Mr. Claude Thompson and J. Atkins, for the employees.

Mr. Cargill announced that the Commissioners had agreed to the following provisions:

ENGINEMEN: Engine men at White Bay and Zara street power houses to be paid the rate prescribed by the said Board Award, dated 25th August, 1916, that is to say, 11/10. The Commissioners further agree to make this rate applicable as from the date of the Award.

FIREMEN: Firemen at White Bay and Zara-street power houses to be paid the rate fixed by the order of the court, 25th March, 1917. In the event of the court antedating the order (which antedating the Commissioners will oppose), the increased rates will be paid firemen at White Bay and Zara-street as from the same date as may be fixed for firemen at Ultimo power house.

BOILER CLEANERS: It appears that trimmers at Zara-street and White Bay and none at Zara-street. These men are to receive the award rates as from the 25th August, 1916, viz.: 11/4, and the higher rates fixed by the order of the court as from the date of the said order.

COAL TRIMMERS: Coal trimmers at White Bay and Zara street power house to be paid as from the date of the order of the court; should such order be antedated in the case of the coal trimmers at Ultimo, the coal trimmers at Zara-street and White Bay will be paid as from that date.

TRAVERSERS DRIVERS: Traverser drivers at White Bay and Zara-street power houses to be paid the rates fixed by the order of the court; as from that date. In the event of the said order being antedated they will be paid as from such date as may be fixed by the court.

The Commissioners would come to no agreement as regards the following classes of workers: Ashtrimmers at White Bay (it appears there are no ashtrimmers at Zara-street); washout men in the Tramway Traffic depots. These matters are being fought out before the Board.

The chairman of the Board (Mr. Chas. Hibble) stated that the Board had no power to antedate a variation, but Mr. Cargill, on behalf of the Commissioners, undertook that the rates should be paid as from the dates mentioned.

The advocates then proceeded to address the Board on the evidence given in support of the claims for the inclusion of ashtrimmers and washout men in the award. It is expected that the decision of the Board will be made known within a couple of weeks.

C. AND W. EXAMINERS.