

**LABOR NEWS**  
From Coast to Coast

**MINIMUM WAGE FOR LABORERS**  
Mr. Peter Heenan, Labor Member For Kenora, Has Bill Under Review.

TORONTO.—Legislation providing for a minimum wage in the lumbering and pulp and paper industry will be one of the demands put forward by the Labor group of the Ontario Legislature next session. Though the calling of the next session is eight months away, Peter Heenan, Labor member for Kenora, is already busy upon the framing of the bill with a view to starting in early in building up support for it.

**GEN. SMUTS DEFENDS LEAGUE OF NATIONS**  
Only Hope of Human Race is Association of Nations.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa.—In a speech in the assembly last week General Jan-Christiaan Smuts, Premier of the Union of South Africa, warmly defended the League of Nations making an earnest plea that the league be given chance to show what it could do for the world. "Do not let us fight the League of Nations," said Premier Smuts, "but let us fight the supreme council, which may be wrong."

**RECONSTRUCTION OF FRENCH WAR AREAS**  
Mr. Briand Now Favours Employment of Germans.

PARIS, France.—The Committee of Action of the Devastated Regions has had an interview with Aristide Briand respecting the reconstruction, elaborated by the Confederation Generale du Travail. According to a statement made by the committee, Mr. Briand expressed himself favorable to an immediate trial of employment of German labor. In what is known as "the red zone," that is the districts where the destruction is most complete.

**PEACE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSET**  
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**BUSINESS WOMEN URGED TO ASSIST IN REDUCTION OF 60-HR. WEEK.**  
TORONTO.—At luncheon at the Canadian Business Women's Club recently, Mrs. Horace Parsons, a member of the Minimum Wage Board, gave a very interesting talk, tracing the history of the minimum wage act back to 1894, when the first act was passed in Australia. Mrs. Parsons paid a tribute to the business women of Toronto and denounced the employer who "steals the productivity and effectiveness of an underpaid employee. She urged the business women to do all within their power toward the amendment of the Sixty-hour Act, under which a girl can be compelled to work 69 hours a week. The president of the club, Miss Mary McMahon, presided.

**SIX POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE A. F. OF L.**  
Annual Convention of Great Labor Body To Be Held At Denver, Col.

WASHINGTON.—As usual, Samuel Gompers has his programme ready for the coming annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which is to be held in Denver, Colorado. He has already made known the six major points for which organized Labor is contending. These are accepted by the element of the leadership of Labor which is loyal to Mr. Gompers, and although there has been a movement on foot to combine the disaffected under the leadership of John L. Lewis, the United Mine Workers, it is believed that the main body of organized Labor is sufficiently conservative and well enough organized to elect Mr. Gompers again to the post that he has held for so long.

**NO REDUCTION PROPOSED TO TELEGRAPHERS YET.**  
TORONTO.—Chairman William Storey of the Commercial Telegraphers' Association of America, C.P.R. division, stated last night that there had been no suggestion to C.P.R. telegraphers from the company of any wage reductions.

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MANCHESTER, Eng.—Speaking at a luncheon at the Peace Palace, The Hague, Lord Lee of Frobisher, who was visiting the ship canal, Lord Lee, Secretary of the Admiralty, referred to the statement in April of the Japanese minister of war, Gen. Hirota, that Japan's willingness to join in restricting armaments. This was a momentous utterance, he said, which emboldened the growing need of all nations today, namely, a conference at which this grave question could be discussed.

**BOARD TO ORDER RETAIL CLERKS MINIMUM WAGE**  
Ontario Minimum Wage Board to Soon Set Minimum For Many Workers.

TORONTO.—The laundry regulations into effect in Toronto by the Minimum Wage Board of Ontario are to be extended to cover the whole province, according to an intimation given by Prof. J. W. MacMillan, chairman of the board to Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor. The regulations, which provided a minimum wage of \$12 a week for laundry workers, were applied first to Toronto, and the interval given laundry owners in other parts of the province to bring them having expired, the order extending the regulations is to be issued.

**CHATHAM LABOR CONDITIONS PLEASE LABOR DEPT. OFFICIAL.**  
CHATHAM.—T. A. Stevenson, of the Department of Labor of Ottawa, was in the city recently investigating the industrial conditions. He was particularly interested in the investigation of the Chatham relations committee, and it is understood, was well pleased with all of the conditions which he found in Chatham.

**TRIPLE ALLIANCE FAILURE NOT DUE TO "BLACK TREACHERY" OF ITS OFFICIALS**  
The Transport Workers Are the Weak Link in Alliance and the 17 Branches Are Not Yet Solidified—Structure Being Re-constructed.

LONDON, England.—The failure of the Triple Alliance to function when, in the opinion of the miners, it was most vitally needed, continues to be the most absorbing topic in Labor circles, and, when the coal dispute has been settled, there is certain to be much bitter controversy as to the reasons for calling off the sympathetic strike by the railwaymen and the transport workers almost at the last moment.

**THE LARGEST FIRM IN THE WORLD.**  
By "D. R." in the Herald, London, Eng.  
The tea was good. The stove gave out all the warmth in the world. The damped brickwork of the railway arch was spotted in its whiteness. The benches and tables were scrubbed smooth and clean and pure—the whole coffee stall was pure.

**Nine More Years of Life**  
How the Typographical Union Looks Upon the Forty-four-Hour Week.

By Clark B. Hicks, President Denver Typographical Union, No. 48.  
A portion of the book and job employing printers of the United States and Canada are much excited over the inauguration of the 44-hour week by the printing trades unions. As always, they are referring to the expected reduction in hours as an "economic crime," a criminal curtailment of production. According to the annual report of Secretary of the International Typographical Union, the average age of those members who died last year was 53.17 years. Under the laws of the union only those who have attained the age of 51 years are eligible to membership. The "expectancy" then, of the 21-year-old printer is but 32.17 years of life.

**HAMILTON CONTROLLER DECLARES AGAINST WAGE CUT.**  
HAMILTON.—Employers who attempt to cut wages were criticized by Controller O'Heir last week when he said there was no justification for such action, since labor had substantially increased its productivity.

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**A. F. of L. To Launch Organization Drive**  
WASHINGTON.—The American Federation of Labor is about to launch an intensive organizing campaign. President Samuel Gompers announced last week, in a statement which said that "the message of trades unionists will be carried to every corner of the continent to the limit of our power."

**BUILDING COSTS REDUCED 20 P.C. IN CT. BRITAIN**  
Housing Policy of British Government Indicates a Second Housing Scheme.

LONDON, Eng.—The Minister of Health in a statement on the future policy of the Government with regard to housing made to a deputation from the Association of Municipal Corporations indicated that the Government would be prepared to consider a second housing scheme which the existing scheme had been carried through to completion. He also stated that where local authorities had entered into commitments with the Government, the Ministry, but had been unable to complete their schemes within the prescribed time owing to such difficulties as the shortage of labor and material, arrangements would be made for extending the payment of the subsidy.

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**OTAWA TRADE UNIONS RESIST OPEN SHOPPERS**  
Building Trades Council and Allied Trades Will Co-Operate in Movement.

OTTAWA.—It was decided at a special meeting of the Ottawa Building Trades Council, held Monday night, at 115 Sparks street, that the council would co-operate fully with the Allied Trades and Labor Association in the efforts to resist wage reduction and fight against the open shop movement, insisted on by the employers of the city.

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