

Labor News From Coast to Coast

Our Overseas Column

Labor Party Candidate Defeated

London.—W. W. Wiggins, the Liberal candidate, defeated W. J. Tout, ex-M.P., Labor candidate in the Oldham by-election, polling 26,325 votes. Tout polled 21,702 votes.

Britain Gets Russian Trade

London.—Christian Rakovsky, Soviet Envoy, who has returned to Lodon from Moscow, is said by the English papers to have brought Russian orders for British firms amounting to £15,000,000 or about \$72,500,000. About two-thirds are for agricultural and manufacturing machinery and machine tools, and the remainder for raw materials, including petroleum.

Anglo-Japanese Relations Friendly

London, Eng.—Anglo-Japanese relations are the best, according to Prince Chichibu, second son of the Japanese emperor, who arrived in England recently to attend Oxford University. The young prince referred to the co-operation of British and Japanese during the Chinese strike troubles and said his presence in England was itself an indication of the closeness of the bond between the two countries.

Relief Fund for Needy Scots

Glasgow, Scotland.—A relief fund for the homeless of a hundred tenements destroyed in Glasgow's \$5,000,000 fire was started recently, while firemen still were combating the flames.

The fire was under control after destroying Kelvin Hall, the exhibition buildings, the Free Presbyterian college and church. The latter edifice was a copy of the famous Rheims cathedral and damage to it alone was \$1,990,000.

"Sunday Worker" Is Attacked

Glasgow.—The British Fascists have begun to make their long-threatened attacks on the Sunday Worker. The distributing office of the paper in Hope street, Glasgow, was broken into and all books and files relating to the Sunday Worker were stolen. Papers were destroyed by pouring red ink over them. A banner was soaked in black ink—the favorite color of all good Fascists, who dream some day of becoming infant Mussolini's wearing a black shirt and a terrible frown.

Stress Importance of N.S. Strike

Vancouver, B.C.—The Vancouver local of the Street Railwaymen's Union, decided that instead of sending delegates to their international convention in Montreal, and to the Trades Congress of Canada, assistance should be given the Nova Scotia miners. Whilst realizing the importance of these annual gatherings of workers, yet, they deemed the miners' strike of greater importance. This local has already sent \$600 to the striking miners.

At the semi-annual election of officers for this local, which was held on June 5th, the chief office, that of Financial Secretary and Business Agent, resulted in a tie. Angus MacInnis, present holder of the office, and W. H. Cottrell receiving 257 votes each.

Wants a Uniform Tariff

Montreal, Que.—A uniform ad valorem rate of duty of 35 per cent, on everything coming into Canada was advocated by Frank P. Jones, president of the Canada Cement Company, as a substitution for the present tariff scheme of "anywhere from nothing to 70 per cent."

Mr. Jones declared such a system would reduce the cost of living in Canada more than 10 per cent, would increase the revenue from customs by \$120,000,000 per year, would do away with the sales tax costing the people \$250,000,000 annually and would employ more labor and develop the country.

Many Strikes in Ireland

Late advices state that there are half a dozen minor strikes at Dublin—electricians, motor drivers, carters, grocers' assistants are very militant, and the pickets are in constant conflict with the police. The assistants are fighting to raise the wages of women workers, who are badly paid.

Siberian Timber for Japan

The Moscow papers note the great interest shown in the contract between the Suzuki firm and the "Dallies" (Far Eastern timber syndicate) by the Japanese papers, of which several predict that Siberian timber will soon out the American product from the Japanese market.

British Unions Add to Their Numbers

British trade unions have increased their membership since 1923, by 1,900,000, according to figures made public in Washington by the North American agency of the international labor office of Geneva, Switzerland. There are some 1135 trade union organizations in Great Britain, with a total membership of 5,461,000.

Land Reverts To Soviet

Tokio, Japan.—The transfer of Northern Saghalien from Japan to the Soviet government of Russia was completed with the signing of protocols and the opening of a Russian consulate at Alexandrovsk.

Italian Defence Act

Rome, Italy.—A new national defence act is being prepared by the Italian Government, local newspapers assert. Its reported provisions include the death penalty for those who destroy military materials, railroads or postal installations and those who enroll in armed bands that operate against the security of the State.

Industry Paralyzed

Danish industries have now been completely paralyzed with the calling of a general strike of the transport workers. Nearly two months ago 50,000 workers were locked out when they refused to accept a 10 per cent cut in the face of their demand for higher wages to meet the cost of living. The total workers now idle number over 300,000. The Norwegian Transport Workers have called a sympathetic strike to prevent Danish shipping from being transferred to Norwegian ports.

Typo Union Hold Conference

Windsor, Ont.—James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, was presented with a large Union Jack from the Ontario and Quebec conference of typographical unions. By adopting a report submitted by the executive of the conference asked that the Federal Government place a customs duty of ten cents a pound on magazines and periodicals coming into Canada from the United States.

J. A. Hayden, of Ottawa, was re-elected president of the conference, and H. S. Bentley, of Hamilton, who has acted as secretary-treasurer for the past year was moved up to the position of vice-president. A. H. Wheatley of London, was named secretary-treasurer.

St. Catharines was chosen as a meeting place for 1926.

William Jeffries of Windsor, was elected president of the Provincial Council of Carpenters of Ontario, succeeding A. Exton, of Kitchener. John Fisher, Kingston; was elected first vice-president; Fred Hawes, Hamilton, second vice-president; Geo. Reubury, Niagara Falls, third vice-president; Tennyson Jackson, Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

Bellefleur was chosen as the meeting place for 1926.

Many Accidents

Toronto, Ont.—In the last four years there have been approximately 250,000 accidents in the province of Ontario alone. Throughout the entire Dominion the total accidents in four years are almost as serious as the world war casualties.

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Winnipeg T. and L. Council Meet

Winnipeg, Man.—Decision to appeal to all International Union locals in the city and province for a weekly contribution toward the relief of the striking miners of Nova Scotia was made at a recent meeting of the Trades and Labor Council here.

The feeling that the situation was serious; that the strike would be long drawn out, and that new sources of finance should be explored, was voiced by a number of delegates.

Delegate Neil Crowe, who congratulated the relief committee of the council on the results of its house to house canvass of the city, suggested that the council should organize a carnival, the proceeds of which should go to the miners' relief fund. "A carnival is a more successful method of extracting money from people than knocking at a door," he said.

Other delegates stressed the value of a personal canvass if members of the unions could be found to carry it through.

Toronto Cloak Workers on Strike

Toronto, Ont.—The Royal and Continental Cloak Company, recently broke its agreement with the Toronto Cloak Joint Board and locked out its one hundred workers.

The Royal firm was a member of the Toronto Cloak Manufacturers' Association which only a few months ago had signed an agreement with the Union. This firm, however, has continually violated its pact with the workers' organization and it broke away completely from the association and locked out its workers. The union forthwith replied with a strike.

Leaf Factory for Chatham

Chatham, Ont.—Final arrangements were completed for the establishment of a tobacco leaf factory in this city, the negotiations for the purchase of the building, later used by the Gray Dorr Motors, being announced as finished. The purchase of the property means a new industry for Chatham.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

The benefits awarded under the Workmen's Compensation Act during the half year ending June 30 amounted to \$2,731,191.96, as compared with \$3,092,998.62 during the corresponding half of the year 1924. The compensation for the half year amounted to \$2,315,211.60, and the medical aid to \$415,980.36.

Iron Workers End Strike

Cónshocken, Pa.—At a final meeting of the men of the east mill of the

Schuykill Iron Works, the majority of those present decided to return to work. The men have been out on strike for three months, claiming that they could not work for the wages paid after the mill had been modernized by new machinery.

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