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COMPLETE REPORT DOMINION TRADES CONGRESS CONVENTION AT HAMILTON SUBMITTED BY DELEGATE HARRY CLARK

Representative of Edmonton Trades Unions Deals With Daily Routine of Business of Convention In Thorough and Appreciable Manner—Much Business Transacted

Monday, Sept. 22nd, Morning Session
Convention opened by Alderman O'Hara, resident of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council. There were also present several Labor aldermen of Hamilton with credentials. In fact, there are in that city, five Labor aldermen, two Labor controllers and also two Labor members on the school board. The Convention hall was in the Royal Connaught, the million dollar hotel of Hamilton. The mayor of the city made some remarks, as also did Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario. Both welcomed the delegates and expressed surprise at seeing such a large representation. The premier further remarked that he had just come from a splendid gathering of Labor at Ottawa. The premier was followed by the minister of Labor who was very loudly acclaimed. During his remarks, he emphasized that the Trades Congress should be in the Trades' Congress and that body was the one that was recognized by the government as the mouthpiece of organized Labor. He thought further, that the conference held in Ottawa, was sure to result in good, for he had been told by members of the Conference, other than Labor, that Labor members put it all over them in debate.

Miss Pauline Newman, fraternal delegate of the National Women's Trade Union League, and Samuel Griggs, fraternal delegate of the American Federation of Labor were introduced. These delegates addressed the Congress later. Tom Moore then took the chair and called the Convention to order. Your delegate presented a police resolution and also one regarding pooling of expenses. The former was referred to the Resolution Committee, the latter to the Constitution and Laws Committee. The resolution on Union Labels, from the local here, was referred to Union Label Committee. Business started with the subject of the report as follows:

Resolution 44 was taken up, which deals with Home Rule for Ireland. The Resolution Committee redrafted this to the effect that Ireland have the same kind of government as Canada, Australia or other colonies. This caused a great deal of discussion, several of the delegates thinking it no place for such a question. After some heat, the Committee's report was adopted.

Resolution 52, which dealt with democracy towards defuncts and deserters.

RIGHT TO STRIKE WILL BE TESTED IN WISCONSIN

Webster Electric Co. Enters Suit Against Striking Employees to Recover Damages

A trial which involves the right of unions to strike and what damages can be collected for so doing is to be tested in the courts at Racine, Wis. Last spring Machinists' union No. 437 demanded recognition, higher wages and shorter hours, and when the Webster Electric company refused to meet these demands the union machinists in the company's employ struck. Since then the union has continued the fight in the ordinary way. The company has entered suit against the union and filed a statement that "it desires to recover damages against the defendants by reason of a wrongful and unlawful scheme, combination and conspiracy entered into by them for the purpose of doing injury to the plaintiff's property and injuring and destroying its business by threatening and intimidating its employees and coercing them by force and violence and unlawful means to leave the plaintiff's employ. That due to this the products of the plaintiff's factory have been reduced and its profits diminished."

CLERGYMEN URGED TO STRIKE UNLESS GIVEN HIGHER WAGE

A nation-wide strike of Baptist clergymen, unless they are granted higher salaries, was advocated in a statement issued at New York City by Charles A. McAlpine, a member of the national committee of Northern Baptist laymen. "If I were still a pastor and my salary was not more than \$800 per annum, which is the amount received by the average clergyman in our denomination, I'd organize a union of ministers," said Mr. McAlpine, who predicted there would be a shortage of clergymen soon unless ministers are better compensated than "milkmen, window cleaners and day laborers."

was turned down flat, but not until several delegates expressed themselves as favorable to the resolution, they claiming that Congress had gone on record as being against conscription of life until wealth was equally conscripted.

Afternoon Session.
Resolution 58 was heartily concurred in. It being a resolution calling the government's attention to provide a covering for men engaged on repairs to cars and trucks on the railroads.

Resolution 56, regarding organizing Asiatic workers was re-drafted so as to co-operate with Internationals throughout Canada with that view.

Resolution 46 with regard to air hammers being used by stone cutters. This was amended.

Resolution 26, from Moose Jaw, with regard to doing away with property qualifications, was concurred in, although some thought more qualifications should be added.

The Rules and Order Committee then reported that the hours of session be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and in the event of evening sessions, from 8 p.m. until adjournment. No member to speak more than five minutes and that Cushing's manual govern. This was carried.

Tuesday, Morning Session.

The President's report, by clauses, was first taken. These were:
First—Orders in Council, under which came:
(a) Restrictions as to use of enemy language;

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PRES. M'CREATH ATTENDS MEETING OF LOCAL BAKERS

Bakers' Organization One of Most Progressive Unions in City; Is Organized 100 Per Cent.

President Robert McCreath of the Trades and Labor Council was present at the regular meeting of the Bakers' Local No. 276, on Saturday evening last, and addressed the members on the subject of the Labor Movement in general and the work of the local Trades' Council in particular.

Brother McCreath's presence at the meeting was greatly appreciated by the members present and his remarks were listened to with keen interest.

The Bakers' organization is one of the newer Edmonton Unions and the first installation of officers took place on Saturday, President McCreath conducting the ceremony. Mr. G. Shaw is president of the local, W. H. Hunt, vice-president and secretary, while Wm. Anton fills the post of financial secretary. The trustees are G. Lindsay and C. Charbonneau.

The Bakers who have a 100 per cent organization can be counted upon to take their place among the most progressive unions in the city.

THREE SOCIALIST CONVENTIONS AT CHICAGO RECENTLY

Labor In Order To Be Successful Should Be United in One Strong Trade Union Movement

Within the last few weeks three distinct and separate wings of the Socialists have met in convention in the City of Chicago, that is the Socialist Labor Party, the left wing of the Socialist Party, and the extreme radical left wing of the Socialist Party. They declare themselves—The Socialist Labor Party, The Socialist Communist Party, and The Socialist Communist Labor Party.

We have not the slightest objection to their meeting and splitting into as many wings as they please, or all joining one Socialist Party. We maintain, however, that it is neither advantageous nor helpful to the strictly constructive trade union movement to in any way ally itself with these radical, revolutionary political parties that can not agree among themselves. Labor then in the purely economic field, in order to be entirely successful, must be united in one strong, compact, constructive trade union movement.—Cigar Makers' Journal.

A married man says the easiest way to manage a wife is to let her have her own way.

STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES GET NEW AGREEMENT

The Street and Electric Railway Employees division at St. John, N.B. negotiated a new agreement with the Railway Company that provides for a nine-hour day. Wages are fixed at 39 cents per hour for the first six months; 41 cents for the second; 43 cents for the third year, and 45 cents thereafter, with 4 cents added for all Sunday work. Since the formation of the union wages of the workers have been doubled and hours materially reduced.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION HOLDS BUSY MEETING

Joint Scale Negotiations of Alberta Unions With Employers Held Up For Further Discussion

Regular meeting of this union was held Saturday, the 4th inst., in the Trades' Hall, President McCreath in the chair, with a fair attendance of members.

The apprentice committee reported that they had made good progress with a campaign for the coming winter months and had formed the apprentices into a society with their own officers and an educational campaign would be proceeded with. They also proposed to form a library for the benefit of the apprentices, and the union, on their request, decided to pay the subscription fee of the Inland Printer for this purpose. Perhaps some other good person will help with the library towards the instruction of the apprentices and may be the employers will be pleased to contribute in this regard.

Recording Secretary A. J. Healey was chosen as correspondent to this paper on behalf of the union.

The G.W.V.A. campaign committee wrote asking for a delegate from this body and A. J. Healey was chosen for this duty.

A letter was received from the Union Printers' Home, stating that the U.S. government had imposed a head tax of \$8.00 on all aliens going over the border, and as Canadian members going to the home were subject to this tax it was well for the members to be prepared for its collection when en route as in the meantime no other arrangements had been perfected. President McCreath was instructed to take this matter up with the Western Canada Conference of Typographical Unions and the Ontario Conference of Typographical Unions, to the end that the Canadian membership may take combined action to have the International protect its Canadian members in this matter.

Orville Palmer, an apprentice member and an original member of the 49th Battalion, having completed his term of apprenticeship and been declared well skilled in the craft, was elected to full membership and duly obligated.

Financial Secretary Knott reported that the joint scale negotiations of the Alberta unions with the employers of the province had been held up to allow the employers a further period to discuss the matter together, but he expected a call to assemble in Calgary in the very near future for the proposed convention of the employers and representatives of the unions of the province.

Delegates reported no meeting of the Allied Trades' Council. Protests were made and a proposal to suspend our per capita tax to this body until some progress was made was laid over for one month. George Campbell was elected as a third delegate to this council from No. 604.

President McCreath gave a condensed report of the doings of the Trades and Labor Council and also included a financial statement with the information that the per capita tax would probably be reduced in the very near future.

The attention of the Sanitation Committee was directed to several matters in the interests of the health of the members.

The executive committee were instructed to complete the Honor Roll and also to suitably protect the Service Flag.

A committee of five—Messrs. Britton, Jones, Bowling, Griffiths, and Hawkins, were chosen to consider the advisability of forming a Social Club for the coming winter months.

Adjournment was taken at an early hour.

ALTERATIONS ARE BEING MADE TO LABOR HALLS

Unions who have been meeting in the Labor halls have been disturbed somewhat with the noise of the street below. That objection will not prevail for long now as men were at work this week on alterations to the windows that will guarantee more quiet in the halls, especially the large meeting room where the noise has been very objectionable.

The high prices prevailing are demoralizing the people. The high cost of living is the greatest evil inflicted upon our people in the last decade.

NEWS OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

CIVIC SERVICE UNION No. 52

A. Gordon Reid is spending a well-earned vacation at Jasper Park.

J. Sandilands is back on the job again. A cut with an axe sometimes cuts into the pay cheque.

J. Hilliers broke a small bone in his foot at the carnival last week. Something is always taking the joy out of life.

Last spring Jim Bowden and W. R. E. Neal purchased some egg-speckled Sussex, for hatching. Neal agreed to tend to the hatching and sub-let the job to several of his hens. The regular hen's agreement was adopted—34 hours a day and a 21-day job. This was truly and faithfully kept, and resulted in a good hatch. A division of the young chicks has been made, but Jim is brooding over the result of his share. He has one pullet and the balance are cockerels, while Neal is crowing over the large number of pullets he has.

FIRE FIGHTERS

Members of Local 209 Fire Fighters, take note that the next regular meeting of the Local will be held on Wednesday, October 15th. The president expects that a full muster of No. 2 Platoon will answer the roll call. Business that affects every member is on the agenda; no second alarm is necessary.

Joy bells were ringing at the home of Captain McLellan on Saturday morning, the rejoicing being on the occasion of the arrival of a daughter.

The boys of No. 1 Hall sprang a surprise on Lieut. Donald Forbes on Thursday the 2nd inst., by presenting him with an eight-day mantle clock, on the occasion of his return from his honeymoon trip. Captain McLellan, in a witty speech, made the presentation, to which Donald replied with a few well-chosen words. The boys wish Donald and his bride all happiness and sincerity in hope that their only trouble will be little ones.

The members of No. 2 Platoon in No. 1 Hall regret that their comrade Jack Elliott is unable to return from the East and take his place among them. Jack was called East to Markdale, Ont., on the death of his mother, and circumstances are such that he is compelled to stay back home and manage his aged father's business.

TEAMSTERS

Teamsters' Union Local No. 514 held their regular meeting in the Trades and Labor Hall last Monday evening. This union which was only organizing when the general sympathetic strike was on, is again organizing its ranks and during the past month have reinstated many old members who were in arrears, and initiated a large number of new members.

The general strike has been the means of awakening this branch of workers, like all others, to their need of organizing for their mutual welfare. An invitation is hereby cordially extended to all not yet members and who are entitled to membership as chauffeurs, teamsters, stablemen and helpers to attend our next regular meeting in the Trades and Labor Hall on Monday, October 20th at 8 p.m.

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Says Many New Affiliations Are Coming to the Alberta Federation

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MOVIE WORKERS OUT ON STRIKE AT LOS ANGELES

Four hundred and fifty stage electricians, carpenters, operators and technical directors, members of the International Alliance of Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators, are on strike at Los Angeles demanding recognition of their union and a wage increase of approximately \$1 a day. Several of the studios have already agreed to the demands and others are expected to fall in line.

BARBERS WILL NOT ADMIT WOMEN TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP

Convention At Buffalo Refused to Submit to Referendum Vote an Amendment to Constitution

The convention of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union recently held at Buffalo voted not to submit to a referendum vote an amendment to the constitution which would permit women to become members of the union.

The opposition came largely from the New England and southern states. It was stated that in Seattle, Chicago and other cities where women are becoming a competing factor with the men, some action will be necessary. In Seattle the Central Labor Council issued cards to the women's shops, but it was hoped the international union would take steps to grant them the regular shop cards of the union. In Portland, Ore., the Central Labor Council, some weeks ago, assured the lady barbers they would be organized and recognized by the labor movement, if not by the Barbers' International Union, then by some action of the local central body.

There were more than 760 delegates present from the United States and Canada. Next to the proposal to admit women to membership, the amendment proposing to continue as members those who became employers brought out the warmest debate. This was also defeated. The present plan compels members becoming employers to take out withdrawal cards. Those seeking to change this feature want members who become shop owners to be able to continue membership and retain their benefits but with no voice or vote in union affairs.

The convention increased the per capita tax from 40 cents per month and increased the weekly sick benefits from \$5 to \$8. The next convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., in 1924.

The address before the convention by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor was pronounced a masterpiece by the delegates. Morrison briefly reviewed the history of organized labor and interpreted the aims and expressions of labor today.

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TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL HEAR REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE AND TRADES CONGRESS CONVENTION

Three New Unions Making Applications For Affiliation With Trades and Labor Council—Bakers' Union a 100 Per Cent Organization

Two splendid reports were presented to the Trades and Labor Council on Monday evening, when Henry Bishop reported on the proceedings of the National Conference on Industrial Relations and Harry Clark gave a detailed report of the Trades Congress Convention in Hamilton.

A synopsis of Mr. Bishop's report appeared in the Free Press last week and Mr. Clark's report is given in full in this issue. Mr. Bishop emphasized the fact that in discussing the subjects before the conference the representatives of the employers always put money before humanity, the human element being at all times a secondary consideration. The delegates gave Mr. Bishop a fine reception and his presence at the meeting was especially appreciated from the fact that he was under no obligation to report to the Council.

Walter Smitten, secretary of the Alberta Federation of Labor and John Loughlan, representing the miners on the coal commission, both addressed the council briefly on the work of that body, and urged Labor men to give evidence before the commission as to the price of coal and the keeping qualities of the Edmonton product.

A communication was read from the local Great War Veterans' Association, requesting the council to file a stand on the bonus question. The council executive recommended the endorsement of the soldiers' demands and in response to an invitation President McCreath or Delegate Geary will act on the Veterans' Committee.

A communication from Winnipeg revealed the fact that \$200 had been sent by Edmonton unions to the strikers defense committee. A letter requesting the council to be represented at the educational conference in Winnipeg was ordered filed. A circular from Toledo, Ohio, regarding the strike at the Overland works was ordered to be posted in the halls.

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A.F. OF L. HISTORY REFERENCE BOOK IS PUBLISHED

Said To Be Greatest Labor Work Ever Published—Every Local Union Should Have One

A history, encyclopedia and reference book of the American Federation of Labor has been compiled and is now ready for distribution. It is said to be the greatest labor work ever published. Every local union and every trade unionist should have a copy. Orders for the book may be sent to Frank Morrison, A.F. of L. Bldg., Washington, D.C. The price is \$2 net.

Extracts from the "Foreword" of the history, which explains the remarkable features of the book: "It was believed the membership would welcome a publication that would give in as concise form as possible every important proposition acted on by the conventions. To that end the many questions considered in the thirty-eight sessions of the Federation have been compiled and published in encyclopedia form.

"While each subject is briefly treated the intention has been not to omit anything that would prevent a thorough understanding of every principle. The rule followed was to use the official language of the conventions. The belief was that it should be an American Federation of Labor book, not the work of any individual or group of individuals. The real authors are the delegates to conventions, extracts from whose resolutions and speeches are printed literally but in condensed form. It is the American Federation of Labor officially talking to you as you read, not an individual author. Every delegate who presented a proposition, discussed any issue or in any way left the impress of his thoughts on the trade union movement will recognize the result of his work in the book.

"Interesting information for everybody also is published. Tables of weights and measures, perpetual calendars, statutes of different states and a thousand and one other subjects that all together go to make up the most complete labor history in existence. And the great idea is that it is the American Federation of Labor speaking in its own language to the reader."

Samuel Gompers, President. Frank Morrison, Secretary.

BRITISH WORKMEN HONOR AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE

J. J. Hynes, fraternal delegate from the American Federation of Labor to the British Trade Union Congress in Glasgow, has received from representatives of the British workmen a handsome gold congress badge. Mrs. Hynes, who accompanied her husband, was presented at the same time with a gold pendant and chain.

Before adjournment the congress appointed John William Ogden and Jack Jones, member of parliament from the Limehouse district of London, as fraternal delegates to attend the next meeting of American Federation of Labor.

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ENGLAND'S GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED

Result of Long Conference Between Union Leaders and Government Representatives

The great railway strike in England came to an end Sunday, with the announcement that a settlement had been reached and the strikers would return to work as quickly as possible.

The settlement was the result of a long conference between the trade union delegation, including representatives of the railwaymen's union, Premier Lloyd George and Andrew Bonar Law. Prior to this there was a cabinet meeting. The terms of the settlement, it is said, are in the nature of a compromise.

It is conceded on all sides that the settlement is the outcome of the efforts of the executive of the transport workers' federation and men like Arthur Henderson and John R. Clynes, who throughout have been opposed to the idea of a sympathetic strike until every possible avenue of mediation has been explored.

The official terms of settlement are as follows:
First—Work shall be resumed immediately.
Second—Negotiations will be resumed on the understanding that they shall be completed before the end of the year.

Third—Wages will be stabilized at the present level until September 30, 1920, and at any time after August 1st they may be reviewed in the light of circumstances then existing.

Fourth—No adult railwayman in Great Britain shall receive less than 51 shillings per week, while the cost of living is 110 per cent. above the pre-war level.

Fifth—The railway union agrees that their men will work harmoniously with the men who returned to work or who remained at work during the strike. Nor shall there be any victimization of strikers.

Sixth—Arrears of wages will be paid on resumption of work.

All that is needed is closer organization and co-operation, and a sane, conservative use of our power, and we will accomplish our ends peacefully.