

ONTARIO LABOR PLEDGES ITSELF TO GO ON OR GO UNDER

Co-operation Between Labor Leaders and Dominion War Cabinet Gives Just Ground For Optimism; Conference at Toronto

By Courier Leased Wire
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Important results are likely to follow the conference between the Dominion war cabinet and representatives of labor organizations which will be resumed tomorrow. The preliminary conference, which adjourned last Friday, was not a success, Ontario and Quebec delegates. Labor men will continue from all the provinces with suggestions as to the best means of dealing with the problems of labor shortage with which is closely associated the pressing need of increased production if the situation in Great Britain and allied countries is to be relieved.

In Government circles a feeling of optimism prevails as to the success of the deliberations with labor. Ministers say that at the first conference the labor men left no room for doubt as to their determination and desire to give their support to the war aims of the Government. No doubt is expressed as to the willingness of Canadian workers to follow the example of trades unionists in Great Britain declaring in every possible effort to press the war to a victorious conclusion and to accept the situation as expressed by Premier Lloyd George when he said, "We must go on or go under."

No official statement has ever been made by the Government as to the recommendations left with the war cabinet at the conclusion of the first conference, but it is known that among other things they are for the establishment of a system of Government employment bureaus. The Canadian labor problem in its relation to the United States has been under discussion at Washington during the last few days. Senator Robertson, minister without portfolio, who was there in company with W. W. Cory, deputy minister of the interior, and a special delegation headed by General Manager Jones of the Canada Cement Company, has returned to Ottawa and is submitting the result of his conference to the Government. The result of the discussions with United States authorities, it is said, was in every way encouraging.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Resolutions passed at recent labor conventions in Ontario pertaining to problems over which the Ontario Government has jurisdiction were presented to the Ontario cabinet this morning by delegates from various labor unions in different sections of the province. Careful consideration was promised by Premier Sir William Hearst, who spoke highly of the clear and concise manner in which the delegates presented their requests.

The chief matters dealt with were child labor, rural credits, length of apprenticeship for motion picture operators, property qualification for aspirants to civic offices, and the determination of wage standards after the war.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Representing labor unions from many Ontario cities, a deputation of forty labor men waited on the Ontario cabinet this morning and presented resolutions pertaining to labor problems that the provincial government has jurisdiction over, which were carried at conventions of the Trades and Labor Congress of Ontario and the Ontario labor educational association. The deputation, which was headed by Harry Halford of Hamilton, was introduced by James Simpson, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of America. Members of the cabinet present were Premier Sir William Hearst, Hon. C. Howard Ferguson, Hon. L. B. Lusk, Hon. T. W. McCarty, Hon. Finlay McDaniel, and Hon. J. P. McPherson.

Introducing a resolution passed at a meeting of the Sault Ste Marie and Stelton delegates calling for representation on the workmen's compensation board, John Kennedy, Toronto, declared that labor was vitally interested in the affairs of the board. "You must come to recognize," he said, "that representation on this board is important. We are of the opinion that it is unfair that practically all classes with the ex-

ception of labor should have representation." Fred Bush of Toronto, spoke in connection with a motion requesting amendments to the existing child labor law. He maintained that the present law, which allows the employment of children only fourteen years of age should be altered so that these children could finish their education and possibly commence work at sixteen years of age. The legislation asked for was that the age be increased to sixteen.

"We believe that it is in the best interests of all concerned that this amendment should be made." As a preventive against disease, a resolution was introduced calling for the appointment of a practical metal polisher as a blower inspector. International President Britton of the Metal Polishers and Buffers Union presented the motion and he was supported by Donald Wright of London and delegates from Brantford and St. Catharines. Each of the delegates stated that it would be to the advantage of the manufacturer as well as the worker if this appointment were made.

Considerable discussion followed the address of William Covert, Toronto, in dealing with the law governing the employment of picture operators. At present, he said, the law required an apprenticeship of one year, but this was totally insufficient as an operator could not possibly become efficient in that time.

Greater damage was incurred, he said, and many of the fires and accidents had occurred through the inefficiency of operators. He thought the law should be amended and an apprenticeship of two years required. He also thought each operator should be acquainted with all kinds of machines.

This led Hon. Mr. McCarty to enquire whether that would not seriously hinder operators in small towns where only one machine might be available. "Don't you think license should be issued for each kind of machine?" asked Hon. Mr. Ferguson. "That might be possible," replied Mr. Covert.

James Simpson spoke on the extension of the principle of the government's action in this matter. He urged the encouragement of municipal governments enacting by-laws shortening the hours of men and women engaged in retail stores.

Sir William Hearst believed that the municipalities should be empowered to act of their own accord in this matter. "The government should use its influence so that it came to a decision of peace between wages and working conditions to be adopted in different places so that the economic standards of the workers might be raised."

Sir William Hearst thought that would be all right if the highest wages were accepted as the standard.

"That was the spirit of the resolution," replied Mr. Simpson. The question of property qualifications being necessary for aspirants to municipal offices was again referred to, Joe Marks, Toronto, claiming that the government should take steps to see that such qualification be removed. In replying to the deputation, Premier Hearst stated that the men had set forth their requests in a clear and concise way and they would be given careful consideration. Several of the questions were new and had to be regarded from a standpoint rendered necessary by the war.

PASTOR HONORED
By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, Jan. 30.—An illuminated address and a cheque for \$1,000 were presented to Rev. Dr. R. Bruce Taylor, principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, by the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church last night in recognition of Dr. Taylor's services during his pastorate at St. Paul's.



HALIFAX'S STRANGEST AND MOST SPECTACULAR RUIN. Everything else within a radius of 400 yards was levelled and this lightly built house remained standing.

REFORMS IN CIVIL SERVICE

New Regulations Will Very Largely Fulfill Promises Of Government

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Reforms in the Civil Service are announced. The Civil Service Commissioners have reported in favor of a new Civil Service Act for submission to Parliament next session, if possible, and they have received instructions from the Government to prepare such legislation as they think necessary. In the meantime, certain new regulations are to be established under the present Civil Service Act, and these, it is stated, "will very largely carry out the proposals set forth in the Government's statement of policy."

Extension of the Civil Service Act to all branches of the outside service is the main reform under consideration. This was announced in the program issued by the Union Government in October, shortly after its formation. In the words of the present Civil Service Act, the outside service, and thus to abolish patronage and to make appointments to the public service upon the sole standard of merit.

"Civil Service reform, with a view to extending the principle of the present Civil Service Act to the outside service, and thus to abolish patronage and to make appointments to the public service upon the sole standard of merit." An official statement issued tonight deals with the proposed reforms. It reads:

New Civil Service Act Needed
At the time of the announcement by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Union Government that Civil Service reform would be carried out, the Civil Service Commissioners were asked to make a report outlining the steps and measures which in the judgment of the Commission would be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the policy then set forth. During the general election it was impossible for members of the Government to take up the subject, but during the absence of the Prime Minister for about three weeks after the election the subject was taken up by Hon. A. K. Maclean with the members of the Civil Service Commission. Since the recent return of the Prime Minister and of Mr. Maclean there have been further conferences with members of the Civil Service Commission, and it is found that in the opinion of the Commission the proposals of the Government already made public will require further legislation. The members of the Commission are of the opinion that a new Civil Service Act should be prepared and submitted to Parliament at the next session if possible, and they have received instructions to prepare such

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Also on the table was a pocket-book containing a five cent piece and a \$5 gold piece which looked as if it had never been touched since it left the mint. Three crucifixes, one of gold, one of silver and one of coral, hung from the wall.

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HALF MILLION FIRE

By Courier Leased Wire
Marquette, Mich., Jan. 29.—An explosion followed by fire early today, which destroyed the alcohol refining plant, the primary building and a series of condensers of the furance company, owned by the Cleveland Ohio Iron Company of Cleveland, Ohio, caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

First reports of the explosion said a number of lives had been lost, but at daylight it was believed there was no loss of life and that only two men had been injured.

BUILDING IS LOWER

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, Jan. 30.—The great reduction in building operations throughout Canada was pointed out by President J. P. Anglin, of the Builders' Exchange, of Montreal, at the annual meeting of the Exchange last night. The total expenditures on buildings dropped from \$185,000,000 in 1912 to \$35,000,000 in 1917.

President Anglin expressed the belief that the minimum had been reached.

MADE UP AFTER FIGHT

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, Jan. 29.—Beaming on one another with the utmost good nature and looking none the worse for the fight at the Arena last night which resulted in their arrest "Bad Joe" Hall of the Canadiens and Alf Skinner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Magistrate Ellis in the police court this morning, charged with disorderly conduct. After considerable talking on the part of W. B. Horkins, who thought the fracas was "unsportsmanlike to say the least," the sentence and joyfully left the court arm in arm.

PROBE IRREGULARITIES

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, Jan. 29.—A military court of inquiry has been ordered by Major General Wilson, G.O.C., to probe the alleged irregularities at the paymaster's office of the military hospital commission command, this city, which Saturday led to the arrest of J. J. O'Neil, a returned soldier. O'Neil is charged with having misappropriated funds amounting to \$2,000.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK CROSS, FEVERISH

When cross, feverish and sick give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative" and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach aches, their little one becomes cross, half sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

TRAIN DITCHED; THREE DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire
Chicago, Jan. 30.—Three passengers were killed and forty others injured yesterday when an Illinois Central train from Omaha was derailed by a broken rail near Grant, Ill. Eight coaches plunged down a steep embankment. The dead are: M. O. Thompson, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. T. J. Henderson, Sioux City, Iowa, and the baby son of Mrs. Sidney Spitzer, Chicago.

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---By Wellington



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WORLD TOURNAMENT
Leased Wire.
Jan. 30.—August Khie-go made his initial ap- the ambulance fund- ward tournament, defeat-mer of Detroit last night, in seventy inning. Alfred ll arrive Friday to play the world's champion-ry 7 and 8. Other scores- ny, Cleveland, 50; Lay- 23; McCort, Cleveland, 5; Chicago, 45; G. Moore, 50; Capron, Chicago, 36;

WALSH JOINS NAVY.
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Jan. 30.—Jimmy Wal-der of the Boston Am- from his home in V., yesterday and enlist-son Navy Yard. Walsh qualify for a rating as

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