

ONTARIO LABOR PLEDGES ITSELF TO GO ON OR GO UNDER

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

By Courier Leased Wire
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Import-
ant results are likely to follow the
conference between the Dominion
war cabinet and representatives of
labor organizations which will be
resumed to-morrow. The prelimi-
nary conference, which adjourned
last Friday last, was not a suc-
cess, Ontario and Quebec
representatives, labor men will
come from all the provinces with
suggestions as to the best means
of dealing with the problems of
labor shortage with which is close-
ly associated the pressing need of
increased production. If the situa-
tion in Great Britain and allied
countries is to be relieved.

In Government circles a feeling
of optimism prevails as to the suc-
cess of the deliberations with labor.
Ministers say that at the first con-
ference 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 union-
ism in Great Britain declaring in
favor of the continuation of every
possible effort to press the war to
a victorious conclusion and to ac-
cept 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 asked
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 Washing-
ton during the last few days. Sen-
ator Robertson, minister without
portfolio, who was there in com-
pany with W. W. Cory, deputy min-
ister of the interior, and a special
delegation headed by General Man-
ager 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 the
United States authorities, it is said,
was in every way encouraging.

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

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 resolu-
tions 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 associa-
tion. The deputation, which was
presided over by Harry Halford of
Hamilton, was introduced by James
Simpson, vice-president of the
Trades and Labor Congress of Am-
erica. Members of the cabinet pre-
sent were Premier Sir William
Hearst, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson,
Hon. L. B. Lusk, Hon. R. W. Mc-
Garry, Hon. Finlay McDougall.

Introducing a resolution passed at
a meeting of the Sault Ste Marie and
Stelton delegates calling for repre-
sentation on the workmen's com-
pensation board, John Kennedy, To-
ronto, declared that Labor was vi-
tally interested in the affairs of the
board. "You must come to recog-
nize," 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 repre-
sentation."
Fred Bush of Toronto, spoke in
connection with a motion requesting
amendments to the existing child
labor law. He maintained that 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 inspec-
tor. 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 Brant-
ford and St. Catharines. Each of
the delegates stated that it would be
to the advantage of the manufac-
turer as well as the worker if this
appointment were made.

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

Greater damage was incurred, he
said, and many of the fires and ac-
cidents had occurred through the in-
efficiency of operators.
He thought the law should be
amended and an apprenticeship of
two years required. He also thought
with all kinds of machines.

This led Hon. Mr. McGarry to en-
quire whether that would not seri-
ously 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.
"It might be possible," replied Mr. Co-
vert.

James Simpson spoke on the ex-
tension of the principle of rural
credits, commending the govern-
ment's action in this matter. He
urged the encouragement of munici-
pal governments enacting by-laws
shortening the hours of men and wo-
men engaged in retail stores.

Mr. Simpson believed that the
municipalities should be empowered
to act of their own accord in this
matter.

The government should use its in-
fluence so that it came to a decision
of peace, uniform wages and
working conditions to be adop-
ted in different places so that the
economic standards of the workers
might be raised.

Sir William Hearst thought that
there would be all right if the high-
est wages were accepted as the stand-
ard.

"That was the spirit of the resolu-
tion," replied Mr. Simpson.
The question of property
qualifications being necessary for
aspirants to municipal offices was
again referred to, Joe Marks, To-
ronto, claiming that the government
should take steps to see that such
qualification be removed. In re-
plying 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 illumi-
nated address and a cheque for \$1-
000 was presented to Rev. Dr. R.
Bruce Taylor, principal of Queen's
University, Kingston, Ontario, by the
congregation of St. Paul's Presby-
terian church last night in recogni-
tion 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 Ser-
vice Act for submission to Parlia-
ment next session, if possible, and
they have received instructions from
the Government to prepare such
legislation as they think requisite in
order that it may be submitted to
the Government.

Extension of the Civil Service Act
to all branches of the outside service
is the main reform under considera-
tion. This was announced in the
program issued by the Union Gov-
ernment in October, shortly after
its formation, in the words:

"Civil Service reform, with a view
to extending the principle of this
present Civil Service Act to the out-
side service, and thus to abolish
patronage and to make appoint-
ments to the public service upon the
sole standard of merit."

An official statement issued to-
night deals with the proposed re-
forms. 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 outlin-
ing 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 mem-
bers 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 submit-
ted to Parliament at the next ses-
sion if possible, and they have re-
ceived instructions to prepare such

LABOR WANTS ITS WAY

By Courier Leased Wire.
Liverpool, Jan. 28.—The Mersey
district federation of engineering
shipbuilding trades, at a meeting at-
tended by 4,000 members last night,
adopted a resolution calling for all
possible resistance to any further call
upon the country's manpower unless
the government immediately declares
its willingness to adopt the labor
party's war aims, promises to facili-
tate an international workers con-
ference and agrees to the conscrip-
tion of wealth. There were only two
dissenting votes.

Sir Auckland Geddes, director of
national service was invited to attend
and surprised the meeting by accept-
ing the invitation. He made a long
speech and was questioned for two
hours, receiving an ovation when he
concluded.

AIR RAID ON ITALY

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, Jan. 29.—Via London.—A
German aerial squadron dropped 21
tons of bombs last Saturday on Cas-
tellfrance, Treviso and Mestre, in
northern Italy, the war office re-
ports. Large fires, the statement
adds, were seen from a distance.

The Italian War Office announced
last Sunday that the enemy on the
preceding night had carried out raids
between the Brenita and Piave riv-
ers, especially on Treviso and Mes-
tre. Among the victims were six
women, of whom three were killed
and three wounded. Three hospitals
in Mestre were damaged.

INCREASES FOR C.N.R. MEN

By Courier Leased Wire.
Ottawa, Jan. 29.—An increase of
45 cents a day for foremen and
skilled laborers and from 35 to 40
cents for other classes is recom-
mended by the Board of Conciliation, ap-
pointed last November, by the Minis-
ter of Labor to deal with the dispute
between the Canadian Northern
Railway Company and its main-
tenance of way employees on western
lines. The board, which consisted of
Chief Justice T. G. McEachern, chair-
man, and Messrs. John T. Haig and
David Campbell, has submitted an
unanimous report to the Minister of
Labor in which the above increases
are recommended.

REMOVING BODIES

By Courier Leased Wire.
Halifax, N.S., Jan. 30.—It is
expected by the management of the
Acadia Coal Company that by Wed-
nesday all the victims of the explo-
sion in the Allan shaft will have been
retrieved from the pit. The company
is increasing the number of men
searching for the dead. Thirty-four
bodies have been recovered and 53
still remain in the pit. The water at
the 1,200 foot level has been lower-
ed eleven inches by the powerful
pumps in use. The coroner's inquest
into the Allan shaft disaster will be-
gin at 2 o'clock to-morrow before
Dr. Kennedy.

WOOLLEN MILL BURNED

By Courier Leased Wire.
Northboro, Mass., Jan. 30.—The
main building of the Whitaker and
Bacon Woollen Mill, engaged in
manufacturing wool waste for the
government contracts, was burned last
night. All of the employees escaped.
The mill has been working with day
and night shifts, and because of its
war orders was exempted from the
Monday closing order. One of the
officials of the firm estimated the
loss at \$300,000.

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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 play-
ing to empty the bowels, and the
result is they become cross, feverish,
stomach aches, liver gets sluggish,
stomach aches, half sick, feverish,
don't eat, sleep or act naturally,
breath is bad, system full of cold,
has sore throat, stomachache or
diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if
tongue is coated, then give a tea-
spoonful of "California Syrup of
Figs," and in a few hours all the
constipated waste, sour bile and un-
digested food passes out of the sys-
tem, and you have a well, playful
child again.

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

TRAIN DITCHED; THREE DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire
Chicago, Jan. 30.—Three pas-
sengers were killed and forty others
injured yesterday when an Illinois
Central train from Omaha was ditched
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.

Good, says ma, "too blames good: echoes pa
THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S

--By Wellington

