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Pension Commissioners Announce \$4,000,000 Increase in Allowances

Moderates Elected to All Offices At Trades and Labor Congress

"MODERATE" FACTION WINS SIGNAL VICTORY AT LABOR CONGRESS

Moore Again Elected President and Draper Secretary—Two "Reds" Defeated—Final Blow to One Big Union by Change in Constitution.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Sept. 26.—Tom Moore is again president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. At the election of officers today he was re-elected by acclamation amid great enthusiasm and similar honor was accorded Secretary-Treasurer P. M. Draper. The new vice-presidents, who, with the former officers, compose the executive council, are A. Martel, Montreal; Controller H. J. Halford, Hamilton, and A. McAndrew, Moose Jaw.

Lively interest was taken in the election, and the defeat of David Rees, of Vancouver and Robert Baxter of Glace Bay, supporters of the "revolutionary" reconstruction program, which was brought to light yesterday, was regarded by a great number of the delegates as a signal victory for the "moderate" faction in the congress.

The unsuccessful candidates were James Simpson, Toronto; J. H. McVety, Vancouver; David Rees, Vancouver; Robert Baxter, Glace Bay; M. J. Helena Guttridge, Vancouver; W. M. Trotter, Vancouver.

Those Who Withdrew. Nominations were Geo. Armstrong, Winnipeg; J. W. Wilkinson, Vancouver; Joseph Gibbons, Toronto; Thomas Brammer, Bradford; A. E. Cleary, Toronto; and J. C. Waters, Inverness. Three ballots were required to decide the election, with Delegate Halford and Martel winning on the first. McAndrew won the contest for the third ballot.

The other feature of the day's proceedings was the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, which is virtually the final blow to the One Big Union. The amendment grants power to the executive council to "veto" or suspend the charter of any provincial federation of labor, trades and labor council or federal union chartered by the congress.

Provincial executive committees were elected as follows: Quebec—Gusave Franon, chairman; J. T. Foster, A. Mathieu, H. Monette, Ontario—J. J. Ralph, chairman; R. R. Marci, J. Gorman, E. B. Hessel, Manitoba—H. Strang, chairman; Broyles, H. Carr, E. Robinson, Saskatchewan—J. Somerville, chairman; J. J. McGrath, D. Regan, J. McKinnon.

Next year's convention will be held in Windsor, Ont. At the evening session E. W. A. Odell of Hamilton, general organizer of the Boot and Shoe Workers of Canada, was elected fraternal delegate to the British Trades Union Congress, defeating Fred Bancroft of Toronto.

Waters Not Heard. A storm of brief duration broke almost immediately upon the resumption of business by the congress. Mr. Waters attempted to explain his side of the controversy regarding representation on the international peace conference.

SHIPMENT OF GOLD WILL HELP EXCHANGE

New York, Sept. 26.—In the first free movement of gold from England since the outbreak of the war, Kuhn, Loeb & Company today received one shipment of \$2,000,000 from Rothschild, which is larger but unstated amount consigned to New York banking institutions arrived later in the day on the steamship Mauretania. Permission of the Bank of England had to be obtained to make the shipments, which are believed to be the forerunner of a big gold movement toward New York.

CZECHS WILL HELP SMASH BOLSHIEVI

Will Not Abandon Siberia Until Enemy Has Been Completely Defeated.

Omsk, Sept. 26.—A delegation of Czech-Slovaks has arrived in Irkutsk. It was greeted in the name of the all-Russian government by A. Bielorussov, chairman of the committee preparing plans for the constitutional assembly. M. Bielorussov, after referring to the deep sympathy existing between Russia and the Czech-Slovak republic, said: "We are sure that the shedding of blood against the common enemy has created an indestructible bond between the people of Russia and the Czech-Slovaks. We believe in close co-operation between peoples belonging to the same race and the mission representing the Czech-Slovaks."

In reply the head of the mission expressed sympathy for the people of Russia, assuring them that the Czech-Slovaks would not abandon Siberia until the Bolsheviki were completely defeated.

A special committee comprising representatives of all the large co-operative unions has been formed to help the army. The committee was organized by the council of the congresses of all the Siberian co-operative organizations and 600,000 rubles has been appropriated for its work.

DEADLOCK PREVAILS IN CHIEF STEEL CENTRES

Good Order on Fifth Day of Great American Industrial Struggle—Gompers Declares Country Reaping Reward of Bringing in Foreign Element.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 26.—Chief developments on the fifth day of the great steel strike were: 1.—Definition of the strike issue as to organize and to have some voice in determining conditions under which they labor—made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to the senate investigating committee today. Appearing as the second witness for labor, Mr. Gompers was first asked by Chairman Kenyon to define the issues in the controversy.

"The right to be heard is what the steel workers are asking above all else," Gompers said. "The right to speak with their employers through their own representatives, to have some voice in determining conditions under which they work."

"The right of workers to association has been denied—denied with all the power and influence and wealth of the great corporations—by brutal and unvarnished means."

"It has been said that most of the men taking part in this strike are of foreign birth and not naturalized citizens. That may be and no doubt is true. The largest proportion of steel corporation employees are of foreign birth, but these men were brought here by the companies.

NINETY THOUSAND PEOPLE IN CANADA RECEIVING PENSIONS

Increases Announced—To Pay Total of Twenty-Eight Million Dollars a Year.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Sept. 26.—"Canada is at present paying war pensions to nearly 90,000 individuals at an annual cost of over \$24,000,000, and under the pension act, which became effective on Sept. 1, the number of these will receive bonuses and increases which, in the aggregate, will create an additional annual expenditure of roughly \$4,000,000," says an official statement issued by the board of pension commissioners. Just how this additional expenditure is to be distributed may be seen from the following figures.

A 20 per cent. bonus, payable for one year, is to be added to the pension of the disabled ex-private. To the totally disabled men represents an increase of \$120, making his annual pension \$720, instead of the former \$600. The former sergeant or company-sergeant-major, totally disabled, are to receive \$1,200, instead of the former \$900. The former sergeant or company-sergeant-major, totally disabled, are to receive \$1,200, instead of the former \$900.

The war widow, whose husband was killed as a private, is to have added to her present pension of \$400 per annum the sum of \$96, bringing her total annual pension up to \$496. The widow of a sergeant having her pension similarly raised to \$476 from her former total of \$376.

EXPLORING SHIP LOST

Yacht on Mission to Arctic Region Seeking to Establish Trade Relations.

New York, Sept. 26.—Word of the loss of the American 121 ton yacht Finback on which the Norwegian explorer, Christian Larsen, sailed July from New York, to establish trading relations in the Arctic region, was received here tonight in a cable message from George Comer who stated that he and his crew of 17 had arrived safely at a Newfoundland port. It is assumed by the American Arctic Association, which financed the expedition, that the explorer had been left at one of the stations before the vessel was lost.

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NEW YORK CAR FARES

Judge Blocks All Efforts of Street Railway Interests to Obtain Higher Rates.

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ITALY FACING GRAVE SITUATION ARISING FROM FLUME AFFAIR

Premier Nitti Tells Crown Council of Serious Consequences Which May Ensur.

Rome, Sept. 26.—Gabriele D'Annunzio has sent a message to King Victor Emmanuel, informing him of the situation in Fiume, and begging him not to abandon the nation's rights over the city, according to a despatch to The Epoca from Trieste.

Trieste, Sept. 26.—Three Italian airplanes arrived in Fiume from Pola this afternoon to join D'Annunzio's forces.

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After Final Conference. The decision of the National Union of Railwaymen to strike came at the final conference this morning between the union leaders and the cabinet, which had resulted in a deadlock. The only official pronouncement since then has been a brief statement that the negotiations had failed and that the strike would take place. J. H. Thomas, on behalf of the railway men, issued a short statement, expressing deep regret over the outcome and declaring that disorders and the destruction of property would not be countenanced.

Late today the cabinet met to consider the strike. It is significant as to the gravity of the situation that Field Marshal Haig and General Fielding, military commander of the London district, have already been summoned for a consultation.

Man Left No Hope. The minister of labor, Sir Robert Horn, tonight said that the attitude of the men left no hope that they would be moved by any further discussion. It is understood that Premier Lloyd George offered to continue the negotiations with the union men on a basis tending toward compromise, but that the men first refused to consider this.

As far as could be learned tonight from conversations with railway workers, they were fully determined to obey the strike order. If all the workers should go out it is estimated that more than 600,000 men will be affected and that the entire railway transport of the country will be tied up.

The food controller tonight issued an order virtually reviving the war measures regarding food, namely, by prohibiting hoarding beyond one week's supply, and applying the rationing of meat, butter, and other commodities, which will not be allowed to serve sugar, milk or butter separately, except to children under ten years of age.

Must Observe Restrictions. The order concerning the rationing of food, which was issued yesterday, empowers to fix maximum prices of articles which previously have not been affected by such methods.

All persons able to drive vehicles are invited to offer their services to the government. In connection with the new food regulations the food minister has announced that there is a sufficient food supply in the country to meet normal conditions, but that the railway strike, with its effect on the distribution of food, is a serious matter.

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BRANTFORD FIREBUG IS CAUSING WORRY

Sends in Alarm From Depot—Is Blamed for Loss of New Barn.

Special to The Toronto World. Brantford, Sept. 26.—The Brantford firebug contented himself with turning in a false alarm from the telephone pay station of the Grand Trunk depot.

The fine bank barn of James Nightingale, Grand Valley Farm, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Only one cause could be assigned for the fire, and that was incendiary.

Just one year ago less one week Mr. Nightingale's barn was destroyed by fire, and it was one of his new barns which was lost last evening.

In connection with the activities of the alleged firebug the owner of a motor car who left the car in a lane off King Street, was surprised on his return to find a notice pinned to the car that the motor had interfered with "any activity in this lane during the night, but to watch out for the same place the next night." The notice was turned over to the police.

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