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TO THE CANADIAN LABOR

Efforts Being Made to Avoid Tie-up in Eastern Mine Fields.

monifical between the mine operators of Eastern Canada and the representatives of the United Mine Workers of District 26 and a representative from the Mine Workers' headquarters in an endeavor to avoid a tie up in the eastern coal fields.

Recently a royal commission made an investigation of the coal industry in Eastern Canada and its findings were not acceptable to the miners. A strike vote was taken and a conference was held at Montreal two weeks ago between the Deputy Minister of Labor, representatives of the mine operators and President Barer and Secretary McLachian of the Linited Mine Workers of merica. Accordingly, President axier and Secretary McLachian GENERAL THRIFT CANADIAN GENERAL THRIFT CANADIAN array to the mine accounted the same time accepted to Indian and the content of the concern, whether they are not acceptable, to the content of the concern, whether they are not acceptable, the officiency, would be to distribute the whole surplus among all who perfirm a content of the concern, whether they are not acceptable, the officiency would the to distribute the whole surplus among all who perfirmed to the officials of the United Mine Workers of merica. Accordingly, President axier and Secretary McLachian unreyed to Indian content of the concern, whether they are not acceptable to the officiency.

Amalgamated Clothing Workers Responsible For Situation.

, an industrial organization from the cofton fields to the consumer, is MANITOBA TO BE BONE DRY responsible for a serious situation in Philadelphia in the textile infustry. Affled phia in the textile industry. After years of struggle the United extile Workers of America have ulit up an organization in that city. hey were at first opposed by the mployers and the LWW. The 1. W.W. passed out and the Upited extile Workers were on the road to etter things when the Amaigamated Clothing Workers sent into that istrict a gumber of agitators with ne not result that today there is in ant city two organizations. One because in the sancity of agreements as one of its policy "sabotage." The employers having a knowledge of onto District Trades and Labor the facts have started a campaign against the textile workers and all already over 40,000 have been discharged.

Eldridge R. Johnson, president of the Victor Talking Machine com-pility, discusses present prices in a Philadelphia newspaper, and seems to have overlooked "high" wages as the cause for present conditions. While learned editors and wise statesmen are blaming workers, Mr. Johnson said:

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"The lumber people forced the price so high that contractors stopped building. When there was no longer a demand for the big output of lumber prices began to fall.

"The same applies to the automobile industry, although these manufactures did not raise their prices as high as some of the others. Today the prices are dropping. And the same thing may be said about the since factories and leather industry. The people are not buying because they expect the prices to go lower yet. When prices reach a normal basis then the people will begin heaving."

MANY RETURNED MEN COM-MUTING THEIR PENSIONS.

The monthly pension bill for soldiers is being reduced about four thousand a month on account of returned men with disabilities from 6 to 14 per cent. commuting their pensions and cashing in instead of drawing a small monthly allowance. Twenty thousand are taking advantage of the commutation privilege and 3,500 have done so already and deep paid average of \$430. The total amount paid is \$3,655,008, and when all are commuted it will be nine millions.

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FOUR DAY WEEK FOR FORD EMPLOYES.

The Amalgamated Clothing Work-

JAN, 4.

Manitoba will become bone dry Jan. 4 as a result of the prohibition referendum held Monday, according to opinions held in Government and erabilities.

PRESIDENT MOORE VISITING WESTERN ONTARIO.

President Tom Moore

already over 40,000 have been discharged.

The Canadian Labor Press is of the opinion that the employers are taking advantage of the split in the ranks of the workers and are using that as an argument for closing their factories. It is announced that the German government has completed a scheme for the introduction of compulsory abover, that a solidified flowement with the United Textile Workers behind it would have been able to offset effectively the employers campaign in Philadelphia.

The experience of the Philadelphia the workers should be a warning to wage-earners elecwhere.

HOW ABOUT "HIGH" WAGES?

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a scheme in successful operation in Bulgaria. German labor unions do not view the scheme with enthusiasm, and a long controversy is expected to follow its introduction into the Reichstag.

British War Office Issues 3,000,000 Medals to Date

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This distribution included: 250.080 1914 Siars.

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Up to the end of September the full-owing issues of decorations and other honors gained for war services had been made: M.C. 25.93; M.C. clasps, 2.903; D.C.M. 22.971; M.M. 113.607; M.S.M. 25.935; Biver War Padge, 1.199.519; 1914 Star clasps, 65.427; Shver Rosses, 123.579; Oak Leaf Emblems, 78.118.

This settles the méda's. But how about pensions?

Union Will Build Factories TO OFFSET OPEN SHOP

By J. A. F. Haydon.

The industrial world has jost witnessed a manoeuver in the triumphant at struggle of progress that has perhaps accomplished more foward of the United Brotherhood of Carpian and struggle of progress that has used has a membership of over dependent and struggle of progress that has used has a membership of over dependent and struggle of progress that has used has been as membership of over dependent and struggle of progress that has used has been as membership of over dependent and struggle of progress that has been as membership of over dependent and struggle of progress that has been as membership of over dependent and often assertal weaks of districts that has blocked once, and for all any attempt on the part of the Brotherhood acting within was organized by the Bmployers at a structure of the Brotherhood, acting within was organized by the Bmployers at a structure of the Brotherhood acting within a sessential progress of Canada. The discussion control and the progressive and constructive policy with the associations in the Dritted States and by union their in the purison of its affirstions in Canada, for all any attempt on the part of the Brotherhood of the Brotherhood acting within was organized by the Bmployers at a strike the brotherhood of the Brotherhood of the Brotherhood acting within the province of Canada. The discussion control and the province of Canada. The discussion control and the recent the province of Canada and the vocational vaccious of the United Brotherhood of the province of Canada. The function of the United States of Canada and the Province of Canada. The function of the United States of Canada and the vocational vaccion of the United States of Canada and the vocational vaccion of the United States of Canada and the vocational vaccion of the United States of Canada and the Vocational vaccion of the United States of Canada and the vocational vaccion of the United States of

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DANGER IN ARMY GAS MASK.

The United States Bureau of Mines

BULLETINS WILL BE

Plans for carrying forward the statistical and research work of the International Labor Office have been outlined by Dr. Royal S. Meeker, who has recently gone to Geneva to take charge of the Scientific Division of the International Labor Office. The International Labor Office. The International Labor Office.

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Organized teamsters in New York

have asked for wage increases, and

the bosses counter with a demand for wage reductions and the 10-

from the Brotherhood through this exists.

The American Federal of Labor up-to-date. Such factory, or fac-tories, will manufacture articles estimated to promote the welfare-of_the new achievements. ONTARIO GOVERNMENT SHOULD LEAD

THE WAY IN 8-HR. DAY LEGISLATION

Provincial Executives of Trades and Labor Congress of Canada In-

structed to Press For This Important Measure.

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MEXICO Due largely to the American Fed eration of Labor the United States Government, according to an official

opinion of the conference was that such a course offered pupils a bet-ter opportunity for development and for the choice of a suitable subse-quent course of study.

Further in the course of discus-sion, the point was brought out that a system of vocational guid-ance should form an essential part of the junior industrial course.

statement of the Secretary of State, are about to recognize the Obregon Government in Mexico.

After the recent upheaval in Mexico the American Federation of Labor sent Jas. Lord and Chester Wright into that country to investigate industrial conditions. They returned some weeks ago and a sufficient of their findings appeared in these columns. The workers of Mexico are making rapid progress under the new regime.

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At the Windsor convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada the eighthours workday was fully discussed and it was smalled to this at the time the coalition was formed the Independent Labor Party bave no complaint. However, as an advocate of the International Trades Union movement, we are option to the executive should press for council should seek amendments to the British North America Act to allow the Federal Government to enact the legislation nationally.

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ARMISTICE DAY NOT PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Thursday, November 11 (Armistice Day), will not be declared a public holiday by the Dominion Government. The matter was under consideration by the Cabinet last week, add it was decided to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Canada to suitably observe and commemorate the anniversary of the cessation of hoseitlities.

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FRATERNAL DELEGATE

thorities of Canada to be a provincial question.

It is recognized by the High Contracting Parties in the General Principles of Part 2, Section 2, of the Labor Convention of the Treaty of Peace that "the adoption of an eight hours day or a forty-eight hours week as the standard to be almed at where it has not aiready been attained."

Canada has ratified the Treaty of Peace and it is passing strange that at this late date we should have Governments and employers come forward in opposition to a measure that at the people, through constitutional government, have agreed to at the Washington conference of the International Labor office last year one of the Canada in Government is and ratified the Peace Treaty and would carry out its provisions in spirit as well as in letter."

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Table 1 Peace was Labor's Magna Charta. We are of the same opinion tillities. There had been requests from number of cities and towns the number of cities and towns the public holiday should be procised, but it was deemed advisable to the Windsor convention of the Trades and Labor Congress urged that Canada could well afford to keep in advance of other countries. In the matter of eight-hour day legislation we are lagging behind for aiready it is law in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Czecho-Slov-akia and other European countries. Ontario, at least when Labor forms a part of the Government, should take the lead and when the Ontario carecuitive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada appears before the Ontario Government a favorable declaration should be officially made by the leaders of the Trades Congress of Canada appears before the Ontario Government.

The Ontario Government is comhe Boot and Shoe Workers' Inter-tational Union, who attended the

The idea is to link up in one body all the activities in relation to the returned men. The Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment department is rapidly diminishing, the staff having been enormously decreased, while the number of patients is half of what it was last spring. Nevertheless, many will remain in the hospital for life, including incurable and insane cases.

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The Pensions Board, the Soldiers' Settlement Board and the Soldiers' Insurance Branch are all more or less distinct, and the proposal tentatively discussed is to merge them with what remains of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, with a separate minister or as an adjunct of some department.

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CAN NOT BE SWERVED

MANY MINERS KILLED IN

UNITED STATES.

During the first seven months of this year \$,188 workers employed in the mining industry lost their lives. This is a decrease of 148 from the

corresponding period of 1819.

The production of coal for the seven months was 353,214,000 tons an increase of 50,109,000 tons over the first seven months of the previous years.

GIVE WEST A CHANCE TO STOCK UP?

CENTRAL TECHNICAL TRAIN- VICE-PR

Workers From All Countries to Meet in London, Eng.,

Nov. 22, One of the vice-presidents of the

THE PRINCE OF WALES'

on a 13-hour schedule, earn as much money, do better work, be more cheerful, and have more time HIGHWAY.

Tom Moore Pleads For Co-operation Labor and Capital,

Tem Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, addressing the Canadian Club

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