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CANADA MUST RESPECT TREATY OBLIGATIONS

PAULIST FATHER FOR CLOSED SHOP

Says it is Necessary to Secure Living Wage.

Opposition to the open shop was expressed in the first of a series of lectures on the Catholic attitude toward industrial problems by the Rev. James P. Cronia at the Paulist Fathers' Church, New York, recently. He said the open shop-would provoke the bitterest war be-

would provoke the bitterest war between eapital and labor that industry has ever known.

"The question of the open or closed shop is a question of unions or no unions," he said. "The results of the open shop would be a reduction in wasses and lengthening of the hours of employment. The open shop would be a step away from industrial democracy. Capital should not take advantage of the popular feeling against unionism which exists at present, for if it does labor will be constrained to follow the methods of capital. There is a manifest spirit of autocracy in industry in this country today."

Father Cronin said the three fundamental ideas to keep in mind when considering the problems of industry are that a living wage must be secured to protect the home and the family, that unionism is necessary to secure the living wage and that the closed shop seems necessary to unionisms.

POLISH TRADE UNIONS ADVANCING.

A total membership of 938,326 is ported for the various trade unions Poland. Up to the time of the storation of the Polish Republic. which plans are already laid out.

SIX OCEAN GOING STEAMERS CONSTRUCTED BY VICKERS.

There remain two other freighters of the same tonnass as the Canadian Leader, now building for Norwegian interests. The last of this year's taunchings is a sister ship to the Canadian Conqueror, Canadian Commander, Canadian Vertor, of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine. The delay in launching the last two ships built by Canadian Vickers was entirely due to the slow delivery of steel plates by the American steel mills. New Canadian mills will, however, be equal to the task of supplying the local yards with plates in the coming season.

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TO ATTEND INTERNA-TIONAL LABOR CON-FERENCE.



MR. TOM MOORE, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, who has been named as the Canadian workers' repre-sentative to the Third Interna-tional Labor Conference, which meets at Geneva in April.

Manitoba's Joint Council of Industry Conduct Inquiry.

At a conference on Friday, called to discuss methods of dealing with unemployment during ting win. P. R. AN UNQUALIFIED SUCis stated that the trade union ovement was suppressed by the russian and Russian governments ter by the Manitoba Joint Council It is now in the phase of a of industry, it was declared that us increase, and that the not peace with Russia will the unemployment situation in nclusion of peace with Russia will ing about the consolidation of the when the merging all the difference brownest by merging all the difference provincial organizations into compared with last year when compared with last year's figures.

LABOR'S PROGRAMME TO BE PRESENTED

Trades and Labor Congress Adopts New Tactics,

"Labor's annual pilgrimage to has meant a half-day conference between the Cabinet Ministers and members of the Trades and Labor Congress executive, as well as other representatives of Labor Unions from outside points, is not likely to take forty-eight hours week for all nations.

The Canadian Government has d For the last couple of years the President of the Congress has head; ed a large deputation to place Labor's views before the Cabinet and but which the Provincial Legislatures have otherwise the power to enact outline legislation which was need- and apply generally and comprehensively." after an afternoon talk, during which different members of the deputation

different members of the deputation took up various sections of the memorandum presented to the Government, the Labor deputation would leave the Privy Council room med with a promise that the Cabinet would give the matters careful consenses to the convention of the windsor convention, the matter was left in the hands of the executive council, and this year it is proposed to supply the Cabinet with copies of the resolutions setting for the needs of Labor, and instead of a deputation meeting the Cabinet on the day the memorandum is presented, the executive hopes to leave the matters in the hands of the Cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and month or so, and then secure and took the contract of the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and took the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and took the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and took the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and the cabinet for a month or so, and then secure and the cabinet for a month or so. nonth or so, and then secure an nterview with the Ministers, which nay bring some results, instead of a may bring some results, instead of a promise that the Cabinet will simply consider things.

CESS IN WINNIPEG,

of the Labor Party in the Mani-a ds-when P. R. Society of Canada as follows:

The use of Proportional Representation at Winnipeg in the recent provincial election demonstrated the merit of the system is securing representation for the different parties in proportion to their numerical strength in the constituency. While it is probable that under the old system with three-cornered contects, Labor would have secured more seats, the Labor Party does not desire to increase its representation in legislative bodies by taking advantage of an antiquated system of election. It prefers to win by putting before the electors a pregramme to meet the needs of the time and candidates worthy of support.

The Labor Party when numerically weak advocated Proportional Representation. Now that it is gaining in strength it becomes a desire to recede from its former position. Winnipeg's experience certainly demonstrates the squerienty of P.

TREATY OBLIGATIONS

heralded as Labor's Magna Charta.

In due time the Treaty of Peace same before the House of Co

at Ottawa and was ratified. Among other things the Labor Section of the Treaty of Peace provided for an International Labor Conference of all nations, members o

the League of Nations.

This conference was held at Washington, D.C., last November, and Ministers and the Labor to Washington, D.C., last November, and the sand Labor to well as other or Unions from the conference. Finally, a draft convention was adopted calling for a library wash for all nations.

forty-eight hours week for all nations.

The Canadian Government has decided that "the draft convention ilmiting the hours of work in industrial undertakings to eight in the day and forty-eight in the week involve legislation which is competent to Parliament in so far as Dominion works and undertakings are affected,

In view of this decision it is interceting to note the declarations the different delegates to the Washington Conference of the International Labor Office on the question of the shorter workday.

Mr. S. R. Parsons, representing the employers' said on Monday, No-"Under the proposed legislation Governments will be called upon to deal with economic questions to a much greater extent than ever before. IT IS QUITE CONCEIVABLE THAT INFLUENCES ARE LIKELY TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON POLITICIANS FROM ONE DIRECTION OR ANOTHER, in connection with such legislation and the administration thereof which would not make for gational soundness or property. There is much truth in the statement 'that Government is best which governs least'. It is generally recognized that unless the United States accepts similar legislation, it would be placing an unfair burden upon Canadian employers, and the country at large, to be bound by the terms of the proposed convention."

Note the statement: "It is quite conceivable that influences are likely to be brought to hear upon politicians from one direction or another in vember 24, 1919:

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Hon. Newton W. Rowell, one of the Government delegates, on the

Hon. Newton W. Rowell, one of the Government delegates, on the same afternoon said:

"While we appreciate the difficulties of the United States possibly adopting one policy and Canada adopting another in reference to this convention. I desire to make our position clear—that the action of the Government of Canada in dealing with these matters does not depend or the action of the Government of the United States. It has not in the past, it will not in the future. The Parliament of Canada has already approved the treaty containing the labor clauses and the Covenant of the League of Nations. We believe the Covenant of the League of Nations and the labor clauses constitute two of the most vital features of the whole treaty. THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA HAVING APPROVED OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND THE LABOR CLAIPESS. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL CARRY OUT. IN SPIRIT AS WELL AS LETTER, THE OBLIGATIONS IT HAS ASSUMED UNDER THE TREATY.

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Mr. Tem Moore, President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, representing the Canadian parkers, made Labor's position quite of clear on Tuesday, November 25, when he said:

"We intend and we accept the explanation made by Mr. Shaw, that if the convention and anything that we vote upon must be accepted as a minimum and not a maximum condition. I want to assure this convention on behalf of the workers of Canada, whom I am representing at the present time, that we will endeavor to give all the support possible to the Government of Canada to see that the obligations of the treaty are cargied out to the fullest extent. . We dissociate ourselves entirely from the carging of the world affairs and subservience to the United States. We want to co-operate absolutely and to bear, out the statement of Mr. Rowell that Canada has MADE OBLIGATIONS. AND THE WORKERS ON THEIR PART WILL FULFILL THEM."

Later on the vote was taken on the question of the shorter workday and there were only two votes cast against its acceptance. One of these

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British Railmen **Preparing For** "Show Down"

According to a speech by J. H. Thomas, M.P., at the International Congress of Railway, men, the question of the workers' share in the management of British railways is likely to bring about a big industrial crists in the next few months. The dispute hinges on the non-fulment of the Government's promise, made last June, in a white paper dealing with "Proposals for the Future Organization of Transport Undertakings."

ings."
This scheme included the for-This scheme included the formation in each railway group of a beard of management, two-thirds of the technical side of each board being composed of members elected, by railway workers. The railwaymen's leaders accepted this offer as an alternative to nationalisation.

Today, Mr. Thomas said the big financial interests were puted in pressure on the Government to drop the proposals and it was unlikely that workers would gain their object without a fight. He believed this would occur in a few monibs. "The

occur in a few months. "Tintention of the railwaymen to held the Government to their promise and not allow it to become mere camoufiage. I hope the. Government will clearly anderstand that on this matter the railwaymen are united and determined."

Montreal Organizations Outline Plan Similar to Labor's.

Shorter hours with undiminished staffs, rather than the discharge of surplus labor, was recommended in resolution adopted last week in Montreal at a joint meeting of representatives of organizations working in the interests of the idle

FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF PRESENT LABOR TROUBLES IS FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labor Bureau, Says Second Conference of Seamen to be Held at Brussels in January to Consider Eight-hour Day.

The fundamental cause of pres-nt Labor troubles is to be found, it is said, in the rooted fear among he working classes of unemploy-cial facts, and pretends to establish communistic systems without havent Labor troubles is to be found, it is said, in the rooted fear among the working classes of unemployment during the coming winter, This great fear of unemployment pervades all countries of Europe, and, in the opinion of Albert Thomas, director of the Interpational Labor Bureau of the League of Nations at Geneva, is due in France to lack of orders, in England to lack of credit, and in Germany, and Italy to lack of raw materials.

Mr. Thomas is in London for the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of the British Government toward the Washington convention on international Labor conditions. Speaking of sirtkes as a solution of the difficulties of the working classes, he said to your representative that Labor leaders are experiencing great anxiety on account of the actions of the extremists. The seamen's Demands Discussed. the working classes of unemploy-

ncing great anxiety on account of he actions of the extremists. The the actions of the extremists. The leaders fully recognize that strikes in time of industrial prosperity may bring the desired results, but in times of depression like the present, they are fatal. Mr. Thomas said that owing to industrial depression he does not anticipate that many strikes will take place at this time.

Cause of Direct Action.

Asked for his opinion as regards direct action and its relation to Bolshevism, as opposed to constitutional methods, he said:

"Direct action is due to the failure of Government action, and the only way to abolish direct action is to engender that state of confidence between the workers and the Government action, and the only way to abolish direct action is to engender that state of confidence between the workers and the Government action, and the only way to abolish direct action is to engender that state of confidence between the workers and the Government action, and the only way to abolish direct action is to engender that state of confidence between the workers and the Government action, and the only way to abolish direct action is to engender that state of confidence between the workers and the Government action, and the only way to abolish direct action is to engender that the fight-hour day the same as landsmen, and, in view of the spirit of good-will existing between the parties unantended have an eight-hour day the same as landsmen, and, in view of the spirit of good-will existing between the parties unantended have an eight-hour day the same have decided to have a new and private meeting, in January in Brussel, both parties unantended to the same have decided to have a new and private meeting, in January in Brussel, way to a prospect the provide that the same have decided to have a new and private meeting, in January in Brussel, way to a provide the provide that the same provide that the same have decided to have an eagh through. The same provide that the ambient came before the conference at the two proves and private meeting, in January in January in January

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