

# BOLSHEVISM IS CONDEMNED BY U. S. WORKERS

A. F. of L., With Ladies' Garment Workers Dissenting, Unanimous in Decision.

Special to Labor Press.  
DENVER, Colo.—The American Federation of Labor, in convention by an overwhelming majority endorsed the report of the Executive Council on Russia, approving thereby the council's unwavering opposition to sovietism and bolshevism, repeating the pledge of friendship to the Russian people.

On Soviet Russia the convention adopted the following committee report: "Your committee has read with absorbing interest the illuminating, instructive and vivid portrayal of the conditions in Russia under the present regime.

"The Executive Council's report, covering 12 pages, sets forth facts of vital interest from authentic and authoritative sources. Nearly all statements of facts are quoted from the official papers of the Soviet Government and acknowledged utterances of its leaders. We cannot quote even the most interesting passages. This is especially referred to the careful reading and thought of all people who are interested in this all-absorbing question. Much is said in the report concerning the agitation, labor in Soviet Russia, the absolute lack of democracy and substitution of autocracy. This is especially referred to under the caption, 'The War Against Democracy,' on page 80, 'Executive Council's Report.'

Bolshevism Minority.  
"Under the same caption, same page, we find there are 604,000 members of the Communists party of Russia, and that this number 89 per cent of this membership are government or town officials, officers and soldiers, party employees, while only 11 per cent are workmen.

"The report also calls attention to and recites the fact that the Communist party and the Soviet Government of Russia have denounced and repudiated the International Federation of Trade Unions, and have attempted to establish the Communist International, which is known and generally referred to as the Third International Federation, and points out the activity of the representatives of the Soviet Government in our own American Trade Union movement, as well as in England, France, Italy and many other countries.

"We particularly note the concluding paragraph of the report on this subject: 'U. S. Workers Friends of Russians. It should be understood clearly that between the people of the United States and the great masses of the people of Russia there has been, is, and will continue to be the most earnest and sincere friendship. The people of the United States express no sentiment to the contrary, except toward those in Russia who are destroying the opportunities of the Russian people for democratic self-government, but who, on the contrary, are imposing upon the Russian people a despotic, autocratic tyranny. This friendship is the friendship of a working people and of all the people of our country for a great people whose character, hopes and aspirations have ever justified the confidence, respect and friendship of all liberty-loving people, and in Russia may so change that freedom, justice, democracy and humanitarianism may be the guiding principles of their every day lives. For that time, twenty anticipates that the true bond of international fraternity may be established between the people of Russia and those of America.'

"Your committee commends the Council for its splendid portrayal and mastery of the situation as it exists in Russia, and its relations to her own as well as other countries. "Your committee concurs in the report of the Executive Council and recommends its approval by this convention."

Delegates representing the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union opposed the committee's report, but were able to rally practically no support.

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# CHIPPAWA CANAL DEVELOPMENT IS GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT

A tremendous rugged gash rippling across the face of a quiet countryside, unbelievably harsh in its violation of nature, yet breath-taking in its immensity, a vast artificial canyon fifty feet down into the solid rock reaching within a few feet of the scarred face of the Queenston cliffs, here opening through the rock from which, one looking out over the wonderful vista of the Niagara River may turn his glance down a sheer drop of three hundred feet to a mounting mass of concrete and steel swarming over with plummy figures that never seem to pause in their gigantic task, this is the great Hydro-Electric development—the greatest of its kind in the world as it appears to the layman, a work so wonderful in conception and achievement that it leaves one marvelling and silent. For three years, night and day, it has gone steadily ahead, driven at first by the absolute necessity of producing power to meet a situation that was monthly becoming more serious and now carried forward with the spirit of accomplishment and the enthusiasm that dominates man or men in sight of the goal.

A score of races have contributed to the working forces of seven thousand men that labor under the blazing sun or away in the light to a common end, Canadians, Old Countrymen, Italian, Polish, Hungarian, Australian, and Swede bend their backs side by side. The Jew, the Chinaman, even the Turk, who, because he is a Moslem, cannot eat the food that others eat and must needs cook his own. They are working for money—his money, working long hours, in the early strain of the endurance of the strongest of men; but they are putting more into it than the man who merely works for the day. In the early stages the Commission had more or less labor trouble but today when the demand upon every humble worker is greater than ever before, the labor problem has largely disappeared. The men have caught the enthusiasm that has been burning in the minds of the engineers, the superintendents, the engineers and foremen. They are out to finish the job and finish it on time.

And to what end? To the end that on September 1st the water of the Niagara River diverted through the bed of the Chippawa River, which the engineers with supreme disregard of the laws of nature have so fashioned that the water will run opposite to its former course, will flow in an open canal across the peninsula to Queenston and there drop with terrific force on the giant generators below. On September 1st, the largest ever installed in a power plant, will be waiting for the water that will descend upon them at the rate of 1,400,000,000 gallons an hour. Will the water be in the forebay at the top of the cliff by the beginning of September? The engineers say it will—or a very few days thereafter, and Hydro engineers have a habit of being right.

Great Progress Made.  
To the end of the work is a vast amount of work still to be done but it shrinks into unimportance beside the progress that has already been made. The water which has already been diverted into the canal, which had to be blasted out of the cliff and down into the rock 30 feet, and more below the level of the Niagara River, is now and is largely wall-less but the wonderful concrete substructure that houses the generators—concrete walls nine to 15 feet thick where they take the pressure of the water as it meets the resistance of the power machinery, and tested to stand a strain of 1,400 pounds to the square inch—all this is ready. The pits and the outlets that will carry the water out into the river after it has done its work are practically completed for three generators in another, concrete is being steadily poured while Russian and Polish puddlers work, and merged in their efforts in the mixture work it up for added strength. The 12-foot steel penstock sections, made of steel 1-1/2 inches thick and 25 feet in diameter is in place and the other is going in. Up the face of the cliff where the big tube, down which the water will drop is to be placed and covered with concrete, a big opening has been blasted.

At the top of the cliff is the forebay into which the water will flow from the canal and from which it is carried into the penstocks. This great cut is practically ready today. The concrete walls of the forebay are being poured in its sides with gunite, a patent cement preparation that prevents erosion of the surface from the stream that trickles through. All the work in the forebay now centres about the concrete bulkheads. These bulkheads, nine in number, carry the water from the forebay and the cliff face there is 30 or 40 feet of rock the engineers are not trusting it to hold back the water. Instead, they are building the bulkheads, thousands of cubic feet of concrete will be poured, forming an inside wall. This section of the work being completed, necessary for the ultimate development of 500,000 horsepower, to be produced by nine generators, but the work will stop at four of the steel lock gates until the demand for power opens the way for additional generators.

From the forebay the canal begins its long race across country to the inlet at Chippawa. Out of this canal 11,000,000 cubic yards of rock had to be blasted and lifted and 4,000,000 of earth. Of this rock cutting all but 200,000 cubic yards has been taken. The completion of this section of the work in time is the one worry of the engineers. Through the rock cuttings the walls have been faced with perpendicular walls of concrete, thirty feet high, while through earth and fill—in one section the engineers had to fill to make their channel—the completed canal will be a flat "V" shape surfaced with concrete. This part of the big job is so far advanced that the Commission will be able to show up on it a little.

To Cost \$55,000,000.  
So much the Chippawa development, that is to cost the Province of Ontario at least \$55,000,000, a work so vast that it requires sixty miles of concrete walls, and to carry it one, stone masonry is a sample. Here 1,435 men were living at the last count, sleeping in huts erected by the Commission, each in charge of a man and his wife, who supply the board for the men. In this camp are housed some fifteen nationalities. About a third of the men are English speaking workers, most of them returned soldiers while the others have representatives of practically every race in Europe, even Spaniards. The Russians and the poles are the lowest of the lot, the men who do the roughest and most unskilled work, who spend the least and live in most primitive fashion. Except when the bugle has got amongst them and left a generous share of bottle dynamite they are an easily handled lot. Canada has a right to pride in the Chippawa development and its greater pride in the fact that the

# VICTORY NOT A PERSONAL ONE, SAYS GOMPERS

In Hour of Victory it Was the Movement of Which He Thought.

By Chester Wright.  
DENVER, Col.—Samuel Gompers—President of the American Federation of Labor.

After two weeks of convention work, the like of which never has been known to the Federation history, two weeks of intense suspense, two weeks of wearing, grinding strain on men and women, the election came.

Many triumphs have come to Samuel Gompers in his long career. Never has he had a greater one. But he refused to make of the victory a personal triumph. In the hour of victory it was the movement and not himself of which he thought.

The defeat of Hearst's Canadian forces from without—these were the things the grand old leader saw in the figures that were announced from the convention platform: Gompers, 25,822; Lewis, 12,324; Gompers' majority, 12,698; not voting, 1,844.

Immediately following the election for the presidency, during which George L. Berry, president of the Printing Pressmen Union, presided, the secretary, treasurer and other members of the executive council, were elected. All the incumbent members were re-elected, all but one by unanimous vote without contest.

J. P. Noonan, president of the Electrical Workers, entered the contest against Thomas A. Rickert, President Gompers himself placed Rickert in nomination. The vote was: Rickert, 24,463 1-2; Noonan, 12,451 1-2.

Fraternally delegates to the British Trade Union Congress are: William J. Spencer and J. J. Forrester, the secretary, treasurer and other members of the executive council, were elected. All the incumbent members were re-elected, all but one by unanimous vote without contest.

A good deal has been said in a political way about the surrender of Ontario's power resources at the Falls to private interests. It is a fact not generally known, that but for the absence of a market for power thirty years ago the entire power resources of the province might now be in private hands, tied up for seventy years. To delve into this phase of the early history of power development in Ontario it is necessary to turn to the Niagara Falls Park Commission which, incidentally, may be said to have played a rather important part in the promotion of public interest in the matter.

The commission, however, was at that time not thinking of power development from the standpoint of what it would mean to Ontario. It wanted to do it without public funds. Since it had control of the Canadian share of the water going over the falls it sought to make the water pay for the upkeep of the park.

So about 1900, an English syndicate, headed by Lord Warrington and including Mr. Ferrant, an engineer who had just discovered how to do it without public funds, since it had control of the Canadian share of the water going over the falls it sought to make the water pay for the upkeep of the park.

The terms of the concession required development within a certain period and as the syndicate was in default the Park Commission influenced undoubtedly by the growing realization of the possibilities of Niagara, seized the occasion to cancel the concession. Later the Canadian-Niagara Company secured a right to develop up to 100,000 horsepower and this development, when carried out gave the commission a revenue of \$60,000.

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petition of claims, continued to keep excitement and interest high. Another factor that helped to create in some quarters an impression that there might be possible surprises was the presence at all times in the convention hall, even among the tables occupied by delegates, of more non-delegates than have in recent years at least been seen at such gatherings.

Campaigning was carried on quietly and campaigning was carried on quietly, between sessions and during sessions.

But all came to one thing—the thing that had to happen—the triumph of re-election of Samuel Gompers and the entire council. Gompers' Words.

Concerning the result, President Gompers had this to say: "There is a great gratification in the result of today's election. Our trade union movement has demonstrated that it will not submit to dictation from the forces of corruption and from the forces of reaction. It will not be swayed from its course. It will be a sad day for the aspirations of the working people of our land when corrupt and intriguing interests can either divide our movement, change our course or destroy its leadership. The vote today has demonstrated to the world that we have not yet come upon that day."

"The whole work of the convention, the resolutions and declarations adopted, the policies indicated, mean for the future a united, progressive, militant movement, following upon a progressive, fruitful and militant past."

"For myself I may say that the work of the convention and the result of the election, with satisfaction, gratitude and pride, not for myself but for our movement. I am proud of our movement and my life shall be given to it in the future as it has been for so many years. We are in serious times, but we face them undaunted and with confidence."

Cincinnati was selected over Fort Worth as the next convention city. Uncertainty Vanished.

Few careful observers have had any doubt as to the result of the election since the convention opened. The election was a foregone conclusion and most have looked for a two to one victory for the president.

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