

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST.

Mr. Tom Moore Urges I. L. P. to Continue its Work.

"To what do you attribute the backwardness of Canada?"
"To the self-conceit of the workers of Canada who think they are God's created."
This was the answer given by Tom Moore, president of Trades and Labor Congress to a question put to him at a meeting of the Independent Labor Party, which he addressed in Carpenter's Hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Moore's remark was a reminder to Labor that the time is not yet ripe for sitting back and taking it easy—that there is still much work to be done, which can only be accomplished by co-operation. He pointed out that the I.L.P. must be regarded as a progressive country as far as social legislation is concerned. Czech-Slovakia and Sweden having passed legislation of the most advanced type.

Mr. Moore based his conclusions upon observations at the recent International Labor Conference in Washington. Whether the principles laid down at that conference would be put into practice or not, he said, depended upon the attitude of the different countries. He urged upon his audience to join the Independent Labor Party and give it their full support, in support of the workers' government might be put into power and place the principles adopted by the Conference on the statute books.

The Independent Labor Party, he explained, was a people's party, which believed in government by the people. Certain organs of the public press had stated that the I.L.P. was aiming at a class party. The writer of articles in this effect did not know what they were trying to write about, for the ranks of the I.L.P. were open to all workers, whether they worked with their hands or brains, whether they were trades union members or not.

Mr. Moore also corrected a false impression that might have been created by a newspaper heading put over an interview he had given to the press which read: "Tom Moore says that men will replace politicians." He had not intended in any way to imply that politicians were not honest men.

The I.L.P., as he had implied in his interview, wished to place men in politics who would conduct themselves on new lines, and take their duty as a serious one, and not as a cut and dried game.

C. S. F. VOTING ON LABOR AFFILIATION

Acting under the instructions of the thirty-fourth annual convention, 1919, held in Ottawa, which called upon the association companies within the Civil Service Federation to take a referendum on the question of affiliation with labor before the next convention, the executive committee at Ottawa has forwarded to all presidents a request that the necessary steps be taken to carry out the wishes of the convention.

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in Washington between representatives of 112 international unions, the railroad men, not admitted by the A. F. of L., and a number of farmers' organizations.

AMERICA STEEL WORKERS PREPARING FOR LONG FIGHT.

As a result of the almost unanimous decision of the national committee of organized iron and steel workers to continue the strike, leaders of the unions this week were going ahead with plans for an active field campaign which they adopted by the conference on for at least four years if necessary.

BOARD OF COMMERCE TO PUNISH PROFITERS?

The Board of Commerce has issued another written statement upon its policies.

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"It is not enough to say that there is practically no section in favor of the O.B.U. in western cities. There is absolutely none."
This declaration, made to between 400 and 500 carmen of Winnipeg last week by F. McKinnon, chairman of the C.P.R. joint protective board, is an indication that the strength of the International Trades Union movement in the West, has not been impaired by the radical element. It was followed by the announcement of an epochal victory achieved by the International Trades Union movement.

Mr. McKinnon met the carmen, who were employees of all three railroads, and members of Jubilee Lodge No. 4, Northern Star 211, and Transcontinental 556, in order to explain the new schedule, signed in November, which shows some surprising elements of victory. In the first place the principle of seniority, for which the men have been fighting for years, is fully recognized.

COAL FAMINE ONE BIG BUNDLE OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

Private ownership has controlled and still controls the production and distribution of coal in Canada.

C. P. TELEGRAPH MEN WILL NOT STRIKE.

A report from Toronto to the effect that union operators of the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraphs has voted in favor of a strike on account of the introduction of the bonus system by the company was denied.

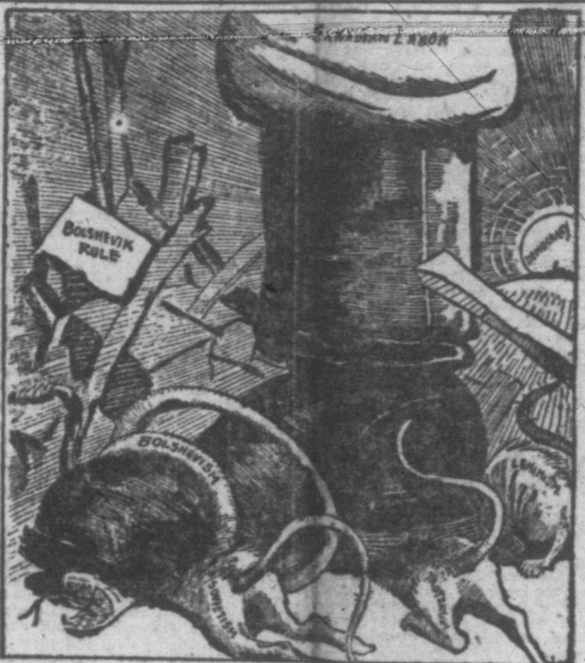
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STAMPING THEM OUT.



1920 Policy Canadian Legislative Board of Firemen and Enginemen

Many Important Resolutions Adopted At Annual Convention At Ottawa—Wm. L. Best Again Elected Chairman and Canadian Representative.

Resolutions endorsing legislation restricting hours of continuous service compelling the establishment of an adequate provident fund, and providing for old age and widows' pensions, and unemployment insurance, were among those passed by the Canadian Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, which met in Ottawa the week ending December 13.

W. M. L. BEST

Again heads Canadian Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

BAN SKILLED LABORERS DURING THE WINTER.

Due to the plentiful supply of skilled laborers and mechanics in Canada the Government has decided to ban men of this class from coming to Canada during the winter months.

I-L-P. Out For Victory in Civic Elections.

With nominations one week hence the local civic election campaign has not yet started in so far as public meetings are concerned.

UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO OVERTIME

President of Montreal Trades Council Gives His View on Shorter Work Day.

"A great amount of the present unemployment is due to the system of giving overtime pay of time and half as an inducement to a working man to prolong an already too lengthy working day, in place of engaging more help at shorter hours, is the opinion of John J. Foster, president of Montreal Trades and Labor Council, who recently returned from the International Labor Conference at Washington.

In adopting the proposal of the eight-hour day as outlined at the International Labor Conference, Mr. Foster stated that it would be particularly adopted, and that he successfully enforced, all employers of labor should agree to the new schedule, and do away, once and for all, with the pernicious system of overtime working hours as at present in vogue.

NO EMBARGO ON MECHANICS SAYS IMMIGRATION MINISTERS.

"There is nothing doing," declared Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, when questioned this week regarding the possibility of an embargo against mechanics, and certain other classes of skilled labor coming into the Dominion during the present winter.

EXPECTS LABOR TO CONTROL BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

Entire confidence in the destiny of labor governs Great Britain marks the conversation of J. H. Thomas M.P., general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, on his return to London from a tour of the Provinces.

PACKING HOUSE COMBINE TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Hon. W. E. C. Raney, provincial attorney-general, has instructed J. Lundy, K.C., to inquire into the Canadian packing situation and make a report on the combination of packing houses or plants in Ontario.

FARMER-LABOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS.

For the first time since its inception some few weeks ago, the joint committee of the Eastern Ontario Branch of the United Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Branch of the Independent Labor Party of Ontario met at the Carleton Place on Saturday afternoon.

LABOR WANTS U.S. GOVT. TO RETAIN RLYS.

of the Cummins railroad bill, now before the Senate, Samuel Stratford, president of the A.F. of L. and representative of the railroad brotherhood, together with spokesmen from some farmers' organizations, Wednesday urged Chairman Cummins of the Senate inter-state commerce committee to withdraw the measure and give government operation of the roads a fair and thorough peacetime test.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS.

"A few of the locals report a slackening up of trade this month," says the trade report of the Ontario Provincial Council of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, "but only a few out of work, several locals report members suspended and in arrears, these should be given careful attention, and the locals affected should immediately get busy and appoint committees to take this matter up and find out why these members are allowing themselves to get suspended and to fall into arrears."

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WANT CHECK ON ALL PROFITERS

Ry. Men Ask Governments to Stop Exploitation of Wages For Increased Prices.

At the recent meeting of the Canadian Legislative Board of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, attention was drawn to the following resolution on the high cost of living: "Resolved, that the eighth convention of the international body, held in Denver, Colorado, recently:

"Whereas, it is our firm belief that if something is not done to remedy this condition and a check put upon the profiteers and Gaults of labor, that it can only result and will only result in the destruction of our standard of living; and

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