

### ROBSON REPORT SAYS MAJORITY WORKERS ROYAL

#### Motive of Western Radicals Was to Elevate Labor Into State of Dictatorship.

The Commissioner finds that the great mass of the workers, intelligent and loyal to British institutions, do not confide in all that was said and done and that it was not clear to the latter that the motive of obtaining the right to a mode of collective bargaining for a group of workers, but that their purpose was to elevate labor into a state of dictatorship. It is the statement made in an official report of the Robson Royal Commission, released for publication by Premier T. C. Norris this week.

The report also states that the Commissioner finds that the character of the strike in operation from its inception in August, 1918, was toward radical socialism, rather than craft unionism, and that the situation in the coal fields was largely part in stirring up discontent and bringing it to a head. It is pointed out that had the Industrial Conditions Act been in operation the strike would have been averted and recommends the setting up of the joint council under the act as soon as possible.

An excerpt from the report reads: "It is found that these Socialist leaders made the utmost use of the strike to advance their own plans and to convert the complete cessation of labor in every avenue of life. That there was, in fact, loss of life other than that caused by the strike to advance their own plans and to convert the complete cessation of labor in every avenue of life. That there was, in fact, loss of life other than that caused by the strike to advance their own plans and to convert the complete cessation of labor in every avenue of life."

Touching on the general loss to the community, the Commissioner finds that this was practically universal. Building operations were retarded or abandoned, and clear evidence was obtained that the building of at least 150 dwelling houses which would have been available for occupation this winter, was abandoned for the year.

The monetary loss to the farming community through the strike of winter wheat is estimated at \$1,000,000. This was particularly damaging to the class of the community. It is impossible to estimate with any approach to accuracy the loss to the financial loss due to the strike of winter wheat. The financial loss due to the strike of winter wheat is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Commissioner deals with the question of class distinction and proportion of reward, and finds that in regard to this, the radical change of attitude on all sides can alone overcome this and reach a stable and satisfactory condition.

### ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS' NEGOTIATIONS STILL ON.

Suspension of work in the anthracite coal fields April 1, when the present wage agreement between operators and workers expired, was averted last week, when owners notified the hard coal diggers that they would agree to make any wage increase decided upon, the agreement being drawn up retroactive to that date.

### Matthew Woll of the A. F. of L. Points Out Danger of Labor Party in U. S. A.

"Conditions in the United States are so different from those in England that a Labor Party which expects to succeed in America, in view of the progress made by the British Labor Party, will find itself greatly mistaken," said Matthew Woll, president of the Photo-Engravers' International Union and vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, in reviewing the Labor Party movement in the United States.

### Quebec Int. Labor Solid For Eight Hour Workday

Last week the Canadian Labor Press made mention of the fact that the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America had a national eight-hour workday resolution adopted at a convention of its representatives in Montreal, Quebec, last week.

### THEATRICAL WORKERS WANT COMPENSATION Gov't Orders Closing Houses Cause Loss to Workers.

Asking for legislation which will ensure at least partial wages to theatrical employees when theatres are closed down by public order on account of epidemic diseases, a deputation of moving picture film operators from Regina and Saskatoon waited on Premier Martin last week.

### 40,000 LOCAL UNIONS ASKED TO NAME COMMITTEES FOR LABOR'S GREAT CAMPAIGN.

A call has been sent to each of the 40,000 local unions in the United States asking the immediate appointment of committees of three to cooperate with committees named by the central bodies for the work of securing the passage of the Industrial Conditions Act.

### VICAR'S OPINION SAME AS MOST OF US.

The Rev. Basil Bourchier, vicar of Hampstead Garden suburb (England), who incidentally has just returned from Canada, protested at a garden suburb wanting to force prohibition upon the nation.

### POSTAL CLERKS VOTE LABOR AFFILIATION

#### Important Resolution Adopted at Ottawa Convention.

Following considerable discussion, the Dominion Postal Clerks at their annual convention assembled at Ottawa, last week, decided to affiliate with a labor body in order that proper progress might be made in the future.

### CONGRESS CHIEF NOT ANXIOUS TO PAINT COUNTRY RED.

(Hamilton Herald.) In the opinion of J. C. Watters, the last meeting of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress held in Ottawa some months ago, did not represent Canadian labor because it was not radical enough.

### OUT-OF-WORK BENEFITS WON'T SOLVE PROBLEM.

The British Government's plan to pay out-of-work benefits was ridiculed in the British House of Commons by J. R. Clynes, British food controller during the war.

### BRITISH TRANSPORT PRESIDENT ON PROHIBITION.

Addressing a meeting of the Springfield Brotherhood at Springfield, Mass., Wendell Phillips, president of the National Transport Workers' Federation, said that if he were asked to vote on prohibition, he would vote for prohibition.

### LESS WAGES ARE PAID.

A report by the United States bureau of labor statistics does not support the claim that high wages are responsible for increased living costs.

### OPPOSE TEACHERS' UNIONS.

Teachers are beginning to be regarded as wards of the state, says the Commercial Federation of California. These business men warn teachers that they must keep away from trade unions, and if they organize, they will do serious injury to their own cause and that of education.

### REJECT "FODDER" BASIS.

On a hearing on the wage demands of longshore workers, the dockers' representative was asked if these workers would accept a sliding scale based on the cost of living. The representative replied that he would not accept a "fodder" basis of wages.

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS' INTERESTS ARE SIMILAR

#### Samuel Gompers Asserts That Farmers and Workmen Must Guard Against "Gamblers, Exploiters and Profiteers," Who Are Trying to Drive Them Apart.

Labor is being attacked and misrepresented in such a way as would be adopted if reactionaries and exploiting interests were undertaking a campaign against it, according to an editorial on "Real Farmers vs. Professional Farmers," by Samuel Gompers, in the current number of the American Federationist.

### BANK CLERKS DECLARE PORTS OF ROSY SALARIES EXAGGERATED.

(Toronto Star.) Ten bank clerks, forming a deputation, visited the Star protesting against a statement contained in a recent issue of the Star to the effect that a junior clerk of good ability can reach a salary of \$8,000 or more within five years of being appointed to manage a branch.

### 34 Countries Now in League of Nations; China And U. S. Only Big Nations Outside

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### VENEREAL DISEASE SAPPING OUT OUR VERY LIFE.

"There are diseases which are eating the heart out of our people, which are sapping out our very life," said Mr. Justice Biddell in addressing the organization meeting of the Toronto Committee of the Canadian National Council for Combating Venereal Disease.

### MORE U. S. TEACHERS VOTE TO ENTER LABOR UNIONS.

Charles F. Ammerman, chairman of the high school teachers' committee, following a meeting of teachers in St. Louis a few days ago, declared that fully 90 per cent of them had voted to affiliate with the labor unions and had applied for membership.

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### HALLCROW'S PLEA FOR LIGHT BEER

#### Think Civilian's Child Needs Help as Well as Soldier's Widow.

"The program for this session is not all that we Labor men would desire, but there are four years ahead of us," said G. H. Hallcrow, Hamilton East, in concluding the debate on the speech from the throne in the Ontario Legislature last week.

### Public Ownership In Glasgow A Success

Thomas A. Irwin, a member of the Glasgow City Council, Scotland, while addressing an Edinburgh audience recently reviewed the operation of the Glasgow tramways, one of the big publicly-owned utilities.

### BAKERS AND WORKERS SHOULD GET TOGETHER

#### Master Bakers Protest Against Abolition of Night Work.

When the question of abolition of night work in bake shops was brought to the attention of Hon. Walter Rollo, Ontario's Minister of Labor, he attempted to get both the employers and workers together in a joint conference.

### COMPLETES FORMATION OF JOINT WAGE BOARD.

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### N. S. MINERS TO DEMAND 25 P. C. INCREASES

#### District 26, U. M. W. of A., Will Hold Convention at Truro, April 5.

The rumor that wage increases of at least 25 per cent will be sought by the miners of Nova Scotia, following the forthcoming U. M. W. convention at Truro, was confirmed by Silby Barrett, International Board member, upon his arrival at Sydney Mines last Saturday.

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