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OTTAWA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1919.

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE SESSION IN WASHINGTON.

# Negotiations Lasted Months

## Increases Granted and Conditions Secured.

It is announced by the Canadian Raliway War Board that an agreeproviding for increases of pay and certain changes working conditions was signed recently by the board acting on be-half of the railways concerned and by the officials of Division Number Four, Rallway Employes' Depart-ment, American Féderation of La-bor, which includes in its member-ship Canadian rallway employes en-gaged in the locomotive and car de-partments

age in the normonive and car de-stiments. The agreement was signed on be-all of the board by the chairman its administrative committee. Mr. rant Hall, and for the employes by essers R. J. Talton, Frank Mc-enresident and secretary, re-sectively, of the labor organiza-tions. Negotiations which cultiniat-in the agreement completed May last. The employes asked May last. The employes asked re hour to men engaged in toco alive work and nine cents per-par for those engaged in the car phanese. Those of labor, partic-thances in hours of labor, particshops, res in hours of labor, partic

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new agreement affects ap-tely 25,000 employes in Can-



Left to right, seated-Arthur Martel, David Rees, Tom Moore (chief advisor to Canadian Workers' delegation), Loring C. Christie, Major L. L. Anthes, F. A. Acland and Honorable N. W. Rowell, both Government delegates; S. R. Parsons, employers' delegate; P. M. Draper, workers' delegate, and J. D. Hugg. Standing, left to right-T. M. Molloy, Hono Johnson, Dr. W. A. Riddell, Gerald H. Brown, secretary and advisor to delegates; J. G. Merrick, T. A. Stevenson, Capt. Wm. Wallace, M.C., D. A. Cameron, Hon. C. H. Robins Standing, left to right-T. M. Molloy, Honorable T. H. on, E. Blak Robertson and Louis Guyon.

## **RAILROAD MEN OPPOSE MEASURE** Retention of Carriers By Gov-

The chiefs of 13 unions and brotherhoods of railroad employee last week signed and issued a state-ment containing the foregoing plat-

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## New Mines Department.

Harry Mills, who has been chosen

A coalition party has taken over the Government of the Province of Ontario. It is made up of represent-atives of the Independent Labor party and the United Farmers of Ontario. The Farmers having the majority in the party hold most of the Cabinet positions, but the Inde-pendent Labor party has been given the pests of Minister of Labor and the latter Ministry has not yet been The latter Ministry has not yet been

pendont Labor party has been siven the pests of Minister of Labor and Héalth and the Minister of Mines. The latter Ministry has not yet been officially established and will not be until the next session of the Ontario Legislature. In the meantime,

Just of Succion for severa Just Col. Carmichael, ministe without portfolio, farms near Col lingwood, served overseas for fou years, distinguished himself on sev eral occasions.

the Minister of Mines, will sit on the CANADIAN RAILROAD MEN Cabinet Council as Minister without

Cabinet Counterport portfolio. While the old party papers see no social in the new Government the Canadian Labor Press believes that it will give the province good ser-ty dee and not class legislation as most of the old party papers would not of the old party papers would end us to believe. The new Gov-ernment is the most demosratic the affairs of the Province of On-the affairs of the Province of On-the tario. It has a giganic task be-tweet of Fort William. Practical difficulties, according to Mr. Cooke-stand in the way of Canadian rall-way for there is much to be done. If the S-hour work the S-hour work n re-ins of the affairs of the Province of On-the affairs of the Province of On-the affairs of the Province of On-fore it, for there is much to be dons. fore it, for there is much to be dons. fore it, for there is much to be dons. for it, and proportional representation are measures that will require imme-eases our lifectric will require thought, and amendments to the Workmen's for the attention of the Government. The Ontario housing scheme and the fore-the ontario housing scheme and the for action. The platform of the In-reaction of the two should bring atton the masses. The women, too, to the attention of the toe sched to the attention of the teaces in the past, but for the masses. The women, too, to the instation party and the combination of the two should bring and the the scheder of the teaces in the past, but for the masses. The women, too, the buder the leadership of Hon. Walter Rolo, of Hamilton, abor abor the is also Minister of Labor and Health. The new coalition Cabinet is made abor. The inster of Agriculture, Manning Deery. Minister of Education, R. H.

## WILL DEVELOP MINES **OF NORTHERN ONTARIO**

enunciation of his aims inister of Mines in the as Minister of Mines in the Ontario, Government was given by Hon. H. Mills before the Canadian Miners' Institute Saturday night, when he em-phanized the necessity for ob-taining funds for develop-ment of the mineral resources of the province

ment of the mineral resources of the province. "I am going to see," de-elared the Miniker, "that every invitation I can give will be given toward that end, that we may have capital, and lots of it, to develop these re-sources." Mr. Mills gave in-teresting data as to the growth of the mining industry in Oniario. He made no utterance on labor questions, pointing out that these were within the province of Hon. within the province of Hon W. R. Rollo.

**POWER OF LABOR** 

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> Ald. Altch and Ho What devel is being eagerly awaited. **8-HOUR WORKDAY ADOPTED** IN SPAIN. The Spanish Official Gazette las

The Spanish Official Gazette hast week published a notice that not more than the legal eight hours daily shall be worked except in cases of emergency, and then only after an agreement has been reach-ed between the men and the em-ployers regarding the rate of wages to be paid.

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Asked For Conference

With Labor.

Of late pronounced rumblings of discontent and disaffection are man-ifest among Hamilton's returned

"Tommies," says our Hamilton cor dent. According to

Albert Peart, veteran of the 40th Battery, ex-president of the East Hamilton G. W. V. A.; the sol-

he is qualified to speak off

ember of the Provincial Executive

Committee, Great War Veterans Association. There is to be an im ediate meeting of the Domin Executive Committee, G.W.V.A., at which Veteran Peart prognosticates that there will be far reaching

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taken was to try to mold the eco-nomic work of the League of Na-tions on the model of the best con-ditions that they could establish in the Empire. Since they would have freedom from strife on the field of battle, the economic part of the League of Nations should give them internal peace in their true indus-trial life.

Gunner

## COST OF LIVING SLIGHTLY LOWER IN OCTOBER.

A slight downward trend in cost of living is reported by the Labor Gazette. Although the retail price of meats and potatoes showed decline, there are



## **ONTARIO CARPENTERS PASS THE 6,000** MARK.

Work in the Province is very good, and several hundred carpenters, also cabinet-makers and machine men could be accommodated with work at the present time, says the monthly trade report of the Optario Provincial Council of Carpenters and Joiners. Last month we reported that the membership in the Province was between the 5,900 and 5,000 mark, but before the reports were in the hands of the members we had passed the 6,000 mark by over two hundred, so now it is up to every one to get busy and get that 7,000 mark and follow it up until we get the 10,000 for the next Previncial Convention. Organizer March put in a new Local at Hanover during September with a Charter List of over 200 to start with, and prospects are bright for making about another 50 for the second meeting

The General Prisident has endered the pulling out of the man working for the Atlas Construction Company at Kitchener because this firm is fighting our organization in the city of Montreal. Organizer Marsh went down there and called the men off on, Friday. Members allould be careful not to accept work for October 31. this company, who are trying to keep the job running under the assumed name of the National Construction Company. One hundred and twenty-five men were called off by the organizer.

On Monday, October 27, Local Union 2096, of Kitchener, held a fine open meeting, which was addressed by Business Agent Doggett, of Toronto, and Organizer Marsh. Brother Doggett spoke for nearly one hour on the need of organization and the necessity of members attending the meetings so that the officers would be encouraged in their work, also the education the members would reby the debates which go on in the Locals. • Organizer Marsh gave a detailed report of his negotiations with the furniture manufacturers in the various furniture districts of the Province. He also spoke on the need or organizing the craft solid in all districts.

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world's goods than they previously enjoyed. Fame is something that makes a hand. Something that makes a compared with \$7.74 in September ber, 1914. G. W. V. A. TAKES VOTE **ON POLITICAL ACTION** 

Whatever Outcome Vets Should Get Into I.L.P.

A coast-to-coast ballot on pro-politics or no-politics for the Great War Veterans' Association is to be returned at the various provincial headquarters not later than December 1. Official forms and instructions to branch offices have been desnatched to the 268 odd organizations for a final verdict on the important question. Included in a lengthy letter from Secretary C. S. MacNell, Dominion secretary, special attention is given to the eligibility of members to vote.

The Canadian Labor Press is of the opinion that the G.W.V.A. and other ex-service men's organizations should identify themselves with the Independent Labor Party. For after all the exservice men are workers of one kind or another. Very few of them live on the labors of others and, such being the case, they are all eligible for the Independent Labor Party. The last convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress-the parent b of Organized Labor and, therefore, the voice of all the worke. went on record as being in favor of the famous Calgary resointion. The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has ever taken an active part in the work of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, and the president, Mr. Tom Moore, not very long ago told a parliamentary committee that Organized Labor stood for the re-establishment of the soldiers into their trades. We mention these things to show you that the Trades and Labor Congress stands by the returned soldiers. As most of you are aware Organized Labor as an organization does not take part in politics but through the Independent Labor Party it voices its political feelings. During the recent provincial election campaign the Labor standard-bearers stood by the soldiers and will continue to do so.

A soldlers' party is not desired. We do not forecast what the autrome of the ballot will be, for we are not in a position to state, but we firmly believe that the G.W.V.A. and other kindred organizations should as soon as possible affiliate with the Independent Labor Party and their political programme will be care ried out more effectively than under a political party of soldiers.

