

Sane Labor Unions Reject All Plans of The Soviets

GEORGE LATHAM OF MEDICINE HAT READS EXTRACTS FROM LENINE SPEECH AND CONVENTION BELIEVES THEM

The Alberta Federation of Labor, meeting in conference at Medicine Hat, Alberta, by a considerable majority voted non-concurrence in a resolution calling for recognition of the Third International at Moscow. The debate was warm at times, but a jority of the delegates appeared to view with approval the statement of Fred White, M.L.A., chairman of the resolutions committee, when in recommending non-concurrence, he said sufficient evidence was not at hand to enable Alberta labor to pass on the merits of either of the Amsterdam or Moscow Internationals.

Reads Some Extracts.

Furthermore, considerable attention was paid when George Latham, delegate from Edmonton, read extracts from an address Premier Lenine of Russia, in which the Soviet leader declared that "the policy of the Third International is incomprehensible to the foreigner, and if on occasion one did understand it, he did not fulfil it."

The convention by resolution reiterated its unalterable opposition to war of all kinds between nations.

Discussion on the Alberta minimum wage report resulted in general recommendation being made, one of which was that the minimum of \$14 a week was insufficient in view of the fact that lowest living budget presented had been \$14.50 a week.

The convention this morning passed a resolution urging the despatch of a labor congress to promote in every way possible the amalgamation of the existing craft unions into industrial unions, one for each industry.

As To Election.

It was decided to request that the proportional representation system be used in electing members of the Alberta legislature and that election day be a public holiday.

A resolution was adopted in favor of a scheme for unemployment insurance, same to be a charge on the industry. Another resolution reaffirmed the convention's opposition to all wars.

MEMBERS DISSATISFIED WITH 40 HOUR WEEK

Members Federated Shopkeepers Object to New G. T. R. Schedule.

Shopmen in the Campbell street branch of the Grand Trunk Railway refused Saturday their second week the new 40-hour week time schedule. The shops were closed Saturday, and in the city state that everything is running smoothly. During the past week some of the employees have been laid off.

Some 700 members of the Federated Shopkeepers' Union, working in the London shops, are not at all satisfied with the new schedule, and a formal protest to the Montreal headquarters probably be made within a week.

Negotiations are quietly going on between the company and the unionists, but Joseph Corbett, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway for Canada, would not divulge the nature of the protest, if any, connected with the Grand Trunk Railway.

Two months or so ago the men received a reduction in wages, and though the cut was enforced with any active protest on the part of the men, they are by no means satisfied with conditions as they exist to-day and are not expected to accept a 40-hour week as a permanent time schedule without protesting vigorously.

A large number of the employees in the London shops are confident the ruling is only a temporary and will be abolished within a few weeks, as the 40-hour week has inaugurated at different periods in the past and has been withdrawn in a week or two.

LOTS OF COAL BUT THE COST IS HIGH

Toronto Paper Informed That Canada Can Get All Anthracite Required.

Toronto.—Under the heading "Who is getting the hard coal," the Toronto Telegram today has a staff despatch from Scranton, Pa., quoting that dealers to the effect that Canada is getting large quantities of anthracite. The despatch says in part: "Anthracite is being shipped out of here in immense quantities."

"Large purchases are being made by Canadians in various parts of the country. Hard coal is going to Canada very rapidly and the high price of \$14.50 a ton is being paid to independent dealers here.

"It is said here, direct shipments being made to Toronto are being diverted at higher prices to smaller Ontario cities.

"J. H. Kirby & Sons, big dealers, told the Telegram that Canada could get all the anthracite it could possibly need, but that it must pay the price. Anthracite is being mined at a tremendous rate. Production is greater than ever, and the output is snapped up just as soon as it is mined.

"We have a thousand cars in the last couple of weeks. They are being held on the price in Ontario and getting the coal."

"Toronto coal dealers are refusing to take orders for hard coal. They will deliver only a mixture of hard and soft, mostly soft.

TO CALIFORNIA VIA CANADIAN NATIONAL ROUTE.
At this season of the year, many Canadians are planning to visit California. Of course there are many routes, each with their special scenic interest, but, treating travel as a fundamental of education, why not travel one way through Canada. It will give you an opportunity of knowing your own country better, a chance to view the finest mountain scenery in America, and to visit our own all-year-round resorts on the Pacific Coast, Vancouver, and Victoria, where the grass is green and flowers bloom, and golf, motoring, and all out-door sports may be indulged in throughout the winter months. Discuss this tour with any agent of the Canadian National Railways, before concluding your plans. "The Continental Limited," which runs daily between Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver is one of the finest all-steel equipment trains in America. For full particulars, apply to the city passenger office, Canadian National Grand Trunk Railway, north-west corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto. Telephone Main 4209 and Adl. 5179.

HON. W. FIELDING BACK FROM THE TRADE CONFAB.

Treaty With Spain Left Open For Negotiation at Future Date.

Halifax, N.S.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, arrived here from Southampton on the White Star Lines Pittsburg, after spending four months in Europe. They brought back with them trade treaties with France and Italy.

They visited Brussels, but it is understood that discussion of a Belgian-Canadian treaty was held in abeyance pending a contemplated revision of their tariff system by the Belgian Government. Negotiations were begun with the Spanish embassy in London with the purpose of making a trade agreement with that country. Spain recently entered into a treaty with Great Britain which left an opportunity for the Dominions to join, but it is understood that the Canadian Government preferred negotiating a new treaty, rather than come under the terms of that with Great Britain.

They stated that they had no new announcements to make pending the official submission of the report of their trip before Parliament.

A SLIGHT ADVANCE IN FAMILY BUDGET

Fresh Eggs Contributed Most of Increase, Which was Ten Cents on December 1.

In retail prices the average cost of a weekly family budget of 29 staple foods in terms of the average prices in 69 cities was \$10.39 at the beginning of December last, as compared with \$10.29 at the beginning of the previous month; \$11.00 for December, 1921; \$16.92 for June, 1920; the highest point reached, and \$7.96 for December, 1914, according to the Labor Gazette.

The total of the combined budget of food, fuel and rent was \$20.97 at the beginning of December last, as compared with \$20.89 at the beginning of the previous month; \$21.49 for December, 1921; \$26.92 for June, 1920, the highest point reached, and \$14.26 for December, 1914.

Fresh eggs accounted for much of the increase, says the Gazette, though dairy products generally and sugar were higher. The chief declines were in meats, except mess pork, rice, beans, evaporated apples, and potatoes. Bread, flour, and rolled oats were unchanged. Flour was slightly lower. Rentals were steady.

HULL LABOR MAY SELECT CANDIDATE

A three-cornered fight is likely in the county of Hull in the forthcoming provincial elections which are to be held on February 5th.

The Labor Party will hold a meeting in the Hull City Hall to discuss the selection of a candidate.

Next Tuesday the Liberal convention for Hull county and Hull city will be held in the city hall. The convention opens at two p.m. and it is said that Mr. J. E. LaFond, president of the Hull Liberal Association, A.M. J. A. Valin, and Mr. Louis Bertrand will be placed in nomination in opposition to Mr. Joseph Caron, the present M. L. A.

On Friday night meetings will be held to all the wards for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Liberal convention. Mr. Eugene St. Jean is the secretary of the association.

PACKING HOUSE WORKERS ORGANIZE

One big industrial union of all workers employed in the packing houses of the St. Louis Packers' Association is being formed to demand the return of the eight hour day, time-and-a-half for overtime. This is part of a nation-wide campaign to unionize the packing house workers on an industrial basis by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. The important strike in the St. Louis market last winter, was lost, it is claimed, because too many unions were involved. All workers of any trade in the meat industry are being enrolled in the new union.

SIR H. THORNTON EXPLAINS REVISION OF HANNA ORDER

Declares That Railwaymen Are Entitled to Full Rights of Good Citizens.

Sir Henry Thornton, president of the National Railways, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the board of trade. After discussing the problems confronting the C. N. R. Sir Henry referred to the criticism which had followed his action in rescinding the Hanna order, with regard to political participation on the part of government railway employees.

"Shortly after I came to Canada," he said, "I found that the men were smarting under a sense of injustice with regard to the order which prevented them from taking advantage of their full rights of citizenship."

"I did not believe that the National Railway could prosper under these conditions. These men pay their taxes, are good citizens of the country, and are entitled to the full rights of citizenship. I gave the matter full consideration and deliberately rescinded the order."

"I know of no other railway in the world," said Sir Henry, "there might be one, but certainly are not many, with such an order. The Canadian Pacific Railway, our most important competitor—I'm glad it's our competitor—has no such order."

"It seemed to me that the order was making the National Railway enter into politics, and so I rescinded the order and it stands rescinded. I make this explanation, in order that those who have criticized may know the reason why the order was rescinded."

HON. CRERAR TO RETAIN HIS SEAT

Will Support Robert Forke and the Progressive Policy.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, former leader of the Progressive party, will continue to represent the constituency of Marquette in the House of Commons, it was decided here at the meeting of the progressive political party of Marquette at which Mr. Crerar was present.

Mr. Crerar explained that he would not be able to give his duties as member for Marquette full time, but he would give all the time he could spare from his duties as president of the United Grain Growers, Limited, and would in parliament support the Progressive policy and Robert Forke.

RESCUE FISHERMEN FROM SINKING BOAT

Little Boat Ida M. Cunningham Is Abandoned in Mid-Atlantic

Halifax, N.S.—Five men of the 15-ton off-shore Liverpool fisherman Ida M. Cunningham, were rescued from their little craft by the Canadian Pacific Steamships Liner Metagama, from St. John, and are on board that vessel bound for Glasgow. The rescue was effected with the high seas from the storms of Friday and Saturday still running and being further whipped by a fresh northwest gale today.

News of the rescue of the crew came here today in a message to S. H. Harvey, agent of the marine and fisheries department. It was from the Metagama and reads: "Crew five men of Ida M. Cunningham taken off and vessel abandoned at 3 p.m. today. 43:22 north latitude, 63:09 west longitude. Fresh north-west gales and high seas. Vessel with sails gone and auxiliary engines disabled. Still afloat and menace to navigation."

HEALTH SURVEY OF PRINTING TRADES PLANNED

A nation wide health survey of the printing trades is soon to be undertaken by the employers and employees in the industry. Especial emphasis will be placed upon methods of ventilation, air pollution, lighting, eye-strain, posture and physique. The investigation will cover a period of two years, and will be carried on in co-operation with governmental and scientific organizations, including the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SPEND MILLIONS ON NEW WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Postmaster General Chamberlain Tells Audience Work is Advanced by One Year. Premier Declines Call Parliament. Tells Deputation Everything Being Done to Initiate New Schemes.

London.—Premier Bonar Law, receiving a Trades Union Congress deputation declined their entreaty to re-assemble parliament at the earliest possible date to discuss the unemployment problem.

"This government is doing all it can to initiate schemes for the benefit of the unemployed," the premier told the deputation.

Postmaster General Neville Chamberlain, speaking for Major Gee, the Conservative candidate in the East Newcastle by-election, said the government was undertaking the expenditure of millions of pounds for new work which ordinarily would not have been undertaken until next year.

Credits were being advanced to big firms to finance new works and railway developments, alone, soon to be undertaken, would cost between five and ten million pounds.

The future and hope of the country, said Mr. Chamberlain, lay in developing trade with the dominions and the colonies. "If we could supply half of what the dominions and colonies now bought from foreign countries we would go far towards solving the unemployment problem in Great Britain," said Mr. Chamberlain.

STRONG PROTEST BY BRITISH LABOR

London, Eng.—A strong protest on behalf of British Labor against the French occupation of the Ruhr and a demand that Great Britain dissociate itself entirely from the project are contained in a statement issued by a joint council of the Trades Union Congress, the executive committee of the Labor party and the Parliamentary Labor party.

Characterizing the French advance as an act of war, the protest makes six demands upon the British government, as follows: "First—To refrain from all measures of support or co-operation with the French troops, such as allowing the troops to pass through the British occupied territory or allowing this territory to be used by the French for any military operations.

Second—To dissociate itself by formal declaration from all complicity with the present policy of the French government.

Third—To refuse to take advantage in any way of the French action by sharing in cash payments, coal or deliveries in kind which may be obtained as the result of such action.

Fourth—To take all possible steps to secure the withdrawal of all the armies of occupation.

Fifth—To support the United States in the present dispute to an impartial government in securing submission of the matter.

Sixth—To make a formal proposition for reference of the whole reparations problem to the League of Nations.

CALGARY MINERS NOT TO JOIN WESTERN STRIKE

There will be no sympathetic strike of miners in district 18, United Mine Workers of America, owing to the situation in the Edmonton field. This was the definite statement made to the Canadian Press by William Sherman, the President of the United Mine Workers at Calgary, and represents the decision of the district officials after a full conference on Friday.

CANADIAN INDUSTRY SHOWS IN ENGLAND

Forthcoming Empire Trade Exhibition Attracts Many Manufacturers.

The British Industries Fair, to be held from Feb. 19 to March 2 in London and Birmingham, England, and heralded as the world's greatest trade fair, has already attracted a large number of Canadian industries, local chamber of commerce officials report.

The London chamber is endeavoring to interest a number of concerns in the city in the exhibition, and complete information is in the hands of the officials for those who wish to become familiar with it.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Montcalm will permit of direct connection with the fair dates, and sailings from the national winter port, St. John, N. B., on Feb. 9, will reach Liverpool, Feb. 17, two days before the opening of the fair. Cabin reservations up to the present are many, and the passenger list is expected to be filled before the date of sailing.

Secretary Philip of the local C. of C. pointed out that Canadian manufacturers will be presented with an unusual opportunity of meeting British manufacturers at the fair under favorable conditions. Everybody at the fair, the largest of its kind in the world, will be there on business, and will be unhampered with the usual crowd of sightseers.

Businessmen will readily realize that the bringing together of the leading manufacturers in each industry at a trade fair stimulates competition between them so keenly that the buyer must profit, says Mr. Philip. Coupled with the buying facilities under the best conditions and inspection of the extensive exhibits of empire manufactured goods is a wonderful opportunity for the Canadian manufacturer to increase his own markets and to establish valuable connections of agencies.

A. F. OF L. CONDEMNS EDMONTON POLICE

Force Alleged to Have Used Clubs on Miners and Their Wives.

Medicine Hat.—The A. F. of L. convention, at a special session, endorsed a resolution "strongly denouncing the action of the police in using clubs on miners and their wives in the Edmonton coal field."

Protest also was made against "methods that have been adopted by the municipal, provincial and federal authorities in using the police in the interest solely of the operators." Had it not been for this assistance, the resolution claimed, the operators would have been quickly convinced of the necessity for negotiating with the miners' representatives.

One resolution today condemned the International Labor Bureau for "capitalist propaganda" and supported the Red International of Labor Unions with headquarters at Moscow. It also approved the action of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 26, in applying for affiliation with the Moscow international.

The resolution, which was introduced by the Blairmore delegation, was eventually rejected by the convention.

CANADIAN WAYMEN PATCH UP AGREEMENT

An agreement has been reached between the Canadian railways and the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers raising the wages of the men a few cents an hour. A cut in wages varying from one to five cents an hour for these railway employees went into effect on July 16th last. Negotiations have since been proceeding steadily, and the present agreement provides for an average increase of two cents an hour from the July reduced rates. The new rates are in line with those obtained by the same union on the United States railways, which was granted by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board.

Reductions of five to nine cents an hour in the wages of shop employees, imposed in August by the Canadian railways, will remain in effect, according to an agreement concluded between the Railway Association of Canada and Division 4 of the Railway Employees Department of the A. F. of L.

Down with the French imperialists; long live the German revolution," many of the banners carried in the procession read.

FOODLESS A WEEK PORT ELGIN MAN RESCUED IN WOODS

Michael Cullen Lost and Spends Six Days in Woods Before the Searchers Find Him. Feet Frozen, Now in Hospital.

Moncton.—After having been lost nearly a week in the woods in the eastern part of Westmorland county, Michael Cullen, of Port Elgin, a returned soldier, thirty years of age, was found alive. Both feet were frozen.

On Tuesday last he left Port Elgin for Anderson through the woods. As he did not arrive at his destination, it was thought he had been lost. Search parties were organized, but not until Monday morning, Jan. 8, was he discovered.

He was located by the searching party near a brook. He had become lost, and in order to keep himself from freezing to death had tramped up and down the brook feeling that he would be found by searchers sooner or later. He had been gone six full days, during which time the weather was mostly very cold, and he had had absolutely no food.

It was taken to Port Elgin this morning and sent to a hospital.

UNABLE TO RESCUE ENTOMBED MINER

Rescue Teams Forced to Abandon Search for Man Buried in Mine following Explosion in Which One Death Occurred.

Vincennes, Ind.—Members of mine rescue teams were forced to abandon their search for Thomas Kenny, who was entrapped in American Mine No. 1 near here, following an explosion which resulted in the death of Pete Daugherty and the serious injury of John Brennan, announced it was doubtful whether they would be able to re-enter the shaft because of the strong gas fumes which have formed there. All hope of finding Kenny alive has been abandoned, they assert, as it would be practically impossible for a person to live more than a few hours in the gas filled shaft.

The explosion, which was caused when a windy shot was set off near a gas pocket, occurred late in the evening when most of the miners had quit work. Five men were caught in the shaft.

Two of the men were able to make their way out. Rescue crews found the body of Daugherty and also brought to the surface Brennan, who is said to be in a serious condition. An all night search in the mine for Kenny failed to reveal and traces of the man.

BAN MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONALE

Executive Board of United Mine Workers to Demand Nova Scotia District Withdraw Application to Moscow Organization

Glace Bay, N.S.—A telegram received here from S. Barrett, one of the disputants for the international board membership of District No. 26 United Mine Workers of America, who is now in Indianapolis, states that the international executive board has decided to demand the executive board of the Nova Scotia district to withdraw its application for membership in the Red International at Moscow.

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BLIND WORKERS ORGANIZE

The first union formed entirely of blind workers has been organized and has received a charter from the state of New York. It is called the Blind Industrial Workers of New York State incorporated, and has a membership of nearly 200, most of whom are residents of New York city. It is hoped ultimately to include all blind workers in the state.

The purposes of the organization are to further the interests of members in their efforts to gain a livelihood, to maintain bureaus of information and industrial aid, and to dispose of real and personal property. Besides being the first union formed entirely of blind workers, this organization is also the first labor union to incorporate.

BUILDING TRADES UNIONS CAMPAIGN

Drive in the Interests of International Labor Movement.

The executives of the various Building Trades unions in the city met under the presidency of Mr. F. Williamson, of the Plasterers' Union, in the O. E. R. hall on Bank street, to discuss plans for a coming campaign in the interests of the international Trades and Labor movement.

There was a large number of representatives from the different building trades present and it was decided to make a start on the campaign by enlisting the support of the various unions in affiliating with the local Allied Trades and Labor Council.

It was decided also to hold a mass meeting of all laborers in the city, both union and non-union, in Huickell's hall on Tuesday evening next, which will be addressed by men prominent in the labor movement.

In order to ensure the success of the campaign the building trades will co-operate with the officers of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, under whose auspices it is being held. Messrs. Captain J. A. P. Haydon, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, Pat Green, and other Labor leaders addressed the meeting.

SUGAR TAKES A BIG JUMP

Over One Dollar and a Half Increase in Sugar During the Last Three Months.

The price of sugar, which has long been an unknown quantity, has taken a jump of twenty-five cents during the last week.

As reported last week on this page the new crop of Cuban sugar is nearly one million tons more than that of last year. The fact must be borne in mind, however, that in addition to last year's crop, there was a surplus of over one million tons carried over from the year before. In spite of this surplus, the whole amount was about exhausted during the year, due both to the fact that the exportation to Europe was greater, and that the consumption in our own country was considerably more than it had been any previous year.

It is a question, therefore, considering the fact that this surplus was easily absorbed, whether the recent rise will allow a large quantity of sugar for the present year or not. As soon as the pinch is felt, the price will go out of sight. The present rise, however, has been directly due to the rise of Rawns on the New York market.

PLAN GENERAL ALBERTA STRIKE

Edmonton.—A strike vote will be taken by all local unions regarding joint labor action in connection with the present coal miners' strike in the Edmonton field, it was decided at a meeting of the executives of all the trades unions at Edmonton and the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council.

ONTARIO FARMERS ARE AVERSE TO CO-OPERATION

Guelp, Ont.—Addressing the closing session of the conference on marketing J. J. Morrison, Secretary of the U. F. O. admitted that co-operative marketing in Ontario had not been successful. He said that many failures, which he claimed, were not an indictment against co-operation. Many of the farmers failed to see the benefits to be derived from co-operation.

The sultan of Turkey lost his job and left home in a hurry the other day. He could find only \$500,000 to take with him, but since he left all of his wives behind him, that little purseful ought to last a short while anyway. However, Jack Jones, Labor Member of Parliament in England, thinks that inasmuch as all men are created free and equal, the sultan should draw his unemployment dole of 15 shillings a week, the same as any man out of a job. And Jack would include a shilling a piece for each of his wives too.