

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

LABORERS' PRESIDENT VISITS OTTAWA.

Gay, Dominick, D. Alessandro, general president of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers of America, who was in attendance at the fourteenth annual convention of the A. F. of L. visited Ottawa on Sunday and addressed a meeting of workers in the Family Theatre. The International Union, of which he is president, now has a membership of some 160,000 and has a fund of \$250,000 in the bank with all debts paid.

Controller John Cameron presided, and short addresses were delivered by Dan McCann, treasurer of the Allied Trades and Labor Association, and by Albert Cole, secretary of the Ottawa Building Trades Council.

A GOOD PICTURE COMING TO IMPERIAL.

Law and order versus anarchy form the subject of the new Imperial picture, "The Great Shadow," starring Tyrone Power, which opens a six day engagement at the Imperial Ottawa, on Monday, July 5.

A general strike, violence, incendiaries, and the final prevailing of the sane elements of the community over the desecrating influence of the Reds, are given full pictorialization.

Tyrone Power, distinguished star of many of the highest type plays during the last quarter century, portrays a sane labor leader whose efforts in the interest of moderation are undermined by the Reds.

OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL.

The report of the special Labor Temple Committee of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association occupied the time of the delegates at the last regular meeting of the

association. After considerable discussion, the report of the committee was accepted and the committee was authorized to get further information. The committee was increased by the addition of Controller John Cameron and Wm. Ledger.

The striking woodworkers were voted \$100 and Delegates McCann, Hayden, and Rowe were appointed a committee to look into the advisability of further assistance.

Hamilton engineers were voted \$10 to assist them in their struggle.

WOODWORKERS STILL OUT.

Woodworkers in all of the Ottawa factories who went out on strike for better conditions last week are still out. The employers, despite the fact that the strikers have since come out and will remain out until their demands are met. The employers, despite the pressure of public opinion and the Labor Department refuse to arbitrate. The Mayor and members of the city council are also using their offices in an endeavor to effect a settlement.

Organized labor is solidly behind the woodworkers and the laborers, moral and financial support has been voted by many local unions.

OTTAWA NEWSY BRIEFS.

"Building laborers are receiving 69 to 65 cents an hour, while cabinet workers, skilled in their craft, receive 49. We have civil servants who are practically starving because they have neglected to organize on the lines of organized labor. Today they are asking that they be paid as much as cabinet workers."

So said Mr. Dan McCann, treasurer of the Allied Trades Council, addressing a meeting of building laborers in the Family Theatre on Sunday afternoon.

President Thos. Cuthbert, of the local leather workers union, has accepted a position for the summer with the J. R. Booth Co. in one of their camps.

Organizer J. J. Thomas, of the

United Textile Workers of America, visited Ottawa on Monday. He has been busy in the Ottawa Valley during the past week and a half in settling the dispute between the textile workers of Robb and their employers has been reached.

The running distance between Ottawa and Toronto will be shortened nearly 11 miles, and the trip between the two cities will be made in from 40 to 45 minutes less time than at present, when the unification of the Grand Trunk with the Canadian National Railway is completed.

R.Y. CLERKS DISSATISFIED.

Railway clerks of the Grand Trunk Railway held a meeting on Thursday evening in Hucksell's Hall, Bank street, for the purpose of discussing their action with regard to the eight per cent. increase which was granted them recently by a board of conciliation. Most of the clerks were unfavorable to its acceptance.

Fred Bancroft, representative of the clerks on the board of conciliation, refused to sign its findings and made a minority report.

TORONTO.

TORONTO NEWSY BRIEFS.

Toronto business men have advised dissatisfied letter carriers to defer strike action until they have brought their grievances before the Board of Hearing at Ottawa.

James Miller, business agent of the International Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and Freight Handlers, stated this week that the union would refuse to handle freight brought by the railways by men in the employ or on trucks owned by companies where strikes of teamsters have been called. There would be no freight tie-up in the event of a strike owing to the fact that there will be no restriction on the men accepting freight brought by individual companies as long as neither trucks nor men were used belonging to the Canadian Forwarding Company, Shelden Forwarding Company, or the Dominion Transport Company. The freight handlers are negotiating a schedule with the railways at the present time, and no action will be taken to jeopardize their negotiations.

Over thirty electrical workers, linemen and operators, of the Toronto Suburban Railway have applied for a board of conciliation to adjust wage differences with the company. They are asking \$1 an hour, an increase of thirty cents over the present rate.

Negotiations for a settlement of their dispute with the four downtown clubs where strikes have been called, are in sight, according to Dick Russell, business agent of the Waiters and Cooks' Union. The volunteer pickets called out last week have been removed.

The latest set of questions included in the shop steward's report on employees under the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners is supplemented by a warning that in cases of even minor accidents to employees, the shop steward should immediately notify the contractor, John Cottam, secretary of the Toronto union, explained the new regulation as being the result of a number of cases where apparently slight accidents have developed into serious complications and, owing to the fact that they had not been reported immediately, trouble has been met in serious competition.

E. N. Compton, Dominion Fair Wage Officer, announces that he has applied to the Department of Labor for a Board of Arbitration to investigate the wage schedule now under negotiation between the Toronto Suburban Railway Company and its employees.

EASTERN CANADA.

MONTREAL TRAM EMPLOYEES ELECT OFFICERS.

Aureli Lacombe, M.P., and J. L. Bourbonniere were elected by acclamation to the respective positions of president and secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Union of Tramways Employees, at the nomination of officers held last week. The dates were nominated for the post of vice-president, they being Gerard Gagnon, the present vice-president, and Henri Champagne. For the position of recording secretary, Henri Seguin, the present secretary, and A. V. Hayden were nominated.

HALIFAX LABOR PLEDGES SUPPORT TO MARINE WORKERS.

Over two thousand men, representative of practically all the organized trades in Halifax attended a mass meeting at the Market Building last week, at which the speakers discussed the situation resulting from the strike of marine workers, and the questions flowing therefrom.

from. The following resolution was passed unanimously on Monday:

"Whereas the marine workers' strike has assumed the aspect of a struggle for the right of collective bargaining, and it is hereby resolved that this meeting goes on record as supporting the men on strike."

Mr. Gardner, of the Trades and Labor Council, Halifax, occupied the chair, and made a brief address at the opening of the meeting.

SYDNEY MACHINISTS RETURN.

After a strike of two months, the steel plant machinists at Sydney returned to work on Thursday. The men struck in April for from 60 to 75 cents an hour and an eight-hour day. The men are to get 65 cents an hour for a 10-hour day, time and a half for Saturday work, and double time for Sundays and overtime. They will also work only five 12-hour night shifts each week instead of seven 12-hour shifts as at present.

EASTERN LABOR MEN SELECT CANDIDATES.

The recent labor convention at Sydney nominated Joseph Steele of Sydney and Forman Ways of Sydney Mines as the labor representatives of the Eastern Labor Council, which is to contest the forthcoming election of members for the provincial legislature and ratified the nomination of Arthur Richardson as the candidate for the selection of a soldier candidate was deferred as the veterans' delegates were not ready to submit a name that would be satisfactory to all the soldiers in the country.

HAMILTON TRADES COUNCIL.

Last Friday night's session of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council was the shortest held in very many months, the business being disposed of by 9.30 o'clock.

In the matter of the A. F. of L. convention having gone on record favoring an Irish republic, it was thought expedient by the delegates to await a report of the convention preceding by organizing Eddie O'Dell, boot and shoe workers' union, who was the T. and L. representative.

On the motion of Delegate Controller C. I. Aitchison it was agreed to start the council financially afresh and the sum of \$300 was placed in the current account. As soon as possible a meeting of the hall committee will be held for the purpose of discussing hall rent, mention being made that the present rents paid by tenants were inadequate to meet hall expenses.

The following were named for the Labor Day demonstration committee: Delegates Foster (convenor), McKee, Bourne, Corrigan, Ram, Hardie, Kerslake, Russell and Wharrie.

A communication from Hon. W. R. Rolfe, mentioned that an investigation of the Ontario employment bureau had been made and that the officials were discharging their duties in the best possible manner.

Credentials were received from the Ontario Trades and Labor Council. Secretary Foster reported progress respecting the interview with the Government concerning increased medical fees.

What is Capital?

Under the above heading many letters have recently appeared in the columns of "Justice," the official organ of the Social-Democratic party of Great Britain. The following has been taken from among them:

"Sir—Capital is saved wages—work done by the worker and spent. As an illustration, take the case of two men, A and B, with equal families and equal wages. Each has a potato patch of an acre of potatoes yielding an equal crop. A consumes all his potatoes, B, more industrious and frugal, saves his potatoes, and invests, which he sells and invests the proceeds, and he makes a wheelbarrow also in his spare time. B has become a capitalist, may have invested the proceeds of the sale of half his crop of potatoes by lending the money to another man, thus enabling that other man to employ and pay a carpenter to make him a wheelbarrow, thereby incidentally increasing employment. Those who wheelbarrows will last for years, and they represent a true picture of capital and of the origin of capital. It is obvious that the industrial worker, by saving habits, not only to himself, but also to others who form the community, and B should be encouraged and his property protected.

Consider another case of two men, C and D, with equal families and equal wages. In this case each man saves and invests, each accumulates \$500. They then each start a different kind of manufacturing enterprise, using their saved money to buy machinery, plant and machinery. C, lacking sound judgment and organizing ability, loses his capital; D, possessing these qualifications, in addition to industrious and saving habits, succeeds, and out of his annual savings from time to time enlarges his factory—thus providing employment and saving habits for a number of workers. Both C and D, by investing their savings in profit-seeking industry, have incidentally provided employment for workers, and are public benefactors. This case illustrates the need of rewarding capital skilled in trade with a share of production amounting to

more than the interest which could be earned with practically no risk by investing in gilt-edged securities. An adequate reward is obviously necessary in order to induce owners to risk the loss of their capital by investing it in trade.

Capital consists of the tools of industry and of stock in trade, both being needed to co-operate with human effort in production and distribution; these tools include buildings, plant and machinery, and always represent saved work done in the past, and not spent. Capital is necessary for use in industry, and in the interests of the community capital must be protected, and it should be in the hands—not of the state—but of those best able to use it to the greatest advantage in production. Capital invested in industry is always at risk, and is often lost in unsuccessful undertakings, out of which, however, in the meantime, the individual workers, other than the owners, have been well paid.

Capital is entitled to take a fair share of production; if this share is sometimes large in successful industries, yet it must be remembered that capital gets nothing at all, and may itself be destroyed in unsuccessful industries. Great capitalists of industry with incomes of \$50,000 or \$100,000 a year, derived from the investment of their capital and the exercise of their personal ability, are great benefactors to the community. It is the amount a man spends unreasonably on himself, not the amount he earns, which determines his success. Most industrious and successful men who accumulate great fortunes are great workers and lead frugal lives. Yours, etc., F. D. LEAKE, 25 Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.4.

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COAL SITUATION IS DESPERATE

"Despair rules the coal situation today," says "Coal Age" in its Weekly Review of May 27. "Production," it says, "is again on the decrease" and "Consumers are calling for coal that the mines cannot ship."

"Every anthracite shipper is now on a new price basis." "The fixing of hard coal has added 85c a ton to the wholesale prices of the leading sizes, with a ten cent monthly addition besides." "Stocks (of bituminous) are running dangerously low." "Chicago faces fuel famine, dealers are supplying their domestic trade in half-ton lots."

These facts are startling. The press has only awakened to the seriousness and is warning the public of the dangers of a fuel famine. With the fuel situation so desperate in United States, on which country we are dependent for fuel supplies, what will be the condition here this fall and winter?

Can you answer this question?

In September and October it will be too late to start to think about it. Now is the time to protect yourself. The Fuel Administrator has asked co-operation to assist him to avert the threatening distress, and our Company is doing its best—but it can do more, if you will co-operate with it now.

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Today Oakoal stock is selling for \$5.00 per share. The Company has unencumbered assets double the value of the stock already sold—and therefore Oakoal stock will sell within sixty days for \$10.00 per share, on the basis of only 200 tons—in ten hours—output; and on the basis of only 50 cents per ton profit—Oakoal dividends will be at least 20 per cent, which will make the value of the shares \$15.00 each. On a basis of \$1.00 per ton profit, dividends will be at least 35 per cent. But producing 400 tons daily in 20 hours, figure out the dividend values, and the multiplied value of Oakoal stock!

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Persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

Dated at Ottawa, the 22nd day of June, 1920.
NORMAN H. H. LETT, City Clerk.

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