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APPEAL TO MEIGHEN BEFORE STRIKING

If Reply Unsatisfactory General Strike Will Be Proclaimed in Toronto.

MEANS AN ULTIMATUM

It was decided by the executive of the Trades and Labor Council at the Labor Temple last night that before calling a special meeting of the council to consider a general sympathetic strike over the wage reduction issue involved in the shipyard strike, they would make one more appeal to Premier Meighen to consider the men's grievances.

The prime minister will also be asked for certain information regarding the case, and if a satisfactory reply is not forthcoming before next Tuesday, when another special meeting of the Trades and Labor executive will be held, steps will then be taken to call the full council to consider general strike measures.

Premier Meighen will be asked what is the cost of the work of building the government's contracts under present strike conditions, the present contract with the shipbuilding company is on a cost plus 15 per cent basis, compared with a cost plus 10 per cent basis that was in force during the war when ships were so urgently required.

Life will also be asked how the present wage rating was arrived at, whether from information obtained from the department of labor or from the department of marine and fisheries. If from the marine and fisheries department, he will be asked why the labor department was ignored, as in the case of the government's contracts.

Wage rates were fixed on information obtained from the latter department. If the figures were obtained from the marine department, he is requested to state from whom they were obtained and what the figures were.

It will be pointed out to the premier that when the contract was let the government understood that the employees should be residents of Toronto, and thus relieve the unemployment situation here, while at the present time 75 per cent of the men now engaged are from outside the city.

An Ultimatum to Government. The outcome of what virtually amounts to an ultimatum to the government will be awaited with great interest by the trade unions of the city, as the issue involved is that of wage reduction and a lowering of the scale of living. The metal trades strike of last year involved the question of wage increase, which was not considered so vital by workers in the metal trades. In this case, however, it is held, that the outcome will have a tremendous bearing on the future wage agreements all trades unions are now making.

Regarding the claim that 400 men were engaged as strike-breakers, the executive were informed by the Shipbuilders' Union strike pickets that not more than 200 are engaged at the present time. The normal conditions fully 800 men would have been employed and the unemployment situation in Toronto helped to that extent. It was also pointed out that the shipbuilders have been on the high seas by next June, whereas it is problematical whether they can now be completed by the fall.

The striking shipbuilders have been joined by the carpenters, steamfitters and machinists, who have all been called off the shipyard job, and as the ships progress and the work of other union trades is required they will be called off also. It was reported that not a single strike has been broken in the city.

In addition to a number of contributions which have already been received, the shipbuilders received last night a check for \$100 from the firemen's union and \$50 from the firemen. It is expected that all trades unions in the city will contribute to the strike fund.

FRENCH CHAMBER VOTES TODAY ON REPARATIONS

Paris, Feb. 8.—The French chamber of deputies returned this evening until Wednesday afternoon, at which time Andre Tardieu, former high commissioner to the United States, will resume his interpolations on German reparations.

Today's session was taken up with a debate between Louis Klotz, former minister of finance, and Louis Loucheur, minister of the liberated regions, the former giving figures tending to show that France will be the loser thru the reparations agreement, and the latter presenting a mass of figures tending to show the arrangement will be to France's benefit. The government and the opposition showed equal willingness to postpone a vote on the subject until tomorrow.

U.S. RAILWAYS TO RECEIVE PART OF MONEY DUE THEM

Washington, Feb. 8.—Brought up under a rule giving it privileged status, the Whitlow bill, authorizing partial payment to United States railroads under the guaranty section of the transportation act, was passed today by the house. Only one amendment, designed to protect the government against over-payment, was adopted.

Chairman East of the interstate commerce committee, which reported the measure, said legislation was needed because the treasury had refused to accept the ruling of the interstate commerce commission that about \$350,000,000 due the carriers should be paid now, as the law which he helped frame stipulated.

By giving the roads the money due them, Rep. Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, a member of the committee, declared they would be able to operate on a basis of equal terms from entanglements with the government.

SIMCOE VOTE TO Q.W.V.A.

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 8.—At the meeting of the town council last evening, the aldermen voted 14-0 to the local Q.W.V.A. for the purpose of equipping and moving the rent of the association's new rooms that are being acquired.

THIRD BATTALION GAINING STRENGTH

Appeal Is Made for Funds to Help With Fitting Up Quarters.

The old Third Battalion, Toronto Regiment, that carried the city's name with honor thru every great engagement and finally over the Rhine, is now definitely perpetuated as the Toronto Regiment. Ever since the Third Battalion returned to Toronto nearly two years ago, it has been the hope of all who know its record that it should live again in some form in the city of its birth, and that dream is now a fact.

Already it is recruited to well over half its strength and its old members and those of other overseas units are flocking back to the colors, while many a lad who was disbarred by his youth from serving during the war, is joining up to stand shoulder to shoulder with the men who fought at Mont Sorrel and Passchendaele.

After long delay the authorities have at last found a home for the regiment. In the old Black Nelson School on College street it has been provided with the makings of suitable quarters, capable of being made into armories, offices, quartermaster's stores, regimental and company rooms, and with proper furnishing will provide comfortable meeting and recreation places where the comrades of other days can meet together again.

Every evening now the old building is humming with activity. The orderly room and company offices are being put in order. The quartermaster's stores are filling up with equipment. In another room the bandmen are sorting out the old battered instruments that have cheered many a mile of cobblestone road.

Much Must Be Done. But it is as yet only the shell of a home that they have to work in. Except for a few desks and chairs, it is bare of furniture, and before it can be really habitable, much must be done. It is the hope of the officers to furnish the big recreation room, sergeant's mess and company offices, and where the little gatherings may be held that mark so much of the life of a militia unit. But for this purpose, as well as to re-equip the band, for the innumerable other expenses attendant on organizing a new unit, considerable funds are needed.

The government grant of \$1,500, given for organization, will go only a very short way, and the regiment has been told that for anything further it must look to the public. Colonel Rogers, who is in charge of the unit, believes that the regiment means much to Toronto and much to very many of its citizens, and he is asking for the help of the public. He values the Third Battalion's record to help in putting it on its feet.

Officers, N.C.O.s and men are ready and willing to give their time and energy ungrudgingly to the service of the regiment and the country, but they are men who, having returned from the front, are engaged in the difficult task of re-establishing in civilian life, and they cannot be called upon to give as well as to receive.

Major W. B. Woods has, therefore, been formed and subscriptions are being collected from the public. Money may be sent or enquiries addressed to Lt.-Col. D. H. C. Mason, 308 Manning chambers. The money collected will be put into the hands of the regiment, which is now furnishing the armories, equipping the brass and bugle bands and providing sporting goods and such other necessities for the future. The competition is concerned.

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BECK LOOKING FOR BIG ANNUAL GRANT

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Interest on the sinking fund had been paid from the start, and unless some cheaper substitute could be found for electricity that power would be self-supporting.

Sir Adam felt he had a right to criticize, as he had been forced to stand it ever since he became connected with the commission, and the commission was preparing a mid-criticism in the way of data, etc., to be placed before the government. The contribution of two dollars per horse was far too much, and it meant the killing of the goose that laid the golden egg. Ontario imported all her coal, and now she was asked to pay for her own raw material. He felt that the government would not for a moment consider the feasibility of the project submitted to it by the commission, and he was preparing a mid-criticism in the way of data, etc., to be placed before the government.

Ottawa's Position. Ottawa, he continued, had listened with a deaf ear when the commission had gone there with the view of collecting money for the power supplied during the war, but the commission was going back once more and they would prove that the allies got the benefit.

The Chippewa canal was costing much more today, but 6,500 men were working on it. The unemployment situation, and this great scheme to distribute power at cost would be furthered immensely when the canal was completed. It would be contributing perpetuity \$500,000 per annum to Ontario.

"I propose," said he, "that for every dollar spent on Hydro transmission Ontario should receive one dollar." He quoted statistics showing the amount of distribution, and also the money saved in the future by the construction of the government, he concluded, "must be, to spread electric power where it is economically possible to do so."

Doherty Speaks. "There never was a time when it was so absolutely essential to increase the power of the government," said the Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture. "If this is done, it will greatly contribute to the success of the future world competition is concerned."

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THIRD DEGREE FOR ONTARIO'S PREMIER

Hon. E. C. Drury Made Master Mason With Appropriate Ceremony.

Premier Drury was not at police headquarters last night, but he was put thru a grilling third degree, just the same. This terrible torture was inflicted upon him by St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge at their regular meeting in the Masonic Temple last night, when the "first man of Ontario" was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, conferred upon the premier the third degree.

That the event was an outstanding one was evidenced by the fact that nearly 600 Masons attended the function and banquet. It was unique in that in addition to many of the Masonic notables there were present, and occupying the chairs only subordinate to the grand masters, fifty-five of the members of the provincial legislature, and many of the federal house members. Hon. Peter Smith occupied the chair, while Hon. Nelson Parliament and Hon. F. C. Biggs acted as wardens, while Hon. Thomas Crawford acted as chaplain. Others were I. P. M. Hon. G. S. Henry, S. W. Rev. J. C. Tolmie, M.L.A.; S.D. Leslie Oak, M.L.A.; J.D. Hon. H. C. Dixon; I.G. S.S. Capt. Jos. E. Thompson, M.L.A.; J.S. Bro. W. A. Crockett, M.L.A.; Tyler, H. J. Pritchard; H. H. Dewar, K.C., the Liberal leader.

Many Toasts. The degree was conferred on the premier by St. Andrew's Lodge by request of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, Ont., which is Hon. Drury's own lodge. The ceremony took several hours, after which the gathering assembled in the banquet hall where the most satisfying part of the evening was held. The program of toasts included the King and the Craft, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Legislature, which was proposed by Y. W. Bro. Fred Dane, and responded to by Bro. Hon. A. E. Ross. "The Candidate" was the toast proposed by Hon. H. Dewar, and it was responded to by the premier. The Visitors were proposed by W. Bro. H. Macdonald, W. M., St. Andrew's Lodge, and responded by W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, Ont.

Worshipful Grand Master F. W. Harcourt and Deputy Grand Master W. N. Fenton were also present. Corinthian Lodge came in a separate train to the gathering.

SMUTS LEADING IN SOUTH AFRICA

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ing and other industries in South Africa.

General Smuts' next move was to issue a manifesto, "appealing to all right-minded South Africans, irrespective of party or race to support a new party, which will be strong enough to safeguard the permanent interests of the union against the disruptive and destructive policy of the Nationalists." Shortly after, in October last, a congress of the South African party was held, but the delegates declined to form a new party, and offered the Unionists and others the prospect of absorption rather than partnership.

When the Unionist convention was held two weeks later, Sir Thomas Smartt called upon his followers to sweep aside all considerations of party, all doubts and all thoughts of compromise, and to support the Nationalists." Shortly after, in October last, a congress of the South African party was held, but the delegates declined to form a new party, and offered the Unionists and others the prospect of absorption rather than partnership.

There was considerable disturbance caused in the city engineer's office here this morning when a corporation laborer came into the office demanding his pay and threatening that he would kill P. K. Weber. The man is a foreigner. It appears that he had a disagreement with the foreman yesterday and was fired last night. It was necessary to call a policeman, and P. K. Farrell responded and removed the obstreperous workman to the street.

ENGLISH CRICKETERS WIN. Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 8.—The English cricket team today defeated Victoria by seven wickets.

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