

CONGRESS SWEETS AT WINNIPEG AUG. 22

A. F. OF L. TO GREAT BRITAIN

Before the Snow Flies A. F. of L. Will Have Passed the Five Million Mark.

LABOR MOVEMENT FACES THE WORLD UNAFRAID

President Gompers Cites the Issues That Confront the Workers of North America.

Special to Labor Press. DENVER, Col.—"No movement has ever been put to a greater test than the American labor movement," declared President Gompers in opening the forty-first convention of the American Federation of Labor, here, last week.

"Our movement stands intact, and before the next snow flies we shall have passed the five million mark."

In his address, President Gompers cited the issues that confront the workers, pointed to the necessity of a system of control, against our liberation, and expressed the conviction that service to humanity would be the result of the deliberations.

Never Greater Test. "Delegates, no movement of humans has ever been put to a greater test than the American trade union movement. Tried through the fires of antagonism, bitter and relentless, a system of corruption, of subordination—an attempt at subordination, presumably under the guise of friendship and consideration—the drive has been made against our movement and our men."

Improvement noted in Chinese-Japanese relations. LONDON, Eng.—The improvement in the strained relations between Japan and China over the question of Shantung is foreboding by recent political developments in Tokyo and a subsequent modification of Japanese policy.

U. S. Secretary of Labor has plan for prevention of disputes. WASHINGTON, D.C.—James J. Davis, United States Secretary of Labor, is working on a plan which he believes would prevent nine-tenths of the strikes by having a Government representative or "any man" to keep in touch with conditions in each of the 15 major industries.

One Big Unionism Died in First Round in the A. F. of L.

DENVER, Col.—One Big Unionism died in the first round in the A. F. of L. convention. It had no supporter and no mourner. Resolution No. 24, not declaring working conditions but opening the way to the kind of action advocated and practiced by that cult, went down by a vote of 12-11, without a dissenting vote.

The resolution would have advocated changes in international and state constitutions providing for sympathetic action and for simultaneous termination of all agreements.

BRITAIN TO REDUCE MILITARY FORCES IN MESOPOTAMIA. LONDON, Eng.—Mr. Winston Churchill this week announced in the House of Commons drastic reductions in the military forces and expenditures in Mesopotamia and Palestine; furthermore, that within the whole Arabian peninsula there was a single clear policy on which authorities were agreed.

BRITISH EX-SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATIONS UNITING FOR ALL PURPOSES. LONDON, Eng.—The arrangements for uniting various ex-servicemen's associations into a single organization were completed at a delegates conference in London recently.

FAIR WAGE CLAUSE DEMANDED IN ALBERTA CONTRACTS. CALGARY—The Calgary Trades and Labor Council requests that fair wage clauses be put in all provincial contracts.

LONDON TIMES ASSISTS IN CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE RY. WORKERS' WAGES. LONDON, Eng.—The whole Canadian railway problem of Canada has been made tremendously difficult, says the Times, by the great increase in wages and it is practically impossible to get any measure of relief by further advances in freight and passenger charges.

SINGLE FARM WORKERS ONLY SOUGHT BY MANY OF PROVINCES IN BRITAIN. LONDON, Eng.—An example of the general state of unemployment, which is ruling not merely in this country but throughout the world at large, is furnished in the article which has gone forth from several of the Canadian provinces to their representatives in England that single men only are to be accepted as emigrants, says the Evening News.

CANADIAN WORKERS' PARLIAMENT TO OPEN MONTH EARLIER THAN USUAL. Owing to Requests For Special Convention to Deal With Critical Unemployment Situation, Date of Congress Convention Brought Forward.

OTTAWA—Canadian Workers' Parliament will meet at Winnipeg during the week of August 21. The "Call" was issued this week and is now in the mails summoning the representatives of Canadian labor to the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

METAL TRADES DEPT. SCORES OPEN SHOPPERS

Newest "Individual Contract" Devised by Labor Hating Employers Exposed.

ESTABLISH IN INDUSTRY CLASS DISTINCTION Active Trade Unionists Black-listed Under Policy Which Binds Workers For Life.

Special to Labor Press. DENVER, Colo.—A declaration of principles, coupled with an exposure of newest "individual contract" devised by labor hating employers, was adopted by the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor in convention here.

Class Distinction. "With the tremendous strength they have acquired through these years from also enjoying the right to organize. They have built up their organizations apparently."

AMALGAMATION OF TRANSPORT WORKERS COMPLETE BY NEW YEAR. LONDON, Eng.—The new amalgamation of unions in the transport industries will be known as the "Transport and General Workers' Union."

SALVATION ARMY EXPENDS LARGE SUMS OF PUBLIC MONEY. BRADFORD, Eng.—The Salvation Army, according to the Daily Argus, has made an invariable practice of donating money to the unemployed.

CANADA URGED TO ACCEPT UNRESTRICTED BRITISH IMMIGRATION. LONDON, Eng.—Canada from 1915 to 1919, owing to the war and to the post-war shortage of transport missed at least 5,000 British immigrants whom she would otherwise receive, says the Morning Post.

U. S. FARMERS CLAIM PRESENT PRICES ON UNFAIR BASIS. WASHINGTON, D.C.—Farmer organizations defend their failure to buy liberally of the ordinary commodities on the ground that the present price levels are on an unfair basis.

U. S. GOVT EMPLOYEES WARNED MUST REFRAIN FROM PROTESTING. WASHINGTON, D.C.—The proposed reorganization of federal departments with the purpose of streamlining the economy was discussed by the Harding Cabinet this week, and warning was given that no interference on the part of Government employees with the programme of reform will be tolerated.

A. F. of L. Presidential Candidates.



For the first time since 1888 Samuel Gompers, the "grand old man" of the American labor movement, is to have opposition for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor.

British Dockers' Secretary Ill. Mr. Ben Tillet, M.P., who attended the Hamilton convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada as a delegate, is seriously ill at the present time.

NOTIFIED THAT WAGES WILL BE CUT 12 PER CENT. Canadian Railway Companies Advise Workers of Reduction on July 1.

WORKERS SHOW FRAUD IN RAIL MANAGEMENT. Back to Normalcy Means Abrogation of Agreements. DENVER, Col.—Despite a hostile press and Wall Street influence, organized railroad shop employees have exposed railroad fraud, says John Scott, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L. railway employees' department.

G. T. R. ARBITRATORS CAN NOT DEAL WITH CASE OF 1910 STRIKERS. MONTREAL—Last week a further turn was given to the Grand Trunk arbitration hearings to inquire into the value of the company's stock prior to its acquisition by the Dominion Government.

JOHN GOLDEN, PRESIDENT OF TEXTILE WORKERS, PASSES OUT. NEW YORK—John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers, died last week in this city after an illness of several weeks.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC CONFERENCE, I. T. U., ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR. TORONTO—Toronto labor men will not accept a ten per cent. cut in wages.

STEAM AND OPERATING ENGINEERS' PRESIDENT DIES SUDDENLY. DENVER, Col.—Million Shellings, president of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, died suddenly in this city while in attendance at the annual convention of the A. F. of L.

American Labor Movement Warned That Another European War Must Inevitably Result In The Destruction Of Civilization

Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., British Delegate to the American Federation of Labor Convention Declares that the Only Thing Worth the Sacrifice of the Four Years of War Would be the Knowledge that We Made Wars Impossible in the Future—"Making Germany Pay" Has Caused French Collieries to Operate Only Three Days Per Week and the Paralysis of the Whole of the Coal Industry of Britain—A Notable Address Touching World Labor Problems.

Special to the Labor Press. DENVER, Col.—"The world is not suffering this moment from over-production," declared Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., in extending the fraternal greetings of the British Trade Union Congress to the forty-first convention of the American Federation of Labor.

No One Nation Can Claim Credit For Winning the War. DENVER, Col.—"Is there any man in this room, or any woman, who would look back with satisfaction and say, 'Yes we are satisfied that the war was a good thing?'"

7,250,000 Organized Workers. "I can conceive of no greater compliment desired by any representative of the labor movement than the opportunity which comes to me, but honored by all of presenting the fraternal greetings of one band of trade unionists to another."

Problems Identical. "There is no difference today in any part of the world with regard to the problems with which we are confronted, and we are compelled to face the same."

Overproduction. "Our opponents turn around and say, 'Why?—but we are suffering, and we are suffering today from over-production, and our ignorant economists are telling us that the solution for this is that the workers should do as little work as possible, that they should give up more employment for the other chap. I can quite understand that, but I can't understand that the talk that they make to me in my own country, by saying, 'Yes, but Thomas advised us to produce. We have produced, now we have got unemployed, now we have got better than we were produced.'"

TORONTO BUILDING TRADES WILL NOT ACCEPT A TEN PER CENT. REDUCTION. Questionnaires Elicited the Information That Much Time is Lost by Building Trades Craftsmen—Cost of Living Only Slightly Decreased.

TORONTO—Toronto labor men will not accept a ten per cent. cut in wages. The Building Trades Council last week without one dissenting voice, decided that this proposal, emanating from the Builders' Exchange, could not be entertained.

December 1, 1919, and ending November 30, 1920, the average period of unemployment for men in the several trades was: Carpenters, 10 weeks; bricklayers and stone masons, 12 1/2 weeks; painters and decorators, 10 weeks; plumbers, 8 weeks; sheet metal workers, 10 weeks; lathers, 16 weeks.

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