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## BRITISH LABOR MISSION BACK FROM RUSSIA

Russian Workers Have No Right to Strike—Compulsion Their God, Says Turner.

The first report of the British delegates who have just returned from an investigation of conditions in Soviet Russia was made public last Friday.

The delegates declare themselves deeply impressed with the distress and disorganization which they found in Russia, the dejection of the people and the extent of the Government's interference with individual liberty. The report is said to be unanimous.

The report describes the blockade as injurious to the world and disastrous to Russia and makes reference to the epidemic of diseases to which the absence of soap and medical supplies has given full sway, although great efforts have been made toward sanitation.

Denouncing the Polish war, the report says: "The appeal for creative work is being once more set aside in favor of an appeal to military enthusiasts, while the war conditions provide new pretexts for restricting individual liberty and preventing freedom of discussion."

The report says war rallies all parties to the defense of the country; it emphasizes the breakdown in manufacturing through lack of raw material, and advocates the immediate recognition of Russia.

The report was brought to England by Benjamin Turner and Tom Shaw, members of the British Labor delegation which visited Russia, for presentation to the Labor congress at Scarborough. They brought also a letter from Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik Premier, exhorting the workers to revolution in England which has created a sensation.

Public opinion is much stirred by the publication of a memorandum which Lenin has sent to Great Britain through the Labor delegation, says "Windsor" in a special

cable to the Montreal Star on Saturday last. It is taken to be a frank invitation to the British working classes to overthrow constitutional government. Lenin speaks of Krasin as his agent, engaged now in London on business much more profound than mere negotiation of trade.

"Comrade Krasin," he says, "is intensely making most powerful and solemn proposals to start peace proposals."

At the same time, Lenin is urging the mob, which he conceives to exist in England, to storm Whitehall. In letters addressed to "British workers" and handed to the British Labor delegation just back from Russia, Lenin, under date of Moscow, May 20, applies to the more moderate of the British Labor leaders, such phrases as "shopkeepers," "parliaments of a bourgeois democracy incapable of anything," but "sweetened resolutions" against intervention. He also extols "Comrade Sylvia Pankhurst."

The British Labor leader, Ben Turner, who brings back this message from Lenin, is, with his Labor colleague, Tom Shaw, M. P., reporting on the whole situation to the Labor party conference at Scarborough within the next fortnight. In a preliminary statement he shows that Lenin and his followers have succeeded in establishing a free restraint on public meetings and the persecution of social revolutionists, all of which found the only means of keeping the Bolsheviks in power, presumably, because the majority of the people are not behind them.

Turner reports that the workmen have no right to strike or change their jobs without "superior authority." Compulsory military service and the death penalty have been re-introduced, with the conscription of labor. Turner says "compulsion is their god."

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## OTTAWA INSIDE WOODWORKERS FORCED TO STRIKE

Employers Refuse to Deal With Unions in Any Way Other Than as Individuals.

Having exhausted every means of a peaceful settlement, the inside woodworkers of Ottawa have been compelled to strike. Conferences for increased wages and better working conditions met with the absolute refusal of the various employers. The employers refused to meet a committee of the union or a committee of their own employees and after the men had applied for a Board of Conciliation and the Labor Department had urged the necessity of arbitration the employers absolutely refused to deal with the workers other than as individuals. On Saturday last some 400 inside woodworkers walked out and since that time some 87 non-union men have joined the inside woodworkers' organization.

Fourteen firms are involved including the W. C. Edwards Co., Jas. Davidson & Sons, Geo. M. Mason, McAllister-Davis Co., and others. General Organizer Jas. F. Marsh, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, to which the inside woodworkers are affiliated, was in the city during the early part of the strike advising the men. Business Agent Pat Green of the Ottawa District Council of Carpenters is the local officer in charge of the strike, and Chas. Fischer is the woodworkers' local president.

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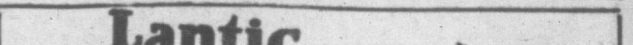
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