REJECT AMENDMENT TO IMMIGRATION ACT

May Continue to Deport British Born Citizens.

The Government's bill repealing the clauses in the Immigration Act giving the Minister of Immigration power to summarily deport British born residents of Canada found guilty of sedition or conspiracy against established authority (this legislation was passed last year at the time of the Winnipeg strike) was rejected in the Senate yesterday by a non-party vote of 39 to 17. This means that the law will stand as passed last year and that no changes can be made during the present session.

Attacks Measure.

On the motion to get into committee on the bill, Senator Bradbury opened the attack for the measure's opponents by declaring that the Minister of Labor had misrepresented him and others by saying he had defended labor. This, he declared, the opponents of the bill had not done. The language used by the Minister of Labor and by Senator Bennett was calculated to inflame the minds of working men.

Minister Replies.

Senator Lynch-Staunton moved that the committee rise. This motion, if carried, meant the defeat of the bill. Such a motion is non-debatable, consequently Senator Robertson was prevented from replying to Senator Bradbury. The minister protested that this course was unfair and unjustified. Finally, it was unanimously agreed that Senator Robertson be given an opportunity to reply. In so doing, Senator Robertson, after reciting the history of the bill, said that the Criminal Code, as amended, rendered the need of such legislation unnecessary. There was no doubt, he said, that British citizens under the present law could be deported without trial by jury. Labor men regarded it as arbitrary and high-handed legislation. He asked the Senate to adopt the amendments, as they were eliminating retroactive legislation, and removing the discrimination against British citizens.

Upon a vote being taken, Senator Lynch-Staunton's motion carried by a vote of 39 to 17. This means that the bill is dead for the present session and that the law stands as it is.

REM 'DING HIM.

"Say, look here!" snarled a disgruntled customer in the rapid-fire restaurant. "What kind of service do you call this? Sloppy dishes, coffee spilled in the saucer, no butter, and——"

"Aw, where d'ye think you're at, anyhow?" interrupted Heloise, the waitress. "Get hep! You ain't at home talking to your wife now, cully; you're here talking to me!" —Country Gentleman.

WANT VOTES FOR WOMEN ALL NATIONS

Suffrage Congress Believes Decision Would Be Welcome.

GENEVA, June 9.—The International Women Suffrage Alliance Congress today decided that the Alliance should be continued to secure suffrage and equal rights with men for the women of all nations. This decision was put in the form of an amendment to Article II. of the constitution. The amendment says:

"Resolved that the object of the Alliance shall be in the future to secure enfranchisement of the women of all nations by the promotion of women suffrage, and also such other reforms as are necessary to establish real equality of liberties, status and opportunities between men and women."

The delegates declared their belief that the decision would be received happily by the Parliaments and men of all countries, as well as by the women.

HULL ELECTRIC EMPLOYES TO DECIDE ON SATURDAY

What action the employes of the Hull Electric Company will take as the result of the abortive conference held yesterday between the members of the men's committee headed by Mr. Jos. Noel and Mr. G. Gordon Gale, general manager of the company, to discuss the employes' demands for an increase in wages from a maximum of 41 cents an hour to a maximum of 65 cents as well as an eight-hour day, will be determined at a mass meeting of the employes which will take place at midnight Saturday in St. Jean Baptiste Hall.

The trend of opinion among the employes is against a strike, and this opinion will likely be reflected in a decision to apply to the Minister of Labor for the appointment of a Conciliation Board.

Perhaps there is no one item connected with our economic life that would surprise us more than a knowledge of just what excess burdens the day's work actually carries.

IN POOR HEALTH.

CHAS. SHAY, who for many years has been the general president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Motion Picture Machine Operators, has been forced, owing to ill-health, to retire from the presidency of that organization, and at a recent convention his resignation was accepted, and James Lembey was elected to fill the office. Wm. P. Covert, of Toronto, is now fourth vice-president of the organization.

CANADIAN GOV'T EXTENDS A. F. OF L. HEARTY

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Without that spirit, victory could not have crowned the cause which we were united to maintain. In these days of peace, there is the like need, perhaps even a greater need, for the same unity and co-operation, not only within our country but between the two nations. I pray that the deliberations of the conference may have a profound influence for the furtherance of those high purposes," signed, R. L. Borden. The letter was addressed to Senator Robertson.

On his own behalf, said Senator Robertson, it was a pleasure to welcome the delegates, not only as Minister of Labor, but as a labor man for 25 years, most of that time as an office of his union, and he noticed particularly the presence of the present head of his organization and the past head, under both of whom he had worked as a subordinate.

Federation's Ideals.

"The very name of American Federation of Labor is not fully understood by many of our people in Canada," continued the Senator. "The term, American, brings to the mind of many, the great republic to the south of us, and in the minds of our people, outside the movement, the A. F. of L. is a United States organization, and your coming to Canada will be a reminder to millions of people in this country that the A. F. of L. is a federation covering the American continent, and not the United States alone. It will remind them that there are over 300,000 members of trades unions affiliated with the federation who are resident and citizens of Canada. It will remind them of the fact that the cause of labor is universal. It will remind them that determination to obtain justice at the hands of employers and of Governments is also universal. Many years ago, from humanitarian motives, the American Federation of Labor set very high ideals, and for years has been persistently pursuing that goal which it had set for itself. The federation has made wonderful progress, and has merited and received the commendation and respect of millions of citizens in these two North American countries. I am confident that the holding of this convention here at this time is going to be a great service for the advancement of proper, sane labor principles and policies in the Dominion of Canada, as well as in the United States.

"There is need for a better understanding and a fuller knowledge of the purposes of this great organization in this country. Unfortunately, there are those whose interests seem to them, to make it desirable, to misrepresent, unfortunately in some cases, wilfully misrepresent the aims and purposes of this great federation. There are some, and they are rapidly growing less, among the class of employers who will intimate to you and to us and to the public generally that the federation is an organization that is used by American employers and capitalists for the disadvantage of Canadian employers, and industries. Nothing is further from the fact as you know. Nothing is more desirable than that there should be an equal opportunity for both Labor and Capital in both countries on an equal footing, and nothing goes more to stabilize conditions than do the great international organizations affiliated with this federation.

"On the other hand," continued the Minister of Labor, "there are many wage earners who seem to think or feel that the policies pursued by the international organizations affiliated with the federation are not sufficiently progressive and drastic, and they are saying to workmen: 'Do not join international organizations, for you are sending your money out of the country for some one else to use'. That fallacy ought to be dispelled and it made clear that these great international organizations, built up with years of care, have been and are one of the greatest assurances and guarantees of continued international peace between these two great countries that it is possible to establish.

"I have not attempted to prepare a speech," concluded Senator Robertson, "but have come for the purpose of extending an honest and sincere welcome on behalf of the Government of Canada, and as a trade unionist myself. I shall not delay you with more remarks. I do hope sincerely that the deliberations and discussions that are to take place here shall not only be useful and edifying to the delegates but that this convention shall mark a new era in the advancement of laboring men's just due, and that there shall be a better understanding and fuller appreciation of the methods and policies of the organizations affiliated with this great federation, and that when this convention shall have closed, the federation and the many trades unions affiliated with it will hold a higher place in the respect and esteem of the people of Canada than they have ever done before."

Lord Northcliffe says he prefers to deal with union journalists. He has practically no non-unionists in his employ.

There are twelve Newswriters' Unions of the I.T.U. The second Canadian union has been formed at London, Ont., with nearly one hundred per cent. organization, and three more on the way.

"One 'former' is worth a thousand 'reformers'."—Horace Munn.

A close friend is one who will loosen up occasionally.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT SYSTEM SEVERELY SCORED.

A bitter attack upon the individual contract system, the Rockefeller plan and welfare schemes in general, as tending to destroy the legitimate trade union organizations, was made during the sessions of the convention of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor which met at Montreal last week.

The subject arose upon the reading of a resolution contained in the Organization Committee's report to the effect that the department support the Metal Trades Council of Beverly, Mass., in a strike at the United Shoe Machinery Company's plant, occasioned by the practice of the individual contract system by the company.

The resolution was opposed by one delegate, who objected to the onus of "scabs" being placed upon metal workers in affiliated trades who did not come out in sympathy with the United Shoe Machinery strikers, and this led to some outspoken statements from Wilson, of the Schenectady, N.Y., Metal Trades Council.

"The individual contract system means the wiping out of the American labor movement, and it is up to us to take a stand and fight to the last ditch," declared the delegate from Schenectady, who added that all such methods as the individual contract and welfare systems were designed by the big interests to destroy the labor organizations.

His attitude was likewise taken by G. Allingham, who declared that the big trusts now knew the constitution of labor organizations so well, and were using this knowledge to undermine their efficacy, that it might become necessary to revise their constitutions in order to meet the attacks. He predicted that if some action were not taken by the unions, labor would lose all it had fought for during the past 20 years through the "insidious" influence of the individual contract system and the various welfare plans.

The opposite view that the tactics of the employers were driving more and more non-union men into the union ranks was taken by other delegates, instances being cited where this result had taken place. This closed the discussion, and the report containing the resolution was adopted.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS PROPOSED

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux Gives Notice of Amendment to Budget.

A five year exemption for returned soldiers from taxation under this year's budget is proposed in a resolution to be submitted to the Commons Friday by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. The resolution in full reads as follows:

"Whereas the returned soldier and his dependents have already borne their share of the burdens of war, and contributed invaluable services to the preservation and prosperity of the state, and whereas the recent raise in taxation as set forth in the budget will increase the difficulty of getting re-established in a productive capacity by augmenting the cost of living, this House is of the opinion that all returned soldiers who have seen overseas service should be exempted from the new taxation for a period of at least five years. That the production of a discharge certificate be considered sufficient evidence of a right to this exemption. That legislation to this effect be enacted during the present session."

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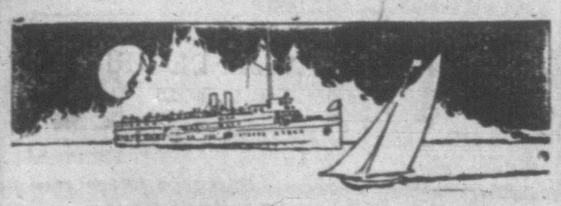

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