

"Every Reduction of Wages is a Reduction in the Consuming Power of the Wage Earners and a Direct Blow at the Future Prosperity of the Country" - Samuel Compers

TOM MOORE'S OPENING... Ottawa Contractors Have Thrown Off the Mask and Made Plain Their Intentions Towards Building Trades.

FOR PRISON REFORM... PRISONERS OF LABOR ENACTED DURING THIS SESSION... RECOMMENDED

Canadian Rys. Seek Re-Opening of Agreement... Trades and Labor Congress Receives Official Reply to Labor's Requests From Government.

SAMUEL COMPERS SOUNDS CLARION CALL OF THE GREAT PRODUCING MASSES OF NORTH AMERICA... Employers Reminded That Pendulum Swings Both Ways and Warned Not to Drive the Bargain Too Hard.

OTTAWA.—President Tom Moore of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, addressed upwards of 100 members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Saturday morning, in which he fired the opening gun of a "finch fight," which he stated would be waged by the international trades union movement against the "open shop" methods of the building trades contractors, locally and throughout the American continent.

Secretary - Treasurer P. M. Draper, of the Trades and Labor Congress, was a Member of Committee.

OTTAWA.—Little legislation of a direct benefit to the great producing masses has been enacted by the Canadian Government during the present session. The legislative programme of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada was submitted to the Government early in February and no reply to the demands was received until a few days ago.

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He declared that after months of subterfuge the local contractors had at length thrown off the mask and made plain what their intentions towards the building trades crafts in the city had been, viz., the creation of an open shop in the building trades.

Secretary-Treasurer P. M. Draper, of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, a member of the special committee of inquiry into Canadian penitentiaries whose report includes many of the requests of Labor.

Legislation will be introduced by the Government to repeal the American re-organization of the Canada Act (Bill 62) and to include in non-immigrant classes accredited officers of trade unions.

WASHINGTON.—The International Congress of Working Women in its monthly newsletter states: "Miss Nabe Amagasa (Bureau for Social Work, Home Department, Tokyo, Japan), who is in the Japanese Home Department, has written asking us to send her the latest and most complete list of books, pamphlets and periodicals dealing with the various phases of child welfare work, books of child labor, child rearing, maternal care and other similar ones."

He warned that the fight was not only against the contractors, but would involve the testing of the loyalty of the carpenters' organization in the sacrifices they would be called upon to meet if the struggle was prolonged.

WASHINGTON.—Child welfare work supported by state funds is part of Government activity in Great Britain, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany and Italy, according to a report by the United States children's bureau.

WASHINGTON.—The International Council on Child Welfare will hold its first meeting in Ottawa, May 28, in addition to representatives from each province, there are 40 nationally-organized associations.

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40,000 EMPLOYEES OF PAPER MILLS STRIKE... No Further Conferences Are in Immediate Prospect.

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ALBANY, N. Y.—Approximately 40,000 men of all branches of the Papermaking industry are now on strike in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, it is estimated by Jeremiah T. Carey, president of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers, one of the organizations which has called its membership to enforce a demand for a ten per cent. increase in wages.

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TORONTO WORKERS PROTEST BUILDING OF CARS BY MONTREAL FIRM... TORONTO.—The Toronto Trades and Labor Council and Metal Trades Council will lodge a protest next week with the Toronto Transportation Commission against the construction of three cars in this city.

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TORONTO STONECUTTERS CLAIM EMPLOYERS REFUSE THIRTY DAY ARMISTICE... TORONTO.—A conference arranged through the Toronto Building Trades Council was held last week with a view to settling the dispute between the Stonecutters' Union and the employers.

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OTTAWA CARPENTERS LODGE PROTEST WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT... OTTAWA.—A delegation from the Ottawa Carpenters' Lodge, which has been waiting on Deputy Minister of Labor, A. A. Adams, this week for the purpose of presenting before him arguments in connection with the proposal of the Association of Canadian Construction Industries to have the Minister of Public Works reduce the prevailing wage rates paid to the building trades crafts at work on the Parliament buildings.

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ARGENTINE DOCKERS WIN SIGNAL VICTORY... BUENOS AIRES, (Thursday).—The Government, under an agreement reached with representatives of the labor organizations, will not permit non-union labor in the port area.

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MONTREAL'S SERVICE-AT-COST MEANS REDUCED WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES... MONTREAL.—The Montreal Telephone Company has notified its employees that it does not consider the renewal of their contract with the company during the coming year, particularly on the basis of the present existing conditions.

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