

British Labor To-day Will Take Stand on Compulsion

Bristol, Jan. 26.—British labor will define its position towards the war and military compulsion at the most momentous conference ever held in Great Britain, opening here today under the Presidency of William Crawford Anderson, member of Parliament for the Atercliffe division of Sheffield. More than 2,000,000 Laborers will be represented, among them about 30,000 Socialists, whose anti-war sentiments have been very strong, assisted by an extensive propaganda.

The position to be taken by the miners is considered one of the most interesting features of the conference, a large number of these workers being opposed to compulsory service. But their delegates last night declined to discuss their intentions.

Everything also connected with labor yields place to the war resolutions, the first of which probably will

THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY

Nearer and nearer came the speeding Luke and Blair. Quabba seized Esther by the hand and turned sharply down the rocky hillside where the sheds at the bottom of the wild gorge lay below. Over rock and shrub, down the dizzy hillside, Quabba and Esther fled. But the more sturdy and agile Luke and Blair gained on them.

Suddenly Quabba held back himself and Esther with an effort. They had reached the upper anchorage of the cable carrier across the gorge. Here the empty ore cradle hung upon the pulleys just as the ore strippers at the outcrop left it when summoned, with the other workmen, to proceed through the tunnel in the mountains to the new workings on the other side of the hills.

"Quick!" gasped Quabba, clambering nimbly into the ore carrier and helping the almost equally agile Esther up beside him.

Just as the hand of Luke Lovell clutched at the carrier Quabba lifted the catch, and the ore carrier started across the cable and darted with increasing momentum over the deep, wild gorge and the rocky, turbulent stream that roared beneath them. The cable sways, the wheels on the ore cradle hum as they spin. Over the sickeningly borne by the thin line of the cable, the frightened Quabba and his devoted Esther, while the desperate Blair and his gypsy accomplice course each other and the flying fugitives on their swift and perilous flight down the mountain.

At the lower anchorage at the other side of the canyon the aerial tram stops with a sudden shock that almost precipitates its occupants to the ground beneath. Recovering, Quabba and Esther climb out and hasten around from the tangle of tracks and back to the other side of the gorge to the mine mouth. This time they cross by a trestle built to carry the mine cars from the tunnel to the tipple. Luke and Blair meanwhile have plunged down from the upper anchorage of the aerial tramway to the river and forded their way across as best they can and reach the other side only to see their quarry is doubling back over the high trestle to the tunnel mouth.

Reaching the mine opening at the trestle end, one glance shows to Quabba and Esther that the workings here are deserted. There is no help. Not even a watchman or mine guard has been left behind in the excursions to the other workings through the mine tunnel under the mountain. Now, while they halt and hesitate, Luke and Blair have seen the helplessness of the fugitives.

"There is no one at the mine. A strike or an accident in the tunnel has called away every man," pants Blair. "We will have them yet, and this time we will not take the girl's word that she has not the Stanley document on her person." And Luke Lovell echoed, "We will have them yet."

They are half across the trestle when Quabba, inspired by despair, notices the little electric engine by the mine mouth. He has not to speak to Esther as he seats himself in the driver's seat, for Esther climbs up and sits beside him. A turn of the controller proves the power is on, and the little, low, heavy motor glides off like a thing of life, grinding and showering sparks from the overhead feed wires into the narrow, dark depth of the tunnel. In they go, into the darkened heart of the hills.

After them, floundering and cursing over the ties and through the mud and water of the mine, panting and swearing, come their relentless pursuers, following the trolley's blue sparks far off, with a determination that will not be denied.

In Santa Barbara bay John Powell's yacht moves swiftly from its anchorage. The owner is at the wheel receiving his first instruction from his sailing master. The owner's boyish face is lit with a smile, and his dark eyes dance with excitement. Suddenly

himself head first into the bay to save her! Risking death for a diamond, Vivian smiles even in her perilous position in the water when she sees the reckless Arthur clear the rail in a bound.

But the diamond from the sky, that lately was the diamond in the sea, lies in an inland marsh in a frog puddle, dropped by the pelican which took it from the fish that brought it from the depths!

(To be continued.)

INSURANCE MERGER NOT APPROVED

Sun Life and Manufacturers Life Merger Not Likely Now.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—The opinion of the Superintendent of Insurance is adverse to the proposed reinsurance agreement entered into by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company.

When the minister of Finance was notified of the agreement he at once instructed the Superintendent of Insurance to carefully consider its terms and make an actual report as to the position the policy-holders of the Manufacturers' Life, and the advantage or disadvantage likely to accrue to them from the agreement. The Superintendent of Insurance has made this report, which states that, in his view, the proposed reinsurance agreement is in the interest of the policy-holders of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company.

As the opinion of the Superintendent of Insurance is likely to carry great weight with the Treasury Board the Minister has notified both companies of his conclusions, so that no further step may be taken in the way of making changes in the agency force pending the decision of the Treasury Board. Under the statute it may be a month or more before the agreement will in ordinary course reach the board.

DISPUTE ABOUT PRICE OF ROOM, NOT "SNOBBERY"

Officers Left Walker House Because Hotel Rates Not Suitable.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Colonel Mewburn, in the absence of Brig-General Logan, dealt yesterday afternoon with the charge of "snoobery" on the part of two officers who had put up at the Walker House, and afterwards withdrew the names because, as was alleged, privates were allowed to sit in the rotunda of the hotel.

The officers in question were from the camp at Barrie, and they came to Toronto to enter for a course of instruction at the Provisional School. On the morning of January 17 they entered the Walker House and asked for a double room. Subsequently a dispute arose as to the charge for the room, and after some argument with the clerk the officers withdrew their names and went off to the Queen's Hotel.

The clerk, who appeared before Col. Mewburn with the two officers yesterday, admitted that there was a dispute as to accommodation, but stated that one of the officers asked him if private soldiers were permitted to loaf around the rotunda of the hotel. This the officer admitted, adding that he had a son serving as a private with the overseas force.

Col. Mewburn, after due consideration, declared himself as satisfied that the officers were free from all the charges attributed to them.

CANADIAN EYE WITNESS WRITES A WAR STORY

"Canada at War," by Sir Max Aitken, Issued in London.

PREFACE BY PREMIER BORDEN

Bonar Law Also Writes Short Introduction to Work.

London, Jan. 26.—"Canada in Flanders" is the title of a work published this week by Hodder and Stoughton. The author is Sir Max Aitken, Colonial Secretary. Bonar Law subscribes the following preface: "The present work seems to me a model of lucid, picturesque and sympathetic narrative. We have a right to feel very proud of the part being played in the terrible tragedy of this war by the great Dominions under the British Crown. We have no power to compel any one of them to contribute a single penny or send a single man, but they have given of their best, not to help us, though I think they would have done that also but to defend the Empire which is theirs as much as ours. The relations after this war between the great Dominions and the mother country will never be the same again. The pressure of our enemies is welding us together, and the British Empire is becoming a reality, as well as in name, a united nation."

Premier Borden, in the introduction recalling the mobilization and early experiences of the Canadians at the front, adds: "The story of the tenacity, valor and heroism has been well told in these pages, but it can never be completely told. Many of those upon whose memories alone the splendid incidents of that story were indelibly engraven lie beneath the sod in northern France and Belgium."

Sir Max Aitken, in his own preface, says: "I shall be content if one Canadian woman draws solace from this book record of a dead husband's bravery; if even one reader recognizes for the first time the right of Canadians to stand as equals in the temple of valor with their Australian brothers who fought and died in the Anzac zone; if the task of consolidating our Imperial resources, which may be one positive consequence of this orgy of destruction, counts one adherent the more among those who have honored me by reading these records."

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COMPULSION BILL NOW IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Marquis of Lansdowne Spoke Strongly in Favor.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ALSO

Earl of Derby States It Would Not Disturb Industrial Life.

London, Jan. 26.—The House of Lords without division passed the second reading of the military service bill yesterday afternoon.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Minister without portfolio, spoke strongly on the necessity of enacting the measure.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in the course of the debate, bestowed a benediction on the measure, saying he regarded it as a plain, straightforward, vigorous effort to meet a situation extraordinarily difficult.

Earl Curzon, Lord Privy Seal, in winding up the debate, expressed the opinion that the most serious criticism of the bill was made by those who contended that it did not go far enough. No one would like better to see a permanent measure passed than himself, but obviously it was out of the question to attempt to revolutionize the whole military system in the middle of a great war, and force upon the country a general system of compulsion.

Earl Derby, Director of Recruiting said he was convinced that the bill when imposed on the country would not make the disturbance in industrial circles that many had predicted. He believed it could be so worked that men could be brought into the army, as required and as industry could spare them. He was more frightened by the extent of the exemptions granted by the Government than by the reductions in the country available for military service made by the munitions tribunals. Since his report was made four lists of reserved occupations had been issued, and he could not help being apprehensive when he learned that no less than 100,000 badges exempting men from military service had been issued in four days last week.

Dealing with its effect on industry, Lord Lansdowne admitted that the weakening of the industrial army obviously affected Great Britain's financial position, but he was quite opposed to any suggestion that Great Britain might have been content with supplying a great navy and munitions of war to her allies, besides placing Great Britain's credit at their disposal.

"If we had taken that line when the war broke out," the Marquis said, "of course the war would have been very different from what it has been and our confidence in the success of the operations which we hope to renew in the spring would have been much less than it is at present. It is distinctly for the interests of our industry and finance that we should not only emerge victorious, but that the conclusion of the struggle should not be too long delayed."

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And Luke Lovell Echoed, "We Will Have Them Yet!"

ly there is a wild cry forward. A small sailboat, with a woman at the helm, has laid a course directly across the sharp bow of the great new yacht, and is struck and crushed and crumpled and on its side. The new owner sees the woman in the water and hurds

CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! It is coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleaning" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."