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GOMPERS MAKES DRAMATIC SPEECH

Withdrawal of Labor Group from Industrial Conference

THREAT AS TO THE FUTURE

Says Opponents Will Yet Be Glad to Talk Collective Bargaining—Finish Fight for Increased Wages on Railroads Looms up as Possibility

Washington, Oct. 22.—In announcing the withdrawal of the labor group from the national industrial conference last night, after its final effort to obtain adoption of a collective bargaining resolution had been defeated by a vote of the majority of the capital group...

Representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods remained in the conference until the session adjourned, but they announced that they did so "out of courtesy to the other delegates."

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Council Passes The New Wharfage Charges

Mr. Bullock Says It Will Mean \$20,000

MATTER OF COMMISSION

Mayor More Than Ever Desirous of Action—Water and Sewerage for New Houses—Paving Question Again Discussed

The increased schedule of wharfage charges in St. John harbor, as outlined by Commissioner Bullock a few days ago, was passed upon by the common council in committee this morning and recommended to council.

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As Hiram Sees It

Up on King Square yesterday, said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "a little wee feller about six years old came up to me and said, 'If I'd give him a cent to get some gum, would you give him a cent to get some gum?'

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Appoint New Senators To Make Sure of Grand Trunk Bill Going Through

Ottawa Report That Two or More Vacancies May Be Filled—Also Said Sir Thomas White May Have Place On Managing Board

Montreal, Oct. 24.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: Owing to the strong opposition that has developed in the senate to the Grand Trunk Railway deal, the government may fill two or more of the senatorial vacancies. There are four vacancies in the second chamber—three in Ontario and one in British Columbia.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—Within the next week the appointment of a committee of management to operate the line in co-operation with the National Railway system until the award is made. The Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific will then become a part of the present system. The question will then arise as to the reorganization of the present board of directors.

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CUT IN BRITAIN'S EXPENSE BILLS

War Secretary Also Gives Word of Drastic Reduction in Army Staff

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DEWART SHARP IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR

Says He Fails to Realize He Represents Crown

BELIEVES STATEMENT INSPIRED

Interview With Earmarks of Meredith's Style—Later Returns Show Dry Mj rity in Ontario—Montreal Liberals Speed Up

Toronto, Oct. 23.—Sir John Hendrie, lieutenant-governor, was in his office in the parliament buildings during the time the cabinet was in session, apparently ready to receive any advice that might be forthcoming from the premier, Sir John had a conference with Premier Hearst, but no statement was forthcoming as to the nature of it or the result.

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BABE RUTH OUT FOR \$15,000

Red Sox Slugging Star Proposes to Have Raise

LITTLE JEFF A WAR HERO

Midwest Boston Soldier Home From War With String of Medals—Police Strike Costs About Million—Sugar Rationing

Boston, Oct. 22.—If Babe Ruth, all round slugging star of the Red Sox carries out his plans there is a chance that he will be wearing a Boston uniform next year. He feels that he is worth more to the Boston club than the contract which he signed last spring and which calls for \$10,000 a year for three years. He then wanted \$15,000. He intends to mail the contract to President Frazee today and tell him he wants \$15,000 a year.

Once in a while a story comes out that the Red Sox club is about to fold. Several years ago Congressman Fitzgerald tried to get hold of the organization, but Ban Johnson put his foot down as he would not start a new club. The extension asked for would be about \$300,000 a year.

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STAGING GIVES TWO MEN HURT

Two men employed at work on a swinging scaffold outside a house at the corner of Dorchester and Carleton streets this morning—Elder Brittain, aged 27 years, and Joseph Broyles, aged 25 years—were painfully injured when the staging gave way. They fell several feet to the ground. The staging was sent for and quickly repaired. It was necessary to improve a bad job of one of the men on the floor, as the scaffold had been built on a very uneven surface. This was done promptly and capably by the driver, Wm. Powell. The men were taken to the General Public Hospital. The full extent of their injuries has not been determined as yet, but they are believed to be serious. Both men reside at 151 Union street.

MINTO DISPUTE ON COLLECTION OF UNION DUES BY COMPANY

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 23.—The question of recognition of the union, a branch of the United Mine Workers of America, involving the company collecting the dues for the union from the miners by means of deductions from their pay was one of the principal disputes considered by the conciliation board on Minto coal mine on Wednesday afternoon. The operators have declined to adopt such a proposal. The eight hour day demand of the miners and payment by weight, instead of by the box, were other points under discussion.

VERY LARGE GAIN

The St. John bank clearings this week were \$3,444,509; last year, \$2,002,548; in 1917, \$1,851,316.

PRAIRIE LANDS OF WEST SNOW-COVERED

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—Snow is general over the prairie west, the heaviest precipitation being nearly a foot over the Edmonton district. Temperatures are mild and the added moisture will be beneficial. Threshing is nearly completed. It is early for a freeze-up, and farmers hope for a thaw which will enable more fall plowing.

CHIEF SAYS NO DEPOSIT MADE

Evidence in Case in Which Commissioners Were Called to Police Building

The case against Edmund Doody was continued in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie this afternoon. D. Mullin, K. C., appeared for the defendant, while J. MacM. Trueman represented Inspector Wilson and sub-inspector Merryfield, who were in court. His Honor said he would decide a week from today as to whether the deposit imposed a few days ago, \$250, would be enforced. Evidence was given by Sergeant Hastings concerning the release of the man by Commissioners Jones and Thornton, and by the chief of police that he had given Hastings instructions not to allow him out without a deposit of \$200. The deposit was not made. Inspector Merryfield told of the arrest.

DEMAND ARREST OF THE BULGAR KING

Geneva, Oct. 23.—A despatch from Belgrade, Serbia, says the powerful peasant party in Bulgaria demands the arrest and trial of King Ferdinand and also of former Premier Radoslawoff and Malinoff as being responsible for the war and leading Bulgaria into misery and loss of provinces.

RAID FOR LIQUOR BUT NONE IS FOUND

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 23.—John Webster, formerly of Alaska, has purchased the residence of Thomas W. Sanson in George street, and will occupy the dwelling in November. The price is in the neighborhood of \$2,500. Mr. Sanson's future plans are undecided.

REPORT ON LABOR

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—Increased demand for labor and an upward tendency in wages in some callings, indicating that there is plenty of work available throughout Canada is shown by recent employment figures obtained from official sources.

"BARON BYNG OF VIMY"

London, Oct. 23.—(Canadian Associated Press)—General Byng on his elevation to a peerage takes the title of Baron Byng of Vimy.

LOOK AT THE MAP ON PAGE 9 OF THE EVENING TIMES TODAY—AND KEEP A COPY