

MEN GIVE VIEWS ON CHINESE LABOR

Labor Party and Discharged
Soldiers Denounce Import-
ation of Orientals.

WOULD LOWER STANDARD

James Gunn Expresses Strong
Sentiments Regarding
Men in Power.

A vigorous denunciation of the proposed importation into Canada of Chinese labor for farm work and resolutions to this effect formed the principal feature of yesterday's session of the Greater Toronto Labor party, held in the Labor Temple. Two members of the executive of the Honorable Discharged Soldiers' Association addressed the meeting in favor of a policy of affiliation with the party in the matter under discussion. Following their address, a resolution was passed appointing a committee to represent the G.T.L.P. at this evening's meeting of the soldiers' association, which will discuss both the Chinese and the alien problems.

Oakwood and Ward One branches of the G.T.L.P. had both sent resolutions to oppose vigorously the proposed importation of Chinese labor into Canada, pointing out that in doing so the government would tend to lower the standard of both wages and living in this country; that there were enough aliens in the country already and that the Chinese problem would become more acute after the conclusion of the war.

James Gunn, speaking to the motion to adopt these resolutions, stated that the men at the head of affairs in Canada today were of the same calibre as those of Great Britain who ever sought to uphold the aristocracy and the plutocracy to the detriment of the working man and woman, and whose policy of importing Chinese labor into Canada had been merely one of lowering the wage of the toiler, and had concluded in the overthrow of the then British Government. The attitude of the plutocrats in Canada today might well be likened to that of Henry C. Clay, the champion of slavery in the United States long years ago. This man had enunciated the axiom that the only question of dealing with the vexatious question of slavery was to own all labor, white and black. They were anxious for the welfare of the state only because in so doing they profited themselves.

Gives No Guarantee, said Sir Robert Borden tells us, said the speaker, "that the government has not yet decided as to the policy to be pursued in the matter of labor importation. He tells us it is not being considered now, but he gives us no guarantee that it will not be considered six months hence. The policy of the conservation of labor will only lead to the restriction of that freedom on which the progress of Britain has been based."

There was a general acquiescence in the views of Delegate Gunn, and the visiting delegates from the Honorable Discharged Soldiers' Association. President Norton and General Organizer Birkett, both strongly upheld the views already expressed. President Norton stated that the matter had been brought up too quickly for them to convene an executive meeting, and, therefore, they were not present as endorsed delegates of their association, but they were so certain of the feelings of their comrades on the matter that they felt that their views coincided with those of the majority of their fellow members. It was a disgrace that so many men should be in Canada who could escape the Military Service Act, and yet gain the same privileges accorded to bona fide citizens of the country. It was the duty of the large numbers of these men that the situation among the returned soldiers was such as it was. "I feel sure that I may voice for my comrades the sentiment that they are not satisfied with the present state of affairs, and that they will do all in their power to bring about a change in the present state of affairs."

General Organizer Birkett of the soldiers' association stated that the Chinese were to be brought in under bond, and suggested that the minute the indenture expired another 100,000 Chinese might find their way into the Dominion. And these men would make their money here but would send it over to China, and would be of little worth to the country. Delegate Amos then surmised that the bond could not amount to less than \$50,000,000, and suggested that this sum could be more profitably used in the war effort. War expenditure, Delegate Amos then moved the resolution calling for ten appointment of a committee to attend this evening's meeting of the Honorable Discharged Soldiers' Association with a view to an understanding between the two bodies in the matter. Delegate Gibbons and James H. Ballantyne were among other strong advocates of dealing with the Chinese labor question. Mr. Ballantyne quoted the case of two companies in England which employed from 500 to 700 Chinese in their plants. The matter had been directed to the attention of both the premier and the minister of labor, but without result.

All the resolutions passed are to be carried by the District Trades and Labor delegates, Walter Brown and T. A. Stevenson, who have been called to attend the conference which is to be held with the government ministers on Tuesday morning, and may be presented to the government while the delegates are in Ottawa.

More Energetic Effort. Present James Richards occupied the chair. "We have difficulties, but this fact alone should urge us on to more energetic effort," he said in his opening address, "and above all let us not be influenced by sectarian motives."

The session passed a resolution, recommended by the central executive, that a committee of three members be formed with the object of visiting all the labor unions in the city and gaining their assistance, financial and otherwise, in the interests of the party. Delegates Roy Hughes, Jas. T. Gunn and R. Amos were appointed members of this committee. Another committee, comprising Delegate Lomas, Pauline, Mrs. Prenter, Jas. H. Ballantyne and Jas. T. Gunn was appointed to arrange a series of educational lectures during the winter season.

COLUMBUS PARTY GETTING POINTERS

Comes to Toronto to Learn
System of Patriotic
Collections.

AN INSPIRING MESSAGE

Canada and United States
Will Give Allies Tremendous Aid.

A party of 22 members of patriotic committees from Columbus, Ohio, spent the week-end in Toronto, absorbing some of this city's patriotic enthusiasm and spirit. Columbus is having a monetary campaign to raise \$2,000,000 during the week beginning Feb. 4. It will be called their "War Chest Campaign," and is something that has never been done in Toronto yet. Instead of holding a separate campaign for Red Cross funds, for patriotic organizations working with the soldiers in training, all the campaigns will be merged into one, \$2,000,000 being the object, and this fund will be drawn on to help various organizations requiring assistance.

Sam P. Bush, a prominent manufacturer in the Ohio city, leads the deputation. Another member is H. P. Bussey, city editor of the Columbus Citizen. "We tasted some of Norman Summerville's enthusiastic spirit when he visited us last summer," said Mr. Bussey, "and we wanted to come to Toronto, as the place is better for the Dominion, and absorb a little of his spirit."

The deputation has spent a busy week-end. On Saturday evening they were banqueted at the National Club. Sir William Mulock presided, and others who took part of the work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund were: Hon. T. W. McCarthy, Mayor of Toronto, Col. W. S. Dinnick, Kenneth Dunstan, Dr. A. H. Abbott, Norman Summerville and H. H. Williams. On Sunday a visit was made to St. Paul's, where Archbishop Armitage of Halifax preached. The party dined at the Government House, and also spent some time with Sir John Eaton. Last night an informal conference was held at the King Edward, where leaders in patriotic work in this city gave advice. Today they visit Hart House to see the work of rehabilitating the wounded soldiers. They will dine at the Davisville Military House, W. K. George, chairman of the military hospitals commission, will be their guide.

Inspiring Message. To The World one of the leaders of the deputation gave this message: "Across the imaginary line that has separated us geographically we will find real allies who will stick to the end of the war. The United States is in this to stay, and not a thought is given to any peace that is not based on the enduring principles laid down by Britain's premier and by our president. We concede no possibility of any other economy, but we have no lack of appreciation as to the size of the task. We feel that with Canada and the United States fighting side by side the weary world will render tremendous aid in overthrowing Prussianism. And we feel that one of the net gains of these years of horror will be an even closer bond between our countries—cemented by such interchanges as these."

"Canada is establishing a record in this war that will endure. It has been a tremendous inspiration to us to see the splendid types of soldiers on your streets, and to meet the splendid business men who are devoting their time and energies to the equally important work of organizing community resources to back up those soldiers."

It is that not a challenge to us to keep going," asked Dr. A. H. Abbott. The party leaves tonight at 5 o'clock.

HELD FOR FRAUD.

Moey Levy, Walsingham apartments, 321 Jarvis street, was taken into custody on Saturday on a charge of fraud. It is alleged that he obtained merchandise from J. & A. Aziz Company, West Wellington street, to the value of \$171, by means of worthless cheques, during the month of December.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Charged with the theft of a musical instrument, Samuel Tezinsky, 96 Baldwin street, was arrested last night by Detective Stroum on a warrant. Tezinsky is alleged to have retained the instrument after it had been given to him for repairs. He will appear in this morning's police court.

TORONTO MERCHANT DIED ON SUNDAY

Samuel Trees Was Identified
With Business and Philanthropic Affairs.

WAS EIGHTY YEARS OLD

Came to Toronto a Few Days
Before the Fenian
Raid.

In the death of Samuel Trees at the Wellesley Hospital Sunday morning, Toronto loses a well-known business man and a prominent member of the community. He was almost 80 years of age and was actively engaged in business up to the last, being at his office on Dec. 31.

Mr. Trees was born on April 14, 1838, at Walsall, in Staffordshire, England, and was a member of an old Yorkshire family. He was educated at the Queen Mary Grammar School, Walsall, and on leaving school entered the employ of the leading saddlery firm of Henry Bruce & Co., who were large exporters to all parts of the globe. At the time of the Crimean War he was appointed by the British Government as an inspector of saddlery supplies to the army. When the volunteer movement was inaugurated owing to the outbreak of a French invasion in 1859 he was one of the earliest to respond in his native town.

In 1866 he came to Toronto, arriving a few years before the Fenian Raid, and at once entered into business as an importer of saddlery and trunks, beginning on Colborne street, near the East King street, near Jarvis street. In 1874 he bought and occupied the property, 42 East Wellington street, where the business of Samuel Trees & Co., Limited, has been continued ever since, gaining a Dominion-wide reputation in the manufacture of high-class work. In addition there is a large collar and blanket factory at Whitby, Ont., and with a large distributing warehouse at Winnipeg.

Outside Interests. The late Mr. Trees was able during the years he was developing his own business to devote attention to a great many outside interests, financial and philanthropic. He was associated with a well-known group of capitalists, including Sir Henry Pelham, and the late A. H. Campbell, H. F. McKinnon, Thos. Walmesley, H. Dwight, W. T. Murray and others in founding the Toronto Electric Light Co., the Hamilton Electric Light Co., the Canada Paint Co., The Toronto Lead and Color Co., The British Canadian Loan and Investment Co. In addition, at the time of his death, he was president of the Martin Manufacturing Co. of Whitby, the Trees-Springs Co. of Winnipeg, and a director of the Steel and Radiation Co. of Toronto.

He was a staunch Conservative, and never taking a leading interest in political life. He represented old St. Thomas' Ward in the city council for two years—1882-3. He was an Anglican and a leading member of All Saints' Church, under the late Rev. Canon A. E. Baldwin for many years, acting as churchwarden for 13 years, and was a well-known member of the Toronto diocesan synod. He was also a trustee and member of the council of Wycliffe College for more than a quarter of a century, and a member of the board of the Upper Canada Bible Society for nearly 50 years.

He was one of the best-known Englishmen in the city, and always ready to give to any of the needy a helping hand, taking an active interest in the work of the St. George's Society, being president in 1877, and had been treasurer up to the time of his death, for a period of 40 years. He was also one of the senior managers of the Home of Industry.

He married Miss J. F. Dixon, sister of Rev. (Major) Canon Dixon, a family identified with Toronto for more than a century. He was well known on the east side of the city, the family residence being "Mayfield," Sherbourne street, a house that was once occupied by Sir John A. Macdonald. He leaves four sons—Jas. D. Trees, vice-president and general manager of Samuel Trees Co. Ltd.; Samuel D. Trees, manager of the factory at Whitby; Lieut. C. F. Trees, and Lieut. A. G. Trees, both of the 198th (Canadian Buffs) Battalion, now at Witley Camp, England; and three daughters at home—Charlotte E., Edith J. and Ethel.

BIGGER REVENUE FROM FINES.

Special to The Toronto World.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 13.—Since the Ontario Temperance Act went into force in this city the treasury has received a greater revenue in fines than it formerly did in the amount of license fees paid.

EGGS WERE STOLEN.

Two Men Held for Theft of Two Cases.

Theodore Upper, 98 Duke street, and Michael O'Connor, 43 1/2 Bolton avenue, were arrested on Saturday by Policeman Bolton (238) on a charge of the theft of two crates of eggs from Bower Company Limited, 76 East Front street.

The two men were watching the unloading of a car of provisions that was on a siding on the Esplanade and while the railwaymen were in the car they removed two crates of eggs from the lorry the men were loading, the police claim. They dragged the crates some distance and then hired a passing ice wagon to take the goods to King street for them. They were apprehended at the corner of King and Sherbourne streets by the constable.

BRITISH FRUSTRATE

GERMAN RAID BY FIRE

Artillery of Enemy Continues Active Near Ypres, Messines and Scarpe River.

London, Jan. 13.—The war office communication issued tonight says: "An enemy raid attempted under cover of a heavy artillery barrage east of Monchy during the night was repulsed by rifle and machine gun fire. The enemy's artillery was active to-day east of Ypres and in the neighborhood of Messines and the Scarpe river."

REPORTS ON PROGRESS

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BOLSHEVIKI RED GUARDS

INTIMIDATE FINLAND

Stockholm, Jan. 13.—Finland is threatened by the red guards of Russian soldiers, who are always terrorizing the country, says a despatch to The Daily News. Bolshevik agents, the despatch adds, have arrived in Finland in order to stir up the revolutionary agitation which they did too harkworn. The red guards threaten to dissolve the senate and dissolve the diet, summon another diet and establish a "red" senate.

The Helsinki Huvudstadshuset says that Russian soldiers have visited houses in Finnish towns, making arbitrary arrests and committing many acts of violence. Red guards forced their way into the home of the former governor-general of Helsinki and declared that no laws had any validity.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

John Anderson, 50 Myrtle street, died last night in St. Michael's hospital from pneumonia, contracted following scalp injuries sustained in a fall from a building on Dec. 31.

He had been in the Dominion Construction Works. He was admitted to the hospital on December 31. The body was removed to the morgue.

MANY MEET DEATH

IN MINE EXPLOSION

One Hundred and Twenty Believed to Have Perished at English Colliery.

Halmerend, Eng., Jan. 13.—The latest reports from official sources show that many perished in the explosion which occurred in a mine pit here yesterday morning. Of the 247 workers in the pit at the time of the disaster 87 have been rescued alive and 160 bodies have been found. There is only a slender hope that any of those still entombed can survive. Rescue brigades have been working incessantly in relays day and night, with oxygen supplies, but the various passages, everywhere blocked with wreckage. Nearly all the victims were young men and boys.

British Decide to Accept

Bolshevik Representative

London, Jan. 12.—The British Government has decided to establish formal relations with Maxim Litvinov, who was appointed by the Bolshevik government as Russian ambassador in London, according to The Daily Mail. This step, adds the newspaper, has been taken with a view to obtaining useful information in regard to conditions in Russia.

Socialists Plan Coup to Drive

Rumanian King From Throne

Copenhagen, Jan. 13.—A Rumanian socialist leader named Nakousky has arrived in Petrograd to discuss the possibility of a revolution against King Ferdinand of Rumania and the monarchist government, a Petrograd dispatch to The Dvenska Tagbladet of Stockholm reports. M. Nakousky is said to have been invited to Petrograd by Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier.

REWA WAS TORPEDOED.

London, Jan. 13.—Regarding the German statement that the British hospital ship Rewa must have been sunk by a mine, the official announcement was made here Saturday that there were no mines in the waters where the vessel was sunk.

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When they went away singing Tipperary

In those brave hours that seemed but of yesterday, one little dreamed that in January 1918, their watchword would still be "carry on."

But so it is. Tipperary has passed on like a butterfly caught in a tornado, a catch of song in the throat of death.

What of us, then, who stay home? Are we to show ourselves unworthy of their unquenchable spirit? Are we to confess war weariness? Dare we refuse to carry on?

"I am tired of giving" was a remark overheard on the street the other day.

Tired of giving—forsooth! The speaker was well, yes, luxuriously dressed and apparently well fed and warm.

Tired of giving! A few yards farther on a party of returned soldiers tumbled gaily from a Metropolitan street car. They were coming down from the Davisville Hospital. Men with only one leg hopped down cheerily from the car to the sidewalk, while more fortunate, but still sadly wounded comrades, held their crutches.

Tired of giving!

What would you say if Toronto's boys over there said they were tired of serving—tired of sacrificing, even unto life itself.

The men whom it is your privilege to help support are of Canada's VOLUNTEER Army—our first—our bravest—our best.

A sufficient portion of the money you give goes to carry on the magnificent work of the Canadian Red Cross. It is not applied exclusively to the needs of the Patriotic Fund.

Tired of giving—never! In three days—January 22nd, 23rd and 24th—Toronto will give \$3,000,000.00 in order that the citizens of Toronto shall preserve the Canadian soldiers' watchword, "Carry on, boys, carry on."

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