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## INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONGRESS DOWN TO WORK

Organizing Committee Has Prepared a Draft Convention for a Forty-Eight Hour Week.

### DIFFERS FROM EIGHT HOUR DAY

The New Plan Allows Elasticity in the Arrangements of Hours of Work.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—(By The Standard Press)—The organizing committee of the International Labor Conference, has prepared a draft convention for a forty-eight hour week. It is proposed that the provisions of the draft convention, which will probably come before the conference tomorrow, shall be brought into force at a date later than July 1, 1921. One draft embodies the principals of the forty-eight hour week, rather than that of the eight hour day, for two reasons, according to the committee.

First, it allows elasticity in the arrangements of the hours of work and facilitates the adoption of a half holiday or even a whole holiday, on Saturday, or some other day of the week by enabling a longer period, than eight hours to be worked on other days. Secondly, it bases the principle of an eight hour day by itself does not. Special provision is made for certain specified industries where a forty-eight hour week may be extended to fifty-six in the week on the average. In others it may be extended to sixty.

In certain industries overtime for not more than one hundred and fifty hours in the year may be worked with the provision that the worker shall receive overtime pay at least twenty-five per cent. higher than normal pay. In other industries overtime, it is proposed, may be worked for not more than 150 hours in the year during the next five years and afterwards for not more than 100 hours per year. In these cases, too, overtime pay would be twenty-five per cent. over normal.

The committee adds the further suggestion that the administrative arrangements to be adopted in each country for enforced observance of the provisions of the convention will necessarily vary with the organization of the national administration, but there are certain rules which appear to be common to be essential in order to secure an effective supervision over the observance of the law. The chief of these is that the working times in each establishment shall be fixed and notified beforehand, and it shall be an offence against the law to employ anyone outside the time so fixed. Unless this is done it is almost impossible for the government inspectors to check the number of hours which are being worked in the establishment. Different times may be fixed for different branches of work or sets of men, though certain conditions will probably be needed to prevent evasion of the law by transference of men from one set to another, and in other ways.

## GRAND ARMY OF CANADA FILES A PROTEST

Threaten to Withdraw Support from Union Government in Next Election.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 3.—Formal protest against the action by the Dominion government regarding soldiers' gratuity, as reported in the press, has been made by Sir Robert Gordon by L. M. Montgomery, Dominion secretary of the Grand Army of Canada, in a letter addressed to the Premier today.

The letter claims that if the information given in the press is correct, the action of the government is contrary to the interests of the returned men, and it warns the premier that if this attitude of the government is maintained, the Union government at the next election.

## Labor Scores Success in Elections of Municipal Council

London, Nov. 3.—The Laborites have greatly strengthened their position in the municipal council according to the results announced today, although insufficient returns of the recent elections are available to permit of a comparison of parties. Apparently, throughout the country, the women candidates also have had a remarkable success, and have obtained a much larger representation on the councils than ever before.

## VICTORY LOAN ARM OF 1919 HAS LONG REACH

Stretched Out Yesterday and Pulled Special Subscription of \$70,000 from Union Ins. Co. of China.

### SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTAL \$94,884,000

Special Subscriptions for New Brunswick Have Reached About a Third of the Objective Set.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 3.—The arm of the Victory Loan 1919 is long. Today it reached out to China and gathered in \$70,000 from the Union Insurance Company of Canton. This was the most interesting application of the day received here by the Dominion Special Subscriptions Committee. The cables collected it.

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Ontario (exclusive of Toronto) ... \$28,095,500  
Toronto ... 25,814,900  
Montreal ... 29,466,000  
Quebec (exclusive of Montreal) ... 561,000  
New Brunswick ... 1,410,000  
New Brunswick ... 525,000  
P. E. Island ... 60,000  
Manitoba ... 6,462,500  
Saskatchewan ... 1,025,000  
Alberta ... 802,500  
British Columbia ... 575,500  
Total ... \$94,884,000

## EMPLOYERS IN SPAIN INSTITUTE GENERAL LOCKOUT

The Lockout Went Into Effect Yesterday and is Expected to Bring the Labor Crisis to a Head.

Barcelona, Nov. 3.—The lockout threatened by the employers went into effect here today. The reports up to now showed it to be fairly general in scope. No disorders have been reported.

Madrid, Nov. 3.—Only two newspapers, the radical organ, *Progreso* and *Liberal* out of the nine important papers published in Barcelona, appeared this morning. The proprietors of the other papers locked out the employees who are members of the Union Council and who had, in considerable numbers, refused to work with reporters who were not members of the union.

## LADY DELEGATES FROM GRAND FALLS

Enthusiastic Meeting Held to Name Delegates to Attend Provincial Opposition Convention.

Special to The Standard  
Grand Falls, Nov. 3.—There was a large attendance at a meeting held here tonight for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the Provincial Opposition convention to be held at St. John next Thursday. A. L. Dixon was chairman, and considerable interest was taken in the proceedings. The delegates chosen were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Powers, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKeown, Miss Laura McKeown, W. H. McKeown, William Strong, J. L. White. The party will proceed to St. John on Wednesday.

## Official Washington Firmly of Belief That Miners' Strike Will Be Ended By Saturday

### Peace Treaty Fight May Be Deadlock

Administration Senators Indicate a Purpose to Defeat Ratification Should Reservations be Written into Ratification Resolution.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—Further indications that the Peace Treaty fight may lead to a continuing deadlock developed today while the Senate leaders were trying in vain to fix a definite date for a roll call on ratification.

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## Longshoremen Strike in New York Is About At An End

An Official of the Shipping Board Declares the Backbone of the Strike is Broken and Docks Will be Open Wednesday.

New York, Nov. 3.—An easing in the tie-up of shipping occasioned by the Longshoremen's strike was noted today. At the Chelsea Piers, the dockside, the men of the large trans-Atlantic liners, there was a treaty increased number of men at work ship-

indicating preparations to sail, twenty eight ships, of which only about one fourth were coastwise, applied for sailing permits at the shipping office during the day. On the New Jersey side of the Hudson River where the tie-up has been complete, except on the army transport piers, work was resumed by the marine superintendents of several of the docks that a return to work on the part of a number of hands was expected after the holiday tomorrow.

## ROWDYISM RUNS WILD IN VIENNA

Police and Gangs of Rowdies Clash and Broken Heads Result.

Vienna, Nov. 3.—(By The A. P.)—Sharp clashes between the police and gangs of rowdies occurred yesterday in Vienna as a result of numerous cases of Jew-baiting. In the fighting a number of hands were broken.

For several Sundays past bands of young ruffians had taken stations on bridges and insisted on man-handling Jews in orthodox garb. Sometimes the Jews were accompanied by a bodyguard of young Jews, in which cases fights were frequent. Yesterday the situation became such that the police had to intervene.

This assurance was renewed today by Mr. Palmer in a telegram to a time it became known that some of the members of the American Federation of Labor, had informed the government of the government's attitude, and that Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, had been in communication with Mr. Lewis over the long distance phone.

## Confidential Reports to the Department of Justice Show Many Defections from the Ranks of the Strikers.

### IDLE MINERS WANT TO RESUME WORK

Have Been Assured Absolute Protection as Troops Are Available at the Call of Any Governor.

## First Break Occurs Among Striking Coal Miners

Washington, Nov. 3.—The first break among union miners occurred today in the northern West Virginia fields, according to a message from Huntington late today to Washington headquarters of the operators. In that district fifteen mines were reported in operation.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Official Washington was firm in the belief tonight that the end of the coal strike was near.

There was nothing definite or tangible in the way of actual developments to justify this hopeful view of the situation, but everywhere feeling prevailed that influences were being brought to bear to have the strikers, numbering more than 400,000, return to work.

Confidential reports to the Department of Justice from its agents in the coal fields were said to show many defections from the ranks of the strikers. Some of the reports said that large numbers of idle miners had declared they wanted to return to work but were afraid.

In this connection, officials reiterated that adequate protection would be given. There was no specific statement as to how this would be provided, but it was explained that troops would be available at the call of any Governor who believed it necessary to preserve order or protect workers.

## MOTHER WRITES TO KING TO SECURE SON'S FREEDOM

A Devon Mother Thinks Industrial Home for Boys is Not Fit Place for Her Eleven Year Old Hopeful.

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Millions also chose delegates this evening, and all the outlying parishes have elected full delegations.

## ALBERTA FEED SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS

The Heavy Fall of Snow is Causing Considerable Worry to the Provincial Ministers.

Calgary, Alta., Nov. 3.—Premier Stewart, Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture and other provincial ministers expressed themselves as much worried over the feed outlook in the province as the result of the heavy snow.

"The early setting in of winter, and the heavy snow which has fallen in the last few days," said Mr. Stewart, "is going to complicate the question of feed relief very much. Just as a case when we thought the problem was about to be solved."

"The question of providing sufficient hay and green feed to carry farmers and ranchers through the winter is now going to be a very serious one."

## T. W. CALDWELL HAS ARRIVED AT OTTAWA TO TAKE HIS SEAT

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 3.—James Caldwell, the United Farmer member, elected for Victoria-Carleton, N. B., arrived in the capital tonight. It may be a day or two before Mr. Caldwell can take his seat in the House because the writ has not yet been returned to Ottawa, but it is expected that he will be introduced by Wednesday or Thursday.

## BUBONIC PLAGUE REPORTED FROM NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., Nov. 3.—Four cases of bubonic plague, two of which resulted in deaths, were reported last week in New Orleans, according to an announcement today by Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the Louisiana Board of Health. Health officers of five Southern States and of the cities of Memphis, Mobile, Shreveport and Baton Rouge were advised of the situation today by Dr. Dowling.

## The Farmers Should Have A Free Hand

Minister in Hearst Gov't Believes the U. F. O. Should be Given Opportunity of Proving Their Worth, and Urges Sympathetic Support

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 3.—Brigadier General the Hon. A. E. Ross, Minister without portfolio in the Hearst government, in an interview here today declared that he was in favor of giving the United Farmers a free hand in government and an opportunity of proving their worth. Among other things General Ross said:

"In support of the people, the United Farmers should now be given a free hand in government, and should receive the sympathetic support of all classes of the people. They have as much right to administer the affairs of the country at the present time as any other body of men, and if they can interpret the needs and requirements of this country at the present time and can legislate to meet those needs, the people will be satisfied."

Their new leader, Mr. Drury, has made a good start by his announcement that there would be no class legislation, which is certainly a most welcome pronouncement, since it should assure that the people of the province and every section of the province will get fair play and give a square deal. In this time of unsettlement and stress, it is the duty of all good citizens to help carry on whatever is a governmental or other way."

Brigadier General Ross was elected as a member in the last provincial general election.

## CHARLOTTE SENDING LARGE DELEGATION TO CONVENTION

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## PERUVIAN TROOPS INVADE TACNA AND ARICA

Washington, Nov. 3.—Reports from Santiago, Chile of internal disturbances in Peru and the invasion of Tacna and Arica by Peruvian troops were denied today by the Peruvian foreign office in a message to the Peruvian embassy here.

## Minister of Finance Optimistic in Views On Victory Loan

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 3.—Optimistic as to the result of the Victory Loan, Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, arrived in the city this morning. Sir Henry paid a fine tribute to the people of the Pacific Provinces, who, he declared, are doing their utmost to make the loan a success.

## OPPOSITION IS ENDEAVORING TO DELAY G. T. BILL

Yesterday They Held Forth in Long Speeches Against the Gov't Bill, and Favored Fielding's Amendment.

### BILL WILL REACH SENATE WEDNESDAY

Rumor That Government Will Fill the Existing Four Vacancies in the Upper House at Once.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Nov. 3.—The debate on the third reading stage of the Grand Trunk bill has reached that point where opposition members seek not to convince but to delay.

Today the government benches were but sparsely occupied, while half a dozen members to the left of Mr. Speaker held forth in opposition to the bill and in support of the Fielding amendment, which proposes that it be held over until such time as a Royal Commission of railway experts and financiers have enquired into and reported upon the condition of the system which it is the intention of the government to acquire. On arrangement no vote was taken and the House adjourned at 10.30.

In the meantime the Senate is sitting, spasmodically awaiting the arrival of the measure in that chamber, probably on Wednesday. The rumor has been revived that the government will fill the existing four vacancies in the Upper House, and it is stated that Col. General White, formerly M. P. for North Renfrew, and Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, will be among those elevated.

## PROHIBITION TO PLAY PART IN U. S. ELECTIONS

State-wide Prohibition Questions Hold Centre of Stage in the Ohio and Kentucky Contests.

## HEARST FIGHTING N. Y. TAMMANY

His Papers Have Taken a Strong Stand Against "Boss" Murphy and All His Candidates.

New York, Nov. 3.—Gubernatorial elections will be held in only five states tomorrow—Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi and New Jersey.

Prohibition occupies the centre of the stage in Ohio. In that state voters vote upon two referendums and two amendments—the former relating to legislative ratification of the Federal Prohibition amendment and the latter to the definition of the 2.75 as unpotent liquor, and repeal of constitutional State wide prohibition.

Kentucky also votes on State-wide prohibition, and in common with Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia elects members to both branches of the State legislature. The chief duty before New York is election of Assemblymen and Supreme Court Justices.

Constitutional questions confront Illinois, Nebraska and Texas, Illinois and Nebraska elect delegates to constitutional conventions, while Texas passes on a call for a similar convention and six constitutional amendments. There are no elections in the far west.

Hearst Active.  
In New York the campaign has been enlivened by the stand taken by the Hearst newspapers. These have come out against Tammany candidates and their attacks on "Boss" Murphy have included many Governor-elect having been elected to office last fall with the backing of William Randolph Hearst. This brought spirited replies from Governor Smith, who declared he had been attacked because he refused to allow Mr. Hearst to rule him.

Interest seems to be centered chiefly in the campaign which Justice Joseph Newburger, rejected Tammany nominee, is waging for re-election to the Supreme Court bench against Interstate Justice Newburger, who is being supported by Republicans, and Eugene Coohey being the Independent Non-Partisan Judiciary Committee organized in his behalf.

Another contest in which a spirited battle has been fought is that between Roberto H. Moran, Democrat, for reelection as president of board of aldermen, and F. H. Laguardia, who left the House of Representatives to fight in Italy with the American Flying Forces.

Still another contest arousing marked interest is that being fought in Nassau County for the Assembly seat. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, veteran of the World War, and son of the former President, is being opposed by Private Elias Raff, another overseas fighter and a tailor's boy.