

Representation

'TAKE THE PROFIT OUT OF WAR'

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As a single group in the United States it may be said to have arisen in the midst of the war...

ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

FEDERAL CABINET GIVE COURTEOUS HEARING

Organized labor presented its legislative program to the Government through the medium of a delegation of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The Prime Minister stated, however, that the members of the Government had been, for the most part, getting through accumulated work in their own departments.

In addition to Mr. Moore, the members of the delegation were Vice-Presidents Arthur Martel and Bert Merson and J. A. P. Hayden, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, and P. M. Draper, secretary-treasurer of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

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SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE SITUATION

Reuter's Cape Town correspondent cables that the deadlock in the Rand mines' strike was debated in the house of assembly of the Union of South Africa.

Commandant are committing acts of violence against the strikers.

The debate was then adjourned.

What has become of maternity benefits? he asked.

Mr. McNamee declared that the Riverdale mine member went on record as strongly opposing the Bill.

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ONTARIO LABOR MEMBER IN FIGHTING SPEECH

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Items of Interest from Overseas

POPULAR 'SIEGE' - The Poplar Guards were imprisoned in the Council Chamber from 11:30 p.m. on Monday to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday morning.

Whether Sir Frederick is fully grateful for this kindness is somewhat doubtful.

Isaac Foot in the Independent-Laborist decided to change through the corridor, and feeding the main door deserted by pickets.

With the "Guardian" and "The Worker" wrology of those responsible for the ridiculous performance was well exhibited in the demands that the reports should be concealed before the Pressmen were released.

Walker's decision is a most interesting one.

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WORKERS WIN

Trade union recognition was won by the lock-out most slaughterers in Wellington (London).

Everything is running smoothly in the coal industry of Great Britain, and apparently no labor trouble is ahead.

Major Davies, who expects to remain in America about a month, said that the industrial men of Great Britain were observing closely the working out of the experiment which merged all of the railroads in the land into six systems.

The men all go back with an assurance against victimization.

Hope is now entertained of an early settlement of the slaughterers' lock-out.

The refusal of the League of Employers to recognize trade unionism has held up negotiations in the Mersey ports also.

The point is, despite all the ports in the employment demand for wage reductions of as much as 25 per cent and the abolition of overtime rates.

OFFICIAL RESIGNS - Reuter's Melbourne correspondent cables that Immigration Superintendent Gullett, a recent appointee of the Commonwealth Government, has resigned in "order to protest against the hopeless manner in which the federal government is handling immigration."

FEDERAL LABOR MINISTER AT TORONTO

Hon. James Murrdoch, Federal Labor Minister, faced a turbulent audience of unemployed in the Labor Temple when he appeared at their invitation to explain what the Federal government had done and was doing to do to relieve unemployment in Toronto.

Mr. Murrdoch said he regarded it as an obligation to meet and discuss with individuals the problems which were affecting the unemployed.

"I hope no one who knows me as a labor man will fail to realize that my sympathies are with labor and with the unemployed," he said.

Mr. Murrdoch stated he had found 200,000 men out of work when he assumed office.

"The only thing we could do was to strengthen the hands of the provincial and municipal authorities," said the minister.

Hon. Mr. Murrdoch believed the provinces of Ontario and its municipalities had done but a limited relief in a splendid manner.

Certain provinces "will not co-operate with the Federal government," he said.

Mr. Murrdoch expressed the opinion that Ontario could greatly improve within six weeks of the present.

NEW BRUNSWICK LABOR MAY LINK WITH FARMERS

The possibility of a union for political purposes between the workers and the United Farmers of New Brunswick has been organized by the action of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, as part of the proposed readjustment of wages, as follows:—For the new limited, predicted for shipping as a of unprecedented prosperity as soon as the exchange and international situation rose from its depression.

The result has been announced by the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives of the second ballot on the proposed readjustment of wages, as follows:—For a strike, 1,225; majority for settlement, 15,585.

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INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Minister of Labor has issued an instruction that women cleaners in Government offices are no longer to receive benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

This decision is apparently based on a ruling of Justice Roche in October last.

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KANSAS LABOR LEADERS TO CONTEST ACT

When it disposes of its opinions upon receiving after its usual February review, the supreme court will hear oral arguments in cases brought by Alexander Howat and other organized labor leaders and Kansas held on contempt proceedings by the courts of that state.

Contested at Indianapolis unsuccessfully to leadership of the United Mine Workers of America, who questioned the constitutionality of the act of the Kansas legislature creating the court of industrial relations.

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Howat and his colleagues asserted they received no notice whatever of the order and therefore were given no opportunity to appear.

In behalf of the union miners' leaders counsel denied all of the accusations and challenged the validity and constitutionality of the court of industrial relations. This question is now before the highest court.

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