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# " PUBLIC OWNERSHIP POLICY DEFI

### Soviet Government Practically Refuses League's Request,

It is altogether probable that the proposed mission to Soviet Russia-from the International Labor Office and the League of Nations will not visit that country for some time. The secretary of the League of Nalions has on various operations been a wireless communication with the Soviet Government at Moscow and the last reply to the league's note was practically a refusal to allow the on to visit Russia.

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At a recent meeting of the Council of the League of Nations a reply was sent to the Russian Soviet Government as follows:

"The League of Nations regrets, that after a long delay the Russian Soviet Government has made the condition of an investigation by the league practically equivalent to refusal. The Soviet's endeavor to discriminate between delegates from the league's member nations.

"The league is an international organization siming at justice and peace. Its delegates represent the league not single states.

"The league still hopes the Soviet Government will modify its reply. If, before June 15, the Soviets do not accept the league request as formulated March 17, the council will throw upon the Soviets full responsibility for frustrating an effort inspired only by a desire for better international relations."

The Russian reply to the league note of March 17 said that while the Soviet Government would welcome a league investigating commission to enter its borders on which were representatives of nations at war with Russia, such as Poland. Since Poland is a bona fide member of the league the reply would thus bar Poland is a bona fide member of the league the reply would thus bar Poland elegates from the investigating commission, a condition the league widently felt it could not accept.

### ONTARIO MINIMUM WAGE LAW PASSES.

As a result of argument by H. H. Dewart, that the Minimum Wage Act should not include the clause relating to domestic servants or farm laborers, but should be limited to industrial workers for a year, until the government sees how it works down thout this clause. The only other change made in the Bill was the date upon which it is to become effective, which was shifted from July 1 to October 1, 120.

With reference to the penalty, of a fine runging from \$250 to \$2500 for the employers who refuses to abide by the decisions of the wage board, or who controverts it in any way. Mr. Dewart claimed thershould also be a penalty imposed to organize a National of five members representing the employers and five representing the men, with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department, the men with a chairman to be appointed by the Labor. Department,

### **GOMPERS TO DEFEND WORK-**ERS' RIGHT TO STRIKE.

Ringside seats for the Allen-ompers debate on the Kansas in-urtral court law, scheduled to the place in New York, Friday ight, are at a premium, according those in charge of arrange-

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Carnegie Hall, where the argument will be staged, seats 3,400
persons. Requests for seats already
far outnumber the capacity of the
hall, it was said:

The debate has national significance because Henry J. Allen.
Governor of Kansas, is urging a
law similar to the one in Kansas
for all states in order that strikes
may be avoided.

Samuel Gompers, president of
the American Federation of Labor,
has carried on a continuous fight to
prevent this.

These are the principal details of
the debate:
Each 'peaker will have an hour
and a half.

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Allen has 15 minutes for his finals.

Geomper's hus five minutes in which
to say the last word.

Each side has been given an
equal number of admission tickets.

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# MANY CHILDREN EMPLOYED IN MONTREAL INDUSTRIES.

OUR STANDARD.

IN MONTREAL INDUSTRIES.

Aftogether, 4,585 children under sixteen years of age and employed in Montreal factories and elsewhere registered during the past two months by virtue of the Act passed by the Legislature at the last season, and which compels the registering of children workers.

The effect of this law, as carried out by the inspectors at Montreal is that if anyone under 15 years of age wishes to work, he or she must be able to read and write passably, or commence the task of learning at a night school. The law has not yet been enforced in other parts of the province to any degree, but it will now be pressed more vigorously.

# BRITISH RAILWAY WORKERS' LEADER DENOUNCES "WORK TO RULE" WEAPON

Ignore Your Public Obligations and You Will Speedily Find Community More Powerful Than Any Section Of It, Says Thomas.

There was unrest in the railway world, said J. H. Thomas, M.P., and head of the railway workers in Great Britain, apeaking to a large andience of railwaymen at Derby recently, and there was always likely to be unrest while no regard was paid to the relationships of one industry to another. Did the public expect pasce and contentment while, the workers saw, not only prices rising, but an advance in the economic position of the workers in one industry prejudicially affecting other industries?

As a result of the unrest certain sections of the men were attempting to introduce an economic weapon—the "slow gear," or working to rule. There were many rules which were obsolete or needing amendment. The blick of the new movement, however, was not to amend them, but to enforce the ware claim.

"War on the Community."

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tative of the International Seamen's Union, and President of the Masters, Mates and Pilots of Montreal, who left this week for Genoa, Italy, where he will represent the Canadian seamen at an International Seamen's Conference called by the International Labor Office of the League of Nations.

Result of Conference Held at

The first to suite policy would be the workers them selves. It was the one certain method of further increasing the cost of living.

Against whom was the policy directed? Not the rallway companies. They were guaranteed, and would not suffer a copper of loss, whatever the consequences. Not the Government, It could call upon the taxpayer to make good any loss.

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# ORGANIZATION A

Unique in the history of conference between representatives of employers and employers was that in Hamilton yesterday when Mr. Tom Moors, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canadia, and Mr. J. P. Anglin, president of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries, president of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries, president of the proposed of maniling and entropy of the purpose of demanding and entropy of the purpose of

has as much right to be trusted to decide by vote on a strike as an employer has on a lockout—decisions equally vital to the interests of the community."

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### HISTORY OF ONTARIO COM-PENSATION ACT.

# AND NO PLACE TO GO!



# Workers' Public Ownership Policy

At the annual convention of the Labor Educational Associ-ation of Ontario, held at Brant-ford on Victoria Day, the work-ers' policy in regard to public ownership was defined as fol-

there is great need for a clear declaration from the workers as to the fundamental difference between private or corporate ownership and public ownership in principles of administration.

Therefore be it resolved that this annual convention of the Ontario Labor Educational Association go on record as favoring the administration of our great public utilities and such other utilities as may in the future be publicly owned and reported with a view to allow the best of living and social conditions.

conditions.

1.—To allow the workers in volved in construction operation and administration:

2.—To produce the maximum of efficiency of service at a cost based upon the above and proper provision for reserves necessary to cover depreciation, renewals, etc., and
Therefore be it further resolved that the workers extend every effort through the constitutional means within their power to obtain the appointment of Labor men on public service commissions, and all public bodies having the power to appoint such commissions.

BRITISH LABOR MISSION
ARRIVES IN HUNGARY.

The delegation appointed by the British Labor Party to investigate charges that Hungarian workmen are being persecuted by the Government, arrived at Budapest, Hungary last Thursday according to the United Press.

The delegation includes C. H. Bunning, secretary of the British Postmen's Federation and Frederick W. Jowett, president of the Independent Labor Party.

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Workmen's Compensation legation in introduced what was practically a new system of law as regards accidents arising out of employment. It made it no longer necessary to prove negligence of the employer and made certain the payment of specified percentages or amounts, without litigation and without undurated the province of two kinds. It can be the brutal, profit-hungry reaction we have known always, or it can be the wild, unreasoning reaction that is faisely called radicalism provinces of Canada, the Australian States, New Zealand, Japan, Newfoundland, Mexico, and some countries in Central and South America, true progress.

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A Moscow wireless message under date of May 19, says that the British workers, the representatives of the Norwegian and Swedish Trades Unions and Scandinavian metal workers and members of the American Red Cross arrived at Moscow Monday. Leo Kameneff, president of the Moscow Soviet, welcomed the visitors at the station.

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COMPENSATION.

### GREAT SACRIFICES OF FRENCH PEOPLE.

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The British Labor party will take no further part in the discussion of the Home Rule Bill. This decision was announced by John Robert climinate clause one, an easential part of the Bill was rejected by the House of Commons last week by a vote of 213 to 61.

PRINTERS' ELECTION.

The anual election of officers for the International Typographical Union was held on Wednesday of this week and printers in all parts of the North American continent cast their ballots for the men of their choice. The present officials are all candidates for re-election and are opposed by a full slate of "programsice." The outcome is being watched with internation was given by the Secretary of State in the House of Commons last week in answer to receive the final result is known. Michael Powell of Ottawa, is one of the candidates for new continuous control of the candidates for re-election.