

TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

10,000 WORKERS THROWN OUT OF WORK IN N. S. Twenty-five Mines of the Dominion Coal Company Closed Down.

SYDNEY, N.S. — Cape Breton is in the grip of the worst slump that has hit the eastern coal industry for many years past.

HAMILTON CARPENTERS AND EMPLOYERS MEET Carpenters Seek \$1 Per Hour — Employers Offer 75c. Per Hr.

HAMILTON — A conference will shortly take place between representatives of the Hamilton master carpenters and journeymen regarding wages and a new agreement.

ADOLESCENT ACT WILL NECESSITATE 1,500 PERMITS AT HAMILTON.

HAMILTON — According to a statement made by Inspector Halden there will be a total of 1,500 permits necessary next September when the Adolescent Act comes into force.

MOOSE JAW TEACHERS STILL NEGOTIATING.

MOOSE JAW, Sask. — In an effort to bring about an amicable settlement of the differences between Moose Jaw school teachers and the board of education, a conference was held Friday between the interested parties.

COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENTS SOUGHT

Hon. Walter Rollo Introduces Measure in Ontario House.

TORONTO — Three important amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act were brought down to the Ontario Legislature last week by Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labor.

National Unions Vote to Affiliate

OTTAWA — Open warfare has broken out between the International and National railway brotherhoods and the International is now taking the aggressive.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES FORM FEDERATION

Letter Carriers and Postal Clerks Unite For Protection.

OTTAWA — A new civil service organization came into being last week when the Canadian Federation of Postal Employees was officially created.

ONTARIO WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL FEDERATION MEETS AT HAMILTON.

HAMILTON — The Women's Educational Federation of Ontario educational committee recently met at the home of Mrs. Janet Inman.

ARMOUR & CO. ESTABLISH A JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL.

CHICAGO — Armour & Co. last week called an election in all of its plants for the employees to choose representatives to form an industrial democracy in which workers and employers would have equal representation.

WINNIPEG STREET RAILWAYMEN COME BACK STRONGER THAN EVER

O.B.U. Bee Couldn't Last and Many of Those Miled by These Extremists Have Come Back to Old Division No. 99.

WINNIPEG, Man. — Old Division No. 99 has come back. That was the message which came from the old local locals of the Amalgamated.

to be the dominant craft endeavoring to dictate the policies of all crafts to the specific advantage of their own members.

PRINTERS' 44-HR. WEEK MUST COME EFFECTIVE MAY 1

Secretary Toronto Local States I. T. U. Will Fight if Necessary For This Reform.

TORONTO — The battle is on for the 44-hour work-day in the job printing office of Ontario and Quebec, according to Secretary George Murray, of Typographical Union No. 91, who says that the men employed in these job offices will fight for the shorter work-day.

QUEBEC MAKES IT COMPULSORY FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS TO REGISTER.

HAMILTON — James Inglis, London, Ont., president of the Electrical Workers, while here conferring with local No. 135 officials, announced that legislation affecting electrical contractors and workers had been enacted in the Quebec Legislature.

ANGUS SHOPS AT MONTREAL CLOSE FOR WEEK.

MONTREAL — Over 5,000 men employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway were given a compulsory holiday Wednesday night until April 4 owing to the closing down of the Angus Shops in this city.

KITCHENER MUSICIANS AT ALLEN AND IMPERIAL THEATRES ON STRIKE.

KITCHENER — The musicians of the Allen and Imperial theatres at Kitchener are on strike, pending a settlement of their demands by the local manager.

STONECUTTERS VOICE OBJECTION

Ask That All Stone Be Dressed in Ottawa.

OTTAWA — The Ottawa branch of the Journeymen Stonecutters' Association, through its corresponding secretary, Mr. Harry Birkett, has written in the Ottawa Board of Trade in order to enlist the board's sympathies in the "stonecutters' campaign for Ottawa work to be done in Ottawa.

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Compensation Board to Have Five Members

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PROTECTION OF WOMEN DURING CONFINEMENT

Sgt.-Major MacNamara Believes Government Should Consider Banning Every Child Born.

TORONTO — Moving the second reading of his bill for the protection of women during confinement, J. MacNamara, Riverdale, said in the Legislature he believed governments might seriously consider the banning of every child born in Canada.

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COMPANY TO REDUCE WAGES.

SUDBURY — The International Nickel Company at Copper Cliff last week announced a general reduction of 15 per cent. on all payroll rates in the mining and smelter divisions.

TORONTO MACHINISTS HOPEFUL OF MAINTAINING WAGE SCHEDULE.

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TORONTO CARPENTERS RETURN MODERATE OFFICIALS.

TORONTO — The result of the meeting of Toronto District Council of Carpenters, held last week in the Labor Temple, was very satisfactory.

FREE INSURANCE PLAN ADOPTED BY MACHINISTS

Association First to Take Active Steps to Furnish Group Insurance to Membership.

WASHINGTON — The group insurance plan submitted to the International Association of Machinists, will be overwhelmingly endorsed, according to reports by these officials.

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No Reduction in Painters' Wages

TORONTO — Friendly relations have been re-established between the Painters' Association of Toronto and the Painters' Union and as a result of several conferences between representatives of both parties during the past week most of the differences have been adjusted.

MACHINISTS TO WORK IN RUSSIA

I. A. M. is Endeavoring to Have Blockade Lifted.

WASHINGTON — Through the official organ of the International Association of Machinists information is made public for members of the organization who desire to go to Russia.

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TERMS BRITISH-RUSSIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

Both Countries Agree to Refrain from Hostile Action.

BLOCKADE LIFTED.

Negotiations Commenced As Far Back As Nov. 25, 1919.

WESTMINSTER, England. — The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons last week that a trade agreement with Russia had been signed by Sir Robert Horn, president of the Board of Trade, on behalf of the British Government, and Leonid Kravyn, on behalf of the Russian Soviet Government.

Each country agrees to refrain from any hostile action; All British subjects are permitted to return home immediately, and all Russian subjects in the British Empire are similarly treated;

Both parties agree to remove all obstacles hitherto placed in the way of resumption of trade; Russian ships are allowed rights of free navigation of the seas and British and Russian ships are to receive same treatment in each other's ports as are accorded by the established practice of nations;

Russia agrees to clear the mines from sea passages to her ports; Exchange of private postal and telegraphic correspondence and despatch and acceptance of wireless messages is established;

No gold, funds, securities or commodities are to be taken possession of in payment of imports.

The agreement contains 14 clauses and comes into effect immediately. It remains in force for twelve months and may be terminated upon six months' notice by either party.

OTTAWA TAILORS RENEW AGREEMENT FOR ANOTHER PERIOD.

OTTAWA — The existing agreement between the Ottawa Journeymen Tailors' Union and their employers has been renewed for another period. All existing conditions have been maintained and no change has been made in the agreement which was in effect during the past year.

LABOR LEGISLATION IN MANITOBA HOUSE

Wants Clearer Definition of Collective Bargaining.

WINNIPEG — Labor's definition of collective bargaining was brought before the Manitoba Legislature last week by G. A. Tanner (Kildonan and St. Andrew's), who moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Industrial Conditions Act.

The British Government gives a corresponding undertaking as regards the British Government funds and property in Russia. This article is not to prejudice inclusion in the general treaty referred to in the preamble, of any provision dealing with the exchange of private postal and telegraphic correspondence between both countries, as well as the despatch and acceptance of wireless messages and parcels by post in accordance with the rules and regulations which were in existence up to 1914.

Agreement as to Gold. Britain declares it will not attach, or take possession of any gold, funds, securities or commodities carried over from Russia in payment of imports, or as securities for such payment.

On the other hand, the Russian Government undertakes to make no claim to dispose in any way of funds or other property of the former imperial and provisional governments in the United Kingdom.

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These negotiations commenced as far back as November, 1919, when Capt James O'Grady, M.P., met Maxim Litvinoff at Copenhagen concerning the exchange of prisoners of war.

During the afternoon the British and Russian negotiators were in London owing to his Soviet propaganda efforts.

HAMILTON MUSICIANS HONOR H. J. HALFORD.

HAMILTON — At a recent meeting of the Musicians' Union H. J. Halford, for three years president of the local, was the recipient of a solid gold chain and locket.