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GOMPERS REPORTS TO FEDERATION

Important Gathering of Labor Men Opened at St. Louis.

MOVEMENT IN CANADA

Great Progress Is Noted in This Country—Some Facts and Figures.

[Associated Press.]

St. Louis, Nov. 12. The thirtieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor began here yesterday and will continue for two weeks.

The morning's session was devoted to welcoming the delegates and honorary guests, some of them from England.

The afternoon session was devoted to reports of the president, Samuel Gompers, the secretary, Frank Morrison, and the treasurer, John B. Lennon. Sessions will be held at least twice daily during the two weeks. An has been provided for the delegates.

Gompers' Report.

President Gompers, in his annual report, said in part:

For the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1910, there were issued by the American Federation of Labor 324 certificates of affiliation charters, as follows:

International unions 2, state federations 1, city central bodies 53, local trade unions 431, federal labor unions 218. Total 1,435.

The international unions enumerated have approximately 28,000 local unions under their jurisdiction. Attention is called to this fact, so that the error into which many persons have fallen as to the makeup of our federation may be corrected. As its name implies, ours is a federated body of international, state, central, and directly affiliated locals, the latter having no international unions of their own trade or calling. The international unions have direct jurisdiction over their own local unions or lodges situated throughout the continent.

Applications from unions for affiliation are turned over to the international of the trade where one is in existence. During the past year our affiliated international unions report they have issued 2,157 charters to local unions, and thereby, by addition to existing locals, have increased their membership for the year 218,229 members.

In Canada. The movement in Canada has shown greater progress during the past year than in any previous year in its history. Numerically, representation in the Congress has increased by 40 per cent over the year 1909, while the balance in the treasury of the congress over that reported for 1909 was almost 50 per cent. The congress in its legislative capacity has also exceeded anything done in former years. It secured the appointment of a commission on technical education, with its ex-vice-president as a member of it, amendments to the industrial disputes investigation act, that further protected the interests of those affected by the act; and the exemption of trade unions from the combines in-

vestigation act. It offered such strenuous opposition to the Belcourt bill, which was designed to keep international officers out of Canada, that its promoter asked permission to withdraw it, which was permitted, although the Senate threatened to throw it out bodily.

"In fact," says Secretary Draper, of the Trade and Labor Congress, the last session of the Dominion Parliament may be said to have been a labor session, inasmuch as besides dealing with the above matters there were before it for consideration bills dealing with the following matters:

"Proportional representation; load time and wireless telegraphy on ships for the protection of sailors; to make monthly as at present; to abolish election day a public holiday, and to do away with the election deposit; to provide for the fortnightly payment of wages on railways instead of monthly; to abolish the jurisdiction of the railway commission, the railway companies, express, telegraph and telephone companies being already subject to the jurisdiction of the railway commission; bill for the legalizing of co-operative societies, and other proposed legislation.

"Needless to say these are largely attributable to the activity of the organized workers and of the Trades and Labor Congress representing them.

"Apart from legislation, it is a pleasure to report that the sentiment in favor of international trade unionism is stronger than ever in Canada. Throughout the length of breadth of the continent, the sentiment is growing, and their safety lies in the international bond, and despite the efforts of the employing interests to build up a so-called 'national' movement, the trade unionists of Canada will continue to give their allegiance to their various international bodies."

Legislation Summary. Mr. Gompers gave the following summary of legislation passed by the sixty-first United States Congress in which labor is particularly interested:

"Amendment to the employers' liability law and the creation of a commission to inquire into the subject of extending employers' liability and the establishment of compensation.

"The law requiring the standardization of equipment, such as ladders, running boards, grabirons on cars of railroads.

"The law requiring common carriers to report to the interstate commerce commission all accidents of whatever character and the cause.

"The law for the better enforcement of the child labor law of the district of Columbia.

"The application of the eight-hour law to the construction of Government vessels by private contractors.

"The establishment of postal savings banks.

"The creation of a bureau of mining for the investigation of the causes of accidents in mines and their prevention, and the rescue of workmen when accidents may occur."

Organization Urged. Mr. Gompers urged upon all fellow unionists, officers and members, the great rank and file, that greater and more persistent work of organization be planned and carried into effect. He said: "Let the slogan be: organize, agitate, educate."

"It is urgently recommended that this convention adopt a slight increase in the per capita of affiliated organizations. I am convinced beyond all peradventure that with some additional funds at the disposal of our officers great good will be accomplished in the interest of the organizations and the workers generally."

A Political Rally. The opening session was turned into

an insurgent political rally by Owen Miller, president of the Missouri Federation of Labor. Jeers greeted the name of Joseph J. Cannon, and loud applause welcomed the name of Champ Clark.

"The labor movement is greater than any party platform," said President Gompers, in responding to the addresses of welcome, "because it is governed by a principle as true as nature itself, and because it expresses the discontent of the masses."

Seventy-five women were in the convention as delegates. One of them is Miss Zula Taylor, 21 years old, who will cast the entire steel of the state of Kansas, having been elected the representative of the Kansas Federation of Labor. She is secretary and treasurer of the Kansas Garment Workers Union.

Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, the first Socialist to be elected to Congress, received many congratulations from his fellow delegates.

WESTERN RAILWAY WILL BE RUSHED

American Contractors to Build Alberta and Great Waterways Railway.

Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 14. — Premier Sifton announced when the Alberta Legislature opened here yesterday that the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway will be built at once by Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart, contractors, of St. Paul and Spokane. How it is intended to be operated is not stated, but it is expected that a commission will be appointed for the purpose.

The road was at first to be built by a company promoted by W. R. Clarke, of Kansas City, but the terms of the agreement then made with the Government caused an upheaval and several changes in the venture.

"MAY GOD FORGIVE THE DAILY PAPERS"

Montreal Temperance Worker Says Quebec Is Not Understood Owing to Press.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—"May God forgive the daily papers," said Dr. J. E. Dube, a prominent temperance worker of Montreal, addressing the Temperance League in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon, "for the many nasty things they have said about Quebec."

The speaker was referring to the extreme misconception of the conditions in his native province, which, he said, was found even among the leading temperance workers of Ontario. The reason was that these had relied upon the daily press for their information. Dr. Dube expressed a hope that there were no newspaper representatives present to hear his remarks in this connection.

He then explained some of the methods and accomplishments of the supporters of the temperance cause in Quebec. The motto was, "Save the boys," and they were endeavoring to do so by insisting upon observance of the laws that were in existence, and by having new legislation passed. The license law in Quebec was, like many other laws, merely written down, and one of the strongest efforts of the workers in that province was to enforce a strict observance of this law. A policy which had been instrumental in winning many friends to the cause, as well as accomplishing much good, was that of having an election every year. Some amendment to the license law was suggested, and the people were made to vote upon it. The issue was thereby kept a live one. Roman Catholic clergy were the leaders in the movement, and with such a man at the head as Archbishop Bruchési, success was assured. Education of the young was a leading method of the Quebec advocates of temperance, and was one of the most important for the sake of the young people.

"I cannot blame the grown-up man of today who drinks whiskey," said the speaker, "but I can blame the adults of twenty years hence who do so. No man of forty years of age now can say that he ever heard in school that whiskey was bad for the liver, lungs, kidneys or heart, but that is what is being taught in the schools to the children of today."

MEAT PRICES TAKE A DROP

New York Dealers Are Forced to Lower Prices in That City.

REASONS FOR THE CUT

Americans Are Hoping That the Tariff on Meats Will Be Abolished.

The New York Herald of Sunday publishes the following table of illustrating the decline in meat prices in the past fortnight:

	Two weeks ago.	Sat'y
Fresh joints pork...	20 lb.	cts 15
Ham, fresh, corned...	20 lb.	cts 15
Smoked...	20 lb.	cts 15

	Two mos. ago.	Sat'y
Sirloin or porter...	21	18
Round steak...	21	18
Chicken, broiling...	21	16
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Mutton...	12 1/2	12 1/2
Leg of lamb...	18	16

New York, Nov. 14.—After years of climbing prices in the prime necessities of life, the wholesale and retail butchers of this city yesterday announced substantial reductions in the prices of meats and poultry, pork leading the list at five cents a pound less than two weeks ago. There has been a lower tendency for a longer period in the prices of other meats.

The dealers differed somewhat in their views as to the reason for the cut in prices, several maintaining that the reduction was due to natural causes, while others insisted that the remarkable Democratic victories in the recent elections had so impressed the western packers that they hurriedly lowered the prices of their products in order to attempt to forestall a reduction in the tariff on South Australian beef and Canadian and Australian mutton.

It was pointed out by the butchers that at the Retail Butchers' convention in Chicago last September a fight for the removal of the duty on foreign meats. It was said that the members of this committee had received assurances from members of the Senate and the House of Representatives that in the event of a Democratic victory at the polls the tariff would be removed.

Abolish the Tariff. Jacob Block, one time vice-president of the New York Retail Butchers' Association, said, in discussing the subject: "We are positive that the tariff on meat imports will be abolished or reduced. The existing duty on imported meats, whether it be beef from South America or mutton from Australia or Canada, is two cents a pound. Since we have an import duty, why should we not have an export duty? I was in London recently and saw that American beef, the best of its kind, was being sold there at the same price as our own. And that notwithstanding the fact that the exporters have to pay three-quarters of a cent a pound for transportation charges.

"It is not right that such conditions should prevail, and the one ray of hope is that the tariff on meats is to be abolished. The American packers will then be able to eat meat once a day as he used to. At the present time he can eat meat only two or three times a week. Why, when I first started in business meat was eaten three times a day in America, and we had to put out a long line of meats for the breakfast demand. But the American workman certainly has a right to have meat once a day.

"The present reductions in the prices of meat are beyond a doubt a direct result of the election. The western beef packers are frightened. I do not expect to see the price go much lower just now. The packers will await the action of congress, and if they see things going against them they will lower the prices still more in order to induce congress to have a need for a reduction in the tariff."

FIRE RANGING

Minister of Crown Lands Planning Revision of Forest Protection Service.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Nov. 14. — The provincial department of lands, forests and mines. It is stated, intends, on the advent of the new year, to grapple once and for all with problem of adequate protection from fire for the forests and timbered crown lands of the Province.

While the official reports for the past session show that Ontario has escaped remarkably well from serious conflagrations, the dangers incurred have resulted in a searching investigation of Ontario's fire-rangin system, by Hon. Frank Cochrane.

The minister has not made his plans public as yet, but he has understood that these involve a complete reorganization of the system of fire protection in vogue for many years past. None but efficient and experienced men will be appointed fire rangers in future. It is stated, and students, from whose ranks the fire-rangin staff has been largely drawn for some years, will be required to undergo a test before being employed.

THE DEATH OF MUNK. Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 15. — The inquest into the death of Rudolph Munk, the West Virginia University football player, who died Saturday night, as the result of injuries received a few hours earlier, will be completed this evening. Thomas McCoy, the Bethany College player, charged with being responsible for Munk's injuries, is expected to arrive during the day from his home in Canton, Ohio, to be present and tell his side of the case. The authorities were notified here today that Munk had died, and his body had been taken to Bethany, where the warrant will be served.

STORM BLOCKS AIRMAN. Brussels, Nov. 15. — M. Legagneux, who made a flight with a passenger from Paris to Brussels in three hours and sixteen minutes yesterday, in competition for the \$30,000 prize for the fastest round trip through the air, today abandoned the return flight to Paris because of a storm.

CAUGHT AT DOCK. Montreal, Que., Nov. 15. — Mrs. Levi, of New York, who came here to sail for England by S. S. Montrose, was about to sail when she was taken by bailiffs, who had a writ for her detention to answer to a \$50,000 action for libel, issued at the instance of her son-in-law, R. A. Schonberg, of New York.

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Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:35 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

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Depart for the east—12:05 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
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PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—6:05, 10:05, 9:40 a.m., 7:30, 14:15, 1:00 p.m.
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