

NO NECESSITY FOR WAGE REDUCTIONS

Wasteful System of Distribution One Cause of High Prices.

A report presented by the executive committee of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association last Friday night, in which a warning was conveyed that employers throughout the country were embarking on a campaign having as its end the reduction of wages and extension of hours of toil, as a producer of some of the plain speaking by Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. He declared that the workers were standing for a reduction of the standard of wages, raised upon the false cry that prices in general were falling.

PETTY LABOR MEMBER MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES.

Grave charges of the importation of foreign laborers under contract to lower Canadian wages were made to the tariff commission last week by Thomas Tooms, M.L.A. of Peterborough, who declared labor to be in favor of a 10 per cent tariff.

DRURY RUNNING HYDRO COMMISSION.

Premier Drury is running the Hydro Commission. Dr. Stevenson, M.L.A. of London, Ont. He declares Sir Adam Beck was called to the carpet and shorn of authority. He will be retired before long, says Dr. Stevenson.

WILL URGE AMNESTY POLITICAL PRISONERS

Local Union Requested to Stop Sending Communications.

The American Federation of Labor announces that its amnesty committee will be represented at hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee to urge amnesty for political prisoners, and that local unions throughout the country will be requested to send communications to the committee.

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SECOND BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT OF U. M. DISTRICT 26.

Elections for officers of the United Mine Workers, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick division, took place on Monday. Robert Baxter secured a majority of votes for president, but insufficient under the constitution of the union to elect. He must get 51 per cent of the votes polled. Another ballot will be taken. Selby Barrett was re-elected international board member.

SCHOOL TEACHERS RECEIVE BENEFITS

Labor Affiliation Has Helped American Teachers.

Writing in the American Federationist this month Mr. F. T. Stecker, of the American Federation of Teachers, says: "Improvement in wages and working conditions of teachers is far beyond any estimate that can be made. Not only has the membership been generally successful in bringing about their desired objects but an infinitely large number of teachers not members have been directly benefited through the desire of boards of education to forestall organization. In this way the American schools are already deeply indebted to the American Federation of Teachers."

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG VETERANS

Premier Interviewed in Regard to Critical Situation.

Representing that unemployment among veterans all over Canada, was extremely serious, and requesting that the government take action to relieve the hardship caused by the lack of work, J. Fred Marsh, secretary of the Great Army of United Veterans, and Herbert Capewell, member of the advisory board of the same organization, were interviewed by Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet last week. Messrs. Marsh and Capewell were introduced to the members of the Government by C. G. MacNeill, secretary of the Great War Veterans Association, and Capt. W. P. Grant, past president of the same organization.

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CONGRESS STAND ON HANNA ORDER

Official Statement Issued by Executive Council.

An official statement outlining the workers' position in regard to the "non-partisan political order" of President Hanna of the C. N. R. has been issued by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. The workers' attitude is summed up as follows: (1) The employees of the Canadian National Railways are not civil servants. This is borne out by the Government's statement that the Canadian National Railways are managed by an independent corporation, and therefore in the same position as any other employer.

LABOR NO LONGER A COMMODITY?

Herr Scholz, Minister of Economic Affairs, speaking in the Reichstag last week is declared by the Vossische Zeitung, to have expressed himself in favor of introducing a "basic" economic service law to restore Germany's economic and cultural life. The minister in his speech, which dealt with Germany's economic situation, spoke especially on the necessity for promoting production.

CIGAR MAKERS NOMINATE.

Affiliates of the Cigar Makers' International union have nominated candidates for office at their referendum election. President Perkins was re-nominated by 342 locals. The candidates for the various offices received the following number of votes: President Perkins, 342; Secretary, 323; Treasurer, 318; and Executive Committee, 315.

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President I. F. T. U.



J. H. THOMAS, M.P., General Secretary of the National Union of Railways and Tramways.

ASK ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

A delegation consisting of Mayor M. M. McBride, M.L.A., Hamilton; Sergeant-Major McNamara, M.L.A., Riverdale; E. H. Greenlaw, M.L.A., St. Catharines; and Joseph Marks, secretary of the Independent Labor Party, waited on Premier Drury, Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. Walter Rolfe, Minister of Labor, at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, on Monday, and urged on the Minister the need for solving the unemployed problem.

AUSTRALIAN RAILROAD WORKERS UNITE.

Transportation employees throughout the Australian Commonwealth will be controlled by the new Australian Railway Union, the constitution of which was agreed upon in 1915, and has been endorsed by the State Railway Union. The establishment of the union was hastened by the decision of the High Court, which permitted state railway servants to have access to the Federal Arbitration Court. If the anomalies existing in the conditions of railwaymen in the various states are not speedily rectified, the Australian Railway Union will probably file a case in the Federal Arbitration Court.

METAL TRADES SUFFERING IN MONTREAL.

Reports made to headquarters of the metal trades union in Montreal last week stated that 1,100 workers had been laid off temporarily at the Angus shops. These reports were confirmed by J. T. Fraser, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, who added that the same conditions obtained not only at the Angus shops but also in practically all metal industrial shops in Montreal and district.

AMERICAN FEDERATION LABOR DEMANDS SWEEPING INVESTIGATION LIVING COSTS

Prohibition of European and Asiatic Immigration for Two Years—Education—Increased Pay for Women Workers—Prohibition of Child Labor.

A sweeping investigation of living costs throughout the entire United States and of the profits of big corporations dealing in food, fuel, clothing and other necessities will be demanded of Congress early in the December session, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor said this week.

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CONTINUE FIGHT FOR 44-HR. WEEK

No Decrease in Wages Will Be Tolerated.

Throughout the country many employers are endeavoring to reduce the wages and increase the hours of toil. This move is being carefully watched by the organized labor movement, and we believe it is the duty of every trade unionist to keep a close ear to the ground for moves on the part of his employer to introduce the system of decreased pay and longer hours in his trade. Wages did not advance in proportion to the cost of living, and it was not until after living costs advanced that wage increases were granted.

ONTARIO PRESSMEN SEEK UNIFORMITY.

A movement is on foot looking forward to the holding of a conference for the purpose of bringing about the adoption of a uniform scale and working agreement throughout this jurisdiction embracing London, Ottawa, Montreal, Hamilton, and Toronto, says the Hamilton Correspondent of the American Pressman.

33 CHARTERS ISSUED BY A. F. OF L. IN OCTOBER.

During the month of October the American Federation of Labor issued 33 charters, as follows: Central labor unions, 11; local trade unions, 19; federal trade unions, 4.

NEW COMPENSATION DESIRED FOR QUEBEC

Present Act Obsolete Says Gustave Franco.

A new Workmen's Compensation Act will be proposed by organized labor when the Quebec Provincial Government is interviewed by the annual delegation of labor men which goes down to Quebec from all parts of Quebec during each session.

TASMANIAN CAPITAL AND LABOR AGREED.

When there is so much industrial unrest in the world, it is refreshing to find a country where it is almost absent. In Tasmania harmonious relations between capital and labor continue to be maintained.

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