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## INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE AGREED ON MANY MATTERS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Country-wide Labor Laws—Minimum Wages for Women and Minors—Favor the Promotion of Joint Industrial Councils—Endorse Report Favoring Compulsory Education, Free Speech and Freedom of the Press.

### Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 19.—With one more session to be held before it concludes its labors, the national industrial conference has achieved the following:

- (1) Agreed upon and advised appointment of a royal commission to unify and co-ordinate labor laws of the Dominion and provinces.
- (2) Agreed upon necessity of minimum wage for women and minors and recommend appointment of a royal commission to deal with question of minimum wage for unskilled labor.
- (3) Recommends creation of a bureau in connection with the labor department to provide data and other information to assist in the promotion of joint industrial councils.
- (4) Approves of a speakers' conference, such as was held in England, to deal with the question of proportional representation.
- (5) Recommends appointment of board or boards to investigate questions of state insurance against unemployment, old age, sickness and invalidity and widows pensions.
- (6) Endorsed report of the royal commission on industrial relations favoring compulsory education, free speech and freedom of the press.

The four vital questions: (1) employees' right to organize; (2) recognition of labor unions; (3) collective bargaining; and (4) the eight hour day, remain to be dealt with. In regard to the first three a compromise report is expected, but in respect of the eight hour day issue there is considerable doubt.

Labor has made a determined fight in the open conference for such a concession, but whether its representatives on the sub-committee which is thrashing the problem out behind closed doors have succeeded in carrying the delegates of the employers and the third group with them remains to be seen.

The question of proportional representation and been in the hands of a committee with Sir John Willeson as chairman, and in presenting his report, expressed the belief that the defects in the electoral system of the country were of a technical nature of social and political nature.

The resolution, which was unanimously passed by the committee, follows: "Believing that there are defects in the system of electoral representa-

## Another German Ship Is Acquired By The British

Former Hamburg-American Liner Imperator, One of Largest in World, is Now a Cunarder.

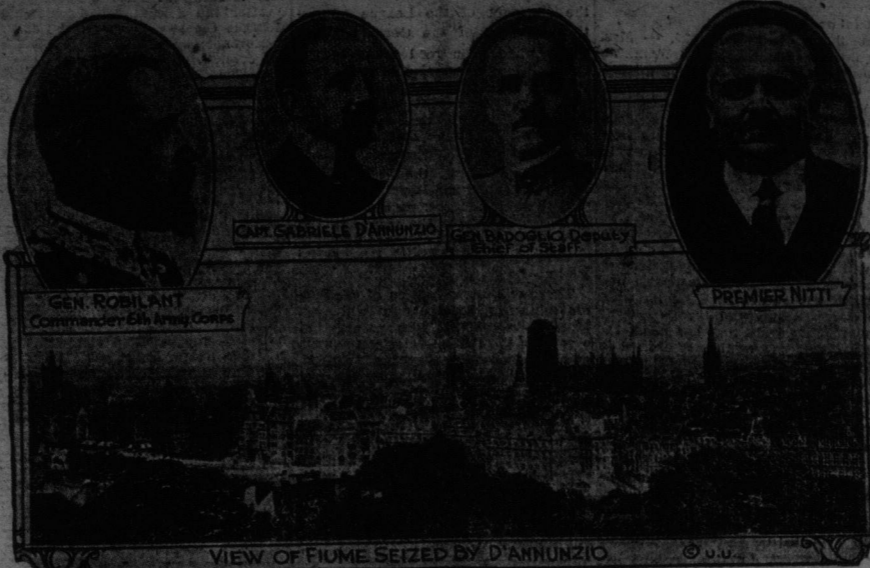
New York, Sept. 19.—Announcement that the former Hamburg-American liner Imperator, one of the largest ships in the world, has been acquired by the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, from the British Ministry of Shipping was made here tonight. The Imperator which stayed at Hamburg during the war and was used for carrying home American troops after the armistice was signed, is now docked here being refitted for passenger service. She will be used for the Aquitania and Mauritania in providing a weekly service from New York to Cherbourg and Southampton.

## SPANISH PASSENGER STEAMER SANK IN FORTY FEET OF WATER

Reports Reach Key West, Florida, That Ship With Three Hundred Passengers and Crew Went Aground in 'Quicksand at Half Moon Key—Fate of Those on Board Not Learned.

Key West, Florida, Sept. 19.—The Spanish passenger steamer Valbanera, which is nine days overdue and for the safety of which grave fears are entertained. The steamer with several hundred passengers on board arrived off Key West on September 9, when a great tropical hurricane was raging, and being unable to enter port put out to sea to wait for the storm to abate. Patrol wireless calls supposed to come from the Valbanera have several times been picked up here and at Key West, but they were so feeble that the location of the vessel could not be learned. It is suggested that other means of finding the ship being fruitless, by some means of the Spanish steamer

## FAMOUS ITALIAN CITY PLUNGED INTO ANARCHY



Twenty-six thousand Italian troops are now in Fiume, according to the latest advice to the Italian peace delegation in Paris. The British and French troops have left the city, lowering their flags at D'Annunzio's request. The Italians are being reinforced constantly by deserters from the regular organization. It is feared in general conference circles that the Nitti government may fall because of the Premier's denunciation of D'Annunzio. The Supreme Council in Paris decided to let Italy deal with the situation created at Fiume by D'Annunzio's occupation of the city, deeming it purely an internal matter.

## D'ANNUNZIO'S TROOPS STILL CONTROL THE CITY OF FIUME

Policy of Italian General Said to Have Been Endorsed by King Victor Emmanuel—Inter-Allied Force Reported to Be About Two Miles Northwest of the City.

Rome, Sept. 19.—The adoption of a firm policy by General Badoglio in dealing with the Fiume situation was endorsed by King Victor Emmanuel before the general left Rome on his mission to restore order in the Fiume section. The king, however, is receiving the general on the eve of his departure, while recommending firmness on the general's part, expressed the wish that there be no bloodshed. It has been stated here that Gabriel D'Annunzio had informed all Allied countries, including the United States, of his intention to occupy Fiume. According to a recent message the blockade of the town is complete. The national council of Fiume is supplied with foodstuffs for three months. Latest advice from Fiume showed that D'Annunzio's forces were still in control of the city. There have been no advances as to the blockade of the place by Italian naval and military forces but there are reports that Yugoslav troops are concentrating on the frontier between Fiume and the Hinterland. There are indications that people not essential to the defence of the place may be compelled to leave so that the armed force may be able to hold out longer. The inter-Allied force, which left Fiume after the arrival of D'Annunzio's troops are reported to be about two miles northwest of the city where they are waiting instructions.

## Robbers Were In Mail Car While Clerks Worked

Reports of Ocean Limited Hold-up Reach Officials in Moncton—One Clerk Beaten and Another Fired at by Robbers.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 19.—According to the information received by C. M. R. police officials here the highwaymen who robbed the Ocean Limited train between Lewis and Montserrat Thursday morning obtained about \$40,000, the greater part of which was paper money. The robbers according to the information received here, boarded the mail car at Lewis and were in the car where the mail clerks were at work and paid no attention to the two handia until they found themselves looking into the muzzles of revolvers while the robbers were riding the train. Two of the mail clerks lying on the floor bound and gagged raised their heads to get a look at the desperadoes and see what was going on. One clerk received a knock on the head with the butt of a gun and the other man was fired at, the bullet embedding itself in the floor close to his head.

## Key West—search for the Valbanera.

Key West, Florida, Sept. 19.—In the quicksand under forty feet of water off Rebecca shoals lighthouse, divers today found the bulk of a steamer believed to be the Spanish passenger liner Valbanera, which has been missing since the eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico was swept by a hurricane ten days ago.

The divers, employed by the Cuban consul here after the wreck was discovered by a United States coastguard vessel, reported that the name Valbanera could be made out clearly, but no traces were found of the 200 passengers and 150 members of the crew reported aboard the Spanish liner when she left Spain for Havana. The steamer was found off the Rebecca Shoals Lighthouse, which is forty miles from here, the divers said, and appeared to be about six thousand tons. The missing Valbanera was of 2,251 tons net. Further investigation, however, is expected to clear beyond all doubt the identity of the wreck, and if it is proven to be the Spanish liner, throw some light on the fate of the 450 persons aboard her.

## Former Leader And Associates Sentenced To Die

Fritz Seidl and Six Others Found Guilty of Murdering Hostages During Soviet Regime—Seven Others to Penal Servitude.

Munich, September 19. (By The A. P.)—Fritz Seidl, the former Spartacist leader and six of his associates were sentenced today to pay the death penalty having been found guilty of the murder of hostages during the Soviet regime. The others sentenced to death were Josef Seidl and Herrmann Sickerhofer, Wild, Purzel and Fehmer. Seven others were sentenced to fifteen year penal servitude as accessories, three were discharged. The prisoners received their sentences calmly and afterwards were removed by a military guard. The trial of Bavarian Communist leaders on the charge of having murdered hostages taken during the uprising of February last opened on September 12. The prisoners were arraigned before the people's court. The indictment against them charged that the hostages were housed in a cellar and were fed bread and water during their imprisonment, and later murdered.

## ST. STEPHEN FAIR SHOWED BALANCE

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Sept. 19.—The directors of agricultural society No. 88 meeting was held this evening. Reports revealed a very gratifying financial balance from the big St. Stephen fair held last week. It was voted that for the fair next year the society will hold it to its regular date. The second whole week in September from Tuesday 14th to Friday 18th, which brings it immediately following the dates announced for the St. John exhibition.

## Ontario Retail Merchants' Assn. Make A Protest

Forward Same to Government Against Order of Board of Commerce Regarding Retail Profit Fixed on Sugar.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—A protest from the Retail Merchants' Association of Ontario was forwarded today to the Dominion government against the order of the Board of Commerce in fixing one cent a pound as the retail profit on sugar and addressed a request to the attorney general that no prosecutions be undertaken until the business was ten bags per cent. The cost, he said, was \$11.25 and allowed for overhead expenses and lost in weighing, the retailers' business was ten bags a week, would lose about \$60 a month.

## Decorated After He Killed A German General

Capt. D. Wilcox of Royal Engineers Arrived in Boston Yesterday—Is Coming to St. John—Entertained by Hub Officials Today.

Special to The Standard. East Boston, Mass., Sept. 19.—Capt. D. Wilcox of the Royal Engineers, holder of the distinguished conduct medal and the British military cross, was a passenger on the new Anchor liner Elysia, which arrived from Glasgow and is now tied up at East Boston. Capt. Wilcox received his decorations after killing a German general. On July 4, 1916, Capt. Wilcox, then a lieutenant, went over the top with his platoon. In a dugout in German trenches he encountered a burly German officer who later proved to be a general. The German attempted to draw an automatic pistol but Wilcox succeeded in killing him with a bayonet before he could fire. Capt. Wilcox is on his way to Canada on some mission of the English government which he stated it is utterly impossible to touch upon. This visit will take him to the following cities: Halifax, Sydney, Moncton, St. John, Charlottetown, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London and Winnipeg.

## Immigration amendments and other subjects red hot from the consideration of the Industrial Conference, will have a prominent place in the programme of the Congress.

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 19.—Following closely on the conclusion of the big industrial conference at Ottawa, the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress will open its thirty-fifth annual convention in this city on Monday next, and in spite of the secessionist aspect of the One Big Union idea, and the disintegrating influence of the Reds, it is expected that the convention will be one of the most important in the history of trades unionism in Canada. President Tom Moore, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, who has been a tower of strength for "Union of Unionists" during the various critical periods of the year, will be chairman of the gathering. Delegates will be present in force from every corner of the Dominion where organized labor is a factor in the industrial activities. The questions of the eight-hour day, right of collective bargaining,

## HEAD OF BOARD OF COMMERCE UNDER FIRE BY THE MEMBERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE

The Farmer Members Went After Him for His Recent Statements in Regard to Prohibiting the Export of Agricultural Products and Controlling Farm Prices.

### Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 19.—The House of Commons does not seem to like the methods of the new board of commerce in its vigorous efforts to stop profiteering. Mr. W. F. O'Connor, who last year, was the hero of the opposition, is now being bitterly attacked. He was under fire in the Commons today. However, the criticism was not all confined to the opposition. The farmer members of the government side went after him ho! foot for his recent statements in regard to prohibiting exports of agricultural products and controlling farm prices. They thought he was altogether too talkative.

The debate was on the bill which provides for the salaries of the commission. Most of the afternoon was spent grilling O'Connor. Mr. J. A. Robb described him as "a profiteer himself" for taking an eight thousand dollar salary. Dr. Michael Clark talked of his "economic insanity" for proposing embargoes on exports. E. W. Nesbitt, North Oxford, described him as "a modern swashbuckler." John Best of Dufferin talked of "men who didn't know a hog from a sheep, or potatoes from buckwheat," and H. C. Hocken, Toronto, hinted at "advertising methods."

Mr. O'Connor hails from Halifax and Mr. D. D. MacKenzie, opposition leader, loyal blue-nose that he is, rushed to his defence. He said Mr. O'Connor had not the reputation of "blowing his own horn" in Halifax. Perhaps he had been spoiled by the Ottawa. He thought that board should be given a chance which was also the attitude of Mr. R. L. Richardson and other Unionist members.

One of the most severe critics from the standpoint of the farmers was Mr. Donald Sutherland, South Oxford, he criticized the action of the board in prohibiting the export of hogs. As a result thousands of animals had been shipped to the United States where hides brought higher prices. Discussing recent statements as to the cost of milk, Mr. Sutherland declared that owing to the shortage of feed, milk would undoubtedly command a higher price.

The whole debate seems to reveal the difficulties of controlling and fixing prices in Canada satisfactory to producer and consumer.

## Is Charged With Being Girl "Raffles"

Molly Rosen Confessed She Robbed Fifty Apartments During Past Three Months—Raids Netted \$7,000 in Cash and Jewelry.

New York, Sept. 19.—Charged with being a girl "Raffles," and confessing the police say, that during the past three months she had robbed fifty apartments in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx, Molly Rosen, 16 years old, was held in \$2,500 bail here today for examination next Monday. The girl, according to her alleged confession, said that when she "worked" she averaged three apartment house burglaries a day, and that lately her operations had been on the basis of an eight-hour day and six days a week. Sundays, she said, she "rested," because her mother, to whom she paid \$20 a week, supposed she was employed in a downtown store. Her raids, she said, netted her \$4,000 in cash and \$2,000 worth of jewelry.

## Reservations Are Made Only By Mail

Even if Cleveland Wins All Its Games Chicago Would Win Pennant.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Requests for reservations for the World series games to be played in Chicago between the Cincinnati Nationals and the Chicago White Sox, today began coming into the local club's headquarters at a rate surpassing any previous World series here. All requests for reserved tickets must be made through the mail. No personal requests are being honored at the Park. The White Sox have to win only one of their remaining seven games to clinch the pennant. Even though Cleveland should win all its remaining games, the finish there would be: Won. Lost. P. C. Chicago . . . . . 88 55 .629 Cincinnati . . . . . 87 59 .602 The reservations are being made for three games, and each applicant is restricted to four tickets for each game.

## TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OPENS IN HAMILTON MONDAY

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention Next Week is Expected to Prove Most Important in History of Trades Unionism in Canada—Delegates from All Over Dominion.

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