

British Democratic Party Appeal to Workers

A strong appeal to workers in the United States was made by the National Democratic and Labor Party in a manifesto which has been circulated.

The document, which is signed by Mr. J. A. Seddon, M. P., Chairman of the General Council of the Party, Mr. J. F. Green, M. P., the chairman of the executive committee, who defeated Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Clem Edwards, M. P., member of the executive committee, and Mr. G. W. S. Jarratt, the chief organizer, and Mr. David Gilmour, the secretary, is as follows:

Moved by a deep sense of public duty, and by a whole-hearted faith in the need for a strong Trade Unionism to secure the future of liberty, our executive have passed the following resolution:

"We condemn the action of the extremist elements among the workers in unwarrantably upsetting industry by abusing the right of collective bargaining for purposes of anarchy, thereby tending to destroy the efficacy of collective bargaining, and introducing a period when it is more necessary than ever that harmonious relations should prevail.

"We express the view that the prosperity of the country can be secured much more speedily and satisfactorily by a friendly system of negotiation between properly accredited representatives of employers and the Trade Unions, rather than by revolutionary strikes.

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MACHINISTS' VICE-PRESIDENT PRESENTS HIS VIEWS.

International Vice-President J. A. McClelland, of the Machinists, put in a full week's visit to the Capital attending the convention of the Machine Federation, as well as other duties here. He was quite enthusiastic on the work of his organization throughout the whole of Canada, which is under his direct supervision, and for which he is responsible. In the changes from war to peace work, there was evidently a general impression that the machinists' organization would have a particularly large part to play in the new order of things. He was particularly interested in the work of his organization throughout the whole of Canada, which is under his direct supervision, and for which he is responsible. In the changes from war to peace work, there was evidently a general impression that the machinists' organization would have a particularly large part to play in the new order of things.

HAMILTON LABOR TEMPLE.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton Labor Temple Association, Limited, many stockholders and many trustees representing local unions were present. Controller H. J. Halford, president, was chairman. The annual report, read by Secretary John Pryke, details of which were published in the Herald recently, was adopted. The election of directors, results as follows: William Casaday, James Pettiford, Richard O'H. Frost (re-elected), Walter R. Rollo, new directors. The annual report of the association was read by Controller Halford, president. Mr. C. P. Aitchison, vice-president; John Pryke, secretary-treasurer; W. R. Hewitt, Thomas E. Mepham. It was decided to issue a call on stockholders, the percentage to be arranged later.

SYDNEY MINE WORKERS.

Because the coal mine operators claim that they cannot give any higher wages while coal is selling at present prices, demands of the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Sydney, N. S., for a wage increase were turned down by the mine operators after a short joint conference. The operators of some kind of settlement has not been abandoned, and joint committees of employers and employees are hard at work upon a new agreement.

In the demands made by the miners the lowest daily wage included is \$3.25 (for day labor) and the highest is \$4.60 per day. The whole constitutes an average increase of 20 per cent.

A committee of sixteen has been appointed, two of whom represent each local, to prepare a report on the matter. The wage scale, the eight-hour day and the question of amalgamation with the United Mine Workers of America, are still to be debated upon.

DEMAND AN INCREASE.

The pressmen at the Government Printing Bureau have issued an ultimatum to the Government that they are not granted an increase of 25 per cent. week they will go on strike.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT.

James Hoban, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been appointed the second vice-president of the International Typographical Union.

CANADA'S REPRESENTATIVES AT PEACE CONGRESS.



These are four of the labor delegates to the Peace Congress in the French capital. At the reader's right are the two Canadian representatives Gustav Franco, of Montreal, facing the reader, and at his left hand, P. M. Draper, of Ottawa, secretary of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. The others are Stuart Bunning (left) and Arthur Henderson, both British delegates. Mr. Draper is now on his way home.

FROM COAST TO COAST

LABOR AND THE VETERANS.

Mr. J. A. Stevenson, the labor representative on the general executive of the Information and Service Branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, stated that as far as he was aware, organized labor and the department are working hand in hand to help the returning soldier back to work of his own industry.

"Every official connected with these bureaus so far is a returned soldier, and in many instances also a life long labor man. Dan McDougall, ex-president of the United Miners, has been appointed to superintend the employment bureau at St. John, while Assistant Superintendent Patrick Hanney, who has been prominent in labor circles, will work in New Brunswick. This labor insight, when combined with the position of a returned man, will doubtless play a good part in the success of the various bureaus thus operated.

WORK OF THE LABOR BUREAUS.

Latest figures from the Department of Labor show that 34 Government Employment Bureaus have been opened up to date in Canada and the next two weeks will see considerable development in the Maritime provinces, where 10 in all will operate. The Civil Service Commission, which is in charge of the appointment of superintendents and two officials of the department are at work giving instructions to the various bureaus.

"So far the only complaint I have received has been from Winnipeg in connection with the printing industry. The man and his previous work as a printer, and that they could become typewriter operators. This arrangement was satisfactorily effected with the Winnipeg Typographical Union, and the union now has a representative on the Winnipeg Board of Review which enquires into the various organizations which are submitted for vocational training."

ST. JOHN POLICE RETAIN UNION CHARTER.

The report of a conciliation board appointed in the police dispute of St. John, N. B., was made public. It recommends that the Police Protective Association of St. John be permitted to retain its charter issued by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada as affiliated thereunder by law, etc. He appears to be a fairly competent official, and the City Council, with an independent chairman to guard against affiliation that might conceivably be made, should consider the matter. The city for its part should be given preference of employment where men are being recruited.

"We further recommend, realizing that the interests of the mass of the returned men and that of the Province of Quebec are identical, that the District Executive Board be empowered to enter into negotiations with the representatives of the returned men to consider means whereby justice may be secured for them—the returned soldiers—not at the expense of the Province of Quebec, but as an act of true justice on the part of the nation, and that this convention pledge itself to support any program that may be necessary to secure that end."

MORE PUBLIC WORKS JOBS FOR ONTARIO WORKERS.

The Suburban Roads Commissioners of Guelph and Wellington have decided to employ their plans for work to be done around Guelph during the coming season. They call for an expenditure of \$10,000, of which \$2,000 is for road machinery, \$400 for bridge construction, and \$4,500 for repairs. No extensive system of construction will be undertaken this year, but the present roads will be repaired and graded.

MACHINISTS' ORGANIZERS GO STRONG.

General Organizer M. J. Walsh, of the International Association of Machinists, has to his credit three years and that he has written and lectured on the subject of labor organization. He has been placed on the map of machinist lodges.

MONTREAL TYPOS LOSE OLD MEMBER.

Charles Willis Gorman, a well-known printer and life-long member of the International Typographical Union, died at his home at Montreal, aged 72 years. Mr. Gorman is survived by his widow, and one son, the latter having just returned from England. Mr. Gorman was born at Port Hill, Prince Edward Island, a son of Thomas Gorman, late member of the Legislature of P. E. I. Mr. Gorman had been a printer for fifty years, and had worked on United States papers, and the papers of the Dominion of Canada for the last twenty-five years on the Montreal Herald and Gazette.

MUSICIANS' INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY DEAD.

Owen Miller, secretary of the American Federation of Musicians for years, died at St. Louis, Mo. A large number of trade unionists attended the funeral services. David Krelling, local organizer of the A. F. of L., represented the A. F. of L. at the request of Secretary Frank Morrison.

FORM DISTRICT LODGE OF LOCO. WORKERS.

At Dunkirk, N. Y., a district lodge of machinists was formed covering all locomotive manufacturing plants in Canada, the United States and the inclusion of Mexico. Two Canadian plants are interested with expectation of others to follow. A. G. Gorman, local organizer of the A. F. of L., represented the A. F. of L. at the request of Secretary Frank Morrison.

GANANOQUE HEARS CONGRESS PRESIDENT.

The announcement that Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, would address a public meeting at Gananoque, Ont., on Friday, March 7, 1919, was greeted with much interest. The meeting was held in the evening, and was presided over by Mr. John Beresford, president of Gananoque Lodge.

Major Wilson occupied a seat on the platform, and in a brief address welcomed Mr. Moore to Gananoque. He spoke of the work done by labor in the great war, and expressed his willingness to do all he could for the help of the union.

In introducing the speaker of the evening, the chairman outlined some of the benefits accruing to a member of the union in the way of sick and funeral benefits, the amount of which is determined by the family depending upon the term he had been connected with the lodge.

The union, he said, does not exist for the purpose of making money, but is for arbitration every time.

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MACHINE WORKERS TO DEMAND 8 HOUR DAY

The spirit in which organized labor in Canada is approaching problems of the reconstruction period is exemplified by the attitude of the Machine Workers of Canada, a branch of the Canadian Great Lakes and Eastern Canadian shipyard workers, whose delegates were in session in Toronto, Ont., on Friday, March 7, 1919.

The purpose of the meeting was to draft a new schedule of working conditions, which the delegates hope to have standardized in the Canadian Great Lakes and Eastern Canadian shipyard workers, whose delegates were in session in Toronto, Ont., on Friday, March 7, 1919.

TORONTO TO AID POLICE UNION.

Mayor Church in a letter to Police Commissioner Evans, the police union spokesman, says:

"I do not see why some contribution should not be made by the city towards your organization for its medical work."

"This view is the result of a letter received by the Police Union from Doctors Knox and Livingstone, of College street, which states in part:

"At the suggestion of several members of the Toronto police force, we beg to interest you in assisting us in obtaining the work in connection with the care of the sick and injured, that is, the Police and Sick Benefit Fund in connection with your union. Dr. Livingstone and myself have so many interesting facilities for the care of the sick and injured, that we are sure we can do more for you than we have outlined this to you, we will have obtained your support in connection with this matter."

CALGARY SESSIONS OF UNITED MINE WORKERS.

At the annual convention of District No. 18, of the United Mine Workers, the following resolution, among others, was adopted:

"That the convention go on record as demanding for the returned men of the army and naval forces, that their membership in our organization be retained, and that they be reinstated at the same class of labor in and around the mines where they were employed before the war, and that the army and naval forces; also that they should be given preference of employment where men are being recruited."

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QUEBEC PROVINCE HEDDING LABOR REQUESTS.

An important amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act of the Province of Quebec is contained in a bill presented by the Hon. J. A. Taschereau, Minister of Labor, yesterday. Under the Act as presently in force, an employer is liable for compensation for injury or death of his son, a father must prove that such son is the sole support of his family, and that he will only have to prove that the son is the "principal" source of support.

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MIDLAND, ONT. BUSY ORGANIZING.

A new lease of life has been taken on at Midland in so far as the organized workers are concerned. The recent rally in the shape of an organizing campaign more than reached anticipated results. Among those who assisted in this work were: J. Marsh, Niagara Falls, Carpenters; J. Bruce, Toronto, Plumbers and Steamfitters; J. Flett, Hamilton, A. F. of L. organizers; J. Kennedy, Toronto Sheet Metal Workers; W. Powless, Blacksmiths and Helpers; A. McCutcheon, Winnipeg, Woodworkers.

As a result of the combined efforts of woodworkers' union as well as a federal union was organized. Installation ceremony for the new union was held on Friday, March 7, 1919. A similar duty for the electrical workers is being undertaken by J. Noble, of Toronto. Before this new lease of life is set on foot, the organizers here were one of the carpenters and boiler-makers and iron ship builders. The only workers now that the federal union has been formed to assimilate them owing to being too small a number to form a responsible union. The new union situation is everything trade unionists in the ship yards. Brother T. W. Sharpe, president of the Carpenters, made an excellent chairmanship during the organizing campaign.

DRAPER AND FRANCO ARRIVE.

Gustav Franco, one of the two delegates of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to the International Peace labor conference at Bern, is expected back in Montreal shortly. He was listed as a passenger on the "Melita," but evidently changed his plans at the last moment, and it is now believed that he is sailing on the "Mauryana" in company with P. M. Draper, secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, also a delegate to the proposed labor conference. Gustav Franco, while absent, visited his native country, Belgium. Both his parents were victims of the Hun atrocities. Mr. Draper will likely be in New York on Friday and is Ottawa on Saturday.

MINEY SESSIONS AT CALGARY.

At the concluding session yesterday of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, a resolution was passed emphatically opposing the introduction of organized labor into the mines of the entry into the country.

Green men of the association were present here in England and other countries.