

A. F. OF L. PRESENTING WITH GIGANTIC PROBLEMS

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF A. F. OF L. OPENS

Important Declarations Will Be Formulated By Workers' Legislative Body.

If there was doubt in any one's mind as to the American Federation of Labor being a "Yankee" organization, that doubt was definitely dispelled and permanently removed by the utterances of the officers of the organization at the opening of the 40th annual convention now in session at Montreal. The annual report of the Executive Council contains many sections dealing with economic problems in the Dominion of Canada, and it must be clear to every one of us, whether we live south of the imaginary boundary line or north of it, that our interests are so closely interlocked that we could not separate one from the other.

MANY CANADIAN WORKERS DESIRE NATIONAL RECOGNITION THROUGH THEIR INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

Annual Report of Dominion Trades Congress to A. F. of L. Shows Growing Prestige of International Trade Union Movement As Expressed Through the Canadian Legislative Body.

Many of the international unions, says the annual report of P. M. Draper, secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Trades Congress, to the A. F. of L. have realized the necessity of maintaining Canadian organizations and establishing Canadian districts with executive board members of vice-presidents in charge thereof, and we would respectfully draw to your attention the desirability of each international union carefully considering what steps may be possible to meet the oft-expressed desires of their Canadian membership for national recognition within their international trade unions.

Canadian Workers Not "Fleeced" By A. F. of L.

Because of charges made in Canada by persons outside the labor movement to the effect that the Canadian labor movement is being "fleeced" through its affiliation with the American labor movement and that much money is sent out of Canada while little is returned, President Gompers' instituted an inquiry into the whole question.

The returns cover almost the entire field and show clearly that a far larger sum is returned to Canada for expenditure there by the various international unions than is received from Canadian members in the form of dues and assessments.

TOM MOORE URGES A. F. OF L. TO JOIN INT. LABOR OFFICE

Whole World Awaits the U. S. Entry into League of Nations.

President Tom Moore, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, when he arose to welcome the American Labor leaders to Canada first told the delegates something about Canada, pointing out that it was larger in territory than the United States.

LABOR'S GRAND OLD MAN.



Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, now in session at Montreal.

CANADIAN GOVT EXTENDS A. F. OF L. HEARTY WELCOME

Minister of Labor Says Aims and Purposes of A. F. of L. Willfully Misrepresented.

Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, on behalf of the Dominion Government, welcomed the delegates to the fortieth convention of the American Federation of Labor at Montreal on Monday. In opening his remarks the Minister of Labor recalled that some two and a half years ago the Parliament of Canada had done honor to President Gompers in adjoining both chambers to listen to him speak from the Prime Minister's desk.

The E. C. Report

That gigantic problems have confronted the International Trade Union movement on the North American continent during the past year is evident by the report of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor presented to the fortieth annual convention of that organization at Montreal.

RUIN GAUNTLET TO ADDRESS WORKERS

150 Gun Men Line Steel Organizer's Path.

Had this statement been made elsewhere other than in the report of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor it would be difficult to believe it. However, the Executive Council is not in the habit of making statements unless they are substantiated with facts, and for that reason we know it is so because the E. C. has said so.

TRADE UNIONISTS TO SETTLE MUNITION POLICY.

A meeting to decide whether a special workers' convention will be called to consider the boycott on munitions is being held by the Parliamentary Committee of the British Trades Union Congress.

STEEL WORKERS WILL RESPECT ALL AGREEMENTS.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers will "never rejoin" the National Committee for organizing iron and steel workers in its campaign to unionize the steel industry.

FRENCH LABOR LEADER APPEALS TO BRITISH DOCKERS.

Jouhaux, the virtual head of the C.G.T. of France, consented on May 12 to make a brief statement for the benefit of British comrades, on the struggle on which the French Federation is engaged in defence of the rights of organized labor.

COMPULSORY LABOR MUST BE RESTRICTED AT ANY COST SAYS PRESIDENT OF GREAT AMERICAN FEDERATION

In His Opening Address at the Fortieth Annual Convention of the A. F. of L. President Gompers Explains Meaning of Word International as Applied to Trade Union Movement.

After President Gompers had formally proclaimed the convention open for business, he replied to the address of welcome. "Honored Senator, Honorable Provincial Secretary of Quebec, Mr. Mayor," he commenced, "and you representative men and women of Canada, and all of you who have bid us, in cordial greetings, welcome to Canada, I know that I but feebly interpret the sentiment and the feelings of the world not only of the delegates here assembled but of the millions of men and women of the world over who are proud of being with you. We are deeply impressed with your words of welcome and advice, and we are confident when after we have closed the sessions of our convention we shall leave you with a feeling that we were better than the people of the Dominion. May I say this to you, representatives of the Dominion, of the province, of the city and of labor, that we had some apprehension as to whether our convention would be welcome in Montreal. Indeed, there came pouring in to us hints and indications that it were better that the American Federation of Labor executive council should decide upon some other city than Montreal, some other country than Canada.

WANT ROYAL COMMISSION FOR EASTERN MINE FIELD.

A Royal Commission, with full power to deal with the whole coal mining industry in Nova Scotia, with a view to making such recommendations and findings as in its judgment will tend to stabilize the industry and to conserve the interests of the mine workers, the operators and the public," is being asked for by the MacKinnon Conciliation Board.

BRITISH LABOR M. P. RESIGNS

Captain Alberta Smythe, Labor member for Colne, Lancashire constituency, has resigned. He had a majority of 1,000 over the Liberal candidate in the last election.

Miners Forsook the Substance For The Shadow

Cobalt miners said plight is commented on in the report of the president of the Mining Department of the A. F. of L. at Montreal, this week. In summarizing the industrial situation at Cobalt the report says: "As the blatant and unrelenting programme of the One Big Union swept across Canada, these miners of silver were easy victims to its lure. Many of them saw in this burlesque a shortcut to better things and the result is that they are now a disorganized community. Even though they acceded to the slogan of the operators for a Canadian union, their first battle under the banner of their 'native' union, met with dismal failure, and many men were discharged. The One Big Union promises to call a general strike some time in the distant future, when all wrongs shall be righted."

THE UNION LABEL PROBLEM.

All round progress and an increase in membership of 148,933 as against last year, were mentioned in the president's report to the 13th annual convention of the Label Trades Department of the A. F. of L. which met in the Windsor Hall prior to the opening of the convention of the parent body. The great industrial unrest permeating social life today was referred to, and a raising of the standard of labor was attributed largely to the influence of the International Labor Press Association. Trades unions, the president said, should support such labor papers as are connected with the I. P. A.

O. B. U. HANDIWORK.

Quoted from District 18, United Mine Workers of America, which comprises Alberta and Eastern British Columbia, the leaders of the One Big Union have invaded the silver mines of British Columbia and in the Sicopa field they have called out 1,000 silver mine workers without notice or without formulating demands on the operators. International officers of the Smelters' Union have been summoned and they will order the men to return to work, pending an investigation. The international policy must be complied with and agreements respected.

PRESIDENT WILSON SCORES CONGRESS.

President Wilson, in a letter to railroad brotherhood leaders, last week, denounced the present Congress for failing to take action to remedy the high cost of living. Congress had failed "even to give serious consideration" to the matter, Wilson said.

Prominent Labor Delegates in Attendance at the Fortieth Annual Convention of the A. F. of L. at Montreal.



To the left and right of the group are individual photographs of Jack Jones, M.P., and John W. Ogden, British delegates. In the group J. T. Foster is holding a straw hat. At his right is P. H. McCarthy, ex-mayor of San Francisco, who is representing the carpenters; J. E. Sullivan, carpenter; Ed. McGivern, plasterer. Between Foster and McCarthy is M. A. Bastien, organizer of the A. F. of L.; Joe Cully is at his left and J. G. Cunneen at the latter's left.

Canadian and U. S. A. Interests Are Identical

"No body of men outside the Dominion of Canada have quite so good a will toward the people of Canada as the A. F. of L. There is no body of men outside the Dominion of Canada who have quite so good a will towards the people of the Dominion of Canada as the American Federation of Labor. There is not anything within the borders of the Dominion which the people of the United States covet. There is not a sentiment of nationality and humanity within the hearts or the minds of the Canadian people which the American Federation of Labor will fail to second.

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