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LABOR --- From the Mines of Nova Scotia to the Pines of British Columbia.

HALIFAX ELECTS UNION OFFICERS FOR 1919.

At the annual meeting of the Halifax District Trades and Labor Council, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Ralph Elmer, Carpenter; vice-president, Wm. Cash, Bootmaker; secretary, J. A. Gargitt, Printing Pressman; assistant secretary, Leo Fudge, Blacksmith; treasurer, M. D. Doolan, Longshoreman; sergeant-at-arms, Sam Garner; trustees, R. A. McDonald, S. J. Nutt, J. E. Lloyd; auditors, L. J. Dorey, V. J. Crandall, P. Healy.

CALGARY CONFERENCE, WESTERN LABOR

At the annual convention of the Alberta Federation of Labor, it was decided to attend the Western Labor Conference, Secretary Smith of the Alberta Federation of Labor, has wired Secretary Wells of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, intimating that every effort will be made by Alberta and Saskatchewan to get delegates out to make a success of the gathering of western labor men. Officers of the B.C. Federation of Labor, and the committee are working together and a joint call will be issued to cover the provincial convention, and the Western Conference. The date set for the convention is March 14. The conference will convene on the 13th. Arrangements have been made for both gatherings to be held in the Labor Temple, Calgary.

FERNIE LABOR PARTY.

Officers of the Fernie branch of the Federated Labor Party of British Columbia are: President, Jas. Clarke; vice-president, William Dickson; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Phillips, and an executive of six members with power to add to its numbers. The organization meeting was full of interest and enthusiasm. Political endeavors, says the District Ledger, "on the part of the workers in this section in the past have been marked by an absence of careful organization work at the beginning." The organization decided to enter upon a campaign of education. It is proposed to have regular Sunday evening meetings of a popular nature, not confined entirely to discussion of labor politics. There will be speakers on different subjects of current interest. Occasionally outside speakers will be brought in. The branch shows interest in returned soldiers and expects to gain very considerable membership from that source.

PETERBORO HEARS MINISTER OF LABOR.

Senator Robertson, Minister of Labor, gave an interesting address before the Canadian Club in Peterboro. An optimistic outlook in regard to the steel conditions in the Dominion, and a strong belief that this country has no need to fear the spread of Bolshevist doctrines, were the main points in his address. Senator Robertson said his belief that Bolshevism would not gain any footing in Canada or be the source of any worry for the Canadian people. He spoke of the Government's demobilization plan, dealing with the land settlement question, the employment problem, and other matters in connection with the war. The Labor Minister was very optimistic, expressing the opinion that there would be employment for everyone who wanted it in the course of a few months. He looks for a big expansion in Canada's foreign trade in the near future, and this, with the opening of the Canadian market, would provide work for the municipalities, would provide work for the municipalities.

TORONTO UNIONS ELECT OFFICERS.

Local 30, Sheet Metal Workers, elected the following officers: President, J. Dunlop; secretary, Alex. Kay; treasurer, Wm. P. Covert; recording secretary, H. W. Mackay; financial secretary, Sam Cox; treasurer, Alex. Kay; word: M. Daly; conductor, J. Dunlop; trustee, T. Mason, C. Pim and H. Lord; business representative, H. W. Mackay. Resolutions of sympathy were extended to Bro. W. Milne, who had suffered the loss of his wife, and Bro. A. Trumbo, a sister, by influenza. At the regular meeting of the United Trades and Labor Congress, Toronto, the following officers were elected: President, G. H. Jones; vice-president, E. T. Walsh; treasurer, J. McCracken; business representative, Wm. P. Covert; executive committee, C. Duhig, C. H. McElshan, E. Smithers, Wm. McConnell; delegate to District Labor Council, Wm. P. Covert. There are a large number of returned soldiers members of Local 30.

WINNIPEG MOB WRECKS AUSTRIAN CLUBHOUSE

Bolshevik Hunters "Beat Up" Allies and Smash Furniture. Following the raid by veterans on the Bolshevik headquarters, the Austro-Hungarian Club in the north-end of the city, located at the corner of McGregor street and Mountain avenue, was completely wrecked by an angered mob, which seemed determined on destroying everything Austro-Hungarian in the course of the night. The plan was to smash up all the aliens and Bolsheviks they could lay their hands on. All the windows in the club were smashed, while the furniture was scattered about the place. The plan was to smash up all the aliens and Bolsheviks they could lay their hands on. All the windows in the club were smashed, while the furniture was scattered about the place. The plan was to smash up all the aliens and Bolsheviks they could lay their hands on. All the windows in the club were smashed, while the furniture was scattered about the place.

LABOR APPALF BOARD 2 NEW MEMBERS.

H. I. Thomas of the J. R. Booth Company, Ottawa, and J. A. McElliott, vice-president of the Montreal Association of Machinists, Montreal, are the two new members on the Labor Appalf Board. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to replace Mr. Dugan and Mr. McElliott was chosen by the United Trades and Labor Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Franco. The latter is now in England with Mr. E. M. Draper representing Canadian Labor in the peace negotiations. Mr. Dugan retired for private reasons.

VANCOUVER IRON WORKERS.

Structural Iron Workers, Local 97, Vancouver, have elected the following officers: President, J. M. Hastings; vice-president, Geo. Gunn; recording secretary, James Jamieson; financial secretary, James Jamieson; treasurer, J. M. Hastings; trustees, R. Bronson; conductor, James Rankin; trustees, R. Bronson, A. V. Woods, A. W. Schell.

BRANTFORD DISCUSSES ENEMY ALIENS

Labor men, employers, Great War Veterans and others in the City of Brantford got together recently to discuss employment, repatriation, and the alien problem. A resolution was passed calling for the return to internment camps of all enemy aliens. Many of the alien already been released from these camps in order that they might take the place of men who enlisted. Now that our soldiers are returning it is felt that the foreigners should not continue to remain employment in place of our war veterans.

VICTORIA LABOR APPOINTMENT

Delegate Axom, of the Victoria, B. C. Machinists, was nominated by the Great War Veterans' Association for the position of agent in the Government Labor Bureau. He accepted after he had the endorsement of the Metal Trades Council. The Council unanimously endorsed the nomination.

SASKATOON CONVENTION POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

Western letter carriers and mail clerks, affiliating with organized bodies, will meet in convention at Saskatoon, commencing Monday, Feb. 18th, 1919. Put this in your memo-book.

TORONTO WORKINGMAN INVENTS NEW FUEL.

William Clayton, a Toronto workingman, has invented a new fuel which he calls "Nukol." Stirred by the suffering of the working class during the fuel famine of the past few years, Mr. Clayton persevered until he has a new coal substitute that performs in a remarkable manner. In public tests given at 16 Adelaide street, west, Toronto, the new fuel seems to do everything that coal can do—and at a great saving in price. The new fuel is said to have no cinders and a very small amount of ash.

TALK ISN'T CHEAP ANY MORE

Brantford, London, Ottawa and many other Ontario cities are complaining about the attempt of the Bell Company to raise telephone rates. The Canadian is attempting to justify its claim for higher rates because the Canadian Railway Commission.

BONUS FOR QUEBEC CIVIL SERVICE.

The Provincial Cabinet of Quebec recently decided to grant a bonus of one month's salary to every employe of the Civil Service whose salary is not above \$1,000 a year.

MONTREAL NEWSPAPER WRITERS ORGANIZE.

The newspaper writers of Montreal—men and women on English and French newspapers—have organized. The French writers led the way a short time since with a Newspaper Union. The two newly organized newspaper bodies will, no doubt, get together and work out an agreement.



LABOR'S GREAT TASK: Providing Food for the World and Food for Thought

Ottawa Council Elects Straight Trade Unionists

Election night with the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association always is looked forward to with sufficient interest to arouse a good attendance, the one just held being no exception. In point of attendance it came near being a record, 73 delegates casting their ballots, with a large crowd of visitors acting in as spectators, enjoying the various topics dealt with.

LABOR NEWS FROM OVER THE BORDER

WASHINGTON.—Private labor agents and employment bureaus throughout the country are trying to put the United States employment service out of business by having Congress refuse to appropriate the necessary maintenance funds. The Government has dealt a hard blow to this means of labor exploitation by its no-profit system of supplying labor.

HEADS LABOR BOARD

PARIS, FRANCE.—The commission on international legislation on labor of the Peace Conference has unanimously elected Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., as president. This commission was appointed by the peace conference and has no official connection with the present international trade union conference which will be attended by President Gompers and four vice-presidents of the A. F. of L.

BIG MONEY IN OIL

NEW YORK.—Oil workers in the California and Texas fields who are demanding wage increases will be interested in the announcement that the Atlantic Refining Company, a leader in the Standard Oil group, has a surplus of \$46,000,000, as compared with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. To reduce dividends from a figure that might alarm the public, Standard Oil companies are issuing more stock to their stockholders. Under this arrangement a dividend of 30 per cent. for instance, does not look as large as a 20 per cent. dividend on one-half the amount of stock.

SHORTAGE OF U. S. HOMES

WASHINGTON.—The Department of Labor states that in normal times the building of about 600,000 homes a year is required to supply the normal growth of the country and replace losses occasioned by fire and other destructive agencies. For the past two years this normal construction has been practically suspended. What housing construction has been accomplished has been mainly to meet war conditions. It is stated that there is a shortage of nearly 1,000,000 homes in America.

TEXTILE MILLS YIELDING

NEW YORK.—The United Textile Workers' campaign for an eight-hour day is proving successful. In many New England mills the demand is being granted. In several instances mills have been shut down "indefinitely," the managements declare. In a number of mill towns the operatives have carried out their plan of working only eight hours a day. The campaign is being directed by John Goheen, president of the United Textile Workers of America.

Pres. T. Moore's Advice to School Teachers

"If the school teachers of Ottawa and vicinity want to give practical effect to their movement in the direction of obtaining better salaries for their most important work there is a way in which they can do it. Let them form an alliance with organized labor, as teachers in the United States have done, and they will find that it will work to their benefit," said Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in discussing the question of school teachers' salaries.

PRESENTS LABOR CASE

LONDON, Feb. 12.—William Adamson, leader of the Labor party, in the House of Commons, speaking today on the industrial situation, said that it was almost as menacing and dangerous as war itself. He said that the principal Labor amendment to the reply to the Address from the Throne would relate to the causes of industrial unrest.

BI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

Between 250 and 300 delegates belonging to the International Brotherhood of Amalgamated Engineers and Machinists, Pictorial Camera Union will convene in Ottawa for one week commencing Monday, May 26. Charles C. Shay, International President of the union, is now in Ottawa making arrangements for their coming. The difficulty of securing a hall suitable for the convention has been overcome, the use of Horticultural Hall, having been granted. By the erection of a temporary platform and the installation of acoustic arrangements the hall will be entirely satisfactory in the opinion of Mr. Shay, and will make an ideal meeting place.

AGAINST REVOLUTIONARIES

Mr. Adamson regretted that no mention had been made in the King's speech concerning pensions or of the subordination of the steel industry, factories or other properties on which millions had been spent, or of Russia. Mr. Adamson urged the Government to take constitutional liberties. In referring to a suggestion that the present unrest had been caused by a revolution, he said that he was not a supporter of any revolution or of any unconstitutional action. The revolutionary elements, the Labor leader said, were genuine grievances which they could exploit. Unfortunately, he said, there were many grievances which were not genuine, and which would encourage revolution or unconstitutional action. The revolutionary elements, the Labor leader said, were genuine grievances which they could exploit. Unfortunately, he said, there were many grievances which were not genuine, and which would encourage revolution or unconstitutional action.

TO PRUSSIANIZE IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho.—The State Federation of Labor is opposing a bill now pending in the Legislature, which, it is declared, would Prussianize the State Government. The Governor would be empowered to appoint and remove every official and state employe will State police officials would have power to enforce all the penal and regulatory laws of the State, and would have power similar to the Sheriff of the counties. The unionists call attention to this attempt to establish a state dictatorship.

LABOR HAS NEW OUTLOOK

LONDON, England.—Discussing the cause for unrest among British workers, J. B. Clynes, trade unionist and former food controller, said that employers have failed wholly to recognize the changed outlook of the British worker who demands a share in the amenities of civilization won by the war and he will not have the door shut to him.

8 HOURS FOR WOMEN

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The Illinois industrial survey, created by the last general assembly, has recommended an eight-hour day and a 48-hour week for women workers in this State. This recommendation is signed by Dr. James B. Herrick.

ST. JOHN, N.B., POLICE UNION.

St. John, New Brunswick, policemen have a dispute with the civic authorities regarding the right of policemen to join a trade union. To settle the dispute the Minister of Labor has established a Board of Conciliation to investigate all points in dispute.

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