

DIRECT ACTION THREATENED BY LABOR LEADERS

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 16.—A threat of "direct action" to enforce legislation making the eight-hour day and forty-four-hour week compulsory all over Canada, which came from more than one source, served to liven up the afternoon session of the National Industrial Conference held in senate chambers. The question of shorter hours of labor in the industries of the Dominion was the bone of contention during almost the entire afternoon and the respective views of capital and labor on the subject were ably presented.

The recommendation in favor of shorter hours was still before the house when adjournment was had and Senator Robertson, chairman of the conference, warned the delegates that there must be more speed in order to finish with the agenda by Saturday. This was only the second resolution of the afternoon.

M. P. White, of Toronto, general manager, presented a paper on hours of labor in which he pointed out the vital need of more production and expressed the hope that very serious consideration would precede any decision to reduce the hours of labor.

In passing, Mr. Bruce, stated, that the conditions in New Brunswick mines were intolerable. Here, he said, the attempt was being made to mine coal with unsatisfactory equipment, and the ventilation of the mines was bad. The result was injurious, both to employer and employee.

Mr. Bruce advocated the appointment of a committee to conduct an investigation into the existing industrial laws for the purpose of co-ordinating them. He suggested that it should be made up of three representatives from each province, one representing labor, one the employers and one the provincial government, and three representatives of the federal government.

J. R. Shaw of Woodstock, of the employers' group, expressed grave doubt as to the feasibility of co-ordinating the labor legislation of all the provincial governments and the federal government.

He had, he said, been chairman for a number of years of the legislative committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and he knew how difficult this work of co-ordination was.

Task Too Great.

It had taken years and years to draft a bankruptcy act which should apply to the whole Dominion.

Finally John Bruce moved, seconded by J. R. Shaw, that the subject matter of the debate be referred to the committee appointed for considering such business with instructions to draft a definite resolution. The motion carried.

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rather attempt to interpret the feeling of the meeting. R. A. Riggs, labor, hoped there would be no attempt to draw up cast-iron rules which the committees must follow. Considerations might arise which would seriously hamper the work of the conference if the committees were surrounded with restrictions and guarded from all outside opinion.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND SAYS DUTCH WILL DEFEND RIGHTS

The Hague, Sept. 16.—In a speech from the Throne opening parliament on the 16th, the Queen declared she would defend the rights, interests and integrity, and that she was in entire accord with the Dutch people concerning the formation of a union. The provinces of Limburg, Zeland and Flanders, she declared, had displayed great fidelity and devotion to the national unity.

Regarding the League of Nations, the Queen stated that the adherence by Holland was subject to the approval of parliament after the formation of a union. As to the question of national defense, it could not be solved until something definite was reached concerning the international settlement contemplated by the League of Nations.

Belgium has insisted since the opening of the peace conference on a revision of the Treaty of 1839 with Holland by which Holland annexed the southern bank of the Scheldt River and the southern portion of Dutch Limburg, between Belgium and Germany. The Belgians asked for political control of the southern bank of the Scheldt and certain economic interests in South Limburg.

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CARLETON CITY HALL.

In regard to some complaint that had been made about the condition of the City Hall, West St. John, Commissioner Thornton has had the building and the latter has submitted his report. He states that he examined the floor and trusses of the auditorium of the public hall and has found that the posts, braces, chords and tension rods are in good condition and show no signs of movement or decay in any of their sections. The number of which the trusses are built is sound and of good quality and of sufficient dimensions to bear the weight of 1,200 people. The structural condition of the building according to the official examination shows no signs of weakness or decay and is capable of accommodating an audience to its full seating capacity.

Thistles on Farm Fined.

London, Sept. 17.—For neglecting fifteen acres of farm land so that thistles flourished, John Edwin Gunn, a Kent farmer, who blamed shortage of labor, was fined \$100.

Plan of Board of Commerce Directors in Detroit to Relieve Congestion.

Detroit, Sept. 17.—The board of commerce directors have accepted a tentative offer of the Northern Navigation Company to moor one of its large passenger steamers at the foot of Brush street for the winter as a hotel boat.

The plan was conceived in an effort to relieve Detroit's hotel congestion. Its details are being worked out by local representatives of the Navigation Company, and only the final stamp of approval of the higher officials, which the board of commerce expects, is needed before the definite announcement of this rather novel undertaking may be made.

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MINISTER ASKING THAT SECURITIES KEEP OFF MARKET

Undesirable That Attention Be Distracted From Victory Loan—Workers Come Forward.

Toronto, Sept. 16.—Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, who was in Toronto today in connection with the organization for the Victory Loan of 1919, stated that reports from all over the country indicated that the organization everywhere would be strong and complete, and that the great majority of the tried and experienced workers of former campaigns would be found at their old posts, and working with their usual determination to repeat the successes of the past.

He was particularly gratified with the manner in which the workers were connected with last year's and other loan campaigns had come forward and offered their services.

Sir Henry desired the press to emphasize the national necessity of the success of the loan, on which depends not only the payment of past obligations, but also soldiers' gratuities and expenditures in connection with soldiers' land settlement and soldiers' civil re-establishment, and in view of this national necessity, he expressed the hope that municipalities and companies will not, until the Victory Loan is finished, make any offering of securities to the public. His view is that the investing public's attention should not be detracted in the slightest from the excellence of the security offered by the country or from the necessity of whole-hearted support and co-operation to the fullest possible extent, and that those having other securities to offer will, in fact, best serve their own interest by not entering upon the money market in competition with the Victory Loan, as their true interests apart from all matters of national interest, will be best served by holding their securities until the Victory Loan campaign is finished when their offerings can and will receive the full support due them.

Sir Henry said he was particularly gratified with the manner in which the press representatives and workers of the province of Quebec, at the meetings organized by Mr. Frigon, this energetic chairman for that province, accepted the programme laid down for them and generously responded to the call not only for office work but for volunteer assistance. The minister is convinced that if the enthusiasm and splendid spirit of unity and co-operation evidenced by workers at all representative of the people generally, the province of Quebec will not only achieve, but will far surpass its objective.

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"Fitchburg City Hall:

"Gentlemen—Enclosed find check \$1.00 for 10 being refund on your payment of \$6. This office will appreciate having check cashed by the end of the month."

The check will be framed and probably hung in the mayor's office, it said at city hall. It cost Uncle Sam many pennies in clerical work to return the penny check to the city is a safe guess.

Women Can Fortify Their Health

With constantly aching backs weary, dragging, nervous, dizzy, nervous headaches, women have a hard burden to carry. It is wise for every woman to fortify herself against these troubles by taking Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which possess tonic properties that act upon the proper organs at the proper time. To prevent, make, citrate, oxide or milk, but the pure bi-saturated magnesium which you can obtain from practically any druggist in either powdered or tablet form. Take a teaspoonful of the powder or two compressed tablets with a little water after your next meal, and see what a difference this makes. It will instantly neutralize the dangerous, harmful acid in the stomach which now causes your food to ferment, making gas, wind, flatulence, heartburn, the bloated or heavy, lumpy feeling that seems to follow most everything you eat.

You will find that provided you take a little bi-saturated magnesium immediately after a meal, you can eat almost anything and enjoy it without any danger of pain or discomfort to follow and moreover, the continued use of the bi-saturated magnesium cannot injure the stomach in any way so long as there are any symptoms of acid indigestion.

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MERCHANT SAYS TROUBLE IS OVER

J. E. Settle Declares Tanlac is the Only Medicine He Has Ever Seen That Does What They Say It Will Do.

"Tanlac is the first and only medicine that has done me any good at all since my health failed me about five years ago," said John E. Settle, a well-known merchant at Devon, Halifax, while talking to a Tanlac representative a few days ago.

"Yes, sir, Tanlac is a very dependable medicine," continued Mr. Settle, "and it is the only medicine I have ever seen that does just what they say it will do. I had been trying to get rid of a bad case of stomach trouble for a long time but instead of getting any relief from the different medicines and treatments I have taken, my condition just seemed to get worse all the time. Every time I ate anything I would have awful cramping spells and sometimes I would be laid up for four or five days at a time when these spells hit me. For days after these attacks I couldn't retain anything to eat, not even a glass of milk. I was badly constipated all the time. I was forced to lose a lot of time from my business, and sometimes during my busiest season I would have to be away from my store for a week at a time."

"I had just about reached the point where I was disgusted with medicine and treatments but while looking over the paper not long ago, I saw where a good many people were being helped by Tanlac, so I thought I would see if it would do me any good. Well, sir, it's the honest truth I haven't had a sign of stomach trouble of any kind since I finished my first bottle of this medicine. Why I haven't been so well in years, and in fact, I just feel fine all the time. I have only taken four bottles of Tanlac so far, and my trouble seems to have been completely overcome. I eat just anything I want now and I never have any trouble afterward, and I have been relieved of constipation. It is simply wonderful the way Tanlac overcomes this kind of trouble and more than that, it builds a man up in every way. My entire system is in as good condition as it ever was and I know Tanlac did it."

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SAYS BRITAIN BY NO MEANS HEADED FOR BANKRUPTCY

Montreal, Que., Sept. 16.—"I think that there is an impression in this country that Great Britain is staggering under the burden of her tremendous debt and that she is headed for bankruptcy and is going to the dogs. I want to tell you as one who has some knowledge of industrial conditions and more of finance that this is not the case. Great Britain is not going to sit down under the debt which she faces her today. There never was a time when her people displayed more brain, more nerve, or more enterprise, or were so keenly alive to the necessity of overcoming all obstacles that confront her."

In these words, Sir Charles Hanson, high official of the Board of Trade, in the British House of Commons, and former Lord Mayor of London, opened the enthusiasm of the members of the Board of Trade who assembled at noon today for an informal address from one of Montreal's former residents who is now her honored guest.

EVERY COST OF ART CONTINUES TO SOAR

New York, Sept. 16.—The cost of art has gone up again. It was learned today, perhaps, by the recent announcement that patrons of grand opera must hereafter pay \$7 plus war tax for the opera seats. The opera houses have boosted \$2 tickets to \$2.50 plus war tax, and the ticket brokers say the end is not yet.

Many shows will soon demand \$3 and some \$3.50 according to the brokers.

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BOY BOND THIEF HELD IN \$10,000

New York Youth's Riotous Living Ends Dismally—Mother And Elder Brother Turn Clerk Over To Police

New York, Sept. 16.—Two months of riotous living during which he spent thousands of dollars on the entertainment of boy and girl friends came to a dismal end today for nineteen-year-old Robert A. Borthwick, when he was arraigned for stealing \$38,000 worth of Liberty bonds from the Columbia Trust Company, by whom he was employed as a clerk in the bond department of its Bronx Branch at a salary of \$17 a week.

Borthwick was held in \$10,000 bail, and in the meantime the police are looking for two other boys who are said to have shared in the orgy of spending and incidentally to have stolen \$6,100 from their leader.

According to the court record young Borthwick started his career when he borrowed \$1,100 from his mother last spring, the sum representing the total of years of savings. He told her he could double it in Wall street, and she had a mother's faith. The boy says he lost it and stole to make up, but his speculations were not always losses for there is a record of one occasion when he won \$2,500, which he says he spent in a couple of days.

Early in July the boy began to take Liberty bonds from the safe of his employers. With his headquarters at one of New York's big hotels, his treasury, an old newspaper in which he wrapped the proceeds of his thefts and a crowd of boys and girls of his own age to share his splendor, he started out to "see life."

One dinner alone, with a vaudeville performance attached, cost \$600. Taxi-cabs carried the gang to fashionable restaurants, to Coney Island and other pleasure resorts. Just before his arrest he had purchased an expensive automobile, which, however, had not been delivered.

At the same time he managed to preserve appearances at home until an accident proved his undoing. An older brother went to a closet yesterday to search a suit of clothes for a pencil. By mistake he put his hand in a pocket and found it filled with Liberty bonds. The heartbroken mother and the elder brother went to the hotel, where Robert reserved a room as headquarters for the gang and found \$47,000 in the old newspaper. They then went to the manager