

O. B. U. TRYING TO DEFOG MINDS OF THE WORKERS

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CANADIAN WORKERS MUST EXERT THEMSELVES OR FALL BEHIND EUROPEAN TOILERS

Ottawa Trades Council Hears of Remarkable Progress of European Producing Masses in Short Address by Congress Head.

"Unless we exert ourselves, and perfect our organizations we will be left behind the workers in the European countries," said President Tom Moore, of Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, during the course of an informal address at a regular meeting of Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association last Friday.

OUR FAMILY BUDGET CONTINUES UPWARD

\$7.68 in March, 1914, \$15.98 Middle of February, 1920.

The general movement in prices continued upward during March, substantial increases being noted in the index numbers of wholesale prices and in the retail prices food budget in spite of some seasonal decreases in eggs, fish and hides, according to the Labor Department.

TOM MOORE FLINGS CHALLENGE AT O. B. U. DEMANDS ORGANIZATION STATE POLICY

WINNIPEG, April 20. — Charging O.B.U. leaders with trying to defog the minds of the workers and declaring that if they would only come into the open and state their policy this would be found only to lead to one end, the predomination of one class over other sections of the community, Tom Moore, president of the Trades Congress of Canada, addressed a meeting of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council tonight.

FARMERS AND LABOR IN N. S. WILL UNITE 8 HR. WORKDAY LEGISLATION PASSED IN MANY COUNTRIES SINCE WAR'S CONCLUSION

Interesting Bulletin Issued by International Labor Office of the League of Nations Tells of Application of Shorter Work Day.

The International Labor Office of the League of Nations has issued an interesting bulletin on the eight-hour working day. Some of them enumerated in detail the industries and the classes of workmen included in the limitation of the working day. Such laws are: the law of New South Wales (1916) — which is applied to all industries covered by the law on industrial arbitration of 1912; the Norwegian law (1915), the Czechoslovak law (1915), the Dutch law (1919), the Swiss law (June 27, 1919), and those of Uruguay and New Zealand.

A. F. OF L. RESERVES RIGHT TO VOTE FOR BEST CANDIDATES.

In a letter to the New York Times President Gompers corrects that newspaper's statement that the A. F. of L. has reversed the policy which it has followed so long and has become a separate political party.

TWO RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS JOIN A. F. OF L.

President Samuel Gompers Allied Council Approves of Mission and Passports Are Granted.

LONDON, April 21.—The delegation of British Laborers, which is going to Russia to investigate the general situation, will be composed of three representatives of the Trades Union Congress and four representatives of the Labor Party. The delegation will leave London next Saturday.

LOWEST WAGE FOR MANITOBA WORKERS 60c. PER HOUR

The fair wage board for the province of Manitoba has completed a schedule for 75 per cent. of the firms connected with the building industry, S. C. Oxtelton, Deputy Minister of Public Works and chairman of the board, announced on Monday.

43,160 WORKING DAYS LOST DURING MONTH

Slight Decrease in Volume of Employment Reported.

A slight decrease in the volume of employment is reported by the Labor Department. At the beginning of March the percentage of unemployment was 4.33, as compared with 4.28 at the beginning of January. According to returns received from nearly 4,000 firms, employment declined about 12,719 applications for employment, while the number of vacancies was 12,500.

Montreal Convention A. F. of L. to Be Memorable One

The 46th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in Montreal, beginning June 7, it was announced on Monday, at the headquarters of the federation. The convention will deal with the organization of the yet unorganized workers, and maintain by every honorable means in our power the right to organize for our common advancement; to accept of no law of all workers with other citizens; to arouse our fellow workers and arouse citizens to curb and take away their guaranteed rights and freedom.

DEPLORABLE DEPRAVITY OF YOUNG GIRLS AND BOYS.

Declaring our public schools were nurseries for budding criminals, Dr. C. K. Clarke, dean of the medical faculty of the University of Toronto, told 300 teachers in convention at Saskatoon, recently, that upon them fell the duty of saving the race from juvenile delinquency. Speaking particularly of knowledge brought to his attention in Toronto public schools, Dr. Clarke mentioned incidents of 13-year-old girls being unmarried mothers, and others of the same age committing lives of crime.

SOME HOME TRUTHS BY ONTARIO C. O. U.

Workers on this continent have so far failed to reap the benefits of industrial hygiene to the extent these benefits have accrued to the workers in England and the continent. "Workers on this continent have so far failed to reap the benefits of industrial hygiene to the extent these benefits have accrued to the workers in England and the continent," declared Dr. J. W. McCullough, chief officer of health for Ontario, last week, at the convention of the National Safety League.

CHARGES OF WILFUL MURDER AGAINST BRITISH PREMIER.

Charges of wilful murder against Premier Lloyd George were brought in the verdict of the jury in the inquest on the subject of the bullet wounds that he was wilfully murdered under circumstances of the most callous brutality, that the murder was organized and carried out by the Royal Irish Constabulary, officials directed by the British Government, and we return a verdict of wilful murder against David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of England; Lord French, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland; Ian MacPherson, late Chief Secretary for Ireland; Acting Inspector-General Smith, of the Royal Irish Constabulary; Divisional Inspector Clayton, of the Royal Irish Constabulary; District Inspector Swamy, and some unknown members of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

LIVING COSTS IN ENGLAND DOUBLED.

The cost of living in England has doubled since 1914, according to the Labor Gazette. Its data is based upon the average price of forty-five representative commodities. The Labor Gazette, whose figures deal only with the manual working class and whose bases comprise the pre-war level, presents statistics to show that the cost of living in England is now 167 per cent. higher than in 1914.

MUCH TIME LOST THROUGH DISPUTES IN 1919.

There were more strikes, labor disputes and general industrial turmoil with consequent time lost in Canada during 1919 than in any other year in the country's history. This is revealed in a report compiled by the labor department in Ottawa and just issued.

LETTER CARRIERS GET INCREASES.

The salaries of letter carriers have been increased. The new scale is as follows: Heads of households receiving present maximum of \$939 plus a bonus of \$420; total \$1,359. Heads of households receiving present maximum of \$939 plus a bonus of \$1,260 plus a bonus of \$396; total, \$1,635.

ALBERTA LABOR PARTY EXPECTS TO HAVE SIX MEMBERS.

Addressing a meeting of the Winnipeg branch of the Dominion Labor party last week, Rev. F. E. Mercer, Edmonton, secretary of the Alberta and Edmonton branches of the party, said Alberta labor will elect six members at all success at the forthcoming elections. Ontario had set a good example, he said, and it was up to Manitoba to follow it. Labor in Alberta would get its chance next year of showing what it could do in provincial elections. There were six constituents that might be won for Labor, and there was every probability of the Alberta farmers keeping away their candidates from these things and supporting Labor.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONS' STEADY GROWTH.

Reports of the various International unions contained in a recent issue of the Labor Gazette, make very interesting reading, proving as they do the steady growth of the various craft organizations. Persons close to the labor movement regarded the forthcoming amalgamation as the most important event in the history of the movement in the decade.

THE WRECKER



The people's train, with Engineer Union Labor at the throttle, in danger.

LABOR AGAIN GETS IT IN THE NECK; THIS TIME THE OVERALLS MOVEMENT

A movement, which originated in the purchase of overalls, is now sweeping the country. It is known as the "Overalls Movement." Members are wearing overalls and are wearing overalls to church, stock exchange, etc. The idea, as explained by its organizers, is an attempt to bring down the high cost of wearing apparel, but because the workers' purse is not of sufficient size to permit the purchase of new ones. This is due to the impoverishment of the workers prevailing in many industries.

LABOR MEMBER VOICES STRENUOUS OBJECTION TO "PASSING THE BUCK"

East Hamilton's Labor Member, G. G. Halloway, passed some hot shots into the Ontario Government on Thursday last. His attitude on the temperance question was the reason for the outbreak. Mr. Halloway said he was ashamed of the Members of the Government. They had been evading the question, but when they found that it could not be avoided they were perfectly willing to pass the buck. The whole question of submitting a referendum on the subject of prohibition, and although they were in the minority a minority had rights as well as a majority.

APPOINTED TO WAGE BOARD

James Forrester, grand president of the International Brotherhood of Freight Clerks and Stationers, has been appointed to the Washington Railway Wage Board.