

# CONGRESS REPLICATES O. U.'S LIVING WAGES

## TWO MISSIONS TO SOVIET RUSSIA ARE DELAYED

### Soviets' Administrators Have Not Yet Insured Free Entry and Return of Delegates.

Vice-President Arthur Martel, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, who has been chosen by the International Labor Office as a member of the proposed mission to Soviet Russia, advises the Canadian Labor Press that it may be some time before the mission actually sets out for the much-talked about country.

Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has not yet received a reply to his telegram to the administrators in Soviet Russia, and accordingly the mission from the League of Nations and the International Labor Office mission have been held up.

The first telegram from Soviet Russia was sent on March 17. It requested a reply on March 25 that M. Kalline, the President of the Executive Committee of the Soviets, was traveling and that a decision could not be taken in his absence. Since then no reply was received, and accordingly on May 1 the League of Nations again sent a wire to Russia, but to the present no information has reached this country that the Soviets had agreed to allow the missions free entry and return and while they are in complete liberty of movement, communication and investigation in order to obtain impartial statistics on the prevailing conditions in that country.

## ONTARIO DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR GOES TO EUROPE

Dr. W. A. Riddell, Deputy Minister of Labor in Ontario, has accepted a position at the International Labor Office in Geneva, Switzerland, where he will be in charge of the immigration and labor section. His resignation, which takes effect this week, is the result of a plan for the Government to carry out plans which it has had for some time and appoint a real labor man as Deputy Minister of Labor. Dr. Riddell will hold an advisory position under the Agent-General for Ontario in London.

## Will Bar Bonuses to Industries by Municipalities

The refusal of Wilson Crockett, Labor member for Southwark, to withdraw a bill to bar municipalities from granting bonuses to industries, gave Attorney-General Raney a new moment of worry in the House last week, until the Attorney-General solved his problem by agreeing to the second reading and the submission of the bill to the legal committee. That it is not off the boards for all time, and that sooner or later it will be incorporated in the statute of the province, was apparent from the tone of the discussion on the measure. The motion for recovery of the bill made a matter of general discussion, and with one or two exceptions, the members who voiced opinions were favorable to the change.

## INFANT DEATH RATE DROPPED IN G. T. BRITAIN—INCREASED IN CANADA

### In This Country the Mother is Not Protected by Legislation As She Is in Other Countries, Declares Secretary of National Child Welfare Association.

The importance of a stirring up of the civic conscience, as well as the individual conscience in regard to the saving of child life, was strongly urged by Mrs. Hasbrouck, field secretary of the National Child Welfare Association at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club held at the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, recently.

Mrs. Hasbrouck declared the infant death rate was a matter that concerned civic efficiency, and this content was losing more mothers to child birth than from any disease. They had reduced the typhoid and diphtheria death rates by half in ten years, but the maternity death rate had not been reduced in fifteen years because in this country the mother was not protected by legislation, as she was in other countries.

In England there was a thousand women engaged in pre-natal work, looking after the mothers and children, but the maternity death rate dropped during the war to its lowest level of 91 per thousand, while in Montreal it was 191 per thousand births in times of peace and plenty.

## Standard of Life More than Toil

### Heads of Families Must Live in the Grave

"Does a man live for the sake of a dockers' strike at a dockers' strike, and if he dies, he dies for the sake of a dockers' strike?" asked a speaker at a meeting of the British Dockers' Association, held recently, and which attracted so much attention, he had been putting forward for many years behind closed doors.

The speaker, who appeared in the public eye before the public when he was elected to the office of head of families, said that the standard of life really involved, it was not work and sleep—a life of toil and the grave. That, at any rate, was not his conception of human existence. The claim and the challenge he had put forward at the dockers' inquiry, and which had attracted so much attention, he had been putting forward for many years behind closed doors.

The claims was that neither nature nor God intended that there should be a working class and a master class. There was nothing in biology in evidence, which proved the logic or the right of the existence of the two classes; it was human greed and grab which had produced that ignominious state of affairs.

He hoped that, as a result of the Dockers' Inquiry and the Coal Commission, and the growing aspirations of labor, they would find a way to remove both kinds of poverty—the ordinary poverty of physical want and the poverty of the mind.

## WANTS CANADIAN ON A. F. OF L. EXECUTIVE

### P. M. Draper Will Represent Ottawa Workers at Convention.

Secretary-treasurer P. M. Draper, of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress will represent the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association at the fortieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor which convenes at Montreal on June 7, 1920. This was decided at the last meeting of Ottawa's Central Labor body. There was no opposition.

In expressing his thanks to the delegates Secretary Draper stated that he had been a representative to the A. F. of L. conventions on several occasions and had introduced amendments to various proposals coming before that body. He had fought to have a Canadian representative on the general executive of the American Federation of Labor and would continue to fight for this until it became an established fact.

## INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS TO MEET AT AMSTERDAM

The first board meeting of the International Transport Workers' Federation will be held in Amsterdam, Holland, on May 31, and will last several days. It is understood that Robert Williams and J. H. Thomas will attend as representatives from Great Britain. Mr. Derig and Mr. Jochims from Germany, Mr. Bisgarany and Mr. Vignaux from France, Mr. Forster from Austria, and Mr. Lindley from Sweden.

The meeting will decide upon the attitude to be adopted by the International Transport Workers' Federation with regard to the conference of the International Labor Office at Genoa in June, for the establishment of international social legislation for seamen, and to make preparations for the taking of the international declaration at the International Congress at Christiania.

## AMERICAN SAILORS ESTABLISH 8-HR. DAY

A new agreement involving wages, hours and working conditions of more than 15,000 cooks and stewards employed on American flag ships, was reported at New York the other day, under representation of the Cooks' and Stewards' Union of the American Steamship Owners' Association, with the United States Shipping Board represented at the conference. The new agreement effective May 1 for one year, provides that for no basic wage increase over the present contract. Hours of labor were adjusted, however, so that the men will work but eight hours while in any port, American or foreign, and 10 hours while at sea, with no overtime allowance.

## BOOKBINDERS UNITING

The membership of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders has increased 8,112 since July, 1919. Of the new members 4,950 are women. The brotherhood's present good standing membership is 25,544.

## 75 PER CENT. OF WAGES TO BE PAID UNDER ACT

### Workmen's Compensation Act Amendments Introduced.

A bill to make certain alterations in the Workmen's Compensation Act of Ontario was introduced in the Legislature by Hon. Walter Rolfe last week. It received its first reading. This provides for increasing allowances of 25, 50, and in some cases 100 per cent over those at present in force. Funeral allowances will be increased from \$15 to \$125. Monthly payments to widows who are sole dependents from \$30 to \$40 per month, additional monthly allowance for children from \$7.50 to \$10 per month, increasing from \$10 to \$15 per month of the payment to children who are the sole dependents, monthly allowances to dependents, who are other than widows, husbands, or children, increased from \$20 to \$40 per month, and increasing the compensation to injured workmen from 54 to 75 per cent of the wages.

In reply to a question as to whether or not the increases would fall on the employer, Mr. Rolfe said: "The workmen's compensation is paid by the employers from the industry in which the injury takes place, and the increase in the present allowance will have to be borne by the same people who are at present paying the compensation."

Replying to Major Tolmie, the minister said the amendments did not provide for extending the act to the merchants' retail clerks. The act would become operative 60 days after the royal assent, he said in answer to a question by Joseph E. Underhill, Minister of Finance. The act was not retroactive in regard to past payments, but all widows already entitled would be placed on the same basis as those who came in after the increases would become effective. The permanency or partially disabled now enjoying benefits would receive the new scale.

## \$2,500 A YEAR NECESSARY FOR FAMILY OF FIVE IN U. S. A.

A minimum of \$2,500 a year is necessary for the support of a family of five in the United States, W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad, has been quoted as saying before the Railway Labor Board. Mr. Lauck presented a demand on behalf of the American 2,500,000 railway employes, for the establishment of a minimum wage throughout the industry. He presented to the board a compilation of budgets on the cost of living in the United States based on studies made under his supervision and by federal and state agencies.

"It is impossible," he said, "for a family of five in the United States to maintain itself, even in decent poverty, under existing conditions, for a penny less than \$2,500 a year."

Lauck in his statement also declared that the fundamental cause of all economic instability, all industrial unrest, all interruptions of production and distribution, all high prices and profiteering by organized capital and middlemen and retailers.

In concluding, the brotherhood spokesmen requested that the board curtail its examination of wage data and proceed immediately to the determination of the question of what constitutes a living wage.

## ONTARIO FIREMEN TO HAVE ONE DAY OFF IN SEVEN

Firemen, like all other wage-earners, are to have one day off in seven hereafter in Ontario. This has been established under a bill approved by the Municipal Labor Committee of the Ontario Legislature last week. The measure was introduced by T. Thomas, of Peterboro, and became effective on January 1, 1921.

Ontario organized firemen took the initiative in the matter and were supported by the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress and the Toronto Trades and Labor Council. While the Ottawa firemen did not have a vote in the Ontario Legislature, their declaration that the Ontario Government were in close touch with the officials and gave the proposal their whole-hearted support.

## CONGRESS WILL NOT SUPPORT WINNIPEG STRIKE LEADERS' APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

### Whole Winnipeg Labor Situation Reviewed and Policy Outlined By Executive Council of Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

That the workers' rights have at all times been protected, is again amply illustrated by the Executive Council of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress in a review of the Winnipeg Labor situation issued on Wednesday of this week.

A bulletin was issued, signed by every member of the executive council, reviewing the whole Winnipeg Labor situation and outlining the future policy of the organized workers in Canada. The Dominion Trades Congress has carried on its work quietly and as the bulletin states, the executive council would not now be residing the activities "except to counteract the insidious campaign being carried on by those men who have no other desire than to destroy the Trades and Labor Congress and its affiliated organizations, and substitute therefor the One Big Union, and in carrying on this campaign do not hesitate to employ every trick and device of which they are aware in an effort to undermine the confidence of the rank and file in the executive officers they themselves have elected."

During the conference of the representatives of the International Transport Workers' Federation, the policy of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress was upheld and approved.

Under the heading "Review of the Winnipeg Labor Situation" the executive council of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has this week issued the following statement:

The same sinister influences that prevented the Trades and Labor Congress from making effective aid to achieve success during the Winnipeg strike are still busy misrepresenting the Trades and Labor Congress and the international trade union movement, as regards their attitude towards the men now serving prison sentences in Winnipeg for seditious conspiracy.

The Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, under date of April 12th, issued a circular to the trade unions of this country notifying them of their withdrawal from the Defence Committee and stating their reasons for such action. Trade unionists were advised through this circular that the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council had undertaken to distribute all moneys donated for the relief of the families of the men in prison, as necessary arose, and asking that the trade unionists of Canada may continue to render generous assistance to the wives and families of the imprisoned men and at the same time be free from One Big Union and other similar influences bent on destroying the trade union movement in Canada.

The indictments, speeches for prosecution and defence, the judge's charges to the jury, the verdict of the jury and the decision of the Appeal Court in the trial of Russell and the indictment charges and verdict in the trial of Ives, Armstrong, Heaps and others have been reviewed and carefully examined and in our opinion, any danger that may exist of these cases being used as a precedent to curtail the proper activity of the trade union movement can be most effectively remedied by amendments to the law itself and seeing no benefit to be gained by an appeal to the Privy Council, even should the same be successful, we do not feel justified in lending our support to such a precedent.

The Trades and Labor Congress are proceeding to obtain a full review of the Criminal Code and other laws as they affect generally recognized trade union rights in this country and will take all necessary measures to bring their findings to

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Percentages from the survey of the bookbinding and printing industry, laundry, harness and saddlery workers, the lowest scales, which are as follows:

Book	Laun.	Har.	Par.
Under \$5	1.71	1.9	2.2
5 - 9	2.5	2.8	3.2
10 - 14	3.4	3.9	4.7
15 - 19	4.9	5.6	6.6
20 - 24	6.7	7.6	9.1
25 - 29	8.5	9.7	11.6
30 - 34	10.4	11.8	14.1
35 - 39	12.2	13.9	16.6
40 - 44	14.1	16.0	19.1
45 - 49	16.0	18.1	21.6
50 - 54	17.9	20.2	24.1
55 - 59	19.8	22.3	26.6
60 - 64	21.7	24.4	29.1
65 - 69	23.6	26.5	31.6
70 - 74	25.5	28.6	34.1
75 - 79	27.4	30.7	36.6
80 - 84	29.3	32.8	39.1
85 - 89	31.2	34.9	41.6
90 - 94	33.1	37.0	44.1
95 - 99	35.0	39.1	46.6
100 - 104	36.9	41.2	49.1
105 - 109	38.8	43.3	51.6
110 - 114	40.7	45.4	54.1
115 - 119	42.6	47.5	56.6
120 - 124	44.5	49.6	59.1
125 - 129	46.4	51.7	61.6
130 - 134	48.3	53.8	64.1
135 - 139	50.2	55.9	66.6
140 - 144	52.1	58.0	69.1
145 - 149	54.0	60.1	71.6
150 - 154	55.9	62.2	74.1
155 - 159	57.8	64.3	76.6
160 - 164	59.7	66.4	79.1
165 - 169	61.6	68.5	81.6
170 - 174	63.5	70.6	84.1
175 - 179	65.4	72.7	86.6
180 - 184	67.3	74.8	89.1
185 - 189	69.2	76.9	91.6
190 - 194	71.1	79.0	94.1
195 - 199	73.0	81.1	96.6
200 - 204	74.9	83.2	99.1
205 - 209	76.8	85.3	101.6
210 - 214	78.7	87.4	104.1
215 - 219	80.6	89.5	106.6
220 - 224	82.5	91.6	109.1
225 - 229	84.4	93.7	111.6
230 - 234	86.3	95.8	114.1
235 - 239	88.2	97.9	116.6
240 - 244	90.1	100.0	119.1
245 - 249	92.0	102.1	121.6
250 - 254	93.9	104.2	124.1
255 - 259	95.8	106.3	126.6
260 - 264	97.7	108.4	129.1
265 - 269	99.6	110.5	131.6
270 - 274	101.5	112.6	134.1
275 - 279	103.4	114.7	136.6
280 - 284	105.3	116.8	139.1
285 - 289	107.2	118.9	141.6
290 - 294	109.1	121.0	144.1
295 - 299	111.0	123.1	146.6
300 - 304	112.9	125.2	149.1
305 - 309	114.8	127.3	151.6
310 - 314	116.7	129.4	154.1
315 - 319	118.6	131.5	156.6
320 - 324	120.5	133.6	159.1
325 - 329	122.4	135.7	161.6
330 - 334	124.3	137.8	164.1
335 - 339	126.2	139.9	166.6
340 - 344	128.1	142.0	169.1
345 - 349	130.0	144.1	171.6
350 - 354	131.9	146.2	174.1
355 - 359	133.8	148.3	176.6
360 - 364	135.7	150.4	179.1
365 - 369	137.6	152.5	181.6
370 - 374	139.5	154.6	184.1
375 - 379	141.4	156.7	186.6
380 - 384	143.3	158.8	189.1
385 - 389	145.2	160.9	191.6
390 - 394	147.1	163.0	194.1
395 - 399	149.0	165.1	196.6
400 - 404	150.9	167.2	199.1
405 - 409	152.8	169.3	201.6
410 - 414	154.7	171.4	204.1
415 - 419	156.6	173.5	206.6
420 - 424	158.5	175.6	209.1
425 - 429	160.4	177.7	211.6
430 - 434	162.3	179.8	214.1
435 - 439	164.2	181.9	216.6
440 - 444	166.1	184.0	219.1
445 - 449	168.0	186.1	221.6
450 - 454	169.9	188.2	224.1
455 - 459	171.8	190.3	226.6
460 - 464	173.7	192.4	229.1
465 - 469	175.6	194.5	231.6
470 - 474	177.5	196.6	234.1
475 - 479	179.4	198.7	236.6
480 - 484	181.3	200.8	239.1
485 - 489	183.2	202.9	241.6
490 - 494	185.1	205.0	244.1
495 - 499	187.0	207.1	246.6
500 - 504	188.9	209.2	249.1
505 - 509	190.8	211.3	251.6
510 - 514	192.7	213.4	254.1
515 - 519	194.6	215.5	256.6
520 - 524	196.5	217.6	259.1
525 - 529	198.4	219.7	261.6
530 - 534	200.3	221.8	264.1
535 - 539	202.2	223.9	266.6
540 - 544	204.1	226.0	269.1
545 - 549	206.0	228.1	271.6
550 - 554	207.9	230.2	274.1
555 - 559	209.8	232.3	276.6
560 - 564	211.7	234.4	279.1
565 - 569	213.6	236.5	281.6
570 - 574	215.5	238.6	284.1
575 - 579	217.4	240.7	286.6
580 - 584	219.3	242.8	289.1
585 - 589	221.2	244.9	291.6
590 - 594	223.1	247.0	294.1
595 - 599	225.0	249.1	296.6
600 - 604	226.9	251.2	299.1
605 - 609	228.8	253.3	301.6
610 - 614	230.7	255.4	304.1
615 - 619	232.6	257.5	306.6
620 - 624	234.5	259.6	309.1
625 - 629	236.4	261.7	311.6
630 - 634	238.3	263.8	314.1
635 - 639	240.2	265.9	316.6
640 - 644	242.1	268.0	319.1
645 - 649	244.0	270.1	321.6
650 - 654	245.9	272.2	324.1
655 - 659	247.8	274.3	326.6
660 - 664	249.7	276.4	329.1
665 - 669	251.6	278.5	331.6
670 - 674	253.5	280.6	334.1
675 - 679	255.4	282.7	336.6
680 - 684	257.3	284.8	339.1
685 - 689	259.2	286.9	341.6
690 - 694	261.1	289.0	344.1
695 - 699	263.0	291.1	346.6
700 - 704	264.9	293.2	349.1
705 - 709	266.8	295.3	351.6
710 - 714	268.7	297.4	354.1
715 - 719	270.6	299.5	356.6
720 - 724	272.5	301.6	359.1
725 - 729	274.4	303.7	361.6
730 - 734	276.3	305.8	364.1
735 - 739	278.2	307.9	366.6
740 - 744	280.1	310.0	369.1
745 - 749	282.0	312.1	371.6
750 - 754	283.9	314.2	374.1
755 - 759	285.8	316.3	376.6
760 - 764	287.7	318.4	379.1
765 - 769	289.6	320.5	381.6
770 - 774	291.5	322.6	384.1
775 - 779	293.4	324.7	386.6
780 - 784	295.3	326.8	389.1
785 - 789	297.2	328.9	391.6
790 - 794	299.1	331.0	394.1
795 - 799	301.0	333.1	396.6
800 - 804	302.9	335.2	399.1
805 - 809	304.8	337.3	401.6
810 - 814	306.7	339.4	404.1
815 - 819	308		