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BIG WAGE REDUCTION IS ORDERED BY RAILWAY BOARD

Chicago,-Over the strong protest of | three labor representatives on the U.S. Railroad Labor Board, a new now averages from \$6.11 for electrical couragement by the governments of railway shop mechanics and nine cents lose 56 cents a day under the new de- transportation companies of immigrashopmen approximately \$60,000,000 a approximately \$5.70. year was ordered by the board. . .

annually to the railroads, following on the heels of a \$50,000,000 cut in the wages of maintenance of way laborers last week. The shop crafts decision becomes effective July 1, the same date as last week's order.

No Human Consideration.

The minority report of the labor decision was made with no charges that it fails to carry out the function of the board to set a "just and reasonable wage."

The reduction for the mechanics averaged a little more than 8 per cent. all machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, car men (except freight car- labor board, can but intensify the pre men), moulders, cupola tenders and coremakers and the regular and helpcents an hour. Freight carmen, commonly known as f'car knockers" and B. M. Jewell, head of the Shop Crafts hood by resolution declared itself emthe object for some of the heaviest Unions, here from a railroad strike for lower wages, were cut 9 cents.

The larger cut was ordered for the "car knockers" because the board said it believed that their work did June 30, a walkout could be called or beanches of earmen's work.

ON STRIKE DAMAGE

TAFT'S DECISION

The board's latest decision, which employees except the train service men, was brief and offered no explanation as to how the new rates were arrived at. This omission brought more fire from the dissenters, who declared the majority decision did not onsider "human needs."

"The savings to the railroads far members pointedly stated that the exceed anything justified by the savings to the public in reduced rates." consideration of human needs, and the dissenters said, adding that paycell slashes during the last six months of 1921 had been made, including layoffs, at the annual rate of \$1,300,000, 000 "in strong contrast to the increasing prosperity of the roads.' Strike Vote at Once.

Cincinnati.-New wage reductions for shopmen, ordered by the railroad sent feeling of dissatisfaction with railway labor conditions, and will at Board, which made an order for a re assaults by the roads in their battle conference. Mr. Jewell declared any tions in wages or the elimination of reduction at present was wholly justified and unreasonable.

not require the same skilled service July 1, the day the cut goes into ef-Car cleaners were cut 5 cents an predict whether such action would

URGES ACTION ON

measures in dealing with prospective mafter ordered to be brought to the Washington.-Labor organizations although unincorporated, may be prosecuted for violations of the Sherman unemployment during the Anti-Trust Law, the United States Su- winter months is being made to both preme Court held today is an the house of commons and senate by opinion delivered by Chief Jus. officers of the Grand Division of the tice Taft. The decision came in the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad broader political policy and a more celebrated Coronado coal case, involv. Employees. This action is, in effect, active participation in political dising strikes in Arkansas in 1919 as a support of the request to the prime ninister from the Dominion Veteran's ult of which the United Mine Workers of America were found guil- Alliance for full consideration of the of Milwaukee, as tenth vice-president ty of restraint of inter-state com- matter.

A. R. Mosher, grand president of completed. merce and damages of \$200,000 were awarded against the organization by the brotherhood, in a statement dethe district court which damages were clared that parliament will have been trebled as provided under the anti. remiss in its duty unless some drastic action is taken before the house aris-The Supreme Court, in a careful analysis of the evidence presented in the case found that the facts incident

In fact, Chief Justice Taft stated portant centers in the country. Indithat as much as the court would have cations point to a continued lack of een pleased to aid in the punishment employment during the next winter, of the arson felonies committed by the strikers it was forced to the con-clusion that the lawlessness was strict le local and not associated with an efinevitable condition and if the prefort to restrain inter-state commerce. The international officers of the sent session of parliament should ad-Mine Workers' union were held by the court not to have been liable for trial as there was no evidence that they had either participated in, and determining upon some method of

they had either participated in, authorized, or approved the strike. The preventing a recurrence of the stress fine imposed by the lower court will of the past two winters, I would say that regardless of any other accomptherefore not be imposed by the new form of decree which that court will lisment they will have failed in dealing with the most important factor having to do with the welfare of the enter in conformity with the Supreme Court decision. nation at this juncture. I cannot conceive for a single moment that parlia-FURTHER PROTEST AGAINST WAGE CUTS this most vital question was thorough-

foronto.-With a feeling uppermost

railway labor board will make furth-

er wage reductions affecting every

has not as yet been affected by or-

The following were elected on the mittee of appeals, a new addition

to the staff of the Grand Lodge:

de and offerfively dealing the in their mind that the United States dent Mosher is making representations to members of both houses of parliament impressing the need for nch of the railway service which action, and is also lending the support of the Canadian Brotherhood of ders already issued, the Brotherhood Railroad Employees to other organizof Railroad Trainmen again declared ed bodies, working for the accomplishagainst wage cuts or elimination of

time and a half for overtime. It was

the payrolls of the various railways. | years hence.

BUILDERS' WAGES

"Eastern territory-W. S. Ross, London.-In the new rates of wages ference was held between the Labour Conemangh, Penna, and U. D. Hartman, Richmond, Ind.

Southern territory—R. C. Smith,

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PASS RESOLUTION **ON IMMIGRATION**

Toronto.-The International Broth rhood of Railway Trainmen adopted a resolution protesting against the enwage cut of seven cents an hour for workers to \$6.28 for blacksmiths, will Canada and the United States and for freight carmen, cutting 400,000 cision, bringing their daily wage to tion from foreign countries, particu larly the Asiatic countries.

Recommendation that steps be tak The new wage reduction brought an estimated added saving of \$59,669,347 are and all other descriptions for railway clerks, telegraph. this connection President Lee was empowered to take the necessary steps to bring about the merger of both organizations, but the convention de clared against the restoration of emeral railways and the organization dur-

ada and the United States promoting men during the taking of a strike vote and decided in future that when members of the brotherhood accept official positions pending the taking of a strike ballot, their membership board upon general wage rates. should be cancelled.

Against U.S. Board Award.

Dealing with the recent report of the United States Railway Labor vote, returnable June 30, according to | 000 railway employees, the brotherphatically against any further reductime and one half for overtime.

> comply with the decision of the Unite-l States Railway Labor Board, through which it has refused to pay collect the amount.

A complaint from employees of the attention of the Interstate Commerce

Another resolution endorsed favored the adopion by the brotherhood of a of living, be continued.

With the election of J. H. McQuade, the grand lodge staff of officers was name!' "

BRICKLAYERS LOCKED OUT

London.-Bricklayers employed by tions Council.

SAYS MADE HONEST EFFORT TO **AGREE WITH THE SCOTT BOARD**

CALLS ATTENTION TO MANY UNDESIRABLE CONDITIONS

"We are of the opinion that the McKinnon award rates, with a reduction of 20 per cent, in the wases of all employees, with a minimum of \$2.00 per day for datal men over the age of 18 years, should be adopted.'

The above is the conclusion in regard to wages of the majority report of the Scott Board of Conciliation which investigated the dispute between the British Empire Steel Corporation, it subsidiaries, the Dominion Coal Company, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and the Acadia Coal Company, and their employees. ployees who left the service of sev. The board, which was appointed by Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, after a policy of "strike on the job" had been declared ing the switchmen's strike two years in some of the Nova Scotia mines, consisted of D'Arcy Scott, Ottawa, chairman; John E. Moore, St. John, N.B., representing the emagainst the action of railways in Can. ployers, and I. D. Macdougall, of Inverness, N.S., representing the

The Minority Report.

In the minority report, Mr. Mandougall says that he made an ly. The note struck was one of decidonest and consistent effort to agree with the other members of the

"I have consistently and, I think, irrefutably, taken the stand that in periods of depression such as we are unfortunately experieneing, dividends should be sacrificed before the worker should be the house were bitterly assailed by sent. compelled to accept less than living wages. And I think I may be J. Winning. The speaker branded er apprentices receiving a cut of 7 least result in an immediate strike duction of wages affecting over 400, pardoned when in this connection I place a higher valuation upon the standard of living, the happiness, the contentment, of our Nova Scotia miners, than I do upon dividends for the British Em-the initiation of labor legislation, pire Corporation."

Mr. Macdougall deals with the matters in dispute under simi-A protest against the refusal of the lar headings to those in the majority report. He recommends that With the strike vote returnable Central Railroad of New Jersey to a large number of company tenements should be destroyed as obviously unfit for human dwellings. "The domestic surroundings and test in the movement and who comsanitary conditions of the miners' homes were found, with few approximately \$75,000 due trainmen exceptions, to be deplorable," he says, and he goes on to state that under the award, was referred to in certain districts the water supply is inadequate. He draws at-President Lee with instructions to tention to the fact that some of the miners are required to walk three miles to the forking face, and recommends that "riding said, "there had been less beneficial UNEMPLOYMENT Southern Pacific Railway against be rakes' be provided to convey the men to and fro. Electric lamps labor legislation passed during the A strong appeal for preventative appears there years than was approved and the with the majority report in advocating the establishment of cooperative stores by the miners. He recommends that the wage shown by the International labor rates in the Sydney mines district conform with the general wage movement in the political field during rate, and that the bonus in Pictou county, based on increased cost the past.

Mr. Macdongall's conclusion is as follows:

"In respect to the British Empire Corporation it would seem that the people of Nova Scotia, particularly the miners, may well endorsation of the candidates. This exclaim, 'efficiency, what crimes have been committed in thy

The majority report was signed by Mr. Scott and Mr. Moore. Mr. Macdougall failed to agree with his associates, mainly in the matter of wages, and submitted a minority report. In the minority the International locals supporting the a resolution adopted by the house of ule of wages and hours, it may recomreport he recommends that the present minimum datal rate be increased from \$2.85 to \$3.45, and that the higher datal rates should fron and steel concerns a Scunthorpe be reduced 10 per cent, below what they were under the Montreal alysis of the evidence presented in the case found that the facts incident to the strike were not convincing that its object was to restrain inter-state commerce.

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TRADE UNIONS TO HAVE CANDIDATES

Winnipeg.-Dissatisfied with the la r representation in the last Manitoba legislature, Winnipeg trade unthe forthcoming provincial contest. the local trade union movement in the providing for the taking of a nation-Labor temple, a report of the special agenda committee, recommending political initiative by trade unionists was adopted. The division on the motion indicated only four individuals in osition to political participation.

The meeting was featured by some straight talking, and although the assured, and that President Samuel the miners and railroad workers for debate at times became acrimonious, emanating from persons charged with arposely trying to disrupt the meet: onstructive opinions.

The various speakers were strong in their condemnation of the past atthe International movement collective ed political militancy and the impor ance of to-ordinating the industrial and political interests of the workers was generally stressed.

Members of the Labour group in these members as "opportunists" and that in considering the defeat of the government of more importance than 'the alleged working class representatives had betrayed the trust bestowed in them. Witht you are asked to do," he said, "is select candidates from men who have stood the acid

G. Reynolds also taxed the Labor group with failure to represent or ganized workers. "In spite of the 10 Labor men in the legislature," he He charged this state of affairs to apathy

A committee of 15 was appointed to carry out details of the resolution with instructions to bring in a report at a meeting to be called shortly for mmittee will meet in the Labor Temple at 8 o'clock tonight.

The candidates for the trade ion slate will be selected by a refer idea of trade union political action.

BENT ACT PROPOSAL.

RAILROAD WORKERS PLAN **JOINT ACTION ON WAGE CUTS**

Cincinnati.-Representatives of 2,- | bor board. 000,000 organized railroad workers onists have decided to enter two can have gathered for the opening tomordidates carrying "union eards" in row of a conference at which plans will be made for joint action in com- workers believe that a walkout at this At an open meeting of members of batting wage reductions-probably time would be doubly effective.

wide strike vote.

tions by the United States Labor industries. Board. They said the support of the There appears to be a American Pederation of Labor was sentiment for a close alliance between mpers would attend the meeting.

Added importance was given to the railroad leaders, and press their pro- abolition of the labor board. posal for a railroad and miners' alli-

hope to see it through," said William been especially relied upon to prevent H. Johnson, president of the International Association of Machinists, "We uation before going into action. The eral days."

morieau Federation of Labor, declined to make any statement other result from the meeting.

Opportune Moment With the miners' strike in progress against wage reductions, the railroad

They hold that if the coal strike should be broken and the miners Labor chiefs declared this cenfer forced to accept wage reductions ofsee would be the beginning of a fered by the operators, the way would finish" fight against wage reduct be immediately opened for suits in all

unity of action.

Whatever action is decided upon by onference by the announcement that the railroad organizations, it was statig, the discussion in the main was John L. Lewis, international president ed will be presented to the convencharacterized by frank, sincere and of the United Mine Workers of Ameri- tion of the American Federation of ca, would be present. It is under- Labor which convenes here next Monstood that the miners, who are now day for ratification. The Federation conducting a nation-wide coal strike, it is understood also will be asked to titude of indifference and apathy by will support any action taken by the take steps toward bringing about the

The federation undoubtedly will go on record as supporting the railroad The "big four" brotherhoods, re- men and will ask for new legislation presenting the 500,000 train service that will place men in the rail indusmen, will not take part in the con- try in a better position. Included in ference, but will have observers pre- this programme will be a demand for limitation of the injunction in indus-"We have a big programme and we trial disputes. The injunction has

Labor leaders pointed out that the will probably get down to business conference tomorrow would have no tomorrow and discuss the general sit- power to call a general strike. All it would do would be to bring about a conference will probably last for sev- joint agreement or understanding between the different organizations that B. M. Jewell, president of the Rail- a strike vote should be taken and carway Employees' Department of the ried out if the membership of each national union approved.

The vanguard of the delegates to than that a strike vote probably would the American Federation of Labor convention began arriving today, and it Canvass of the labor leaders showed was anonunced that the building dethat the feeling against reductions partment of the federation would be was intense, and many of them de-clared they did not believe that a There is unusual interest in this gathstrike could be avoided. They said ering this year, as the New York and the time had come for labor's big pro-test against wage slashing by the la-te be discussed.

EFFECTIVE MEASURE TO SECURE OBSERVANCE FAIR WAGE POLICY

On the recommendation of the min- or actually prevailing, although not ister of labor, more effective measures necessarily have been taken by order-in-council agreements. to secure the observance of the fair such labor conditions as will prevent eustom of the trade for the

in-council emphasizes the desirability tractor until the minister of labor's that the labor provisions in question decision has been complied with.

ment of its aims.

It was understood that if a request for a conference were put forward by having to do with the most important factor having to do with the welfare of the having to do with the welfare of the having to fine the real time and the will be greatly reduced before having to do with the welfare of the having to fine the real time and the will have failed in adalting with the most important factor having to do with the welfare of the real with which the contract has been and the basic rates will be tolerated.

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> should be as nearly uniform in terms With a view to the avoidance of and administration as possible. To any abuses which might arise from for insertion in government contracts, tomary in the trades concerned is pro-The term "current wages" and the term "hours of labor fixed by the tained of the minister of the depart-

OUT OF WORK here.

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Was the northern are the workers h ways in the northern part of the prov- Scott Board of Conciliation, which The miners are now doing an aver- prospects of work are reported fair, age of two or three days per week, so that registered unemployed will LONDON SHIPTARD STOPPAGE

Southern territory—R. C. Smith, craftsmen the rates were gives as fives of the trade unions which have been acting together in the wages ne should have been is. 3d. to is. 8d., as gotiations.

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the London shippard stoppage have rejected the lafest offer of the employ-INVERNESS MINERS ers as in no material respect was it different from previous offers. The Ex-Halifax, N.S.-A hoard of concilia- ceutive of the Beilermakers' Society

Items of Interest from Overseas

ment of its aims.

ing to individual opinions. -

NOTICE FOR PRINTERS

on June 12.

Mr. A. E. Goodwin, secretary of the to recommend the terms-Master Printers' Federation of the United Kingdom, stated that a con-

representatives of those unions agreed at organization."

PROTEST HONOR

tion for the election, issues a stateto the unions for ballot.

It was understood that if a request
sult to white Australia.''

Bulwell branch of the N.U.R. warns
the head office that no reduction of
the basic rates will be telerated.

that the Joint Industrial Council, for the Printing Trade recommended the terms on which the printers have just

IRISH LABOUR'S AIMS

to post notices on June 12, to the effor the development of Australian refeet that wages would be reduced by sources. The labor conference today with fardly-won standard conditions.

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Two thousand members of the transport Workers' Union, meeting in Newbridge, decided to give their first and second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences to the Labour candidates, and subsequent votes according to the second preferences is carcely a man on the railways whose basic rate exceeds is.

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NEARLY STARVING

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GRANT BOARD TO