

QUEBEC LABOR ASKS LEGISLATION

Annual Delegation of Labor Organization on Quebec Cabins

The annual pilgrimage Quebec executive of the Trades and Labor Congress, presented a long and bitious programme to a full assembly of the Provincial Legislature delegates were introduced by a Labor member. A Laurendeau, the member for Malouine, having the honor of bringing his colleagues before the Prime Minister.

Letter Carriers May Take Strike Vote

The many requests for increased wages to the letter carriers of Canada have been met with mere promises from the Dominion Government and this is causing no little discontent among the letter carriers of Canada.

FEW O. B. U. MINERS IN DISTRICT 18

U. M. W. of A. Carrying on Work in Western Mine Fields.

District No. 18 is not as high in the percentage of O. B. U. members as the members of that organization would have the public believe, according to International Representative Morgan Lewis. "We are satisfied with the progress we are making," he said recently, "and we have eleven organizers in the field, and more coming. We intend to fight this through to a finish."

CAPITAL AND LABOR—PAST AND PRESENT.



From De Notenbraker (Amsterdam Holland).

LABOR GOVT FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Present Indications Point to Complete Political Victory For Our Fellow Workers.

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Large Sum for Ontario Good Roads

Sixty million dollars will be spent upon good roads construction in Ontario, according to Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways. Mr. Biggs succeeded in securing six million from the Dominion Government twenty-five million from Ontario.

ASSAULTS C. S. COMMISSION

Mr. Cantwell Says C. S. Commission Bitterness and Resentment.

"Civil servants have a right to criticize the work of the firm employed to classify them," remarked Mr. Wm. J. Cantwell, Dominion president of the Postal Clerks' Association, who said he regarded the work as very indifferently performed.

WORKERS' RIGHTS WILL BE PROTECTED

Dominion Trades Congress Executive Have Applied For Mr. Justice Metcalfe's Charge to Jury.

A verbatim copy of the charge of Mr. Justice Metcalfe to the jury in the R. B. Russell case has been asked for by the executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, according to Mr. P. M. Draper, secretary-treasurer of the Congress.

GIGANTIC WORK OF GOVERNING BODY OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE EXPLAINED

President Tom Moore of Dominion Trades and Labor Congress Off to Paris to Attend First Meeting of Important Body—Canadian Seamen's Interests To Be Protected.

In the course of a conversation before leaving for Paris, Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, informed the representative of The Canadian Labor Press that he was going to Paris, not as representing Canadian Labor, but as representing the Labor movement of the world.

GOMPERS ISSUES GRAVE WARNING

A. F. of L. Will Oppose With Full Force Enactment of Anti-Subsidy Bills.

Formal announcement that the American Federation of Labor would oppose "with whatever power it may possess" the enactment of the anti-subsidy bills now pending in Congress, was made on Sunday in a statement issued by Samuel Gompers, president of the federation.

PROBING STRIKE AT MONTREAL

Quebec Government Has Appointed Commission in Municipal Waterworks Dispute.

Following the recommendations of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council the Quebec Government has appointed a commission to inquire into the circumstances preceding and following the strike of the employees of the Montreal waterworks.

GENERAL STRIKE OF MACHINISTS

Should Anti-Strike Legislation Become Effective Drastic Action to Be Taken.

Officers of the International Machinists are authorized to call a general strike of machinists unless anti-strike legislation now pending in the United States Congress in the Cummings Railroad Bill is defeated. It was announced last week at headquarters of the union at Washington.

Typos' Elections.

In this month's issue of the Typographical Journal, the official organ of the International Typographical Union, a full list of the candidates for the various international offices appears. All of the old officials are in the field and opposition is offered in all cases.

ARBITRATION BOARD APPOINTED C. G. E. DISPUTE.

The Minister of Labor has appointed a Board of Conciliation to investigate the dispute between the Canadian General Electric Company of Peterboro, Ont., and certain of its employees. Judge E. C. S. Huysels, of Peterboro, has been selected as chairman of the board.

CAPE BRETON MINERS INCREASE AVERAGE RAISES IN U. S.

The total increase granted under the new agreement between the Dominion Company and the United Mine Workers (District 24) will average approximately the 14 per cent given the miners of the United States.

RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS MAY RE-OPEN WAGE INCREASE QUESTION.

Pressure is being brought to bear on the officers of the International Railway Brotherhoods by the organized workers in all parts of Canada are watching the struggle with no little concern.

CANADIAN PRINTERS' INCREASES.

(From Typographical Journal) Lethbridge, Alta.—Newspaper, book and job (day)—Handmen, operators, \$40. Eight hours (Night)—Handmen, operators, \$42. Seven and one-half hours. The contract covers a period of one year—October 1, 1919, to October 1, 1920. Increase—Newspaper, book and job, \$10.

CANADIAN WORKERS RAPIDLY ORGANIZING POLITICALLY.

Canada is at last awakening to its social needs and all parts of the country are following the lead of the Province of Ontario and organizing themselves into branches of the Independent Labor Party. The Maritime provinces are the latest to come into action and in various centers the workers have organized political organizations.

LESS TIME LOST IN DECEMBER.

The time lost on account of industrial disputes during the month of December, 1919, was less than during November, 1919, and December, 1918, according to the January Labor Gazette. There were in existence at some time or other during the month 22 strikes, involving about 2,183 workpeople, as compared with 25 strikes, involving about 4,280 working days, as compared with 35 strikes, involving about 12,941 working days, as compared with 17 strikes, involving about 1,941 working days, as compared with 6 in November. Four were on record 15 strikes, affecting 2,235 workpeople. Seven strikes were reported as having commenced during December, as compared with 6 in November. Four of the strikes commencing prior to December and five of these commencing during December were reported terminated, leaving 13 strikes, involving about 1,695 workpeople, as reported at the end of the month.

BANK CLERKS UNIONS GROWING RAPIDLY.

During the past few weeks the bank clerks in many of our Canadian cities have been organizing themselves into unions, affiliated with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress and the American Federation of Labor. Montreal and Toronto have fully chartered locals and membership is rapidly increasing even in face of the fact that determined efforts are being made by many of the banking institutions to "nip the flower in the bud."

LETTER CARRIERS TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION.

For nearly a year now the Letter Carriers of Canada have been making demands for increased wages. In Toronto the situation is more serious than in any other city. The union there has threatened drastic action on one or more occasions. However, they have waited patiently for some redress from the Dominion Government and, according to reports, no increase is forthcoming nor can any general increase be made until March.

THREE BOARDS MADE REPORTS DURING DECEMBER.

During December, says the Labor Gazette, the Department received reports from three Boards of Conciliation. The first was the Board of Conciliation between the Maritime Coal and Power Company and certain of its employees, being members of District No. 25, United Mine Workers of America; (2) the Toronto Railway Company, Toronto Electric Light Company and Toronto Power Company, and the employees of the said companies respectively, members of District No. 24, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and (3) the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain of its employees, being members of District No. 26, International Brotherhood of Marine Freight Handlers, members of Local Union No. 338, International Longshoremen's Association.

FAMILY BUDGET GETTING OUT OF SIGHT.

In prices the movement was again upward, both the retail price food budget and the wholesale price index number showing substantial increases. The average cost of a family budget of staples in terms of retail prices for December, 1919, was \$11.75, as compared with \$11.25 for December, 1918, and \$11.75 for December, 1917. The index number of wholesale prices rose to 227.7 for December, as compared with 207.7 for November, 218.3 for December, 1918, and 137.6 for December, 1914.

CIVIL SERVANTS AWAKENING

Legislation to withhold application for classification of the Civil Service until approved by the Deputy Ministers in consultation with the heads of departments and personnel committees representing departments, the establishment of a board of final appeal, and the formation of committees of employees in each department to consult with Deputy Ministers and chiefs of branches was asked in resolutions made by the Agenda Committee of the Civil Service Association and approved by a special meeting of the executive and the advisory boards of the association held at Ottawa recently.

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