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## PREMIER DRURY CONGRATULATES ORGANIZED LABOR

Also Tells Gathering of Railway Carmen of America that Organized Workers Have Steered Clear of Dangers and Pitfalls.

### FARMER-LABOR PACT GROWING STRONGER

Organized Labor was congratulated on its "wise and steady attitude" and for having "steered clear of the dangers and pitfalls of the times," in a brief speech of welcome delivered by Premier Dr. C. Drury to the delegates attending the convention of the Railway Carmen of America, in Massey Hall, Toronto. The delegates were also of the opinion that there was no room for the slightest ill-feeling or misunderstanding.

### WORKERS NOT YET CONTENTED

So Says President Gompers in an Interview.

Discussing the tendency of employers to reduce wages, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor declared during the course of an interview, that organized labor of the United States and Canada would resist wage reductions to the utmost.

In a brief survey of conditions, President Gompers was unable to show any reduction in retail prices, and a reduction in the cost of living. He pointed out that the cost of living was the big item in the budget of a wage-earner, had not been reduced.

"Further, let me say that labor will not be content with just food and shelter," said Mr. Gompers. President Gompers noted the increasing demand for labor in the United States and Canada for political representation. He believed this would develop.

Dealing with unemployment, he stated that figures of the United States Department of Labor showed an increase of over 1 per cent during the past few years.

"We recognize," the Premier proceeded, "that the man who can be placed in a class has made a decided advance over the man who is loyal only to himself; but I would like to point out to you that a man in any organization or any class will fail short not only of serving his day and generation, but of attaining his own ends, if he forgets, in striving after the interests of his own class, the larger interests of the community. Just as a man who is loyal to his class has made a decided advance over the man who is loyal only to himself, so when we think in the broader term of citizenship obtain that which is best for us, I think labor in America has shown its wisdom by thinking in the broader terms of citizenship. After all, we are more likely, as a class, to have all the means at hand for obtaining all the reforms we need in an orderly, progressive manner."

Hon. Mr. Drury told the conference that during its two years' experience his Government had put through much legislation. Some of it," he said, "has been termed dis-

tinuities labor legislation; and yet nothing that has been put through has benefited either the labor class or the farmer class at the expense of any other class of the community. That is the sort of thing we want. When we help ourselves at the expense of others we are foredoomed to ultimate failure. When we help ourselves by helping other sections of the community I think we are destined to success."

In again extending a welcome to the delegates on behalf of the Province, Premier Drury said that, while they thought there was room enough for two nations on this continent, there was no room for the slightest ill-feeling or misunderstanding.

### LABOR WOULD HELP

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workers and all others connected with their distribution were taking unduly large profits.

Still another suggestion in the way of meeting threatened conditions of the forthcoming winter was that a committee should be formed in each municipality, made up of the representatives of the employees and employees alike, supported by the local officials whose duty it would be to look after any condition which might develop within the district.

All the labor members of Parliament were present, with J. W. Buckley, president occupying the chair.

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## SAM GOMPERS TALKS PLAIN

Veteran Leader in Conference With Chiefs of Canadian Unions Says That Brand of Talk Handed to Unemployed Will Do Nothing Toward Securing Work for Those Needing It.

Those orators at Monday night's unemployment meeting who indulged in inflammatory speeches were severely criticized by President Sam Gompers of the American Federation of Labor in an address to officials of the local trade unions in the King Edward Hotel. The veteran labor chief expressed the opinion that remarks of that kind would get the unemployed nothing worth having.

Taking advantage of the visit to Toronto of Sam Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, the local Trades and Labor Council arranged for a conference in the King Edward Hotel to allow leaders of local unions to sit at the feet of the "Old Man of Labor." The conference lasted for more than two hours and was closed by the President.

Interviewed by The Globe at the close of the proceedings, Mr. Bert Merson, President of the Trades and Labor Council, said that the conference was "just a heart-to-heart talk." He stated that the labor officials were addressed at some length by Mr. Gompers on the present trend of events in the industrial and business markets were very similar in trend to those of the F. of L. chief, delivered in Massey Hall, Toronto, on Monday.

Mr. Merson stated that, in touching upon the present depression in industry and the matter of unemployment, Mr. Gompers had expressed the opinion that the Government should do all in their power to open up the greatest possible amount of work. He also stated that the manufacturers could help by creating work instead of holding back until business conditions changed.

Speaking to The Globe after the conference, Mr. Gompers described it as "just a friendly talk among ourselves to see if we could not find some way of helping each other to a way out of these depressing conditions that are now prevailing."

He stated that the labor men present had lauded their own efforts as the best way out of their difficulties. The veteran labor leader expressed the view that in only way out of the present depression was by sound constructive work. In this connection he said that he had indulged in some criticisms of the published statements made at the unemployment meeting in the Labor Temple on the previous evening.

Mr. Gompers gave it as his opinion that the unemployed would get little help from the type of remarks made by the speakers at that meeting. "We do not need any cataclysms," he said. "These flamboyant remarks will not bring any work to the unemployed," he concluded.

**WIRE MEN HOLD WAGES**  
St. Louis.—Electrical workers employed on inside work have defeated a wage reduction and are again at work.

## DRAFTING POLICY AS A GUIDE

A. F. of L. Council to Order Probe of Entire Field of Modern Industry.

The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor has started work in the drafting of a policy to serve as a guide for the labor movement of America.

A thorough and scientific investigation of the entire field of modern industry will be ordered, it is stated, and the results of this inquiry will form the basis of the new policy.

The council had before it today a report of a committee which conducted an investigation to determine the possibility of "co-ordinating the present educational institutions and activities conducted under the auspices of organized labor."

This committee also investigated the "strength of the demand for a central labor university which may be developed among the various unions, and considered the matter of extension courses and scholarships which would make the facilities of such an institution of widest service. The questions of administration and financing of such a university also were considered.

A report on an investigation to determine if organized labor is getting a "square deal" in school textbooks is expected shortly.

While the council has taken survey of the unemployment situation and discussed wage reduction, it is stated that no action has been taken on these matters. Wage reductions, labor leaders say, are being accepted by the unions under protest and the question of encouraging the organized workers to strike will not be considered.

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