

LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

Mr. Tom Moore Urges I. L. P. to Continue its Work.

"To what do you attribute the backwardness of Canada?" "To the self-conceit of the workers of Canada who think they are God's created."

This was the answer given by Tom Moore, president of Trades and Labor Congress to a question put to him at a meeting of the Independent Labor Party, which he addressed in Carpenter's Hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Moore's remark was a reminder to Labor that the time is not yet ripe for sitting back and taking it easy—that there is still much work to be done, which can only be accomplished by co-operation.

The Independent Labor Party, which believed in government by the people. Certain organs of the public press have stated that the I.L.P. was aiming at a class party.

Mr. Moore also corrected a false impression that might have been created by a newspaper heading put over an interview he had given to the press which read: "Tom Moore says that men will replace politicians."

The I.L.P. as he had implied in his interview, wished to place men in politics who would conduct themselves on new lines, and take their duty as a serious one, and not as a cut and dried game.

C. S. F. VOTING ON LABOR AFFILIATION

Acting under the instructions of the thirty-fourth annual convention, 1919, held in Ottawa, which called upon the association committee within the Civil Service Federation to take a referendum on the question of affiliation with labor before the next convention.

FOR TING AMERICAN OR POLICY.

in Washington between representatives of 112 international unions, the railroad brotherhoods, not admitted to the A. F. of L., and a number of farmers' organizations.

AMERICA STEEL WORKERS PREPARING FOR LONG FIGHT.

As a result of the almost unanimous decision of the national committee of organized iron and steel workers to continue the strike, leaders of the unions this week were going ahead with plans for an active field campaign which they adopted by the conference on the 14th.

BOARD OF COMMERCE TO PUNISH PROFITERS?

The Board of Commerce has issued another written statement upon its policies. "The board is pleased to be able to observe as a result of its preliminary survey of business conditions that, despite high prices undoubtedly prevailing, profiteering, so called, that is, the taking of unjust profits is not, in the board's opinion, as common as is frequently claimed."

Canada Took Her Place in Great Front Line at Int. Labor Conference.

In his address before the Canadian Club, at Toronto this week, on the Labor Clauses of the Peace Treaty and the Washington Industrial Conference, Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, gave a comprehensive review of the work accomplished at the Peace Conference and Washington in regard to the labor clauses.

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The members of the conference who acted upon the principle of an eight-hour day and a forty-eight hour week had agreed by a practically unanimous vote to put it into effect.

GARMEN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAMPING THEM OUT.

There is Absolutely No Section in Favor of O. B. U.

"It is not enough to say that there is practically no section in favor of the O.B.U. in western cities. There is absolutely none."

1920 Policy Canadian Legislative Board of Firemen and Enginemen

Many Important Resolutions Adopted At Annual Convention At Ottawa—Wm. L. Best Again Elected Chairman and Canadian Representative.

Resolutions endorsing legislation restricting hours of continuous service compelling the establishment of an adequate provident fund, and providing for old age and widows' pensions, and unemployment insurance, were among those passed by the Canadian Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, which met in Ottawa the week ending December 13.

COAL FAMINE ONE BIG BUNDLE OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

Private ownership has controlled and still controls the production and distribution of coal in Canada. Edmonton, with three of the largest coal mines in western Canada, inside the city limits, is almost in the throes of a coal famine.

C. P. TELEGRAPH MEN WILL NOT STRIKE.

A report from Toronto to the effect that union operators of the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraphs has voted in favor of a strike on account of the introduction of the bonus system by the company was denied.

W. M. L. BEST

Again heads Canadian Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Requiring all locomotives to be equipped with automatic operating brakes doors.

BAN SKILLED LABORERS DURING THE WINTER.

Due to the plentiful supply of skilled laborers and mechanics in Canada the Government has decided to ban men of this class from coming to Canada during the winter months.

LABOR WANTS U.S. GOVT. TO RETAIN RLYS.

President of Montreal Trades Council Gives His View on Shorter Work Day.

"A great amount of the present unemployment is due to the system of giving overtime pay of time and a half as an inducement to a working man to prolong an already too lengthy working day, in place of engaging more help at shorter hours."

MONTHLY REPORT OF ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS.

"A few of the locals report a slackening up of trade this month," says the trade report of the Ontario Provincial Council of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

NO EMBARGO ON MECHANICS SAYS IMMIGRATION MINISTERS.

"There is nothing doing," declared Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, when questioned this week regarding the possibility of an embargo against mechanics, and certain other classes of skilled labor coming into the Dominion during the present winter.

EXPECTS LABOR TO CONTROL BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

Entire confidence in the destiny of labor governs Great Britain marks the conversation of J. H. Thomas M.P., general secretary of the National Union of Railwaysmen, on his return to London from a tour of the Provinces.

PACKING HOUSE COMBINE TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Hon. W. E. C. Raney, provincial attorney-general, has instructed J. H. Lundy, K.C., to inquire into the Canadian packing situation and make a report on the combination of packing houses or plants in Ontario.

FARMER-LABOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS.

For the first time since its inception some few weeks ago, the joint committee of the Eastern Ontario Branch of the United Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Branch of the Independent Labor Party of Ontario met at the Carleton Place on Saturday afternoon.

WANT CHECK ON ALL PROFITERS

Ry. Men Ask Governments to Stop Exploitation of Wages For Increased Prices.

At the recent meeting of the Canadian Legislative Board of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, attention was drawn to the following resolution on the high cost of living this country by the twenty-eighth convention of the international body, held in Denver, Colorado, recently:

SOUTH AFRICA TRADE UNIONS RESERVE POLITICAL RIGHTS.

Trade unionism in British South Africa is free from all political parties—labor and otherwise—and this is the policy of the International Union of South African Industrial Federation, at the office of the American Federation of Labor, here.

Victory Won By the Dove-Tailing of Each into the Efforts of Each Other.

Secretary P. M. Draper of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress Addresses Returned Soldiers' Gathering At Ottawa.

As a nation, by all working together.

"A military victory has been gained," said the speaker, "to make the world free for democracy. What did we do to win it?"

POLITICAL LIBERTY.

"Political liberty," said Mr. Draper, "was the first and principal tenet of democracy, making each citizen an equal guardian of the state."

TOUCHING ON DEMOCRACY'S DUTY.

Touching on democracy's duty toward the man who fought for it, Mr. Draper said: "We are all living in such a tumultuous uncertain world, full of nerve-racking shocks and changing conditions, that it is well to keep brightly burning in our hearts and minds the sacred duty we owe to our returned soldiers; and particularly to the relatives and dependents of those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of a better day."

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

THERE'S A REASON.

IN the returns from our western provinces, where municipal elections are proceeding, varying results are being recorded, each carrying their own story, and to read of the election of one candidate or another implies nothing through the giving of the name, as in most instances a sharp dividing line is being drawn between the forces of Organized Labor and the opponents.

Another instance of very strong division was the contest at Calgary, where the Citizens' Committee carried the spoils of victory, and unfortunate indeed was the result where men of constitutional tendencies were among the defeated, with their services in a governing position lost to the citizens at this time, when extremists from any section should find their place in the background.

A brighter story is to be read from the results at Edmonton, where a revision of the Calgary situation is shown, the Labor Party in a very emphatic manner being sustained at the polls and becoming the party in power. To gain a reason for this is but to recall that during the past summer, when many westerners undertook to go on a rampage, one of the bright spots, standing for constitution and methodical methods of adjustment of grievances, was the City of Edmonton.

If those who would destroy the Labor movement, from within, could take lessons from results—the most practical viewpoint—a regular curriculum is openly placed before them in the western municipal elections, realizing that co-operation of all is the chief essential to the happiness of all.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION SIGNS

ALTHOUGH the various provinces of the Dominion are a law unto themselves as to the time of the year when civic governors are to be elected, it so happens that in almost every instance the end of or the beginning of the year finds agreement by common consent as being the correct period when the electors shall decide who must be the responsible parties to carry on the local government.

This system finds favor, and does not betray that any advantage is gained, but an index as to public thought is in evidence to the analytic mind. In some sections the political or party system is adopted, and on the results of civic elections under these conditions prospects of the party are based.

We thus find at the present time an outstanding sign or feature, i.e., that wherever civic elections are being staged, the workers' candidates are being presented and in greater number than has previously been known. Not only industrial centres, where spasmodic efforts have been made for years past to secure direct civic representation, but towns and hamlets, to which trades unionism was formerly unknown, have joined in the workers' claim.

Even stronger numerically would be the list of candidates from the workers' ranks, but for the barrier of qualification in the dollar sign, which holds finance at a higher premium than ability in the management of civic affairs. This bricks and mortar standard detriment must be added to the workers' enthusiasm, and held to be responsible for the lacking of an even greater showing of candidates than is in evidence.

No period of civic activity has presented such a pronounced sign, showing plainly a workers' awakening to the rights and needs for the voice to govern and the acceptance of its responsibilities. A sign just as strong and appreciated is that the public mind, which speaks at the ballot, is now prepared to give responsibility of office to the workers' candidates in this Dominion, and follow the voice of the old land, which spoke in pronounced terms at the November municipal elections just recorded.

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

By Special Correspondent. The political world was turned into a turmoil this week by the news that Sir Robert Borden had decided to retire as Canadian Prime Minister. While a few of his political friends knew that his health was such that an early retirement was likely, yet the usual wise-cracks at Ottawa were unprepared for the announcement. The facts are that the final decision was not taken until a week ago, after Sir Robert had visited Montreal and been thoroughly examined by a famous physician. His advice was so imperative that the Prime Minister must drop out of the turmoil of politics if he was not to suffer a complete break-down that Sir Robert at once decided to resign, and so informed his colleagues.

Service Button Workers.

Notes Of Particular Interest To Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

LABOR MARKET AT LOW LEVEL. That the labor market for returned soldiers in Edmonton is at a low level is indicated from replies received to questionnaires sent in the interest of the returned soldier. Of 100 answers received only two employers had positions open for returned men. There are about 250 workless veterans in Edmonton.

WAR AWARDS. An interesting table is issued by the War Office showing the total number of honors awarded in connection with the war and how the total is made up.

That the payment of war gratuities to former members of the imperial forces, as provided by an order-in-council recently issued, is indicated by a statement handed out recently through the Militia Department.

WEST END ACTORS' ASSOCIATION'S GREAT VICTORY. The Actors' Association has received the welcome news that the proposed standard contract for all theatrical performers in the West End theatres has been approved by the Society of West End Managers.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS BOTH GET CROSSES. The Department of Militia and Defence announces with reference to draft regulations respecting the issue of memorial crosses to the mothers and wives of deceased soldiers, that the regulations in their final form provide for the issue of two crosses in the case of each soldier or sailor who was survived by both a widow and a mother.

UNEMPLOYMENT TO BE HANDLED BY PATRIOTIC FUND. The Government's decision to turn the handling of the unemployed over to the Patriotic Fund throughout the Dominion has raised a good deal of protest among all trade union men and their associations.

WESTERN SHOPMEN'S NEW AGREEMENT. A new wage agreement effective December 1 has been entered into between the Canadian Railway War Board and Division No. 4 Railway Employees' Department, American Federation of Labor, in respect to rates of pay, work hours and conditions of service for employees in the Locomotive and Car Departments of the railways.

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Lord Leverhulme's Plan.

Lord Leverhulme, chief partner in the soap manufacture of Lever Brothers at Port Sunlight, near Liverpool, is now in Canada. Lord Leverhulme has built up the largest business of its kind under the British flag.

One thing is certain if the Unionist party is long to survive it will have to decide on some definite policy. At present no one knows what that policy is, as a matter of fact it has none—it is neither fish, flesh nor devil. If it is to have a future it would seem that it must be as a protectionist party.

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal—Cain.

NIGHT WORK FOR WOMEN. A recommendation of the International Conference of Labor, which was adopted by the delegates at Washington, called for the abolition of night work for women—between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. During the progress of the conference, Mrs. Kleiberg, chief inspector of factories for her Government, told of her own country, applying to both men and women, and added: "We got the law and it functions splendidly."

U. F. O.-I. L. P. MINISTERS RETURNED UNPOSED.

Retained, all seven Ministers in the Drury Government whose nominations took place on Monday. The Ministers in the Drury Government are: Hon. R. H. Carter, Minister of Education; Hon. Peter Smith, North Perth, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. G. H. Brant, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Walter Rolfe, West Hamilton, Minister of Health and Labor; Hon. G. H. Brant, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Walter Rolfe, West Hamilton, Minister of Health and Labor; Hon. G. H. Brant, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Walter Rolfe, West Hamilton, Minister of Health and Labor.

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LABOR'S FUNCTION.



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There are snakes in Labor's bed and in Labor's pathway to-day, hidden in the folds of smooth speech and spacious but fallacious argument. "Snakes in the grass" Secretary P. M. Draper of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress called them the other day at a meeting of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council; men who do not openly profess their affiliation with the "Reds" but hide in the ranks of Organized Labor that they may work its downfall. Beware of them. Scotch the Snake!