

QUEBEC LABOR ASKS LEGISLATION

Annual Delegation of Labor Organization on Quebec Cab... The annual pilgrimage Quebec executive of the Trades and Labor Congress...

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...

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...

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...

CANADIAN WORKERS RAPIDLY ORGANIZING POLITICALLY.

Canada is at last awakening to its social needs and all parts of the laboring men and women are following the lead of the Province of Ontario...

MICHAEL POWELL

Agate a candidate for the Board of Trustees, Union Printers' Home, authorized strike, which was not settled until the International Union took a hand in the matter...

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...

GOMPERS ISSUES GRAVE WARNING

A. F. of L. Will Oppose With Full Force Enactment of Anti-Scab Bills... In the course of a conversation before leaving for Paris, Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada...

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...

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...

LETTER CARRIERS TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION.

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THREE BOARDS MADE REPORTS DURING DECEMBER.

During December, says the Labor Gazette, the Department received reports from three Boards of Conciliation...

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From De Notenbraker (Amsterdam Holland)

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... Moore pointed out that, including Canada's inland waterways, the Dominion occupied a position as one of the foremost maritime nations of the world...

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...

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...

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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 departmental staffs...

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There is a possibility of a general election in Great Britain in April or May and the Labor forces are already on the move getting their campaign in hand. It is generally conceded that the destiny of the Motherland will be guided by the powerful hand of Labor after the next election...

Large Sum for Ontario Good Roads

Sixty million dollars will be spent upon good roads constructed in Ontario during the next five years is fifteen million, said Mr. Biggs, six millions of which will come from the Dominion Government...

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...

CANADIAN PRINTERS' INCREASES.

(From Typographical Journal) Lethbridge, Alta.—Newspaper, book and job (day)—Handmen, operators, \$40, Eight hours (Night)...

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...

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...

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Wages in Relation to the High Cost of Living

The first of a series of articles written by Mrs. Geo. Hamilton, M.A., late Fellow of the Department of Political Economy, University of Toronto, exclusively for the Canadian Labor Press.

Only an animated microscope or a kind of gigantic microscope, with wheel, with ever varying shades of light and here and there a dark streak could record for us the daily fluctuations of the cost of living. The scale ever increases, and the speed with which each purchase the other

ing effect on the observer. The poor workman, the poorer salaried man, and the national budget, and the way counting to appreciate the strange effect they make.

Take the national budget. When examined piece-meal it gives one a curious picture.

Strange discoveries are revealed in the financial burden of the first year of peace as compared with the last year of actual war. The Finance Department's statement covering the period, April 1 to December 31, 1919, shows:

(1) That the ordinary expenditure for that period in 1919 was almost double that for the same period in 1918. Expenditure for April 1 to December 31, 1919, approximately, \$227,000,000; for April 1 to December 31, 1918, approximately \$124,500,000.

(2) The total expenditure including that on capital account from April 1 to Dec. 31, 1919 was about \$75 million dollars over and above the total revenue. Total expenditure, Apr. 1 to Dec. 31, 1919, approximately, \$510,000,000; total revenue \$224,000,000.

(3) The total expenditure for the same period in 1918 was \$450,000,000. Deficit April 1 to Dec. 31, 1918, approximately \$138,000,000; Deficit April 1 to Dec. 31, 1919, approximately, \$155,000,000.

We are slipping ever more rapidly into debt.

The British Treasury White Paper for corresponding periods shows a similar state of affairs. The expenditure for Great Britain and Ireland for the nine months ending Dec. 31, 1919, was about five and a half billion dollars while the revenue was only about three and a half billion dollars. The nine months' deficit is over two billion dollars.

The delicate problem of taxation is this—who will bear the burden? A very ingenious instrument has been devised to measure muscular efficiency. It is a dynamometer. How many watt-hours Tom Tyler makes in laying tiles, and measures the degree of fatigue in Dan Smith's work as he beats the iron into shape. This machine has been tested in England at an educational conference. "Diabolical contrivance," one commentator calls it, but it justifies some such thing we need to measure the exact degree of taxation, the retailer, the wholesaler, the workman, the manufacturer, the stand without registering fatal fatigue. But perhaps the world is not safe yet for this sort of instrument and we must content ourselves with government or other statistics.

This bringing down of a budget showing the actual financial position of the country will be an exciting reading some courage. The French have just had a national stock-taking, and M. Klotz, the Finance Minister at the beginning of this year started Britain by showing her stupendous debt compared with her slender sources of revenue. But the country smiled an old, and is submitting to a very rigid system of taxes—embracing the prospect of paying off part of her war debt.

Our programme must be as courageous. It should include the payment of a portion of the war debt, a realization of the democratic ideals of the war in improving rather than depressing the standard of life of the people—and a measure of relief to the stricken peoples of Europe.

For this we require a full record of the rise in the cost of living, the rise in wages in the more important industries and a survey of war fortunes whether private or of corporations.

The following is necessarily only a partial survey:

The cost of living is estimated by the Labor Department to be at present about 100 per cent. higher than it was in July 1914. The general rise in wages is stated to be about 80 per cent.

These classes of workers engaged in trades or pursuits which were most affected by the war and in which profits were the greatest, had the greatest increases in wages.

Thus the workers in the metal trades have secured an increase in wages averaging about 150 per cent. Agricultural workers employed in the western provinces are receiving wages 100 to 145 per cent. higher than they received in 1914.

The average wages of miners in District 13 of Alberta—which is a fair standard—have increased from 34 to 80 per cent. The average of inside miners in 1914 was \$2.51 per day; in 1919, \$4.45, an increase of 60 per cent. The average wage of outside miners has increased from \$1.15 per day in 1914 to \$4.75 in 1919, or 56 per cent.

Reports from seventeen cities of Canada with a population of over 10,000 persons show that the average wages of stenographers have increased 40 per cent. since the war, and those of plumbers in the same proportion. Returns from the cities of Halifax, St. John, Quebec and Montreal show that the average wage of

men in building trades has increased 54 per cent.

The above figures tend to show that the general mass of the working population is materially less well off now than before the war. To secure an improved standard of living for the nation will require a change in our system of taxation. There can be little doubt that if Canada is determined to secure a higher standard of living for her people, to pay off gradually part of the tremendous war debt, and to pledge herself to this high, practical ideal, she must not be hampered by suspicion or betrayal of one class or another.

Only by greater industrial and agricultural output can she do this and only a new ideal of work, whether in industry or on the farm, can fire her with the zeal to accomplish it.

The chief impediment to the carrying out of this ideal at present is suspicion. This suspicion is the basic cause of many of the most distressing cases of unemployment in Europe and America during the past year. A comparison of the anthracite miners' wages in the United States after the war with those since 1914 is 50 per cent. while the price of coal at the pit mouth increased 64 per cent. The average rise in wages of the bituminous coal miners in the United States since 1914 has been 30 per cent; the increase in the value of bituminous coal at the pit mouth is 120 per cent. The figures of the increase of all classes of miners inside and out, and are derived from practically all the coal districts of the United States.

The survey was carried out by the Department of Labor at Washington, and covered about 600,000 miners. The Great Britain Coal Mines Commission during the latter years of the war ranged as high as 130 per cent, according to a Government report.

Can after cases of unemployment, profits in Canada itself comes to mind. In the early years of the war when the price of wheat was fixed, the Great Britain Coal Mines Commission made a profit of about \$1,500,000 from the rise in value of the wheat on hand. In 1918 their total profit was in fact about \$1,000,000, a common stock. Other large milling companies profited proportionately. What has been the profit reaped this season by the companies through the increase in the price of wheat and flour fixed by the Government? The speculation in the value of wheat at four on hand must be some millions of dollars.

Are the war fortunes bearing a fair proportion of taxes? In the fiscal year 1918-19 the revenue from the iron and steel industry was about \$5 million dollars; from income tax about twelve million dollars; and from war tax revenue including the above, it justifies some such thing we need to measure the exact degree of taxation, the retailer, the wholesaler, the workman, the manufacturer, the stand without registering fatal fatigue. But perhaps the world is not safe yet for this sort of instrument and we must content ourselves with government or other statistics.

The last nine months show the revenue from income tax, business profits tax and other taxes and revenue to be about \$4 million dollars. The Finance Department estimates that the revenue from business profits tax will be about 20 millions in the fiscal year 1919-20, a comparison with Great Britain is illuminating. The total revenue for the last nine months in Great Britain was about three and a half billion dollars. Of this the excess profits tax was over one billion dollars. The property and income tax added 635 million dollars. Interest on the national debt and war debt combined in Great Britain for that period was somewhat over one billion three hundred and fifty million dollars. Thus the excess profits and income tax more than pays interest on debt. Our income and business profits tax in the fiscal year 1918-19 combined were only \$2 million, while interest charges on national debt for this year are estimated at \$15 million dollars.

There is moreover a strong suspicion that war taxes as defined in Canada have not been imposed thoroughly. The profits of 1918 showed great profits in meat packing and cold storage companies, 65 per cent, 37 per cent, 100 per cent. profits were then exposed. A tax on profits of 10 per cent. must go to the Government.

GOT A MATCH!



—After Ding in Tribune.

LABOR MEMBERS WILL PROCEED WITH MEASURES

Representatives of Labor Wing Decide at Toronto Meeting to Take Action.

HAMILTON, Jan. 21.—Initiation of the Drury Cabinet did not intend bringing on any legislation of a controversial nature and a quiet tip that Hartley Dewar was preparing to introduce the eight-hour day amendment at the first session of the house, necessitated action on the part of the labor wing at the conference held at the Walker House, Toronto, yesterday afternoon.

Those at the meeting were representatives Halcrow, MacBride, MacNamara, Greenlaw, and Swayzie.

"We decided it was up to us to stand behind the Labor party platform and bring on those measures which we have pledged our support to," said Mr. Halcrow, this morning. "The activity of Dewar looks like a trick to us. If he brings on the eight-hour day, gets it through he will get the credit for something we started. If we vote against his measure we will be criticized. So we've decided to do our own introducing."

Besides the eight-hour day legislation the labor wing proposed to introduce legislation covering old age pensions, mothers' pensions, public ownership of all utilities and a rearrangement of the civil service, the member for east Hamilton declared.

"It isn't too late yet for a man of the stamp of Beck to be placed at the head of the Government," he added. "What is sorely needed is a leader who can lead."

Mr. Halcrow said that Hon. Walter Rolfo, Minister of Labor, and Hon. Mr. Mills, Minister of Mines, would be invited to the conference next Tuesday, but nobody was doing any worrying about whether or not they would attend. Prohibition legislation was not discussed at the conference, the Hamilton member declared, but his own opinion was that the present act was one of the worst ever put on the statute books. "It has made bar-rooms of the homes," he asserted.

The smile of adversity is rather lively.

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Nearly 200,000 factory workers in Detroit, Mich., were thrown out of work owing to the coal conservation measure.

Many cotton mills in the Lancashire, England, district have been compelled to either close down entirely or cease to operate as many looms, owing to the acute labor shortage which prevails in that part of England.

The trade unions are growing in strength and economic power as never before, and yet there are those who would jeopardize this growth of organized labor by meddling in politics on the one hand or into a destructive dictatorship on the other. Never was there a better time for legal trade unions to get right on building up the economic power of labor.

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SOCIALISTS OUSTED FROM NEW YORK ASSEMBLY AND COUNSEL.



The picture shows four of the five Socialist Assemblymen temporarily suspended from the New York State Assembly, pending trial on charges of interest or work "injurious" to the best interests of the State.

UN ACTE CONTROVERSABLE.

EN 1907, l'acte d'Enquête des Disputes Industrielles devint partie des statuts de cette Puissance, et depuis son adoption nulle loi ne fut aussi controversable que cet acte communément appelé la loi Lemieux, qui dérivé son nom du ministre par qui elle fut introduite.

Faute de sujets à disputes, lors des sessions annuelles du Congrès des Métiers, cet acte fut le sujet favori des orateurs et de leurs auditeurs, qui voulaient connaître ses mérites et ses faiblesses. Ces débats n'ont pas tout à fait établis si la loi est aussi mauvaise que le prétendent un certain groupe, ni aussi excellente que la dépeignent ses admirateurs.

Il semble que l'attitude prise par le congrès sur cette question soit problématique, l'ayant à la fois appuyée, demandé son rappel, et en d'autres temps ayant reçu des instructions d'y faire apporter des amendements.

Des efforts pour y apporter des amendements de nature à rendre la loi obligatoire ici ont été peu ou point encouragés. Cependant nous constatons que l'Australie, l'Eldorado du travailleur syndiqué, fait le plus de progrès épandant que l'arbitrage obligatoire règle les disputes industrielles.

LES COMEDIENS ROUGES. RECENTMENT le Club Canadian McGill avait pour hôte le ministre du travail, l'honorable Gideon Robertson, et un groupe de comédiens agaçants étaient présents, accompagnés d'orateurs d'occasion.

IL A TROUVE UNE MERE. Le gouvernement Anglais, étant la mère des parlements n'est plus orphelin de mère à la suite de la récente élection de lady Astor, M.P. L'on dit que c'est une affaire arrangée, afin que les représentants ouvriers qui, dit-on, composeront la majorité du prochain parlement soient bien chaperonnés.

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LE PARLEMENT AU POINT DE VUE OUVRIER

(De notre correspondant spécial) La date de l'ouverture du parlement ayant été définitivement fixée au 26 février il s'ensuit un renouvellement d'intérêt dans les cercles politiques. L'honorable Mackenzie King, le nouveau chef libéral, est présenté dans l'est. Il a tout d'abord maintenu en tournée dans les provinces maritimes. Il s'était proposé de visiter l'ouest, mais cette intention a été abandonnée pour le moment du moins, la raison donnée étant que la date de l'ouverture de la session est trop rapprochée.

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GREVE MONSTRE EN SUEDE

Les dernières tentatives de négociations entre les patrons et le prolétariat ont échoué et les établissements industriels ont annoncé qu'ils fermeront leurs portes, le 26 janvier. Près de 100,000 ouvriers se verraient alors réduits au chômage.

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L'HONORABLE MACKENZIE KING REVIENT DE SA TOURNEE DANS L'EST CANADIEN

Le sentiment public dans l'est. L'honorable Mackenzie King qui revient de sa tournée dans l'est Canadien dit que le sentiment du public dans l'est est fortement monté contre le gouvernement actuel. A partir de Montréal jusqu'à l'Atlantique il n'y a pas un seul représentant dans le cabinet. C'est une injustice pour un gouvernement qui devrait être représentatif d'après la constitution. C'est un cabinet de "clique" une sorte d'administration muette de l'ouest à l'exclusion de l'est. La disparition soudaine de M. Borden aura certainement considérablement pesé sur les fermiers de l'Est. Ils ont des yeux fixés sur ceux de la province de Québec. Les fermiers proclament hautement qu'ils ne sont pas tenus à un programme politique quelconque, ils s'en tiennent à la déclaration que le gouvernement unioniste formé pour le temps de la guerre a perdu son utilité depuis l'armistice et que le pays a besoin d'un gouvernement d'initiative.

GOMPERS CONDAMNE LA LOI POUR LA REPRESSION DES MOUVEMENTS SEDITEUX

ELLE AURAIT POUR RESULTAT DE SEMER PARTOUT LA TERREUR. Espionnage. Samuel Gompers, au texte d'une déclaration publiée hier, déclare que la Fédération Américaine du Travail sera opposée en principe à la mise en force du projet de loi présenté au Congrès pour la répression des mouvements séditieux. Une telle loi, à son dire, constitue une violation de la constitution et prive le peuple américain de ses privilèges les plus précieux. En somme, cette législation porte atteinte à la liberté de pensée. L'organisme législatif, elle substitue la puissance des coteries, et telle que rédigée, personne n'aurait compris la portée avant qu'elle ait été interprétée par la magistrature. Le résultat le plus net d'un tel projet sera de semer la terreur par tout le pays et de faire de l'espionnage une industrie nationale.

UNE VICTOIRE QUI CAUSE DU BRUIT

LA DEFAITE INFLIGEE PAR UN CANDIDAT OUVRIER A SIR JOHN SIMON DANS UNE ELECTION PARTIELLE EN ANGLETERRE FAIT TREMBLER LE GOUVERNEMENT DE COALITION. Londres—Dans l'opinion d'un grand nombre de journaux anglais, le coup le plus formidable qui ait été infligé jusqu'ici au gouvernement coalitionniste de la Grande-Bretagne a été la victoire de Tom Myers, ouvrier, sur sir John Simon, libéral, dans l'élection partielle de Spyn Valley dans le district de Yorkshire. Même le News qui appuie des libéraux officiels comme sir John Simon, conseille l'élimination des candidats libéraux dans les luttes électorales où un succès ouvrier semble probable. Le News dit à ce sujet: "La principale tâche des électeurs est de se retirer de la coalition." Les perspectives d'un revirement de votes qui feraient élire un gouvernement ouvrier sont analysées en rapport avec une déclaration de Winston Spencer Churchill, le secrétaire d'Etat pour la guerre, qui a dit qu'

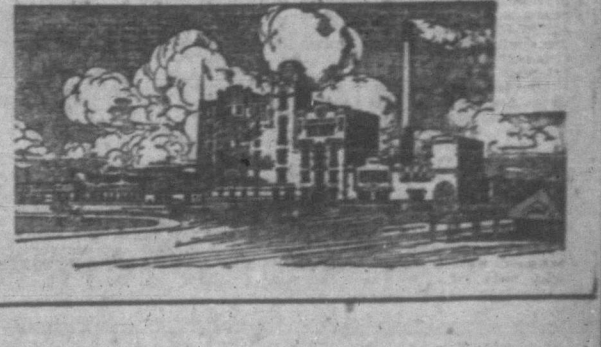
Alex. Thompson, un journaliste ouvrier de haute réputation dit, dans le Daily Mail que plusieurs ouvriers avaient admis en discutant cette question avec lui qu'ils étaient inséparément en mesure de gouverner et en questions étrangères et ne s'attendent pas à assumer le contrôle immédiat du gouvernement du pays. Il dit qu'ils ont exprimé l'opinion qu'une période comme oppositionniste au parlement durant laquelle ils seraient assez forts pour exercer une influence réelle sur la politique du pays serait pour eux un apprentissage utile et les préparerait dans quelques années à entreprendre avec beaucoup de confiance la tâche de gouverner.

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