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The 37th session of the Trades and Labor Congress opened at Winnipeg, Monday morning. It is estimated that over 600 delegates from all over Canada are in attendance at the Convention.

Most industrial countries outside of the North American continent have, however, legislation providing insurance against unemployment and in addition many have enacted legislation during the past two years for the control of private industry so as to prevent unnecessary discharge of workers from regular employment.

MONTREAL SOCIAL WORKER SPEAKS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Civil relief such as was distributed in Montreal last winter to the families of the unemployed is urgently needed at the present time, says Miss Winnifred Learmonth, secretary of the Family Welfare Association.

TORONTO UNION LEADERS INDIGNANT

Very strong resentment was expressed in Toronto by the union leaders at the proposed reduction of the wage rate on the Canadian National Railway.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

A DOMINION-WIDE LABOR PARTY

During the week of the Trades and Labor Congress convention in Winnipeg, representatives of the Labor Party in the various provinces of the Dominion will meet to perfect the organization of the party on National lines.

It is not difficult to prophesy as to the general result of the next Dominion election. In Nova Scotia the farmers and Labor will more than hold their own. In New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island the same will very likely be the result, with the present government hopelessly in the minority.

The part that Labor will play in the next federal election is entirely in the hands of the workers themselves. The farmers have come to the realization that they have the power to assume control of their own political affairs in their own right and in their own name.

PUBLIC IS PAYING USUAL TOLL TO PRIVATE-CONTROLLED CREDIT

Financial oracles cautiously hint that "a factor in present conditions" are "those" banks that "unwisely loaned money to speculators" who have inflated prices, capitalized possible earnings and decreased the purchasing power of the dollar.

During the war a promoter would be assured credit if he said he could harness the sunshine and put a meter at the end of every ray and make the public pay.

Nothing was too venturesome. As profits increased, more stock was issued that these huge incomes could be "spread" over values that had nothing behind them but the promoter's high hopes.

The collapse came with the armistice, when bankers began their "deflation" campaign.

This "deflation," or water squeezing, was accomplished by the banks refusing credit and calling in their loans. The promoters and business men threw other stocks and bonds on the market in a frenzied scramble for cash.

The angry promoters and business men are now telling tales out of school and some of the bankers murmur. "Too true, too true," while all hands acknowledge that their former cries of "more production" and "high wages" are false.

The banks are not injured by the process, but business men are bankrupt, or verging on bankruptcy; millions of wage earners are unemployed, and agriculture is prostrate as a result of this wild-catting that is associated with every war.

The organized workers declare that "credit is inherently social" and that this power over the lives of the people should be taken from the control of private financiers, and become a government function.

As its historic reconstruction conference in Washington, December 13, 1919, the wage earners made that declaration and insisted that credit as now administered is "the center of mal-evil forces that corrupt the spirit and purpose of industry."

"We urge the organization and use of credit to serve production needs and not to increase the incomes and holdings of financiers," said labor.

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY EXECUTIVE AND LABOR MEN

UNEMPLOYMENT DISCUSSED

Suggestions for giving definite encouragement to "Back to the Land" movement with a view to securing a real solution not only of the present unemployment problem but also of future difficulties of the same kind, are to be laid before the Government as a result of a lengthy conference between the executive of the Independent Labor Party of Ontario and the Labor members of the Legislature, held at the Labor Temple on Saturday afternoon.

While action may be taken on this suggestion at some future date with a view to placing it before the Government, the consensus of opinion at the meeting was against any immediate move along these lines. It was felt that the existing machinery provided by the banks and other financial organizations should be able to take care of the present emergency.

A committee was appointed to put the various proposals for the relief of unemployment into concrete form for presentation to the Provincial Cabinet at a meeting to be arranged. The meeting felt that immediate action should be demanded.

The idea of mobilizing the unemployed for work on any special work undertaken by the municipal, provincial and federal governments, in order to protect those within the province from an influx of boys from neighboring provinces was put forward and will be taken up further.

To render assistance in the North country, special proposals were placed before the meeting by the North Bay representative, I. W. Wilson. One of these was that the English and Northern Ontario Railway

and all nationalized railways be supplied with ties and Crow's lands by gangs of men under experienced foremen and under the same conditions as were in operation on Government road work. It was suggested that the Provincial Government urge the Dominion Government to recall requisites for tie-making for supplying on million ties, now being advertised, and that these be provided by the province under the plan proposed in the same way, also that while this was being done saw-logs and wood might be removed and sold to advantage, and in this way much good farming land would be cleared and settlement fostered.

Another proposal was for the building and graveling of roads within a radius of twenty miles of large centres of population, while another was that the T and N. O. Railway be extended through the district of Farry Sound to provide Northern Ontario cities and towns with direct access to Georgian Bay and the Great Lakes. It was also suggested that action be taken in the form of a road extension to James Bay. Still another suggestion was for action

THE PRINTERS' ROCK OF GIBRALTAR

There is a general feeling on the part of associated capital that the success of the International Typographical Union in its effort to establish a forty-four-hour week in the printing industry means the introduction of the forty-four-hour week in all other industrial systems where the employees are organized. It is also true that associated capital regards the success of the International Typographical Union in its endeavor to inaugurate the forty-four-hour week as essential to the establishment of the open shop, not only in the printing industry, but through out industry in general.

This feeling on the part of associated capital is inspired by the experience which the Employing Printers of America (Open Shop) have had in the past in their endeavor to establish an industrial democracy in the printing industry in the United States, for the International Typographical Union has stood like the Rock of Gibraltar against the efforts of the Employing Printers of America (Open Shop) to hamper the movement of industrial liberty and the betterment of conditions of the printer of America.

Certainly the success of the Typographical Union has thus far achieved its object, in that every forty-four hour week in more than 250 jurisdictions, representing a membership upward of 25,000, will eventually be established. Every forty-four hour week for all the employees of the printing industry and their employ-

And if the same determination of the organization, and the fealty of its members, that have been features of the International Typographical Union's present and past controversies with employers are emulated by organizations that may hereafter demand the forty-four hour week, there can be no doubt but that the shorter work week will be quite generally accepted.

Success on the part of the International Typographical Union in inaugurating the forty-four-hour week in so many of its jurisdictions is also a serious setback for associated capital operating under the name of the National Open Shop Association, in its endeavor to establish the open shop in the printing industry and throughout industry in general.

That the National Open Shop Association realizes the importance of the standing in the American labor movement of the International Typographical Union is shown by the vigorous little done in which it is co-operating with the Employing Printers of America (Open Shop) in their effort to defeat the introduction of the forty-four hour week in the printing industry and at the same time add thereto the introduction of the open shop. In several public statements issued either through its own organization or through the Chamber of Commerce, it has emphasized its stand against the forty-four-hour work week, and by intimidation and threats of business and financial boycotts it has succeeded in prohibiting in certain sections of the country the employment of representatives of the unions in an effort to adjust the present difficulties existing between employers and employees in the printing industry, and has by these unfair means placed a handicap on the printing industry in Ottawa in a chronic condition.

The controversy no longer concerns the introduction of the forty-four-hour work week alone, but has developed into a life-and-death struggle for the preservation of the printing industry under the banner of organized labor, as against the autocratic rule of the open shop advocates.

There are obvious contingencies, therefore, in the situation against which it is proper and necessary for the International Typographical Union to take precautionary steps. It is easily conceivable that the National Open Shop Association might be compelled by the exigencies of the success thus far obtained by the International Typographical Union in its endeavor to establish the forty-four-hour work week, to change its attitude toward the present controversy and the experience of the American labor movement in the past might inspire a little confidence in the possibility of such an occurrence. But even if the National Open Shop Association should change their attitude toward the forty-four-hour work week, as it has thus far shown no disposition to do, there would be no assurance that this attitude would not subsequently be reversed, for associated capital is apparently determined to "take the labor" and to

in the near future with a view to establishing a power development plant on the French river.

At a meeting of the I.L.P. executive, held in the morning, the attitude of the organization towards the newly revived Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party was discussed. The following resolution was passed unanimously and later endorsed by the Labor members:

Whereas the I.L.P. has organized a political party in the Province of Ontario and now is the recognized Labor party of the province, and has its representatives in the Provincial and Federal Governments, therefore, we, the executive of the party, deem it would be inexpedient and probably fatal to the success of the political labor movement to relinquish our paramount position at such time as the Canadian Labor Party is properly organized; therefore be it resolved that until such time as the dominant political Labor party or parties get together and form a Canadian Labor Party, we, the provincial executive of the I.L.P., and the Labor members of the Legislature, determine the I.L.P. of Ontario will continue to be known as the political Labor party in this province.

The Labor members present were Hon. Walter Rolfe, Hon. Harry Mills, George G. Halcrow, Thomas Thomas, Dr. H. A. Stevenson, Frank Greenlaw, F. Swayze, K. K. Mouth and Wilson A. Crockett.

WHAT THE STRIKE IS TEACHING US

There is an opinion to-day current among the workers of the printing industry that this strike is the greatest thing that could have happened. Evolution is constantly going on—social and political institutions are always undergoing greater or lesser modifications, to suit the changing economic and industrial status. The war came and the worker made supreme sacrifices—the capitalist class reaped vast profits. And now a readjustment is called for. He who sacrificed wishes to reap the fruits of his sacrifice. But, instead, capitalism is so gorged with profiting that its greed has been inflamed to limitless bounds. It wishes to deny not only what is the workers' share of right of sacrifice, but seeks even to destroy what the working class had gained by untold struggle before the war. Hence the working class and especially organized labor, must take stock. The trades union movement must be strengthened and policies altered to be changed. As Lord Milner points out: Labor must dictate to industry, instead of labor being dictated to by capital. The man who furnishes the brain and muscle energy to industry must no longer be the slave and tool of the capitalist. Hence the struggle the worker has been taught:

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(2) The worker must arbitrate, but the employer only when it suits him, to wit, the 44-hour week agreed to in 1919.

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(4) As James Lynch points out, this struggle is teaching the work- ing class the truth of the doctrine of the "class struggle." We are witnessing in this strike a solid banding together of all financial interests to back the employers. Also, we see the noble example of the entire membership of the I.T.U. cheerfully paying assessments to help the members of their class to victory. It is class against class—if our employers so will it—and since the

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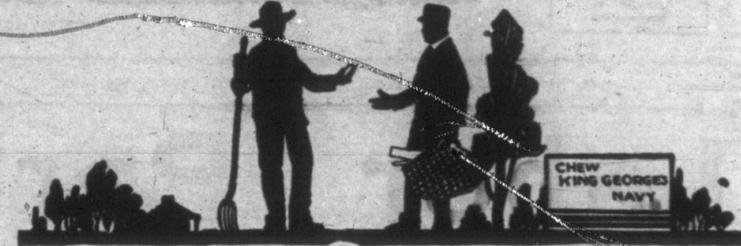
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workers of the printing industry are on the side of progress, they are going to win.—S.E. "YELLOW DOG" SCORED Buffalo, N. Y.—In denying an injunction to a printer employer in this city, the supreme court of Erie county scored the individual contract, known as "yellow-dog", which the employer alleged was violated by members of the Typographical Union. The court said: "This court should not protect by injunction against lawful, peaceful acts a contract wrong perhaps from an unwilling employee upon the eve of a strike by which he agrees not to be a member of a labor or trades union or boycott. There are legal rights granted for the protection and welfare of himself and family."

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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.

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All the labor members of Parliament were present, with J. W. Buckley, president occupying the chair. Members of the executive board of the I.L.P. in attendance declared that the conference was the largest and most successful ever held. The meeting had been entirely harmonious, they said. All the labor members of the Legislature were present with the exception of Peter Heenan, member for Kenora, who was unavoidably absent, owing to another previous engagement. Members of the I.L.P. executive present were: President, W. Buckley, Toronto; vice-president, Miss Mary McNab, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Palmer, Toronto; Dr. Hetti Kitchener, J. T. Mackay, Controller Cameron, Ottawa; Arthur Mould, London; W. Stewart, Fort William, and W. Wilson, North Bay.

tinuity of labor legislation, and yet nothing that has been put through has benefited either the labor class or 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.

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All the labor members of Parliament were present, with J. W. Buckley, president occupying the chair. Members of the executive board of the I.L.P. in attendance declared that the conference was the largest and most successful ever held. The meeting had been entirely harmonious, they said. All the labor members of the Legislature were present with the exception of Peter Heenan, member for Kenora, who was unavoidably absent, owing to another previous engagement. Members of the I.L.P. executive present were: President, W. Buckley, Toronto; vice-president, Miss Mary McNab, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Palmer, Toronto; Dr. Hetti Kitchener, J. T. Mackay, Controller Cameron, Ottawa; Arthur Mould, London; W. Stewart, Fort William, and W. Wilson, North Bay.

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 president for 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.

MONTREAL LABORITES DIS-AGREE ON SOVIET

Divergent Views on Sending Delegates to Conference on Relief.

A heated controversy developed at a meeting of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council over the question of sending two delegates to a conference to be held in that city, the style of the gathering to be the "Soviet Workers' Relief Conference."

The debate brought to the surface a wide divergence of views from the various speakers. The conservatives asserting their conviction that relief was needed quite as much among Canadian working men as among the Russians, and that any relief funds should be kept at home, the moderates indicating that, in their opinion, a delegate of two could do no harm at the conference so long as they went merely as observers, while one of the extremists went so far as to tell the assembly that "he loved Lenin and Trotsky, while what the newspapers tell us about Russia is not the truth."

MANITOBA LABOR WILL SEND DELEGATES TO TORONTO.

After considering an invitation from the Canadian Labor Party to send delegates to Toronto to discuss the formation of a Federal party, the executive of the Independent Labor Party last night selected F. J. Dixon, C. A. Tanner and W. D. Bayley, labor members of the Manitoba Legislature, to attend the meeting. (No date has yet been fixed for the gathering.)

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