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WINNIPEG GATHERING OF REPRESENTATIVE LABOR OF CANADA

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...

Gov. Lowering Wages. James Marsh, Niagara Falls, suggested that the federal government was taking the lead in lowering wages...

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...

TORONTO UNION LEADERS INDIGNANT

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

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On Laprairie street a call was made on another family where the situation had been one of work since last December, except for a few days of temporary employment...

Quebec Labor Minister Meets Hon. Mr. Rollo This Week. In an effort to secure some inter-branch of cooperation between the two provinces the Deputy Minister of Labor for Quebec will hold a conference with Hon. Mr. Rollo, Minister of Labor in his office this week...

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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.

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 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 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-evolent 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.

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 industries.

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.

FORCASTS INSURANCE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment insurance in the future was forecast by Hon. J. W. D. Forster, Attorney-General, at a meeting held in Vancouver between the Government and representatives of workers generally and returned soldiers. Some insurance system, he said was bound to develop in Canada because of the experience the country is now passing through.

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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.

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., 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.

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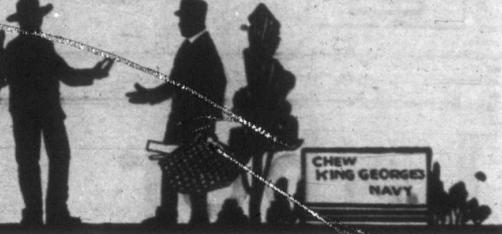
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PREMIER DRURY CONGRATULATES ORGANIZED LABOR

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.

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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."

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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 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."

The committee also investigated the "strength of the demand for a central labor university which may be developed among the labor 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 DISAGREE 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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