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Justice Metcalfe's Charge H. Not Affected Labor's Just Rights, Says Law Expert.

Labor's right to strike, particularly its legal right to call sympathetic strikes, has not been affected by the conviction of R. B. Russell nor by Justice Metcalfe's charge to the jury. Such is the opinion of W. H. Treuman, legal expert employed in Winnipeg Labor interests to interpret the Russell case and to define Labor's present status. This opinion was given at a secret convention of all Labor factions held recently at Winnipeg, and was available for publication on Saturday for the first time.

In his brief, in brief, is that the conviction and charge to the jury have not curtailed in any degree Labor's legal right to strike for the advancement of the interests of workers, even though loss and widespread inconvenience result from the strike.

In addressing the convention, he declared that Judge Metcalfe's charge to the jury was based upon a complete conviction of Treuman, and that the Russell conviction was well founded. Treuman said it was not his duty to say. He further expressed the opinion that the jury's conviction of Treuman should not be taken as the jurors' judgment regarding the legality of the Winnipeg strike, because Judge Metcalfe, in his charge, had not indicated that the Russell conviction was for a legitimate trade purpose.

His Lordship not only failed to state the defense's contention, but he laid emphasis on the evidence of the Crown to the effect that the strike's object was revolutionary. Treuman said with respect to the principle of collective bargaining, Treuman asserted the belief that if Judge Metcalfe had drawn to the attention of the jury the defense of the defense in justification of the strike, the charge that the strike was a common nuisance would not have been an embarrassing one to Russell.

Referring to Judge Metcalfe's mention, in his charge, that the cutting off of supplies of water and gas to the city constituted a common nuisance, Treuman raised the question of whether in bringing about this condition there was any element of force. He declared, and cited legal references to support his statement, that a sympathetic strike is lawful if its origin is for lawful purposes and the means employed in carrying it out are lawful, even though inconvenience and hardship and loss are inflicted upon the public.

The question of whether a strike was for the purpose of harm to others, as in the Russell case, was not a question that was submitted by Judge Metcalfe to the jury, Treuman contended.

GOMPERS HITS THE BOLSHEVIK

Bolshevik Minority Does Not Even Represent Masses of Mos- cow Factory Workers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Writing in the current number of the Federationist, official organ of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers condemns Bolshevism "completely, finally, and for all time."

Mr. Gompers declared he doubts whether the propaganda which emanates from the Bolshevik organization itself is more effective than that conducted by those who claim to be entirely detached from Russian influence and Russian payrolls. He says he doubts whether publications issued by Russian Bolshevik agents have as great an effect in this country as those "which like to be known as 'Journals of opinion,' such as 'The Nation,' 'The Dial,' and 'The New Republic.'"

Mr. Gompers makes an extended reference to the argument that the American peoples know little about what is going on in Russia and the argument that it is unfair and unwise to pass judgment.

"It is not necessary," says Mr. Gompers, "for us to know at all times just what were the exact conditions in Germany before passing judgment on the form of government existing in Germany. It was necessary only to know what was the form of government and under what rules it operated. We do not have to wait for information about the form of government existing in what is called Soviet Russia. All the information necessary to the passage of judgment on Bolshevism and the system of government and as a state of society, is at hand from sources that are authentic. The plea that while the fifth Pan-Russ conference is in progress we should wait for facts before passing judgment, is nothing more than an excuse which it is hoped will gain credit for the Russian experiment and enable it to spread to other countries."

Quoting from the new Bolshevik constitution, Mr. Gompers points out that Congress declares for a dictatorship of the proletariat and the poorest peasantry, a great portion of the peasantry is disfranchised and the Bolshevik estimate of the proletariat calculates them as only one-fifth of the number of peasants.

Even a fairly prosperous working man, by this calculation, Mr. Gompers says, is not a proletarian. Bolshevist statistics, he says, show that the Bolsheviks represent not even represent the masses of factory workers in Moscow, the Bolshevik stronghold.

ONTARIO TEACHERS ASK ADVANCE IN SALARIES.

A large delegation of leading school teachers of the province visited on Hon. R. Duncanson, Minister of Education for Ontario, on Saturday and urged, among other things, the advancing of teachers' salaries by at least twenty-five per cent. The teachers presented a resolution disapproving of melodramatic and comic picture shows, the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and comic supplements in newspapers. They also asked to have the age for compulsory attendance at school fixed at from 8 to 14 years, inclusive.

A trip of representative teachers to Northern Ontario, with a view to spreading information throughout the province, was also discussed. The delegation was headed by W. E. Moore, of Dundas, president of the Ontario Educational Association.

ONTARIO FIREMEN ASK FOR DAY OFF.

Seeking to have amendments made to the provincial legislation whereby Ontario firemen will have the day off in seven, Mr. James Simpson last week headed a deputation of Toronto firemen who called on Hon. Walter Dill Scott, Minister of Labor. The minister gave the deputation a very sympathetic hearing and promised to do all in his power.

I.L.P. Member in Ontario Legislature Clears Up Misunderstanding.

Mayor M. N. MacBride of Brantford, and Hon. Walter H. Rollo, Minister of Labor and Health in the new Provincial Government, have buried the hatchet and the threatened disruption of the Labor Party in the Legislature has passed into the mists of time.

This peaceful state of things was brought about at a conference of the Labor members of the Legislature at Toronto on Tuesday. The Brantford Mayor and Minister Rollo had been anticipated at this conference, as each had been saying uncomplimentary things about the other for publication, and a challenge issued by Mayor MacBride to debate with Hon. Mr. Rollo in public the question of the "hatchet" was accepted by the minister in a declaration that he would tackle Mr. MacBride on a platform in Brantford.

Just how the war of words was brought to such a happy termination was not stated at the conclusion of the conference, but the fact that peace had been declared was given to the press in a written statement signed by both men. In conversation the troubled public debate is off, and Hon. Mr. Rollo remains leader of the Labor party, with Mr. MacBride lieutenant. The conference was held in private.

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The regular meeting of the I.L.P. Branch of the I.L.P. it was to inaugurate a membership drive immediately. The executive was actively engaged in preparing the necessary blanks, etc., and it is expected that one or two public meetings will be held when outside speakers will deliver an address.

It is needless for us to give reasons why you should become a member of the Workers' Party. The I.L.P. is here to stay and it is up to the workers, mental and manual, men and women, to come into the organization in sufficient numbers to make the I.L.P. a power in the land.

The membership fee is one dollar per year.

The Independent Labor Party has no member subsidies from the "interests" and is dependent on its financial support from the workers and it is therefore essential that each and every worker, whether he is employed in shop, office, factory, or in any other way to immediately ally himself around a party that is democratic in its aims and objectives.

Application blanks may be secured from the secretary, Leo McCaffrey, 275 Albert St., Ottawa.

TWO NEW LOCALS OF INSIDE WOODWORKERS ORGANIZED DURING MONTH.

The reports this month show that trade is very good in nearly all parts of the province, and the prospects for the coming season were never better. The monthly Trade Report of the Ontario Provincial Council of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Two new Inside Woodworkers' Locals are listed this month, Kinross and Walkerton, also organization work is being carried on in several other districts which it is hoped in the near future to establish locals. This branch of our trade must be organized in all furniture and woodworking districts in the province before any real benefits or substantial increases in wages can be obtained.

The executive has decided to call a meeting in the early part of February of delegates from all the Woodworkers' Locals represented at this meeting, which will be held in Toronto. A circular letter will be mailed to each secretary in the course of a week, giving full particulars. The executive of the Provincial Council will meet one day ahead of this meeting to take up matters dealing with the council, also final action to be taken to divide the province into sections for the sending of delegates to the general convention. A call of 25¢ per member was made for this purpose on all locals in the province on their membership in good standing in August, 1919. Several locals have not as yet complied with this, so this is a reminder to those who have not done so before the executive takes any action.

After the good results obtained at the provincial election, it was expected that Labor would have a big showing of their own men on all municipal councils, but it looks as if the majority of organized labor did not vote at all. It is to be regretted that they were again carried away by the daily press as Labor had a full slate nominated in several districts, and the results obtained were very poor. It behooves every live organized man to get busy and keep up the agitation all the year, instead of waiting until the election time when the next election is sprung upon us as we shall be in a better position to elect our own representatives.

The members of the Southwestern Local, although organized only a few months, have already started to fight the High Cost of Living by opening a club room where they sell to their members at cost several commodities. This is certainly a good start. In the co-operative store, the results obtained were very good. A chain of co-operative stores could soon be established all over the province.

DRAFT CONVENTIONS ADOPTED BY INT. LABOR OFFICE.

Albert Thomas, the French labor leader, was unanimously elected director-general of the International Labor Office at Tuesday's session of the governing body at Paris. This action ratifies the provisional nomination of Mr. Thomas for the office of the labor conference at Washington in November.

The organization adopted the six draft conventions and six recommendations, and they were referred to the secretaries of the league of nations, who will transmit them to the various governments for ratification.

Exception was taken by representatives of the employers of Sweden and Switzerland to the strict application of the labor law to small trades and businesses.

CO-OPERATION ONLY SOLUTION OF LABOR TROUBLES.

Declaring that sympathetic cooperation between capital and labor was the only solution of labor and business troubles, the International Labor Office, in a report issued last year, and expressing confidence that this would be achieved by the conferences now taking place between the representatives of the employers and the employees in conjunction with members of the Legislature, with a view to arriving at an understanding on labor law for the consideration of the House, Premier T. C. Norris took part in the debate on the address at the session of the Legislature Assembly of Manitoba on Tuesday afternoon.

The formal statement was handed out when the meeting adjourned by Joseph T. Marks, secretary of the Independent Labor Party. It bore the signatures of Messrs. Rollo and MacBride and was as follows:

"We have had a frank, honest discussion of all points at issue and do not believe that the difficulties have been more in the nature of misunderstandings than differences of policy. We have agreed to work jointly for the best interests of the Independent Labor Party. The understanding was that the Labor group should be seated in the House as a unit.

(Signed) H. ROLLO,
"MAYOR MACBRIDE"

The conference had been called by Mayor MacBride, Hon. Mr. Rollo was not invited to attend, but he accompanied along with Hon. Harry Miller, Minister of Mines, the Port William Labor representative in the Legislature.

The other Labor members of the Legislature who attended were: F. O. Thomas, South Waterloo; G. G. Halloway, East Hamilton; Dr. H. Stevenson, London; T. Toomey, St. Peterburg; F. H. Greenlaw, St. Catharines; J. R. Cunningham, Sault Ste. Marie; Messrs. Swaine, Crockett and Heenan were unable to be present. Joseph T. Marks, secretary of the Independent Labor Party, was also present.

FIREMEN MAY ORGANIZE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

President Tom Moore and the executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has granted permission to the Firemen's International Association of Ontario to organize a Provincial Council of Firemen. This has been found necessary for many reasons, chief among them, the uniformity of demands from the Ontario Legislature. Communications are being sent to all the various firemen's associations in Ontario with a view to calling an early convention of the Firemen when the various problems will be discussed and the permanent organization established.

LABOR LOBBYIST FOR ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

A labor lobbyist will be a feature of the coming session of the Ontario Legislature. The Ontario executive officers of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada at a meeting recently decided to station a salaried representative at the Legislature to take care of the interests of the trades union movement there during the session. In addition to watching matters at the Legislature the salaried official will be expected to devote some of his time to general organization work for the trades unions.

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Professional Men on Newspapers Organizing into Labor Unions

Vice-President of Montreal News-
writers' Union Tells of Great
Strides Made in That City Since Their Affiliation With
the I.T.U. and Organized Labor Generally.

From time to time the Canadian Labor Press has pointed out that the professional men and women, in common with the workers in other walks of life, were allying themselves with organized labor. Bank Clerks' Unions are fast coming into being and News-writers' Unions are already in existence at Montreal, London, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and other American cities. The news-writers of Ottawa have had the subject under discussion at the last three meetings of their association and on Saturday last a letter from the Montreal union was read telling of the union's progress in that city.

We publish the letter in its entirety for the benefit of those workers who are under the impression that organized labor is of no assistance to what has been termed in the past the "Aristocracy of Labor."

Dear Sirs:—The union has been established eight months. It started with 71 members and has now over 100. It is exceeded in strength only by the Boston and San Francisco unions of the I.T.U. The Boston Union having 170 members and the San Francisco Union having 125 members. We are doing very well, and we are steadily increasing. We do not pretend that all the publishers and owners love us, but we do assert that most of them will think carefully before trying to injure us collectively or individually.

The alliance with the I.T.U. and with Organized Labor generally has been a great help to us. Without it we would have been wiped out long ago. With it, we have been able to accomplish more for the men

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—Plain Dealer.

U.S. MINERS REJECT MCKINNON LAW ADDITION

Against Leaders at Stormy Meeting

Repudiating the actions of their leaders and expressing disaffection with the award of the McKinnon Arbitration Board, appointed to settle the wage dispute between the Dominion Coal Company and their employees, the members of Caledonia Local U.M.W. District Number 28, on Tuesday followed the lead of Phalen Local, referring back to the U.M.W. executive the finding of that board.

As a result of the industrial situation, in so far as the coal industry is concerned, in Cape Breton, and particularly in the collieries of the Dominion Coal Company, has assumed a serious aspect. The rank and file of the U.M.W. are up in arms over this award and are the most part repudiating the award. The men who have been at times refused to accept the finding and have openly rebelled against their leaders, who heretofore have been in the vanguard of the men with a freedom that has indicated unshaken confidence in such leadership. The first law against the actions of the leaders of the U.M.W. President Baxter and Secretary-Treasurer MacLachlan, came on Sunday when the Phalen Local three out, on Tuesday, the men who had been at times refused to accept the finding and have openly rebelled against their leaders, who heretofore have been in the vanguard of the men with a freedom that has indicated unshaken confidence in such leadership. 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INCREASED PRODUCTION PROVEN ALL unmindful of the fact that by international sanction the shorter work day is conceded, sections of the business interests proclaim that operation of the same is impractical, spelling suicide, facts are continually being adduced showing that under the change from extended hours to the eight-hour term more production has been secured at a reduced cost to the manufacturer.

It is proposed to cite the papermaking industry in this case, and to allow an authority to tell the story. Mr. R. J. Dickson, until recently industrial superintendent for the Spanish River Paper Co., a position he occupied for three years, is to be the authority, and responsible for the facts here presented.

He states that when he assumed the position of superintendent the employees were working on the two-four system—an eleven and thirteen-hour stretch. The output at that time was in the neighborhood of four hundred tons of newsprint per day. With the adoption of the eight-hour plan, and the addition of but one machine, co-operative effort assumed the work, and six hundred tons are now being produced daily.

The adoption of the shorter hours, of course, necessitated an addition of ten per cent. to the staff of employees, but the increased output more than counterbalanced the increased payroll, as well as giving the company higher financial returns on the investments. From being a corporation with lifeless stock, it is now considered one of the Dominion's choicest investments.

These changes came with the adoption of the eight-hour day, as well as close co-operation with the different international labor organizations, a closed shop agreement being in effect. A union staff of workers, with the three eight-hour tours per day became co-partners in general interest. The shorter work day produced more paper, accidents reduced, and an important factor, changes in staff brought to a minimum.

What has been accomplished in the paper industry, in the case under review, is not an isolated example, and similar results are becoming common to publicity. Formerly, this company was hostile to both the eight-hour tour and organized labor. It has had to acknowledge in a three-year period the truth of the repeated assertion that shorter hours to the worker mean increased production, so essential to prosperity of both labor and capital.

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OTTAWA.

OTTAWA BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL Annual Report For Year 1919 The Building Trades Council was re-organized on February 22nd. The following locals of International standing being represented—Bricklayers, Carpenters, Plumbers, Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers No. 209. Plumbers and Steam Fitters, No. 71. Plasterers and Cement Finishers, No. 124. Stone Cutters, S. M. Workers, No. 47. S. O. Engineers, No. 473. Following officers were elected:

President, J. Cameron; financial secretary, H. H. Brown; trustees, R. J. Desjardins, E. T. Smith, A. Bellman; cor. sec. J. O. Jackson; treasurer, R. A. Nash; sergeant at arms, J. Henderson. During year following locals have joined the Council—United Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners, No. 2147. Structural Iron Workers, No. 286. Composition Roofers, No. 44. Wood and Metal Lathers. Asbestos Workers, Millmen in Sash & Door Factory, making total of 19 locals affiliated. Nineteen regular meetings, 11 special and nine executive meetings have been held. Your representatives have freely given their time and services to the Council. Together some 22 delegations have been appointed to interview different firms. Since May 9, a number of firms, through action of the Council, have recognized the Council by signing the Agreement.

Since the settlement with the Ottawa Branch of the Association of Canadian Building & Construction Industries, the relations have been satisfactory. The position of the Council is stronger and better understood today than some months ago. Your representatives have striven to advance the best interests of their respective locals, and the good of the Council. We are enclosing the Financial Statement for the year. Also attached a brief account of the Commission of the Joint Industrial Council with the names of your representatives. Other members from the Executive have been named with short notice to replace those who could not attend. Your representatives of the Industrial Council appreciate their services.

We have not attained all the objectives we set out to reach, but taking a full view of the year's work, we consider it to be most successful. Organized Building Trades Council. (Signed) J. CAMERON, President. J. O. JACKSON, Secretary.

OTTAWA SOUTH HEARS REVIEW OF LABOR SITUATION.

A general review of the labor situation both here and abroad was outlined by Mr. J. A. F. Haydon, M.C., to members of Ottawa South Community Club, at their meeting on Thursday last. Mr. T. H. Brown, vice-president of the club, occupied the chair. The eight-hour day and the part that labor occupied at the peace table were pointed out by the speaker. The opinion that Canadian industries would be adversely affected by the adoption of the eight-hour day was expressed by Mr. Brown. He pointed out that the Government did not hesitate to use the tariff to protect industry in the past and would not hesitate now. Mr. Brown said that labor was bringing strong pressure to bear on the Government to pass advanced social and labor legislation.

LEATHER WORKERS ADVANCE.

When the Leather Workers of Ottawa applied for a charter to the American Federation of Labor some few months ago they had a membership of about twenty. Since the arrival of the charter the organization has grown in numbers until today it comprises almost all of the leather workers of the city. A meeting of the union was held on Wednesday last when an agreement was drawn up which will be presented to the employers in due course. The number of the leather workers are on hand. Short addresses were delivered by F. Lafortune, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Association, and J. A. F. Haydon, M.C., the leather workers' representative on the Trades Council.

FIRE FIGHTERS SEEK INCREASES.

Last week the negotiating committee of the local fire fighters waited on the Chief and made a formal request for increased salaries. Their claim was backed up by substantial and reliable statistics supplied from the various cities of Ontario as to the rate paid the firemen in the different localities. As a comparison it might be interesting to note that the local firemen are the poorest paid in Ontario. Just what the city council will do with the matter is problematical, but it is hoped that the \$400 per year increase sought will be granted without dispute in view of the information which is available and the ever climbing cost of living.

I. L. P. MEETING.

The general executive of the Independent Labor Party of the Province of Ontario will be asked to meet at a convention of the party in the very near future to decide on the parliamentary policy of the party.

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HAMILTON.

PAINTERS' UNION. Last Monday in the Labor hall Local No. 219 Painters, Decorators, and Paperhangers' Union met. When President J. Ball called the meeting to order, there was a very large attendance. It was reported that the past year had been successful, twenty-two having returned to the fold. On April 1st the present minimum wage of 52 cents and the maximum 65 cents. The eight-hour day is operated. Past President Frank Dwyer, who attended the international convention in La Fayette, Ind., returned home last week.

TAKING A REFERENDUM.

The District Carpenters' Council has decided to take a referendum of the affiliated branch memberships, regarding a new wage agreement and working hours for next spring.

PLUMBERS' NEW OFFICERS.

At last Wednesday's annual meeting of local No. 47 Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Helpers' Union the following officers were elected: President, A. J. Packard; Vice-President, H. Fisher; Financial Secretary and Business Agent, Alex. Bonner; Recording Secretary, George A. Smith; Treasurer, A. L. Smith; Inside Guard, H. Harrison; Executive Board, R. Melton, A. F. Hurd, H. F. Hurd, G. H. Lamb, D. Allan and G. Smith. Finance committee, G. Smith, Cont. O'Heir, and George G. Halcorow. L. A. Building Trades Council, delegates, Franklin R. Lamb, G. Green; Trades Council delegates, Cont. O'Heir, Harrison, R. Hayes and H. Newall.

THE I. L. P.

Ex-Controller H. J. Halford was re-elected treasurer by acclamation of the Central Branch Independent Labor Party at Friday's meeting which ended at a quarter to one o'clock. A. F. Hurd, H. Longfellow, and A. E. A. Fearnside were elected auditors. Following the reading of a communication from the Women's Labor Party, the members appointed—President, Fester, Controller O'Heir and J. Roberts a committee to co-operate with the W.L.P. regarding their campaign to have the present system of physical training of pupils in the schools abolished.

NEW CIVIC INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL.

The new Ottawa civic industrial Council, under the chairmanship of A. L. Lowe, held its first meeting in the Board of Control room at City Hall this week. The committee decided to invite the co-operation of the Ottawa Board of Trade and the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association to appoint a committee of three to meet with the civic committee.

P. R. FOR CIVIC ELECTIONS.

Controller John Cameron, Labor's representative on the Ottawa Board of Control, has taken the initial steps towards adopting the proportional representation system in the election of municipal officers. He urged the board of control on Tuesday to move that the council of the corporation of Ottawa petition the Ontario government to pass, at the next session of the legislature, a multiple optional proportional representation act to allow municipalities, on a vote of the municipal council, to hold municipal elections on the proportional representation system.

OTTAWA JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL PROVES SUCCESS.

The Ottawa Joint Industrial Council originated from the Conference that were held about May last between the representatives of the Ottawa Building Trades Council and those of the Contractors' Association. The Council is composed of ten members, five from each side with an independent chairman. Mr. H. Henderson, Vice-President of the Contractors' Association, filled that position on the occasion, afterwards resigning owing to entering into public life.

A NEW LOCAL.

Last Saturday night another local union was added to Hamilton's long list of craft organizations, when the Hamilton Steam Fitters' Helpers' Local was formed, under the direction of Business Agent Alex. Bonner, Plumbers' Union, and H. G. Fester, corresponding secretary Trades and Labor Council. The big turnout of helpers decided to apply to the A.P. of L. for a charter and operate under the jurisdiction of the Plumbers' International Union.

MINTO MINERS STILL OUT.

Secretary James B. McLaughlin, of the U.M.W. District No. 26, stated during the past week that the miners employed at Minto, N.B., were being taken to other collieries in small groups. A large number had already been transported from Minto, but the prospect of an early settlement is likely that before many weeks all the experienced miners will have left Minto.

ST. JOHN SUGAR WORKERS SEEK INCREASE.

At the largest meeting in the history of the organization, the members of the St. John Sugar Workers' Union, on Sunday, unanimously agreed to demand an increase in the wage scale, and a committee was appointed to take up the matter with the management of the Atlantic Sugar Refining Co. The present rate of the cents an hour, with an eight-hour day, was agreed upon following the strike last autumn, but though the men were allowed to go back to work, they think that it does not give them a proper chance with the living cost so high as it is now. Union officials do not think they will be able to get a walk-out as they believe their request, which is for a slight advance will be granted by the committee.

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BLACKSMITHS.

In the Foresters' Chambers last Thursday night, Local No. 354 International Blacksmiths and Helpers' Union held another successful organization meeting, social and such drive. Vice-president W. G. Powlesland was present.

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Politics and People Through the Telescope of Labor. By Special Correspondent. There has been another Cabinet shuffle. Hon. Hugh Guthrie has been made Minister of Militia, succeeding General Meighen. It cannot be called an impressive change or one that will particularly strengthen the Government. The chief reason for it can be described as expediency. Mr. Guthrie has been Solicitor-General and Minister without portfolio. As Minister without portfolio he does not need to seek re-election in assuming the post of Minister of Militia. He does not have to go to his constituents, and, if there is one thing...

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TORONTO.

TORONTO CIVIC EMPLOYEES ASK INCREASE. The City Hall Employees' Association, of Toronto, which represents the inside civic services, which has signed up 500 members in a few weeks, has prepared a resolution for presentation to the heads of departments, asking for an increase in the year's salary increases to the Toronto Board of Control. The gist of the association's request is as follows:—1. That the high cost of living allowance of \$3.00 per week granted last year and expiring in August of 1920, become a permanent addition to each employee's salary. 2. That still further augmentation of \$4 per week for each civic employee. 3. That still further increase be granted to those whose special merit is thought deserving of special recognition by heads of departments. 4. That where an employee is promoted he should get the salary of his predecessor in the new position. 5. That the present minimum salary of \$21 per week plus \$3 per week bonus (\$24 in all) to \$28 per week or \$5 per day. The employees say that this present cost of living.

WESTERN CANADA.

MOOSE JAW FIREMEN WANT DOUBLE PLATON. Further demands were made at the Moose Jaw City Council recently by the members of the fire brigade. The city firemen's union, No. 111, wrote asking for a consideration of three requests. The first was for the abolition of the present staffing...

LABOR'S FUNCTION.

The Big Thing Now is To Increase Production

Production of commodities is needed everywhere.

The world is hungry for food and in need of almost all useful things.

There is a shortage of things.

This is undeniable.

Canada has a duty to the world---a duty to produce.

There are some working people who don't believe this.

There are some employers who don't believe it.

Let them think a moment. Do they remember the great war and its great and terrible destruction? Do they forget that the war ran a bill of damages against the world ---and that this bill must be paid in commodities?

Production! Commodities! Things. The mills have got to run to make things.

When children don't get enough to eat doctors come around and shake their heads and say "Anaemia". That means starvation.

If the world doesn't get enough of commodities we will have an anaemic world---and a crazy world. Much crazier than it is now.

We must produce more and the only way to do it, is by the sincere co-operation of both employer and employe.

The employe who receives good treatment from his employer and does not do his best to increase production is not doing his share to cut the high cost of living.

The employer who refuses to deal fairly with labor is not doing his share to increase production and thereby lower the cost of living.

Remember this, Mr. Employer and Mr. Employe, you must work together and not against each other if you want to increase production.