

WORKERS TO GET CHEAPER FOOD FROM EMPLOYER

J. R. Booth Co. to Allow Employees to Purchase Staple Foods at Wholesale Prices.

OTTAWA.—The two thousand odd employees of the J. R. Booth Company Limited, who are engaged in the Ottawa mills and yards, will shortly have the opportunity of purchasing certain lines of staple foods, at absolute wholesale prices, if certain suggestions which have been made to the head office of the company are carried into effect.

The idea is that J. R. Booth will feed his own employees at wholesale rates, so long as what is considered a wide discrepancy exists between the wholesale and retail prices of staple foods.

Among the staples which would likely be sold by the company employees would be bacon, flour, prunes, dried apples, salt pork, salt beef, herring, potatoes, rice, peas, beans, wheat, raisins, corn, coffee, lard, jam, butter, molasses, onions, eggs, etc.

ONLY TRADE AGENCY TO BE ESTABLISHED

No Soviet Embassy Likely to Be Opened in Canada.

LONDON, Eng.—According to officials of the Canadian High Commissioner's office here, says a special cable to the Montreal Gazette, the statement alleged to have been made to an American journalist by Leonid Krasin, head of the Russian trade delegation to London, that one of the objects of his forthcoming mission to Canada would be the establishment of a Soviet embassy in the Dominion, is quite in conflict with the representations made by him to the Canadian High Commissioner when his visit was projected. It was then stated by Krasin that his mission was a purely commercial one, involving nothing more than the establishment of a trade agency. It is pointed out by the Canadian representative here that if any more important steps of a diplomatic character were planned by Krasin, further negotiations would have to precede his admission to Canada. There have been no such negotiations, and it is therefore considered that Krasin's alleged statement is a misunderstanding on the part of the interviewer.

TORONTO TO HOUSE FOUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS THIS SUMMER.

WASHINGTON.—Toronto will be the convention city for four international trade unions this year, which means revenue to the hotels and stores of the city of at least \$750,000.

SASKATOON LABOR TO HAVE CANDIDATE IN PROVINCIAL FIGHT.

SASKATOON.—It was definitely decided at the last regular meeting that the Saskatoon Trades and Labor Council should take steps to enter a labor candidate in the next provincial election. The secretary was instructed to prepare a circular letter to the various locals asking them to nominate a candidate whose name was to be submitted to the council, who would finally decide who the candidate was to be.

Railway Board Adjustment 1 To Continue

The Canadian Board of Adjustment, which was established in August, 1918, has decided to continue its work. The adjustment of wages which has arisen between the Railway Association and the Railway labor organization is a party to the board, will continue to function.

UNITED STATES MAY YET JOIN THE LEAGUE

Hon. N. W. Rowell Pins Faith in International Tribunal.

HALIFAX.—Hon. N. W. Rowell addressed the Canadian Club at Halifax, recently, on "Canada's place in the League of Nations."

Mr. Rowell gave it as his personal opinion that the United States would yet join the league, but said international good-will would be fostered if the decision were allowed to remain, without possible antagonizing criticism, in the hands of the American people and their Government.

OTTAWA FIRE FIGHTERS MAINTAIN PRESENT WAGE STANDARD.

The Board of Conciliation which met recently to adjudicate the dispute which has arisen between the city and the members of the fire department, has handed in its report to the Department of Labor.

NOT A GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL FOR REVOLUTION IN CANADA

Sir John Willison Takes Issue With the "Reds" and Declares They are Dividing Organized Labor.

"One wonders what the 'Reds' hope to accomplish in Canada by their revolutionary writing," says Sir John Willison in the Canadian Magazine, in commenting on the activities of the "Reds" in Canada. They are dividing organized labor. They are diverting sympathy from the unemployed who so sorely need consideration and support in the difficult period through which we are passing. They are alienating the sober and responsible elements of the country from causes which have the approval of the public.

WAGES OF U.S. MINERS FIXED UNTIL MARCH

There Can Be No Modification or Abrogation of Agreement, Declares President Lewis.

INDIANAPOLIS.—In order that there may be a full and complete understanding of the position of the United Mine Workers of America on the subject of reductions in wages and hours of rest, the following reports in regard to that subject, International President John L. Lewis has issued the following statement:

The holding of the National Conference at this time is an example of the seriousness of the situation. Having faith in their cause, the Labor group entered the conference at a time when a continued campaign was being waged against the trade union movement, of which they form a part. This campaign seeks to establish non-union shops and efforts are everywhere being made to reduce the wage standards of the great producing masses. In face of all this the representatives of the workers entered the National Industrial Conference and presented a good case—a much better one than that of the employers. The workers' representatives showed their willingness to discuss all phases of the building industry. Plain speaking was one of their chief essentials. The employer group engaged in equally as frank. The leader of the Labor group in his opening remarks invited the employers to hit as hard as they could for it was the intention of the workers to lay its cards on the table. The result of Mr. Moore's declaration was that in meeting the various subjects of the building industry, both sides seemed agreed. The employer group, however, who represented labor and capital, expressed views that in no way coincided with the views of the workers. The representatives entered conferring and on all questions, excepting "costs and production," there was a unanimous agreement. The first report of the committee on "costs and production" was referred back to the committee, and on the last day of the conference all parties agreed on it.

SAFETY COMMISSIONS ISSUES VERY GRAVE WARNING TO EMPLOYERS.

CINCINNATI.—The greedy hoards of employers in the United States had better watch out," President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor declared in an address at Cincinnati this week.

ALL BRITISH GOVT CONTRACTORS TO EMPLOY PROPORTION EX-SERVICES MEN.

LONDON, Eng.—The Minister of Labor announces that hereafter British government contracts will be let only to firms which employ a proportion of at least five per cent. of disabled soldiers.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TAKES THE LEAD

OTTAWA.—At a recent session of the Provincial Legislature of British Columbia a number of laws were passed giving effect to the suggestions and recommendations of the First International Labor Conference (League of Nations), says the Labor Gazette.

THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE Labor and Capital as Represented in the Building and Construction Industry Demonstrate That Joint Conference is Possible.

By J. A. P. Hayden. The National Industrial Conference of the Building and Construction Industry met in Ottawa last week. The agenda was a very lengthy one and in reaching their decisions the various committees had little time at their disposal. Imagine, if you can, a committee arriving at a decision on "existing conditions in the industry" at a four days' conference. This "most super-human task" was accomplished by the conference. It is true that many of the committees set into the small hours of the morning, but employers and employees, being accustomed to hard work—especially in the spring—undertook the task cheerfully. Their decisions should have a beneficial effect in the building and construction industry of Canada.

Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and leader of the Labor group at the conference, stated, on the opening day, that the conference was truly representative of Canada as representatives of employers and workers were in attendance from all parts of the Dominion.

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COLLAPSE OF TRIPLE ALLIANCE ASSISTED IN RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN PARLIAMENT

Mr. Frank Hodges, General Secretary of the British Miners' Federation, Places the Case of the Miners Very Forcibly Before Parliamentary Committee.

LONDON, Eng.—It is generally agreed that the collapse of the great strike which was threatened by the British Triple Alliance has indirectly proved of inestimable service in restoring the strength of the House of Commons. At the eleventh hour, when the Government had fallen in negotiations, a large body of private members of the House of Commons were able, by their influence to persuade Mr. Frank Hodges, the miners' secretary, to come to business. So long as the miners held out for a national pool of mining resources, nothing could be done; but when Mr. Hodges agreed to another conference on the wages, there was immediate relief of the tension. There is no doubt that this brilliant young miners' leader acted beyond his powers when he gave an undertaking to the miners that they should vary the discussion. But he was right all the same, as such a situation had been reached that the Triple Alliance would certainly have been worse if the fight had been maintained on the old lines. The conference was held on the 11th and 12th inst. in the building industry.

STEEL WORKERS WERE NOT SOLD OUT BY UNION

President M. F. Tighe, of Steel Workers, Takes Issue With Statement of W. Z. Foster.

HAMILTON.—Some echoes of the big steel strike of 1913 were heard at the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of America at Hamilton last week, when M. F. Tighe, who was secretary of the organization committee which called off the strike, and who later wrote a book dealing with the withdrawal of the Amalgamated from the National Committee of the Iron and Steel Industry. The reply to charges made in this book and comment on it on the committee were given under the heading of "Commercializing the Organizing Campaign and the Late Steel Strike." President Tighe's lengthy address on the subject caused a mild sensation at the session.

President Tighe said that had Mr. Foster in his book confined himself to an attack on the powers that prey on the unfortunate slaves of the 48-hour day, he would not have been disputed, but that no content with traducing the organization officials he had tried to make a broader appeal to the public, saying that the Amalgamated Association had sold out to Gary, head of the Steel Trust. President Tighe declared that it was marked emphasis that this statement was correct.

WILLIAM ALLAN TO REPRESENT EMPLOYERS ON FAIR WAGE BOARD.

WINNIPEG.—William Allan has been appointed to the Fair Wage Board to fill the vacancy in the representation of employers. H. G. D. Robertson announced recently.

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A. F. OF L. SUPPORTS CO-OPERATIVE STORES

CINCINNATI.—Organized labor in the United States is planning to meet the high cost of living and profiting by the establishment of co-operative societies. Plans for promoting this movement through trades unions were discussed at length by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, and will be incorporated in the council's report to the annual convention of the federation in Denver.

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POLITICS AND PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

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AS THE BANK OF COMMERCE SEES IT.

VERY gloomy situation is portrayed in the May letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The actual conditions as they exist in Canada are outlined and the Canadian Bank of Commerce gives little hope for the future, although it says "the situation assumes a less gloomy aspect when compared with conditions in almost any other part of the world."

"OUR UNION."

TO speak of a union as "the union," meaning something apart from ourselves, is a misnomer. "Our union" is more to the point. It is as we make it, and it cannot rise higher than its units. But yet we have fashioned it fairly well. Our union, like any other human agency, occasionally makes mistakes, but in comparison it will show advantageously with any institution of the kind, either benevolent, religious or social.

JUSTICE IS THE GOAL.

THE trades union! That takes the individual, oftentimes careless of his obligations to his fellow-man, ignorant of the very causes of the evils under which he labors and works within him a revolution; fans to life the good that lies dormant in his nature; that moral sense which all possess; that makes of him an enthusiast—a man with new views, greater aspirations and nobler desires; a loftier purpose, a grander conception of society and life; that shows things in a different light, and awakens him to the fact that no matter what his occupation, how low his station, he is entitled to an opportunity to earn an honest livelihood, and no other can justly call himself master, notwithstanding wealth, gifts of birth—a generated spirit of independence and self-reliance that is the trade union's pride and honor, and which is the hope and safeguard of all civilization.

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BY J. A. P. HAYDON. Work on the Welland Ship Canal will no longer be carried on under the cost plus plan. This information was given to the House of Commons on Wednesday by the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals, when the House was considering supply for the department over which Dr. Reid has charge.

The work on the Welland Canal was started some years ago, but was abandoned during the war period. It was re-opened in 1918, and the Minister stated, "chiefly to give work to the unemployed. The Government could have profitably left the work over until prices had declined. \$5,000,000 had been expended on the work during the past year and some weeks ago the Government decided that the system of cost plus should cease and that tenders be asked for the work."

The completion of the canal, said the minister, would reduce freight rates on grain and on goods going back to the west. Dr. Reid said he remembered when the freight on grain from Port Arthur to Montreal was 20 cents per bushel. Before the war it had been brought down to five or six cents. The rates had risen very high during the war, but had now started to come down. The latest rate was two to three cents from Port Arthur to Port Colborne, and six to eight cents from Port Colborne to Montreal. When

Trades and Labor Councils

OTTAWA.—The last meeting of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association was one of the most harmonious in many months. The executive's report, a very lengthy and constructive one, was accepted without challenge. It contained reference to the recent wage slashing by the employers of inside woodworkers; the attitude of the Ottawa Board of Trade in reference to civic laborers' wages and fair wage clauses in civic contracts; and other matters.

The report of the executive on the conditions in the woodworking industry which was unanimously adopted, was as follows: "No bankrupt or bargain sale, to our knowledge, had anything on the employers of inside woodworkers, in price slashing, when the 'take it or leave it' policy of a 20 to 30 per cent reduction in wages was announced. We are informed that the rates were formerly from 40 to 60 cents per hour, and these have been changed to from 30 cents to 45 cents with the hours of work as varied as the rates of pay."

"Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives," is a broad application, but applying this locally, the employers responsible for the 30 cents per hour reduction, apparently either to give it a moment's thought, or to realize such a scale is companion to a bread-line misery. "Your executive unanimously recommends that industries placing labor values at such a low plane are a detriment to the city's welfare, and as such should at all times be encouraged from locating in the city or town which has citizens' welfare as their motto."

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Better police protection for labor representatives at meetings held in connection with the coming referendum, will be asked of the Administrative Commission by the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, which at its regular meeting, instructed the secretary to write to the commission to that effect. The suggestion was taken following criticism of the attitude of the police at a recent meeting in Maisonneuve, at which labor representatives attempted to explain Schedule A. Complaint was made to the police that the police protection was not as good as it might have been, and several members intimated that the police were in the way of the meeting. One member went so far as to say that a constable who was not on duty had started the trouble at Maisonneuve, and that paid those had driven up to the hall in automobiles in an attempt to break up the meeting. Replying to the charges against the police, Captain Danneau, delegate of the Police Union, said that sheep in the police department, this was no reason to condemn the entire force. He knew there was difference of opinion between some of

the Welland Canal was completed through the rate from Port Arthur to Montreal. The rate was "very little more than the rate to Port Colborne." Earlier in the session there was a lengthy discussion on the question of patronage following the introduction of a resolution on the question by Sir Sam Hughes. However, the resolution was not passed and the matter was not discussed further until this week, when the Government introduced amendments to the Civil Service Act of 1918. The intention of the amendments was to make certain appointments possible by the ministers of the various departments. For instance, the Minister of Labor is unable, at present, to appoint industrial relations officers, nor can he appoint fair wages officers. These appointments must be made through the Civil Service Commission. The Government attempted to make the necessary changes in the Civil Service Act, but it was not possible to do so and it is possible that the amendments will be withdrawn for the time being.

Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration, has introduced a bill amending the Immigration Act. The main feature of it provides for the repeal of the emergency provisions enacted in 1919 for the deportation, without trial, of persons guilty of seditious utterances. Labor protested very strenuously at the time these amendments were enacted in 1919 and has made strong representations to the Senate and the House of Commons so that the amendments be repealed. Last session the Minister of Labor introduced amendments to the Immigration Act, but was unsuccessful in having the emergency provisions repealed. When the legislative programme of the Government was presented to the House of Commons in January of this year it requested that a bill to repeal these amendments be introduced. The House of Commons so that the people's representative would have an opportunity of expressing themselves thereon. The bill was introduced, but the Minister of Immigration has introduced the bill. The amendments were not passed.

Mr. Robert Baxter, president of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, appeared before the Parliamentary Fuel Committee and stated that sanitary conditions in the Nova Scotia mining towns of Sydney, Mines and Glace Bay were "shocking"; that infant mortality was exceedingly high, and that the general standard of living was too low. Increases in pay did not get into the banks because it was needed for clothes for the children and food. It would not be fair to the miners to ask them to accept a reduction in wages in order to enable companies to meet competitive prices. Mr. Baxter urged the committee to recommend larger purchases by the Government from the Nova Scotia mines. The employees of the Dominion Coal Company, said Mr. Baxter, "were working only one or two days a week. Some of the mines were completely closed in others they had worked 10 days in two months. In Sydney Mines three of the four collieries provided work three and four days a week. Suffering

JOINT COUNCILS SECURE BENEFITS, CREATE HARMONY

the police and the labor movement, but this would not cause the former to forget their duty. Regarding the adequacy of the police protection, he said that many police were sent as were asked for, so that the department could not be blamed in this respect. An appeal to the council to aid the Montreal Labor College was laid on the table for reference to the executive board after A. DeTracy had spoken in behalf of the college, saying that education was the only way in the hands of the capitalists, and that it was time for labor men to think for themselves. Labor colleges, he said, had been started in various parts of the world. In Montreal, quarters had been secured in St. Joseph's Hall, where classes in economics, labor history and public speaking were held. An extension of premises was required to cope with the large number of students, and for this object funds were needed.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Invitations to President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and President Tom Moore, of the Canadian Trades Congress, to speak at this year's Labor Day celebration here were accepted by the Labor Day Committee. It was decided at a meeting of that body at the Labor Temple last night. Another feature of the meeting was a recommendation that the National Industrial Conference be held in Toronto in connection with the celebration in front of the Grand Stand at the Exhibition Grounds in accordance with the practice initiated last year.

HULL.

HULL.—Dr. J. E. Fontaine, M.P., Hull, attended the meeting of the Hull Trades and Labor Council this week and told the delegates that he was heartily in accord with them in their fight for better wages. He declared that his moral support and his finances, which he had secured from the workmen, would be gratefully extended to the men in their fight against unjust reductions in wages. Dr. Fontaine, it will be remembered, was one of the speakers in the debate that was launched against Hon. Senator Robertson, who had refused to entertain the claims of the National Catholic Union for recognition. The delegates passed a motion to petition Hull City Council to permit the Hull restaurant to remain open until after one o'clock in the morning. Mr. Maurice La Belle, International Vice-President of the Paper Makers, Pulp and Sulphite Workers, prophesied that the wage question would be amicably settled in a short time. He was of the opinion that present conditions would be resumed for another twelve months.

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Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, Chairman of the British Trade Union Congress, Expects That Labor Will Soon Govern the United Kingdom.

LONDON, Eng.—The nationalization of public utilities is to be the chief plank in the British Labor Party's platform when it appears in the country at the next general election, which is expected to materialize before the end of this year. A private bill for the nationalization of the railways was introduced by J. H. Thomas, M.P., recently, which provides for a scheme of nationalization as adopted by the railwaymen's unions and approved by the British Labor Party.

In this bill Mr. Thomas provides for all railway property in the United Kingdom to be vested in the state six months after the bill becomes law. The general direction of the railways will then devolve on seven commissioners under the Ministry of Transport, consisting of a chairman, two commissioners appointed by the Ministry, one by the Government under nomination by the three railwaymen's unions. Machinery will be set up for adjusting salaries, wages and service conditions, and it is proposed that a new Government railway stock should be issued in cancellation of the existing railway stocks and shares certificates, the purchase price being calculated on the basis of the pre-war market price, less 30 per cent. for depreciation.

Energies Will Be Redoubled.
In a recent interview with Mr. Thomas, your representative was informed that the Labor Party proposes that not only railways, but land, mines, canals, shipping, electric light and power plants, and gas works shall all be nationalized. In the opinion of Mr. Thomas, while labor under the present capitalist system to a considerable extent is reluctant to give its best service for the enrichment of the few, it will redouble its energies under nationalization and give its best service for the country as a whole.

When the nation gets its own coal and manages its own transportation systems, prices will fluctuate and supplies will be less likely to be held up through the banks financing stocks at high prices, so that the public will no longer be at the mercy of profiteers. The British Labor Party proposes, when it assumes the reins of government, that all profits shall be limited by the government purchasing the raw material it will be rationed to the trades concerned, so that no speculation, however strong, will be able to manipulate prices at the expense of the general public.

History Repeats Itself.
These changes, Mr. Thomas said, will not be brought about by "direct action" or by a revolution in the ordinarily accepted definition of that word, but will be the result of constitutional action through the representatives of the Labor Party in the House of Com-

mons. In the judgment of Mr. Thomas, the old Liberal Party has gone, and in the immediate future the line-up will be a strong combination of the Coalition Liberals and the Coalition Unionists under Mr. Lloyd George with a greatly increased number of Labor M. P.'s in opposition.

"History repeats itself," declared Mr. Thomas, "and as the old Liberal Party gradually gained ascendancy through its deft programme of reform and has by degrees passed over to the Right wing, on account of its constant promises to achieve the maximum of reform which they had visualized, so the Labor Party, which is now gaining in strength and has a very definite programme of reform, will gradually, sooner or later, come to the front. This party will be accepted, not only by the middle class which at the present time is between the upper and nether millstones which has suffered severely through the wastage of the recent war,"

Labor Secures Votes.
On being asked how he accounted for the great change in the mental attitude of Labor with regard to the efficacy of "direct action," Mr. Thomas stated that undoubtedly the leaders of the Labor Party had exercised a great moderating influence over their more extreme brethren, and Labor, which has long been a crude arbiter in quarrels between nations, is now coming to see that strikes form just as crude an arbiter as between Capital and Labor, for in both cases the cruder suffer with the guilty. When a great strike takes place, as in the case of the railway strike laborers' strikes, the greatest sufferers are the wives and children of the operators, and the middle class which has nothing to do with the quarrel, suffer equally in a contest which is none of their making.

The success of the Labor Party in securing three seats in succession in the recent by-election, and the very large number of votes secured by the union unanimously decided to continue efforts to reach an agreement with the company on the 4th day basis, with Saturday afternoons off. Prior to the meeting, officials of the union were in consultation with Controller Cameron and a representative of the Labor Department regarding reaching an effective and satisfactory settlement. Mr. Thomas was present at the meeting, and after full discussion the drivers decided to stand firm in their demands.

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That Little Lump of Coal

To those who know no better and the ones who do not care, I take this means of judgment and a miner has to bear. So when your servant from the furnace and the smoke and flames roll, You can stop and think who suffered for that little lump of coal.

When he gets up in the morning and you're in the land of nod, While at the family altar he will kneel and ask his God To care for and protect him from dangers underground, So he can come back in the evening to his family safe and sound.

He eats a hasty breakfast and fills his carbide flask, Picks up his lamp and bucket and he's ready for his task. Says good-bye to wife and baby, stops to kiss them at the door, And doesn't know if he'll see them here in this life any more.

So he's soon below the surface, gets his car up in the place, As he swings his pick and shovel the sweat pours off his face. He's weak and tired and weary when two hours have rolled around, But he's got six more of suffer until he gets above the ground.

He has to set some timbers, then drill a hole or two, And then he'll roll some dynamite, then there's something else to do. To start and blast and blast and blast, loads every car he can, To earn a meagre living and pay the clothing man.

When he lines up at the office with the others in a row, With their meagre wages ready for the little bit of dough, And everything he's buying is away up in the air, Do you think that what he's asking for is anything unfair?

He only asks for wages that enable him to share A part of mortal's pleasure, and that is only fair; A six-hour day and Saturday to say at home and see The sun rise in the morning like God aimed for us to be.

So, brother, when you're knocking on the man that digs the coal, Just stop and think he's human and has a heart and soul, And don't forget the millions of tons he loaded out, When the Kaiser tried to smear on us his larger beer and kraut.

So tell your pals and neighbors and your servants and your wife, That the plaster of your office room cannot crush out your life, And it's just a dirty miner, a sort of human mole, That takes those dangerous chances for that little lump of coal.

A Jasonville, Ind., Miner.

UNION WARNS DRIVERS TO AVOID DISORDERS

Pickets Deny Responsibility For Dumping Coal Carts.

A large meeting of the striking coal drivers was held last evening at St. Anne's H.A.M. when the union unanimously decided to continue efforts to reach an agreement with the company on the 4th day basis, with Saturday afternoons off. Prior to the meeting, officials of the union were in consultation with Controller Cameron and a representative of the Labor Department regarding reaching an effective and satisfactory settlement. Mr. Thomas was present at the meeting, and after full discussion the drivers decided to stand firm in their demands.

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SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY IS ARRESTED

RIGA, May 11.—Messages received today from Moscow report that Santieri Noguera, who was secretary to Ludwig Martens, former Soviet ambassador to the United States in New York, and toured Canada in an attempt to establish trade relations with the Dominion, is under arrest. On returning to Russia he was placed in charge of the movement of foreigners in Moscow. Noguera's reports state, had been placed in the Tcheka prison.

"What we want is not commerce doing its worst, but the workman doing his best."—Clifton Brock.

Mr. Guedalla says of Disraeli that "it is not easy to respect a steersman who habitually thought of the upper classes like an upper servant."

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T. & L. CONGRESS RECEIVES REPLY OF GOVERNMENT

New Legislation Will Deal With Few of the Proposals Submitted.

The Trades and Labor Congress executive has received a reply from the Government to legislative proposals submitted to the Cabinet on February 19. The only new legislation promised includes amendments to the Immigration Act, provision that accredited officers of trade unions shall not be included in the immigrant class, and amendments to the Copyright Act.

Mr. Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, referring to the Government's reply, said that it had arrived so late that it would have no bearing on the course of the Congress this evening, as in the absence of a reply the Congress had proceeded in its usual manner. Mr. Moore would not discuss the replies in detail, but said that the Government had promised a full investigation by the Labor Department into the problems of old age pensions and unemployment insurance. In this connection, it was intended to invite representatives of representative organizations of employers and employees to confer with the Minister for Labor. This conference will take place at an early date.

Mr. Moore said the Government took the stand that sickness insurance was a provincial matter, as was also the further extension of the Industrial Disputes Act to industries other than those already named in the act. The reply contained a definite promise that in the re-organization of the Canadian National Railways board members would be appointed who would fully represent the workers on that system, and understand their point of view. The Government was not in a position to make a definite pronouncement on the proposal to establish joint councils within the Civil Service. In relation to the questions on the subjects covered by the Washington conference on the international labor body, including the eight-hour day, it was stated that the Government would make a public announcement to Parliament before adjournment, especially as to their policy on those subjects which come within the federal jurisdiction.

The labor programme asked for the eight-hour day, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, state insurance for sickness, amendments to the Immigration Act (including a limitation of Orientals), the creation of a tariff commission on which labor should be represented, collective bargaining, the permission to picket, fair wage regulations, amendments to the Franchise Act, co-operative legislation, amendments to the Shipping Act and registration of union labels.

SEVEN LARGE PAPER MILLS CLOSE PLANTS

New Agreements Not Signed and 9,000 Men Out.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Seven large paper mills in the United States and Canada, employing approximately 9,000 men, shut down today because of failure of workers and owners to sign new agreements to replace those which expired last night.

According to reports received here by the Labor Bureau, Inc., the mills which closed today were: Union Bag and Paper Company, Hudson Falls, N.Y.; Schoenegg, Wisconsin and Kauna, Wis.; St. Maurice Paper Company, Limited, Three Rivers, Que.; Anglo-Neves Foundry and Paper Company, Grand Falls, N.B.; Abitibi, Limited, Iroquois Falls, Ont.; Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Espanola, Ontario, and Sturgeon Falls, Ont.; St. Regis Paper Company, Deferiet, N. Y.; Hanna Paper Company, Norwood, Norfolk and Raymondville, N.Y.

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We are glad to note that the Reichstag has by a vote rejected the word Empire and adhered to the proposal to call its forces the "Freies Heer der Republik." There is sometimes something in a name.

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HOSTILE RECEPTION FOR MR. J. H. THOMAS

New York Irish-Americans Stage
Big Demonstration.

NEW YORK, May 11.—J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen of Great Britain, encountered a hostile demonstration on his arrival here on the Olympic. Men and women styled themselves as representatives of the American League assembled at the pier bearing banners criticizing Thomas for his ac-



J. H. THOMAS.

tion in the settlement of the threatened strike of the Triple Alliance in England last month, when he urged the miners to accept a resumption of negotiations with Mr. Lord George. The withdrawal of the railwaymen was the first break.

One banner read: "Judas hanged himself after his betrayal—will Thomas do the same?" Another asserted that British workmen had driven Thomas out of England. Police reserves were called out as a precaution, but they were not needed. Mr. Thomas and his daughter left the pier unobserved in a closed taxicab through a freight exit.

"They are entitled to their opinion," was Thomas only comment. He said that he came to the United States to rest, adding that the date of his return was uncertain. He indicated that he might go to Denver to attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

BRITISH TRANSPORT RECRUITING ON AGAIN

LONDON, May 11.—Determination of the authorities to move coal brought into the country by sea, despite the threat of the transport workers to frustrate the Government's plans through refusal to handle such coal, was indicated today by the re-opening of the recruiting offices for volunteer transport workers. These offices were first established when there was threat of a general strike in the earlier stages of the coal strip. A long queue of applicants formed outside the re-opened offices this afternoon.

The London Times understands that the chartering of steamers for the bringing of coal from the United States has subsided in the past two or three days, the slump being due probably to the length of time occupied in crossing and also to the limited facilities for unloading steamers of the tonnage required. The amount on the way, or expected shortly to be on the way from the United States according to the Times, is insufficiently being met in freight and market circles as more than 100,000 tons.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES BILL PROGRESSES ONE STAGE

LONDON, May 11.—After three days of debate in the House of Commons on the safeguarding of industries bill, during which there was severe criticism of the measure, the government tonight through the aid of closure voted down hostile amendments and carried the first resolution providing protection for "key industries" 214 to 112. In the course of the debate on the second resolution providing against "dumping," Lord Robert Cecil remarked that the first resolution was merely silly, but that the second was innocuous.

"It is one of the few consolations of statesmen that editors who distribute immortality themselves rarely attain it,"—Phillip Guddala.

Somebody Else.

By Edgar A. Guest.

SOMEBODY wants a new bonnet to wear;
Somebody wants a new dress;
Somebody needs a new bow for her hair,
And never the wanting grows less.
Oh, this is the reason I labor each day
And this is the joy of my tasks:
That deep in the envelope holding my pay
Is something that somebody asks.
I could go begging for water and bread
And travel the highways of ease,
But somebody wants a roof over his head
And stockings to cover his knees.
I could go shirking the duties of life
And laugh when necessity pleads,
But rather I stand to the toll and the strife
To furnish what somebody needs.

Somebody wants what I've strength to supply,
And somebody's waiting for me
To come home tonight with money to buy
Her bread and her cake and her tea,
And as I am strong so her laughter will ring,
And as I am true she will smile;
It's the somebody ease of the toiler or king
That makes all the struggle worth while.
Somebody needs all the courage I own,
And somebody's trust is in me;
For never a man who can go it alone,
Whatever his station may be.
So I stand to my task and I stand to my care,
And struggle to come to success,
For the ribbons to tie up somebody's hair,
And my somebody's pretty new dress.

FROM MANY SOURCES.

"If the nation will not study for peace as they have done for war, the inevitable result will be bankruptcy."—Henry Bell.

"Education has as its mission to teach us to live, and it is a life-long process."—R. E. Protheroe.

"Say not the language we speak is different. Acts, tears and martyrdom are a language common to all men, and which all understand."—Mazzini.

After all, the safest, cheapest and most effective strike is that on the ballot paper.

The strength of organized labor lies in its weakness. That which it lacks in power of compulsion it gains by appeal to rational human ambition and intelligent perception of right and wrong, and therefore fails.

"We have to oust these European patriotisms by some greater idea or perch."—H. G. Wells.

Mr. Churchill has left the British Air Ministry, but remains a hot-air merchant.

"Happy are those who have the privilege of living a life of inspiration."—Christobel Pankhurst.

"History is the serial obituary of the men who thought they could drive men."—H. D. Lloyd.

"Never was there a social machinery so delicate. Only on terms of love and justice can men endure contact so close."—H. D. Lloyd.

"In economies we must do more thinking in terms of human life than in terms of dead wealth."—Mackinder.

Young Democrat: "I say, dad, what keeps us from falling off the earth when we are upside down?"

"Why, the law of gravity, of course."

"But how did folks stay up before that law was passed?"—North China Standard.

Before the war half the total income of the community went to 10 per cent. of the community and one-third of the total income to 3 per cent. The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street knows more than she ought about these industrial troubles.—The Democrat, London, Eng.

"I rejoice at every effort workingmen make to organize. I hail the labor movement. It is my only hope for democracy. Organize, and stand together. Let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice."—Wendell Phillips.

A principle in the economy of our lives must be established, and that is a living wage, below which the wage-workers should not permit themselves to be driven. The living wage must be the first consideration either in the cost or sale of an article, the product of labor.

"Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself by trade unions, etc., as any other form of capital might claim for itself."—Cardinal Manning.

"If Pontius Pilate were living today, he might ask, not 'What is Truth?' but 'What is Propaganda?'"—Destlelie Burns.

We are not sure that the most serious definition of propaganda would be lying.

Rumor says that Mr. Harold Baghly is the "Man with the Duster." In his case the duster is mightier than the pen.

"This land we have loved in our love and our leisure, For them hangs in heaven, high out of their reach; The wide hills o'er the sea-plain for them have no pleasure, The grey homes of their fathers no story to teach."—Morris.

IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT

You must cure yourself of scolding and be careful what you say;
Cease to go about complaining at the prices you must pay;
Try to learn to live on nothing and be glad to have the chance;
Smile as if it made you happy when there's any new advance;
DON'T let yourself be troubled at the way you're kicked about,
Or they'll call you Bolshevik if you don't watch out.

Cheer for Capital and Labor when they pinch you black and blue;
Play the game and let the dealer hand the two-epots all to you;
You must not be scolding judges who discharge the producers,
Don't be mumbling sad predictions in your grumbling neighbor's ears;
You must try to seem contented as ' divorce yourself from doubt,
Or they'll call you Bolshevik if you don't watch out.

If you can't afford new trousers, have your old ones patched some more;
Let your children run bare-footed, such things have been done before;
Learn to find your way in darkness, and don't let them hear you scold if you can't get any sugar and the car you catch a cold;
Take your medicine and like it, be a patient little scout,
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Hand a glad smile to the grocer, tell the butcher you're his friend;
Don't be asking where the wealthy get the millions that they spend;
Just you work and don't be trying to hold out a single cent;
Try to think when you are cheated that the cheating is well meant;
Practice patience, preach contentment, though your hopes go up the spout.

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STRIKE OF PRINTERS IS LIKELY ON JUNE 1

Forty-Four Hour Week Stumbling Block in Negotiations.

A strike among the local printing trades is imminent following the breaking off of negotiations between employing printers and compositors, yesterday afternoon. The stumbling block in the negotiations is the refusal of the master printers to consider the 44-hour week demanded by the men. The same difficulty is expected in the negotiations with the press men and the book binders. Contracts between the employing printers and their employees terminate on May 31 and, unless this question is decided before that date, a strike will be declared on June 1. Other cities in Canada are experiencing strike in the printing trades on the same question. The cities affected are: Vancouver, Regina, Hamilton, Peterboro, Halifax, St. John, N.S., as well as St. John's, N.B.

The employers refuse to consider any of the other demands of the men until the 44-hour week demand is dropped. The men on the other hand refuse to continue on the present 48-hour week schedule as it has become an international principle.

The 44-hour week was considered as far back as 1917, when a referendum of employers and employees in the printing trades was taken on the question. This referendum resulted in the master printers and the International unions agreeing to put this schedule in force in 1921, according to representatives of the men.

A strike in Ottawa printing trades would result in the walk out of about 219 compositors, press men and bookbinders, and would affect nearly all job printing businesses.

ONE BIG UNION FAILS TO FUNCTION AT WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG.—Demands that the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company should recognize the One Big Union in its agreement with the motor men and conductors were withdrawn following a mass meeting of about 219 compositors, press men and bookbinders, and would affect nearly all job printing businesses.

Violence and Revolution ONLY IMPAIR PROGRESS.

From the Montreal Star.
We are moving towards a new and better social order, and some of us may think that the rate of progress is slow and uncertain and the outlook discouraging. But the civilization was built through a thousand years with infinite endeavor and travail. By violence and revolution we can only impair and destroy what the best and greatest of mankind have reared in patience and tribulation and sweat and sacrifice. "And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my face be for as for this Moses, as man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what he became of him. And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me; then I cast it into the fire and there came out this calf."

DEMAND FOR FARM HELP SLOWING DOWN.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—Unemployment is on the increase in Lethbridge, says Mr. Thomas Longworth, superintendent of the Lethbridge branch of the provincial government labor bureau, last week. The demand for farm lands is slowing down and requests for other work from citizens of the city are on the increase.

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