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Samuel Gompera was re-elected president of the A. P. of L. at its thirty-ninth annual convention at

Atlantic City.

Mr. Gompers declared in his speech that a certain element in labor had for months been trying to bring about his defeat and that many anti-labor and anti-American publications had been used as advertising mediums to attack organized labor in general, and its leaders in particular, and his selection was America's labor's answer to its traducers and apponents.

MOTES OF THE CONVENTION.

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The Federation also decided to increase, by readjustment on a per papita basis, the annual contribution paid to the Canadian Trades and Largor Congress. It urged the international unions on the American side of the line "to give proper advice and counsel" to their respective memberships in the Canadian unions. These decisions by the A. F. of L. represent at least part of the reply of the appeal for assistance sent to President Gompers by Senator (Addition Robertson, Canadian Minister of Labor.

The recommendations regarding anada follow:
"The trade union movement in anada and the affiliated local and iternational union in that country e passing through a trying ordeal conflicting emotions, passions, and president samuel Gompers.

conflicting emotions, passions, and pods to which every permanent intution is subjected at some time or ther.

"While old doctrines and theories, "While old doctrines and theories, and found wanting, are again has been determined. The execution of the second of the se other.

"While old doctrines and theories, tried and found wanting, are again seeking dominance in Canada, we are confident that out of this turmoil and confusion the trade union movement will emerge stronger and more powerful and influential than ever before, in that its soundness and validity will not only have been clearly demonstrated, but that the forces arrayed against the legitimate trade union movement and its activities will have been weakened, if not destroyed.

"It is not sufficient, however, that we should remain calm and quiescent in this hour of trial. It is our duty to assert ourselves and help in this period of stress by advice, counsel, and active assistance from the older and more experienced leadership of the stable organizations of wage sarners."

The resolution urged upon international unions that no time should be lost in giving advice to their members in Canada, "either by communication or personal visitation and by calling their attention to dangers lurking behind appeals so alluringly made to them, and which would divide the wage carners into separate movements and destroy effectiveness of their organized forces.

The convention decided once again to continue its traditional political policy against the formalion of a Labor party. It was anticipated that a, lively discussion would occur on this issue, but apparently the Labor party advocates were caught napphing, and the resolution went through, without a single word being said for or against.

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League of Nations after a notable contest between two of the ablest and most respected members of the American Federation of Labor at the convention. Samuel Gompers used his ability and his tactics to

used his ability and his tactics to the utmost to win the support of the convention for the covenant, and Andrew Furuseth spoke with all the carnestness and effectiveness of which he is master, but lost. The vote of the convention was 29,750 for the league and 420 opposed.

The convention pledged itself to obtain a general 44-hour week for workers in all crafts throughout the United States and for employes in the government service. The demand was based upon a determination to prevent unemployment which the delegates declared is one of the two primary causes of industrial unrest. The other cause is the decreased purchasing power of the dollar, Menufacturers and employers were urged to "bridge the gap" and increase wages "without any controversy."

The convention finished its busi-

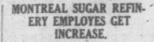
versy."

The convention finished its business on Monday by rushing through about fifty resolutions. Many of

# RAILWAY BROTHER-HOODS APPLY FOR CHARTERS IN A.

At the closing session of the thirty-ninth annual conven-tion of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Samuel Gompers, tion of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation was greeted with a roar of shears wheat he annoused from the plantorfer that these of the four great rallroad brother-hoods—the Engineers, Conductors and Trainmen—had applied for charters in the Federation. The fourth brotherhood, the Firemen, was meeting in Denver, he said, to consider a similar application. If the firemen follow the example of the other brotherhood, the ranks of the Federation of Labor will be increased by 500,000 men. Delegates were of the opinion that with the entry of the brother loods the Federation of Labor will back the demand of the railway men for Government ownership and control of the railway men for Government ownership and control of the roads. This subject has been referred to the executive council with instructions to formulate a policy for the Federation.

This is a step in the direction that the Canadian membership will shortly become part and parcel of the Dominion Trades Congress.



The Canada Sugar Refinery near at Montreal went back to work last week satisfied with their promises, and they were joined promptly by the other men of the St. Lawrence, and so that lot may be ticked off as going for a while at any rate. Mesers, Bastlen and Giffard have been working carefully in this matter of the Refinery men, and in the case of the Canada it is reported that the management, under the direction of George Bower, the head of the plant, good interviews were obtained and a strike was avoided by the best of common sense prevailing. The men now get 35 to 45 cents an hour, instead of the old rate of 20 to 35 cents.

# QUEBEC ELECTS TWO LABOR REPRESENTATIVES.

Labor is represented for the first time officially in the Quebec Legis-lature, men who have formerly run under the name having been straight Liberals.

The two representatives elected in the general election on Monday are: A. Laurandeau, for Maisonneuve and A. Lacombe, of Dorion.

# GLACE BAY CLERKS ASK FOR CONCILIATION.

Miss Canada Gets a Sympathetic Love Tap from "Bolshy."



VANCOUVER ELECTRICAL **WORKERS REFUSE TO** STRIKE.

The electrical workers of Van-couver, B.C., at a meeting on Sun-day night decided they would no arrike with the moral trades work-ers who walked out on Monday.

# BROTHERHOOD AGAINST 0. B. U.

A definite stand in the fight of labor organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor against the One Big Union movement has been taken by the Federated Council of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers and Express and Station Employes. This organization took part in a strike-about two months ago and its troubles were amicably settled by the Canadian Railway Board of Adjustment. The leaders of the organization declare that they are directly opposed to general sympathetic strikes and the One Big Union as demanded by western radicals.

# TORONTO FIRM INSURES EM-

The Auto-Strop Safety Razor Company, of Toronto, has adopted a plass of insurance for all employes. The policies are to be graded in amounts from \$500 to \$2,500 in proportion to length of service. Each employe may choose his or her beneficiary, and thereafter the company will pay the premiums and assume all responsibility in relation to the various policies.

PLOYES GRANTED 44-HR.

WEEK.

A 44-hour week has been agreed upon by the Board of Conciliation dealing with the dispute between the Union Stock Yards, Toronto, and their employes. The board has still before it the men's demand for a straight 60 cents per hour for eight hours, and the payment of overtime.

LETHBRIDGE STREET RY. EMPLOYES AWARDED

INCREASE.

# PAT GREEN, OF OTTAWA,

# Council Of Carpenters Held At Kitchener— Much Important Legislation Passed.

to address the delegates. The Mayor extended the freedom of the city to the delegates and offered them the free use of the city hall for the convention.

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The convention was then addressed by the president of the Board of Trade, who, in opening his remarks, said he was glad to hear the word 'brother' used in the hall, as he belonged to the class who wanted to co-operate with Labor and that the word 'brother' should extend all over. There was no place in the community of Brotherhood for the manufacturer who made the remark when testifying before the Royal Commission that they were not running their business for the 'glory of God, but for the benefit of the share-holders." He thought that those autocrats should be brought to account.

The convention was also addressed by Mr. Mills, M. P. P., who welcomed the delegates to Kitchener.

President Hughes then hassed

# **ELECTED PROVINCIAL PRESIDEN**

# Eighth Annual Conference Of Ontario Provincial

The eighth annual conference of the Ontario Provincial Council of Carpenters was held at Kitchener on Thursday and Friday of last week. Following is a full report of the proceedings:—

FIRST DAY.

Convention opened at 10 a.m. by President Hughes, of the Kitchener Trades and Labor Council, who called upon Mayor Gross, of Kitchener, to address the delegates. The Mayor

LAST DAY.

ed, and 60 cents per hour for inside carpenters.

LAST DAY.

The delegates were shown around the city in automebiles supplied by the Manufacturers' Association and were taken to any of the 117 manufactories in Kitchener which they wished to visit.

At the afternoon session President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades Council took the chair for the election of officers. Mr. Pat Green, of Ottawa, was elected president over ex-President McCallum, of Toronto, and Fred Hawes, of Hamilton. The vice-presidents were as follows: Clancy, of Stratford: Timms, of Welland, and Hawes, of Hamilton. Secretary T. Jackson was elected by acclamation. Bro. Marsh was elected as the fraternal delegate to the Province of Quebec Provincial Council, fraternal delegate to the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress at Hamilton being Bro. McCallum, ex-president.

Bro. Moore then addressed the convention, in which he gave a veryenlightening address on the Winniper situation and the industrial unrest throughout anada, placing the figures of union men and women ficanda at 246,000.

A resolution which was drawn up by the executive was then presented to Bro. Moore by ex-President McCallum. A presentation of a club bag was also made to Bro. Moore, and a comb, brush and toilet mirror to Mrs. Moore.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the retiring executive and the convention adjourned to meet on the third Thursday of July, 1226, in the town of Feterboro, Ont.

# SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY BOOMING.

# FROM COAST THOROLD WORKERS OUT FOR RECOGNITION OF

UNION.

# TORONTO FIRM ESTABLISHES ALBERTA GOVERNMENT WILL TORONTO STOCK YARD EM-NON-CONTRIBUTORY PEN-SION FUND.

The Beaver Board Company at Thereid, Ont., are completely tied up as the result of a strike. At ten o'clock Friday morning the paper board makers, grinder and yardmen walked out, the machinists remaining at work. The men interviewed the company a week ago and were promised eleven hours pay for an eight hour day, to take effect July first, but the company would not recognize the union and it is for recognizion of the union that the men are on strike.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RY. CO. IN NEW ROLE.

# INVESTIGATE COAL IN-DUSTRY.

The Alberta Government has de olded to appoint a commission with wide powers to investigate the coal rining industry in all its bearings. The provincial inspector of mines has been selected as chairman and the following organizations have teen asked to choose one member each to serve on the commission; the United Mine Workers, the Western Coal Operatirs' Association, the Alberta Federation of Labor (not a miner), the Industrial Research Association (not a mine operator).

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

# TEACHERS SHOULD ORGANIZE.

N less than a year the union spirit of teachers in the United States has expanded from twenty-three to seventy-two branches. The movement is spreading to Canada where school teachers are a very poorly paid section of the public service. In the United States the teachers have organized as a branch of the American Federation of Labor, known as the American Federation of Teachers. The aims of this organization are a minimum salary of \$1,000 for the school year for all teachers; the enactment of adequate retirement laws; recognition of the rights of teachers to organize and to affiliate their organizations with union labor, and the guarantee of full educational opportunities for all children.

It is stated that an effort will be made by the Department of Education for Ontario to induce returned soldiers to enter the teaching professions. A special course of training may be established with text and tuition books free and special allowances towards living

This is a noble profession for men who have given our country noble service. But they must be given betfer salaries than are in evidence today. Many bright Canadians who have spent the best part of their lives in teaching declare that present day salaries are not sufficient to meet the bare necessaries of life. Veterans who have risked their all in the service of their country, may not have a very high appreciation of a reward that would simply put them in a position to carry on a narrow, half-starved existence in a genteel manner. Organization under the banner of the Canadian Labor movement is the suggestion offered by the Canadian Labor Press.

# FOR EXAMPLE.

NEWS despatch, as this is written, states that a Victoria Cross veteran in Winnipeg, while endeavoring to maintain order during the O.B.U. strike, was set upon by two aliens, said to be Austrians, and beaten almost to the point of death. This is an outrage not to be countenanced. We send our bravest men to Europe to fight for the liberty and freedom of all \$5. peoples and all classes-to relieve them from the domination of force. Force, in the persons of the aliens, seems to be with us to menace our own liberties here. Such regrettable incidents serve to show us that force, as manifested by the aliens, is a distinct disadvantage to any cause. Co-operation will serve the ends of labor better and sooner.

# SHORT HOURS.

the war a very interesting test was made, demonstrating the efficiency of shorter hours. The nt was related in the British House of Commons S a result of a wager between two officers during strating the efficiency of shorter hours. The incident was related in the British House of Commons during a labor debate, by Major Farquharson. The short-hour test was a contest in trench digging. One officer let his men work as they pleased, but as hard as possible. The other divided his men into three squads, to work in rotation, each squad digging its hardest for five minutes and then resting for ten. The second squad won easily. This test is a strong argument for shorter hours for the employe from production as well as a humanitarian standpoint.

EDUCATION THE WORKING MAN'S HOPE.

The policy of the Canadian Labor Press has been, is, and always will be, Education. It is the Hope of Labor. What better endorsation could you want than the statement of D. Trotter, Secretary of the Mont-

than the statement of D. Trotter, Secretary of the Montreal Association of Building and Constructive Indus-

tries? Says Mr. Trotter: "I am not against education, mind you, gentle-

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# RECEIVE MINIMUM WAGE,

# WINDSOR MAGISTRATE SCORES THE BOLSHEVIKI.

gate plaintiff Kniopka, who admit-ted that he was not engaged in work of any kind.

# DEVELOPMENT OF CANADIAN

The Lowry National Bank of Georgia has adopted a profit-sharing arrangement with its employes, to go into effect on July I. The initial payment to the workers will be 10 per cent. of their salaries in the first six months of 1919, future distributions depending upon the bank earnings.

In explaining the plan to the employes, John E. Murphy, president of the bank, said the purpose was to make the interests of the stockholders' and the interests of the employes identical. He expressed the view that without the co-operation of the employes the operation of the employes the operation of the employes the operation of the institute would not be a success.

Which departure from practice was made in consequence of the Treas.

Sub-Section 2 of this clause brings Crown establishments under the purview of the bill, and makes as a privately owned establishment.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYES OUT.

On Sunday last the employes of the Toronto Street Railway took their cars to the barns and there the cars have remained. The men and the company falled to agree on a new schedule calling for an eighthour day and fifty five cents and our.

# 82.2 PER CENT CANA-DIANS REPATRIATED.

It was officially stated in the British House of Commons on Wednesday that by the thir-tieth of June, \$2.2 per cent. of the Canadian army will have been repatriated. The Amer-ican army is not being recanadian. It was stated that

# JOINT MEETING OF BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS AND CO-OPERATORS.

# MONTREAL TRADES COUNCIL! NOTES.

# MONTREAL BAKERS OUT.

SELF-PRESERVATION

As the banners flare and the brasses blare,
And the great guns rend the sky?
As the women laugh like they're all gone mad,
And the champagne glasses clink.
Oh, you're gripping me hand so tightly, lad.
Fm a-wonderin': what d'ye think?

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eal Trades and Labor Council held

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