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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

A. F. OF L. CONVENTION. In the coming meeting at Montreal, Monday, June 7, of the American Federation of Labor, there is more than ordinary interest attached thereto. If for no other reason than the honor bestowed on the Canadian membership in the selection of Montreal for the sessions of the official thought of the International Trade Union Movement, it would stand out as a distinct feature.

The meeting at this time is acknowledged to have to deal with labor matters of moment and importance. The evident almost up-side-down situation of the world, in which labor plays a leading part, and the reflecting rays of the old-world chaos make for this period of importance. It may be claimed that the reflection from overseas is not pronounced here, but nevertheless there is evidence of same, and the balance wheel of the A. F. of L. with its affiliations has of necessity called for strong hands backed by sincerity for the organized-worker's cause. If an even keel has been preserved the policy pursued was responsible for the continued success of craft organization in every possible direction.

The past year has seen much anti-administration movement, yet failure was ever in evidence to those who would move contrary to the constituted authority and channels. Any attempt to undermine the position of International heads found stern measures facing them from the A. F. of L. executive, the closer community interests of the units forming the Federation being one of many outstanding features of the year's events.

From strength in numbers the coming convention is an answer to those who attempt to belittle the work of the Federation, the more it being classified as a decadent movement seemingly finding a fitting rebuke in the increased membership. It passes muster now those anti to the fundamental principles for which it stands may continue to belittle the efforts and influence of the Federation in view of the continuous healthy growth.

Nearing the five million mark, if not the largest, it ranks as one of the world's greatest organized labor bodies. During the past year's term the affiliation of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has been added. This is but the forerunner of the balance of railroad organizations joining the ranks and making for the "closed shop" of the trade union movement of this continent.

The A. F. of L. is to the States what the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada stands for in this Dominion. There is no divided policy in this respect, each responsible for separate legislative efforts of the two territory sections, but on the industrial and craft organization field, consolidated in thought and action. The convention will see many strangers in-so far as allegiance to this Dominion is concerned, but the binding labor tie is such that the position of stranger will be of the nominal and forgotten nature.

When the grand old man, Mr. Sam Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. takes up the gavel, he will be presiding over the fortieth Annual Convention, showing a larger affiliation than ever in its history. In the remarkable and continued growth is the best evidence that the corner stones were well and truly laid, and the builders of the International Trade Movement as they continue in the evolution, gain in experience, meeting all situations. Satisfactory advancement and permanency of same is found resulting from the following out of the original plans of International trade unionism for which the A. F. of L. stands as sponsor and guard.

The call for this important convention has been sent out by President Gompers and the members of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to all the affiliated organizations. Here is the pith: "The importance of our movement, the duty of the hour and for the future, demand that every organization entitled to representation shall send its full quota of delegates to the Montreal convention."

FALSIFIED ACCOUNT SHEET

From the Anti-International Fire-eaters' Union sheet, of Vancouver, the following is an extract:

"Organizer Knight reports holding a big meeting in Pembroke, Ont., after having been refused the use of the town hall by the authorities. The meeting was held in the O. B. U. headquarters and was packed. All the available membership cards were used up in the snuffling of new members in spite of the fact that the Trades Congress is spending a lot of money and sending organizers there to keep the old unions on the map. This time last year the International unions there had a membership of 1,100. Today there is not one International union."

The foregoing is presented as a sample of the unreliable publicity that is finding its way from those who are permanently employed in the disruption work. The Pembroke situation is taken in haphazard manner from the list which this organizer presents on the effective work that he is accomplishing.

Here is the truth beyond the question of doubt. Pembroke last year had one International union and a Federal union, chartered by the A. F. of L., the latter going over the 500 mark. When the anti came from the bush this spring, the members in good standing in the Federal union, numbered 200. This was disbanded and the funds illegally donated, in similar manner to the wild west style. This disposes of the mysterious International unions of 1,100 of last year.

Today there is in existence in flourishing condition four International unions in the town of Pembroke, comprising the craftsmen of that place, and the very work that the Federal was formed for has been carried out. The International has taken root which argument plus organizer's false reports may not deny. The idea of membership in the anti-movement is a stench in the worker's nostrils of Pembroke, and the only comment is one of general regret that the gold brick game was tolerated to the smallest degree.

TROUBLE A-BREWING.

When it comes to real trouble in the organized field, there is nothing that stands as peer to that of jurisdiction disputes, and it is one of the many snags that brings forth best endeavor to suppress, or if in ascendancy is gained, to try and eliminate. Writing of jurisdiction trouble calls attention to a new organization in the field, that of the Potato Peelers' Union of Chicago, with a wage scale of \$6 a day and meals. At first glance it would appear that this is an entirely new venture, with no opposition to its claim. We are, however, doomed to disappointment. The retailers of this table necessity have already laid claim to cover this jurisdiction, and justify same, that with the potato they have been skinning the buyer for some time past, going deeper each coming day. The only apparent difference is that the new unionists skin the potatoes and the purveyor skins the buyer of same. If referred to the High Cost of Living Labor Convention, a satisfactory solution may be the result.

The labor movement does not lack for men who can point out the problems of the future. What it does too frequently lack is the man who remembers and respects the lessons of the past.

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal.—Can.

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL SERVICE.

"Equal pay, equal status, and equal conditions appear to me to be the only solution to the problems of women's employment," said Lady Rhonda of Great Britain, recently. The present difficulties of the conflict between returning ex-Servicemen and women employees are inevitable at such a time as this, but it is obvious that when a man returns from the front to his job, which was temporarily taken by a woman, he should be reinstated. "On the other hand, it must be remembered that these are really difficult times, and with the cost of living so high, a great number of girls now in employment are only supporting themselves, but other people as well, and their dismissal now would mean great hardship. In special quarters, for instance, the authorities are not really playing quite fairly. They want to turn out the women regardless of the fact that there may be no suitable men available to take their place.

"In the Pensions Ministry Awards Branch, for example, this sort of thing is being attempted, and the feeling of the women, trained and experienced in tech work, is very great indeed. "In looking at the problem in a general way, one is inclined to say that the difficulties which have arisen through the employment of women in men's jobs during the war, now constitute one of the troublesome postwar problems—and we cannot get out of them. "The only solution lies in giving equal pay, conditions and status to both sexes of employees. The fundamental question is the question of pay. Is not payment made for actual work done? If that is so, then there should be equal payment for equal work done, regardless of sex."

MARRIED WOMEN IN CIVIL SERVICE.

Major G. W. Andrews' question in regard to employment of married women in Government departments, where they were filling positions which could be handled by returned men, trained for the Civil Service, was answered in the House of Commons last week by a return tabled by Hon. Arthur Sifton, Secretary of State. The return stated that married women whose husbands had not served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force were employed in various departments. Several departments kept no records of such employees. Major Andrews was also informed that the Department of Immigration and Colonization did employ married women at a salary of \$300 per month; that she was not the wife or mother of a returned soldier, and that no effort had been made at the time of her appointment to secure a war widow or dependent capable of filling the position. The husband of the lady in question was not in the employ of the Dominion Government, and while nothing officially was known as to his employment, he was believed to be in the service of one of the provincial governments.

8-HR. WORKDAY LAW PASSED IN POLAND

No Reduction in Earnings Permitted Under Regulations.

Under the provisions of the Polish eight-hour law of November 23, 1918, the minister of labor and public welfare is authorized to issue regulations pertaining to the enforcement of the law. Such regulations were published on January 3, 1920, and are summarized in the British Labor Gazette for February as follows:

The regulations limit working hours to eight per day (on Saturdays to six) or 48 per week. This limitation is to apply to persons employed in manufacturing, mining, commerce, communication and transport, and in other establishments where work is performed, even if such undertakings are not carried on for profit or if they belong to the state. In mining the normal working hours are "from bank to bank." The rules of each mine must state clearly the order in which the arrival and departure of the men shall take place. The working hours of transport workers may be regulated by a special order, and in factories belonging to the state working hours may be reorganized by the competent minister after he has consulted the trade organizations of employers and work people, but the total hours worked must not exceed the legal number. Overtime is permitted to be worked in the following cases: (a) where extra work is necessary in order to prevent damage, or for other similar reasons; (b) at periods of seasonal pressure or at periods of stock taking; (c) in factories where continuous processes are carried on; and (d) in cases of national necessity.

For overtime not exceeding two hours payment is to be made at the rate of time and a half, for each hour in excess of two hours and for night work (i.e. between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.) and work on Sundays and holidays the rate of pay is to be double. Work on Sundays is permitted only in public services, hotels, drug stores, etc., in theatres and the like, and in establishments carrying on continuous processes. After every six hours of work, an hour's rest is to be granted, during which the machinery is to be stopped, and the worker permitted to leave his place of work. Where, owing to the nature of the work, this is not practicable, the worker is to be afforded an opportunity to take his meal while the machinery is running.

A temporary regulation provides that the introduction of shorter hours is not to cause a reduction of earnings where longer hours have hitherto been worked. Non-observance of the regulations is punishable by fine up to 5,000 Polish marks, or imprisonment for three months.

The regulations came into force four weeks after their publication.

Claudia's Cure For Strikes

BY ELIZABETH HOLT.

"What exactly is a strike?" asked Claudia. "A strike is when men stop working," I replied, with a fine disregard of the rules of grammatical construction. Claudia climbed on to my knee and planted a firm elbow on my writing pad. "Are you striking now?" she inquired. "Well, no; this is more in the nature of a lock-out."

"What's that?" said Claudia. "Well, if your daddy were to shut his gates and tell his workpeople he didn't want them, that would be a lock-out; but if they stopped outside of their own accord and said they wouldn't work for him, that would be a strike."

"Oh," said Claudia, submissively. "Well, go on; what are strikes for anyway?" "For more wages generally, or for shorter hours, or because someone has been unfair to someone else." "But I still don't see what strikes are for," Claudia objected. "You said that the men stopped working. Well, why shouldn't they?" "I know that there are many excellent reasons why the working classes should work without intermission for at least eight hours out of the twenty-four all the year round but for the life of me I could not think of one of them; not one, at least sufficiently water-tight to be offered in Claudia. For once, however, she allowed her question to pass unanswered and followed up with another one.

"Why do Daddy's workmen work for him?" "He pays them wages," I said. "And does he pay them wages when they stop working?" "No," he wouldn't pay them if they went on strike, if that's what you mean."

Claudia looked yet more puzzled. "Then why does anybody mind? I heard a man say to Daddy that strikers ought to be shot, but I can't see why they should work if they don't want to. You don't. I hear you saying to Daddy only yesterday, 'Of course, I could make pots of money but the work isn't good enough.' Can anyone recommend me a system whereby Claudia's memory can be de-Palmianised?" "Nobody says you ought to be shot. At least," she qualified. "I've never heard them."

"My work is different," I said hastily. "There's nobody for me to strike against. I haven't an employer; I just write things and sell them."

"Don't Daddy's men make things and sell them?" "Not quite; they make the things with Daddy's machinery and all that, and he sells them."

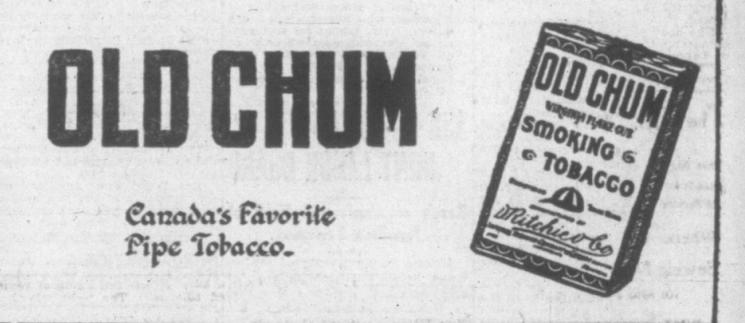
"And he gets the money for what they make?" Claudia asked, amazed. "You're hardly old enough to understand—" I began, but Claudia cut me short.

"If I was them I'd strike all the time," she said. "I'd get machinery and make my own things, and sell them myself. Then I could just stop working when I wanted to, and work when I wanted to, same as you do. And nobody'd want to shoot anybody. Why don't they?"—Daily Herald.



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Service Button Workers.

Notes of Particular Interest To Ex-Service Trade Unionists.

THE P. R. L. OR MADEMOISELLE OF BULLY GREY. The cryptic title at once gives this play away as a "war play," which will be at the New Princess Theatre for the week commencing May 24.

A courtyard romance, the machinations of a Boche spy, and education of a green subaltern from the triple waves of plot on which the action is swept forward from the billet in Bully Grey through dugout and trench to No-Man's Land, and then swirled back through the dressing station to the new family "cottage" court in which occurs the denouement. Grousing and fighting pathos and tragedy, all find their place in the piece, but for the most part the scenes are dominated by laughter and music, for the dialogue is pregnant with army humor and the action is interspersed with snatches of patriotic French chansons, sentimental English love ditties, and devil-may-care Canadian trench parodies.

This play was written by the troops for the troops, and in outlook is proudly Canadian, and will be seen at Ottawa on June 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1920.

THE POPULAR SONG.

"Seems to me," said Mrs. Pinhead, "the price of fish is high; there's many fish in the sea never seen; just as many caught; and ye who charge as if I was an idle rick!" "Ah, Mrs. Pinhead," sighed the Fish Swindler, "you should study the fish problem and learn our troubles. Look at the price of bait; worms are scarce, hooks and lines can't be had till the League of Nations is fixed. Flue has broken out in the Banks. The Gulf Stream has never been the same since the war. Chicken, halibut, haddock, oysters and clams suffering from shell shock; and the suits worn in the beaches this year are driving the mackerel out of Canadian waters. No, Mrs. Pinhead, you don't know this fish problem. It's knotty. And then the Courts turn around and send our best fishermen away. Do you wonder fish is high?"

He felt so bad that he forgot to give the lady her change.

SPEAK SOFTLY.

"As I was saying," he said, "we entered the cafe and had no more than seated ourselves at the table and said to the waiter, 'Bring us three'—when a fellow showed his badge and said, 'Three what' and we said 'plates of beans.'"

AN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

Latest Paris styles show women's stockings with pockets. Imagine a woman standing on the corner with her hands in her pockets.

THE SOCIETY OF SATURDAY NIGHT.

Teacher—"What is the Order of the Bath?" Small Boy—"Well, Johnny comes first, then me, then Willie, and then the baby."

An Open Letter re Fuel Situation

To Readers of The Canadian Labor Press:

The Oakoal Co. (Canada) Limited, whom we represent, are in receipt of a letter from the Fuel Administrator for Ontario, reading in part as follows:

"The assured shortage of anthracite coal during the coming season, consequent to abnormal demand, increased difficulties in mining and transportation, and accentuated by high prices, will undoubtedly force a large number of consumers in Ontario to depend upon substitutes for their requirements.

"Recognizing the important part your industry must take in stabilization, also in eliminating the greatest degree possible seasonal difficulties, I would urge you to put forth every effort in the speeding up of your output, so that every ton possible may be available to meet the demand.

"In this period of unrest, the greatest possible co-operation is essential, and I will depend on the results of your efforts to assist me in successfully averting sufferings attending a coal shortage."

The plant will be producing in July or August, a fuel superior to anthracite coal—a fact attested by Government analyses as well as by hundreds of demonstrations given in this City, Ottawa and Montreal. Appreciating the seriousness of the situation, and the fact that the first plant will be producing approximately 200 tons per day, at an assured profit of \$1.00 per ton, which means a return of 30 per cent. to you on an investment, we ask every reader of this paper to invest say one or two hundred dollars in The Oakoal Co. (Canada) Limited, to insure this increased production.

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Yours truly,

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LABOR NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

OTTAWA.

GAS WORKERS GET INCREASE.

In the dispute between the Ottawa Gas Co. and certain of its employees, members of the Gas Workers' International Union, a board of conciliation was established and two reports have been made to the Labor Department. The majority report was signed by the chairman of the board and the company's representative while the minority report was signed by the board, Wm. Lodge, secretary of the Ottawa central Labor body, brought in a minority report. In bringing in the minority report the workers' representative pointed out the recent awards in other industries and was of the opinion that the rates should have been from this basis upward. The men at a meeting last Friday evening decided to accept the majority award and substantial increases have been granted.

Wm. Lodge was accorded a very warm vote of thanks for the capable manner in which he handled the union's case.

BUILDING TRADES BOARD'S AWARD.

After a two-weeks' strike of carpenters, electricians, painters and roofers engaged in the building industry in Ottawa the local branch of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries agreed in the dispute to a Board of Conciliation.

Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, was selected by the men, and ex-Mayor Charles Hopewell by the contractors as their representatives on the board. They in turn, elected T. A. Beament as chairman.

By the terms of the award the men's requests have generally been granted. Carpenters demanded 35 cents per hour, which was granted; electricians, 45 cents, granted 50 cents; painters, 30 cents, granted 35 cents.

The award was made on Thursday afternoon. All of the unions, the Ottawa branch of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries have accepted the board's award.

The body of the board's report to Honorable G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, follows:

The board recommends the following rates of wages, namely: Car-

penters, eighty-five (85) cents per hour; electricians (Journeyman), eighty (80) cents per hour; electricians (Improvers), fifty-five (55) cents per hour; painters, seventy-five (75) cents per hour; roofers, seventy (70) cents per hour; roofers (Laborers), fifty-five (55) cents per hour.

It should be noted that the board thinks ought to be accepted by both parties to this dispute, and should come into effect as of the first day of May, 1920.

"It having been reported to the board that certain working conditions in respect to the roofing trade were in dispute between the employers and the employees, we inquired, the parties to such dispute, namely, Local Union No. 64 of the United States Title and Construction Workers' Association, and the Ottawa branch of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries, to execute an agreement whereby it was agreed that all such questions should be submitted to the Joint Industrial Council of the Ottawa Building Trades for decision, the decision of which council should be final and binding upon the parties."

(Signed) T. A. Beament, chairman; Tom Moore, Charles Hopewell.

Dated Ottawa, May 29, 1920.

TRADES COUNCIL.

Wm. Lodge, D. A. Dear, Controller John Cameron, Wm. Jennings, D. McCann, J. A. P. Haydon, Chas. Lewis, R. H. Bennett and F. Rowe were elected as members of the Labor Day committee of Ottawa's Central Labor body at a regular meeting of that association on Friday last.

Besides the committee another one was appointed to co-operate with the Bakers' Union in an endeavor to have the workers' cause presented to the people of Ottawa. This was done after a lengthy statement on the matter was made by Organizer James Walsh of the International Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union. The committee is composed of M. Beaudet, M. Kavanagh, A. Aubrey, Chas. Lewis, Hughbert, J. A. P. Haydon, H. Watters, J. O'Connor and F. Davis.

A resolution commending the Building Trades Council on its great victory due to conciliatory efforts was unanimously adopted.

The report of the executive opposing any legislation which would make it compulsory for employers to employ vehicles, aroused considerable debate. The clause was lost on division.

OTTAWA BAKERS' STRIKE STILL ON.



Don't let the driver, union or otherwise fool you. Look for the Bakers' Union label on the bread. The label is as above.

Members of Wards Five and Six Independent Labor Party this week that the farmers and laborers were working well together.

The funeral of Francis Kirk, a prominent member of local 27, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, took place last week at James Cemetery.

Kirk served in France with the American Expeditionary Force.

One of the best attended meetings of the Ward Six branch of the Independent Labor Party was held this week at the Oddfellows Hall, when Thomas Tooms, Labor member for Ward Six, and Wm. Lodge, Labor member for Ward Five, addressed the members on the accomplishments of the Labor-U.F.O. Government during the present session.

EASTERN CANADA.

HALIFAX BAKERS WIN OUT.

The strike of Halifax journeymen bakers came to an end on Thursday last, when the employers agreed to the men's demands for a 25 per cent wage increase conceded their claim. The bakers returned to work with the closing of the plants of the union label could be used on the bread made at bakeries which employ only union workers.

EMPLOYERS REFUSED TO ARBITRATE.

One thousand Montreal sugar workers have struck for increased wages. The employers refused to arbitrate, over the existing rates of pay. This strike, coming on top of a shortage of raw sugar, has led to the closing down of the plants of the St. Lawrence Sugar Refineries and the Canada Sugar Refinery. The employers have refused to consent to a board of arbitration, for which the men appealed to Ottawa, and the walk-out followed. They have offered the employees a minimum wage of 46 cents on a 56-hour week, with a promise of another increase inside of two months if the cost of living gets higher.

DECIDE ON STRIKE.

HAMILTON, May 25.—The next 24 hours may decide whether Hamilton is to have a street car strike. The union, after rejecting the award of the Board of Arbitration, wired the international for permission to strike. Today word came from Detroit to await the arrival of an international officer, who is on his way here.

MONTEAL LABORERS DEMAND \$4 PER DAY.

Two hundred laborers of the city of Montreal, the men engaged in road cleaning, went on strike on Tuesday. They demand \$4.50 a day, and demand \$4.00. The commission is in conference with heads of departments discussing whether they will grant the demand or refuse it. There is at present a big shortage of labor at Montreal, and the city is already handicapped in carrying out its programme of work.

LABOR DEPT. ACTS IN MONTREAL DISPUTE.

The Montreal Tramways Company Monday morning received notification from the Labor Department that the government that the company employ a board of conciliation and arbitration as their demands for an increase of salary had not been granted. The department asked the company what their answer was to the complaint of the men, and when this is received they will decide whether there is any reason for a conciliation board under the act.

LONDON STREET RY. EMPLOYEES ACCEPT OFFER.

The London street railwaymen have decided to accept the proposal of the City Council that wages be advanced to 10 shillings an hour and fares increased to five cents cash, with six limited-hour tickets for a quarter. A mass meeting of the union was held last Saturday night, when the decision was reached.

PORT STANLEY STRIKE ENDS.

The striking employees of the London and Port Stanley Railway returned to work at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, after a strike lasting eight and a half days. The settlement was the result of a conference between E. N. Compton, secretary of the Railway Officers' Association, and J. W. Parker, the international representative of the men's organization, with Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission.

Conscripting a Party

London Daily Mail, March 20. "Men must choose, and those who hesitate must be made to choose and to choose now."

With sentences so typically Churchillian as that which we quote above, the Secretary of State for War, in an article in the London Evening News, seeks to rouse enthusiastic support for yet another Antwerp conference. The department of military strategy, with which he is far better acquainted.

Expressing his recent declaration that Labor is not yet fit to govern, he denounces the Labor Party, whom he calls the "Socialists' Party," as containing "the most dark and formidable menace with which, now that German militarism has been crushed, British civilization is confronted. He describes them as being 'possessed of a complete scheme of political doctrine involving the nationalization of all means of production, distribution and exchange; the annihilation of private capital, and the inauguration of class warfare throughout the world on an international basis.' That is the bogey from which, according to Mr. Churchill, all non-Socialists must flee to the outstretched arms of the Coalition.

We venture to disagree with Mr. Churchill. We do not agree that the Labor Party is chiefly Bolshevist in theory or practice. We do not agree that the Coalition is the only refuge from Socialism. And we certainly do not agree with his contention that the present Coalition government, as broadly speaking, represents exclusively those forces which, acting together, without regard to former party differences, have saved the country from disaster. This is still, despite the bureaucratic tendencies of the Coalition; a constitutional country. The Labor Party will not act only through its representatives in Parliament, as the Trades Union Congress indicated very definitely last week. The power depends upon their numerical strength. That is decided by the British nation at the polls. We reiterate our profound trust in the political sense of the nation—and we would sooner rely upon it than upon the political strategy of the Coalition—with perfect assurance that it will not more be stamped into Bolshevism by the extremists of the Labor Party than into the confused wings of the Coalition at the sight of the bogey which Mr. Churchill depicts and from which he so imperiously calls upon us to flee.

We discern signs that Mr. Churchill is obediently following the lead of his chief with another attempt to "use by fear."

VOTING IS CLOSE FOR TYPOS' PRESIDENT

R. S. Lee Defeats J. W. Jefferson By 11 Votes.

Mr. R. S. Lee, typist operator of the Printing Bureau, is the new president of Ottawa Typographical Union, Local 182, having defeated Mr. J. W. Jefferson by the narrow margin of 11 votes in the election yesterday. Mr. Lee replaces Mr. P. Draper, who retired from the presidency some time ago after many years of service at the head of the local organization. As a number of officers were elected by acclamation at the nomination meeting held on Saturday, May 15, the balloting yesterday was confined to the offices of president, recording secretary, executive committee, corresponding secretary and chairman of the union.

The full list of officers elected follows: President, R. S. Lee; vice-president, Charles Boudreau; secretary-treasurer, J. K. Peffer; recording secretary, George Duncan; corresponding secretary and chairman of the executive, W. D. Martin; executive committee, N. Desjardins, W. E. Stephens, F. J. Deane and H. G. Heston; recording secretary, Louis Moisan, chairman; A. Morel and F. G. Hall; auditors, J. O'Brien, J. J. McLaughlin and Martin O'Brien; corresponding secretary, Graphical Journal, John Donovan; delegates to Allied Printing Trades Council, W. D. Martin, Alfred Lee and N. Desjardins; secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, P. M. Draper, William Lodge, J. W. Patterson and J. A. P. Haydon.

The Open or Closed Shop—Which?

By Frank Morrison, Secretary, American Federation of Labor.

The union shop is democracy in industry. The right of employees to bargain collectively, to have a voice in working conditions, is guaranteed in the constitution of the American Federation of Labor. It is the only way to protect the worker's interests. It is the only way to protect the worker's interests. It is the only way to protect the worker's interests.

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ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES VISITS OIL FIELD.

Mr. J. W. Williams, special representative of "The Canadian Labor Press," has visited the Peace River oil fields and reports that there is every indication that this great Canadian oil field will be proven up very shortly. He is very well acquainted with the men behind the Tar Island Oil & Gas Co., Ltd., especially and he reports that this company has already obtained such valuable results that it is almost certain to be the first to reach the big oil pools of that field.

Mr. Williams is very enthusiastic over Peace River and the Tar Island Company in particular, and says that he has no hesitation whatever in recommending the shares of this company. He also says that if the company obtains the results which they are expected to get, these shares should sell at many times their present value. It looks like a splendid opportunity to get in on a great new oil field just at the right moment to make the biggest return on the investment.

On April 1, 1920, child labor ceased to exist legally in Great Britain. If we should have a child labor law in Canada, although it is April 1!

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The District Council of Carpenters have sent out a questionnaire to the 11 locals throughout the city asking them to supply hands and floats for the Labor Day parade.

Secretary W. D. Robbins, of the Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union, says that the membership had now reached the high water mark of 2,508.

Toronto L.L.P. will try to get in touch with representatives of the returned men's organizations so that labor and the returned soldiers may club together in the matter of representing Toronto in the riding vacated by Hon. Dr. Cody. This was the decision reached at Monday afternoon's session of the labor representation committee held at the Labor Temple in about two more weeks.

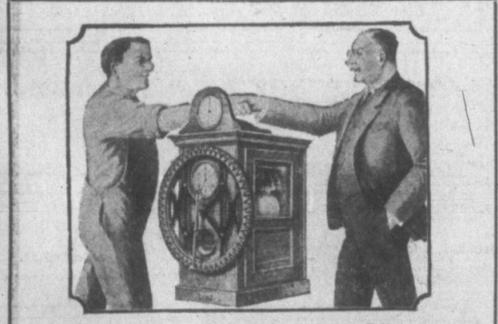
Business Agent Herbert Lewis, of the International Machinists, reports that conditions in the trade throughout the city are very good. "Practically all of the foundries and machine shops are paying increases and the men appear to be satisfied pretty much with the situation," said Mr. Lewis this week.

It is altogether likely that if some agreement is not arrived at between the coal miners and the companies during the coming week that a strike will be called next Saturday. The men claim that they have repeatedly made overtures to the employers which have been ignored.

Eight new members were initiated at the meeting of the Amalgamated Carpenters, held in the Labor Temple this week. Reports submitted to the members showed the trade to be in a very healthy condition.

John M. Hopkins, business agent of the Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, reports that conditions in the trade are showing improvement all over the province. The weather seems to have made a tremendous difference in conditions during the last week or so.

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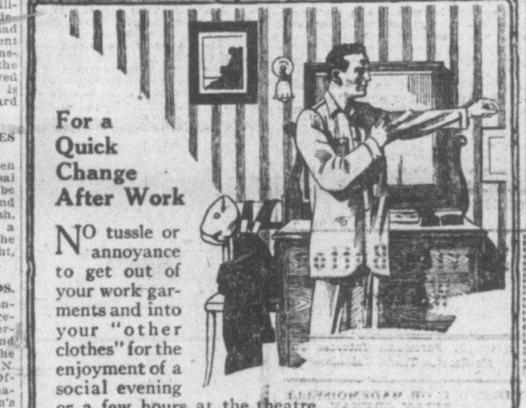
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