

AGENDA OF GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE INCLUDES MANY QUESTIONS

President Tom Moore, of Dominion Trades Congress, and Deputy Minister of Labor Acland Will Represent Canada at Sessions Which Will Open in London O Monday.

On Monday next, March 22, the adjourned meeting of the Governing Body of the International Labor Office will convene in London, Eng. The agenda, which is very lengthy, includes matters of interest to the workers the world over. Among other things it includes the question of a commission on immigration and emigration for the women's convention which will be held at Genoa, Italy, in June. Both of these questions are of particular interest to Canada, and as the Dominion Government is represented by Deputy Minister of Labor Acland and the workers by President Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, Canada's case will be presented.

When Labor's demands were presented to the Canadian Government some few weeks ago, various resolutions dealing with immigration were laid before the Government for consideration. Canada has made itself particularly prominent in regard to seamen, for at the International Labor Conference at Ottawa, Hon. W. P. Howland, President of the Canadian Labor Council, who represented the Canadian Government, moved an amendment to the labor convention which would include seamen, thereby including them in the decision to be arrived at in the coming conference.

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ONTARIO CIVIL SERVANTS FIGURES ON LIVING COSTS.

Figures as to the increase in the cost of living in the last five years have been prepared by the Ontario Civil Service Association for submission to the Government in support of their demands for liberal salary increases. During the years 1914-1918, says the statement, increases in the cost of living in Ontario were: Staple foods, 103.4 per cent; fuel and lighting, 84.5 per cent; rent, 80.7 per cent; clothing, from 110 to 142 per cent; boots and shoes, from 150 to 250 per cent.

PLANS TO CARRY ORE FROM B. C. MINES.

Four aeroplanes are to be used this summer in carrying ore from the mines of the Granby Mining Company, 12 miles to tidewater at Stewart, B.C. It was announced last week. Each plane will carry 1,000 pounds. Freight charges will thus be reduced 50 per cent. It is predicted.

CANADIAN TEACHERS SHOULD AT ONCE AFFILIATE WITH TRADES CONGRESS

School teachers in the United States are fast lining up in the Trade Union movement. Local unions are springing up everywhere and the total membership of Trade Union school teachers in the United States is now over 9,000.

ALL NEUTRALS EXCEPT TWO HAVE JOINED LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

With the official notification announced last week of the accession to the League of Nations of Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Salvador and Venezuela, of the 13 nations, non-signatories of the Versailles Treaty, invited to become original members, the League has definitely accepted. Salvador has signified its intention of joining the league, but Venezuela has not yet declared its intention.

SOME POSTAL STATISTICS FOR CANADA.

The report of the Canadian Postmaster-General has been laid upon the table of the House of Commons, and shows a surplus revenue of some \$2,000,000. The net revenue for the fiscal year 1918-19 was \$11,627,112.62, an increase of \$257,815.20, as against an expenditure of \$11,429,334.34, an increase of \$1,290,000 in excess of the 1917-18 figures.

MINERS' PROPOSITION FAILS TO ATTRACT OTHER WORKERS.

As was expected the British Trade Union Congress at its special session in London last week defeated the direct action proposals to compel the Government to nationalize the mines. The vote was an overwhelming one, and the direct actionists were defeated.

U. S. ANTHRACITE COAL MINERS' DEMANDS.

Demands which American anthracite coal miners have asked mine operators to incorporate in the new wage agreement to be drafted to meet the needs of the industry are presented to the mine owners last week, and a sub-committee of practical men were named to negotiate the new contract. The demands include the following:

- Contract wage scales to be increased 50 per cent.
A work day of not more than six hours for all classes of inside and outside labor and for monthly men five days per week with time and a half for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays.
A two-year agreement instead of four years at present.

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NATION GREATER THAN THE SECTION--IT MUST LIVE OR UNITS COMPOSING IT DIE

W. A. Appleton, Secretary of British Trade Union Congress, Points To Fallacy of Socialization of Industry and Destruction of Individual Enterprise.

Suggestions replete with good, sound advice have been made by W. A. Appleton, secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions, England, and president of the International Federation of Trades Unions, in an article published in his newspaper, the Democrat (London).

Mr. Appleton directs attention to the fallacious theory, that conditions can be remedied through the socialization of industry and the destruction of individual enterprise. He shows that such a programme was virtually followed during the war, with general dissatisfaction. He points out other students of the world's complex problems he sees the cure in work and a square deal. He writes: "We are all agreed that the destruction of individual enterprise is like a sick man. We are not clear as to the causes, and we differ concerning remedies. One tells us that the present-day situation is due to the fact that the form of government is wrong; another that the government is wrong; another that the capitalist does his duty to labor."

For all time Capital has, in its own opinion, fulfilled its duty when it has paid the highest wages. Labor could secure by individual or collective demand. The conditions under which men have lived, the standard of living, the depth of their suffering when all are overtaken them--these were not the concerns of Capital. There have been exceptions, but usually these were only sufficient to emphasize the rule.

The problems of today are too great for anything but collective effort. It means working for the laborer that he must get to know it. Sentiment has been outraged--and sentiment will fight. Every slim, every pressure, death every illiterate, every thrifty soul whose wages were too low to enable him to avoid indigence, every housewife whose income was too small to enable her to suffer will struggle against the conditions that did obtain and that do obtain. Are we going to oppose these struggles? Are we going to drive sheep or to lead men?

If you want to lead men you must lead them by the hand. They must see your objective as well as your point of departure. It is claimed that the socialization of everything will enable shorter hours to be worked and higher wages to be paid. To advance this theory is to ignore the experience of the five years of the actual operation of Britain has been under a socialistic Government in the sense that the Government has controlled the land, the mines, the factories, and other means of production. It is perhaps justifiable to say that during this period no soul in Great Britain, apart from the officials, has been satisfied with the efforts of the Government. People have to pur-

chase what they are permitted to purchase. It is fair to say that no grade of society was prepared for such circumstances that have now arisen. The churches were less concerned with the here than with the hereafter. Their ignorance of life and death in these matters led them, and leads them, to philanthropic round phrases and to seek salvation in the dogmatic utterance of men a little more experienced than they are themselves.

We need to talk of the "fog" of war. This was clearly compared with the fog that has followed war. We are seeking to discover eras solutions instead of those which history and natural law alike suggest. So automatic a success of men's little more experienced than they are themselves.

It is asserted that the Government found eight millions per day for the war and that it can continue providing for the circumstances that follow. The Government did not find the money, but borrowed it. It does not appear to have any weight, nor do the further facts. The Government has borrowed credit and that the British credit is so bad in America that you can get only four dollars to the pound instead of the 160 shillings you get eighteen shillings instead of twenty shillings.

It is assumed that all these differences may be met by a levy on capital. They do not tell us what they mean by capital, or whether they differentiate between fixed and fluid capital. If they are going to take a percentage out of the fixed capital, they do not explain how the industry is to be kept going. It is to be done with the portion that is appropriated by the taxpayer.

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ALL IN READINESS FOR G. W. V. A. CONVENTION AT MONTREAL.

Plans for the Great War Veterans' Association's convention at Montreal are now complete. Arrangements have now been made with the Ritz Carlton, the Windsor, the Corona, and Queen's Hotels to accommodate the delegates. The convention will be held at the Ritz Carlton, Montreal, on March 22 and 23. The Dominion Executive will hold a meeting in the Windsor.

CANADA A FIRST-CLASS MEMBER OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Canada is among the "first-class" members of the League of Nations, according to a statement by Hon. N. W. Rowell in the House of Commons last week. In conformity with Article 6 of the Treaty of Peace with Germany, Canada's contribution to the League of Nations is based on the apportionment of the expenses of the International Bureau of the League of Nations. Canada will be called upon to contribute must necessarily depend upon the number and classification of the members of the League of Nations. Canada's contribution for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1920, was fixed at \$16,234, which at the current rate of exchange on February 13, the date on which the draft was sent to London, amounted to \$4,643,115.

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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

"BUILDING AND DESTROYING."

NEVER lacking evidence that the western reactionaries are doubtful of the correct course to their "Utopia," the latest action at Victoria, B.C., to dissolve the Federation of Labor, clinches the point of erratic movement pursued, and that doubt forms a large part in the movement, with failures and dissensions standing out pre-eminently.

A scrutiny of the Trades and Labor Congress records of years past will attach the formation of Federations to western initiative and persistency, the latter being much to the fore through their representatives when the painted grandeur and effectiveness of Federations for all the provinces was the panacea to cure all ills and cement the Labor forces. It was also shown how obsolete was the system of provincial executives, it being worthy of note are in vogue today in the majority of the eastern provinces. Not alone are these executives in existence but showing results of advanced legislation gained by this means.

If a new school of the retrogressive ranks was in evidence, with an entirely new set of leaders and pupils, perhaps some justification for these changes could be conceded, but such is not the case, as we find names prominently identified with the destroyers of the Federation were formerly among its strongest advocates. One point of consistency was the request for financial assistance from the Congress, made annually to aid the Federation to carry on its work.

As previously stated records show that since Congress, chartered Federations of Labor, the howlers for disbandment at the present time were formerly eulogistic for its support. Right in the City of Vancouver at the convention, 1915, the Federation officials after elaborating on the work undertaken and accomplished, wound up their report as follows:

"We desire to point out that Congress, having at the beginning of the year, rendered us financial assistance to the extent of two hundred dollars, has materially assisted us in our work under the present conditions. We also desire to express our appreciation of the attention and assistance of the Executive of Congress, and the Parliamentary Representative, which has been given to us in matters pertaining to Dominion law and matters coming under the departments at Ottawa.

"The work of the Federation affects all branches of Labor, the interests of all organizations being to a great extent similar, and we desire to call the attention of international officers, and the representatives of international organizations, that have locals in the province that are not affiliated with the Federation, to the importance of the work that is being attempted, with the view of securing their co-operation in our efforts to have the affiliation of all local unions in the province, to the end that greater efforts may be made to secure to the workers legislation that will safeguard their lives and liberties and their economic position as far as possible, under the present competitive system."

Now the B. C. Federation ceases to exist, among those responsible were formerly some of its strong advocates demonstrating clearly a lack of discernment of the correct path to success, which is abundantly in evidence where the sure method of International Trade Unionism has been utilized.

PROBLEM SOLVED.

A NEW football, the eight-hour day, has been thrown into the active arena of politics, Federal and Provincial. Owing to its being one of the planks as presented by the Labor group in the League of Nations, it must of necessity be dealt with and cannot be given the hoist or any other means employed for its relegation. Covering the shorter workday proposition with any amount of legal verbiage, attempting to pass it on to the other group, or employing any of the old or new methods of dispensation, is found to be an exceedingly difficult task.

Whilst there are those who may enact legislation and continue to play with this football, there are apparent the relievers of the situation in full view, the trade union and its membership, who, where it has not adopted the eight-hour day has come mighty near and all signs point to accomplishment in every instance at no distant date. This is not a long journey to go as there are but few members of the organized forces throughout this Dominion who work more than the eight-hour day at the present time.

With this in mind the easy way out of the difficulty for the people's representatives seems to be to put out the S.O.S. sign, calling for assistance from the International Trade Union Movement, and ask them to finish the job they have almost brought to a successful issue.

POLITICS and PEOPLE THROUGH THE TELESCOPE OF LABOR

OTTAWA, March 17. — Labor legislation was before the House on two or three occasions during the week, but so far no intimation has been made as to the prospect of legislation. Hon. N. W. Rowell pointed out that Canada as a member of the League of Nations was compelled to bring before the House the legislation agreed upon at the International Labor Conference, called in connection with the treaty of peace in reply to a question from the leader of the Opposition, he stated that the International Labor Conference, differed from other such conferences in that it was absolutely necessary that the Government be represented, whereas on former occasions attendance was voluntary.

The eight-hour question arose at the evening session on Monday. It came up again on the motion of Mr. Birkham (previously before the House on a couple of occasions (in this session) favoring a national session) favoring a national eight-hour day, subject only to the effect of the international labor conference.

During the debate, Mr. Rowell placed where he was wanted, owing to the lack of accommodation. No precise information was available as to the number of building trade operatives still in the army, but the number was now inappreciable. The remainder, who were international obligation had been released within a short period.—Daily Herald.

Across the Atlantic.

What Our Brothers in the Motherland Are Doing.

"BLACK COAT" WORKERS' FEDERATION. The movement among "black-coat" workers towards closer organization for the protection of their own interests has gained strength in the last few months, and in Liverpool where it seems to have much vitality—efforts are being made to strengthen the Federation which came into existence last year. Of the various guilds of clerical, technical, administrative and supervisory workers in Liverpool which entered into federation in August some had been in existence for some time and others were of more recent formation.

The Federation is now composed of the Shipbuilding Clerical Staffs' Guild, the Association of Engineers, and Shipping Draughtsmen, the Liverpool Law Clerks' Society, the General Clerical Staffs' Guild, the Shipping, Engineering and Steel Commercial Staffs Association, the Accountants' Clerical Staffs' Guild, and the Liverpool Municipal Officers' Guild.

It is the purpose of the Federation to assist in the formation of other organizations of commercial and technical workers, to consider matters of policy affecting the workers and to co-ordinate their activities, and on matters of common interest to voice the opinion of the guilds. In some instances, the initiative made by the Federation has not been so easy as some of its members wished. It has encountered a certain amount of apathy and indifference among the workers whom it seeks to enrol.

Recently the Federation held its first general meeting, mainly in order to quicken interest among "black-coat" workers in Liverpool and to impress on them the advantages of organization. The speaker, the secretary of the Federation and members of the enrolled guilds were chiefly exhortatory, an insistence, with few variations, on the theme, "The day is to be effective. Mr. J. Southern, a member of the General Clerical Staffs' Guild, presided. It was really time, he said, that the "black-coat" workers organized themselves in furtherance of their interests. Throughout the country, changes were being slowly linked into a series of trade unions.

MINERS NOT UNANIMOUS FOR DIRECT ACTION. On the day previous to the opening of the special session of the British Trade Union Congress the Miners' Federation in Congress decided by 524,000 votes to 246,000 to support the policy of direct action. Although the men have not yet been voted the vote roughly represents what may be called an alert and conscious feeling in the coal fields.

An analysis of the above vote shows that even in the coal fields the miners themselves there is a strong element against direct action and it would be a difficult task in view of this strong opposition to call an effective general strike.

NEARLY 400,000 PERSONS OUT ON STRIKE IN FRANCE. It is estimated by officials of the French Federation of Labor that nearly 400,000 persons in all are on strike in France at the present time. In the Lyons region several thousand hands in the silk mills have gone out, bringing the number of strikers at that centre to a total of 60,000 in the various industries. In the Department du Nord, some 20,000 coal miners have struck in sympathy with the strike of an equal number in Pas de Calais, and this development has strengthened the hope of the radicals among the Labor leaders that a general coal strike may be brought about.

Strikes of from 2,500 to 5,000 building workers are reported, several from various regions, among them Angers and Toulouse.

25,000 MEMBERS BUILDING TRADES UNIONS U.S.A. In view of the Premier's allegation that the British building trade unions are responsible for a shortage of labor and are preventing the building of the new Government House in Ottawa, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, in a speech in the House of Commons recently, when he stated that on February 12, there were 25,000 building workers out of employment. Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck said the Minister of Health if he would state how many men in the building trade were at present out of employment, and how many skilled and unskilled workers were still in the army.

Sir H. Home, who replied, said that the number of men on the live register of the Exchanges as belonging to the building trades on February 13 was 25,000, of whom about half were skilled men and half laborers. These men included a large proportion of the least able workers, and exist in small numbers spread over the whole country. While there is a large unskilled demand for building labor of every kind, it is more difficult now than at any time to shift the man to the

place where he was wanted, owing to the lack of accommodation. No precise information was available as to the number of building trade operatives still in the army, but the number was now inappreciable. The remainder, who were international obligation had been released within a short period.—Daily Herald.

WAGES AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Canadian Labor Press. Dear Sir—Will you kindly inform me who is right? "High Cost of Living." A bet B that the laborer is getting more money in comparison to the cost of living, this year (1920), than he did in 1914. The wages in Pembroke, Ont., in 1914 were \$2 to \$2.25 per day and today, 1920, \$5 per day.

Editor's note—We are of the opinion that B wins. According to the figures of the Department of Labor the average cost of the weekly family budget of simple foods for the month of January, 1920, was \$15.49 as compared with \$13.78 in January, 1919, and \$7.73 in January, 1914.

The gratuity question is not yet dead as some politicians would have us believe. In the House on Tuesday, the Member for West Toronto presented a petition asking for increased gratuity to Canadian ex-servicemen. Just what will be the fate of this petition we are not prepared to state, but no doubt it will receive due consideration and then the "pigeon hole."

Here's To Woman.

Once Our Superior, Now Our Equal.—Can. The first woman ever admitted to a trade union in the United States which was composed of men is believed to have been Miss Mary Baker who in the late '60's was unanimously elected to membership in the Chicago branch of the Typographical Union.

TORONTO BELLO GIRLS SEEK INCREASE. The Bell Telephone operators of Toronto have asked the management for an increase.

Increased Salaries Kingston Teachers. The threatened strike of the Public School teachers of Kingston on April 1, will not take place, as their demands for increased salaries have been met by the Board of Education. The teachers had tendered their resignations but when the board intimated that the salary increase would be granted they withdrew the resignations.

AMERICAN WOMAN MAY HAVE VOTE IN NEXT ELECTION. The passage by the West Virginia Senate last week of a resolution ratifying the Anthony Amendment to the United States Constitution, made that state the thirty-fourth to complete ratification. The favorable action followed close on the adoption by the Senate of the minority report of the committee on privileges and elections, declaring vacant the seat of Senator A. R. Montgomery, who attempted to return to this state after removing to Illinois, in order to defeat suffrage.

THE COWARD. (By W. Teignmouth Shore, in the Daily Herald.) SCENE: Night-time in a base hospital ward somewhere in France some time during the great war. (The Doctor is standing beside a cot and looks down at a patient who seems as if at the point of death.)

COL: Will he pull through? DOC: I don't know. Tell you when he wakes up next time. He's done his best. Made a big fight for it. COL: Knows how bad he let? DOC: Yes. Asked me-point blank two days ago if he was dying. COL: You told him? DOC: Told him I didn't know, but that he had just a ghost of a chance if he didn't junk. Punk's killed more men than fever- fever alone. He just emptied, and said he would die, and if he could help it. He's not a coward, anyway. Clean grit.

COL: Let me know how he gets on. Put him through if you can, don't spare anything. Good night. DOC: Good night, sir.

COL: Morning, doc. DOC: Morning, sir. I've been wanting to see you. You promised to tell me some day about that chap who pulled through a dose of double pneumonia. You were very keen on his getting through. I am rather afraid I let him go out too soon. How is he?

COL: Er—well—he was shot at dawn, day after he got back to the front. DOC: He had faked. DOC: After he went back? Why, sir?

COL: No; before he came to you. DOC: And—you got me to pull him through for—what? My God! NOTE—The main incident of this story is fact, not fiction. Only details have been changed.—W.T.S.

RED FLAG ADVOCATES SHOULD BE TREATED AS PARIAS.

The Labor movement, my friends, must be based upon wisdom and it must be guided by intelligence and the membership of organized Labor, to be successful, must render obedience to the law. The man who tells you that the emancipation of Labor must come from battle fought under the red flag should be treated as a Pariah until the association of intelligent men. I trust that you men and that you women will shun any association that advocates direct action and sabotage, that as a means to emancipate the working class, advises throwing monkey-wrenches into machinery, putting sand and salt in sugar, axle grease in soup, using dynamite on Temples of Labor, and cracking axes with nitroglycerine.

With such admonition to Labor to be guided by reason and right and such warning against the destructive teachings of "red" radicalism, John M. O'Neill, western representative of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, delivered an eloquent and uplifting address to a mass meeting of workers of Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Labor Temple recently.

Mr. O'Neill handled I. W. Wilson and red radicalism with unglued fists and hurled gigantic charges of logical dynamite against their mass action and force and fire theories.

KITTY'S FLEA. "Oh, mother," cried Edith. "I found a little flea on kitty, and I caught it!" "What did you do with it?" asked her mother. "Why, I put it back on kitty again, of course. It was her flea."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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"In the anthracite field, the output of the mines in the Pennsylvania region has practically reached its maximum; and while the increase in population, especially in the seaboard states, is causing a constantly increasing demand for anthracite of domestic sizes, it will be impossible to increase that supply except by the use of briquettes and crushed anthracite"

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NEW PRESIDENT BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Ottawa Building Trades Council held on Monday night, N. W. Beaven, of the Bricklayers' Union, was elected as president for the balance of the year. Pat Green, business agent of the District Council of Carpenters, through presence of the Ottawa section with his craft, found it impossible to carry on as head of the Building Trades Council and accordingly resigned. Harry Ram, who is well known in the building industry, and has been a member of the negotiating committee for the past two years.

BUILDING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary negotiations between the Contractors' Association and the Ottawa Building Trades Council are progressing satisfactorily. The employers have agreed to a "tentative agreement," the eight-hour day in all crafts with the exception of steam and operating engineers and electricians. The tentative agreement was accepted and the Joint Industrial Council, organized last year, is to continue.

The wage schedule is the one that is causing with opposition from the employers but it is expected in local labor circles that this will be adjusted satisfactorily to the present agreement expires.

It is apparent that the present form of negotiation is a success and the coming season should be the very best in the history of the building industry in Ottawa.

I.L.P. CONVENTION DELEGATES

President W. T. MacDowell, of the Ottawa branch of the Independent Labor Party, and Controller John Cameron will represent the Ottawa branch at the convention of the I. L. P. to be held in London, Ont., on April 2 and 3.

The question whether the branch should utilize a "tentative agreement" was one that caused no little discussion and it was finally left in the hands of the president to decide who was to receive it. The delegates to the convention will be: J. P. Hydon, Harry Ram, and J. P. Hydon.

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HAMILTON.

I. L. P. FORMS DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Hamilton Independent Labor Party central branch, has the right idea. A debating society has been formed, and the first shot will be fired on Friday night, April 9, at the Labor Hall. A special order of business, commencing at nine o'clock, the subject: "Resolved, That country life is preferable to the city." The following were chosen as the debaters: Affirmative, John J. Halrow and Charles Johnson; negative, James Roberts and Harry Ram.

Harry G. Fester, Independent Labor Party president, and Peter Thompson, chairman and secretary respectively of the society. The Rev. E. J. Etherington, J. J. Halrow and J. Burwick are the champions against the society's debates. The society will no doubt prove a great asset to the I. L. P. The labor movement in Canada is confronted with colossal task and many speakers will be required to help "carry on." The Debating Society will provide members of the Labor Party in the effort of oratory. The I. L. P. leaders intend to assist and encourage to the limit the very best oratorical talents in the city. Many able labor speakers, all of whom during political campaigns have made decided records. The organization of the I. L. P. is being carried on in the effort of oratory. The I. L. P. leaders intend to assist and encourage to the limit the very best oratorical talents in the city. Many able labor speakers, all of whom during political campaigns have made decided records. The organization of the I. L. P. is being carried on in the effort of oratory.

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ASK 80 CENTS HOURLY.

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TEXTILE WORKERS TO ORGANIZE.

That in the very near future there would be an effort made by the Hamilton labor men to organize the textile workers, was a statement made by a labor official at the present time. He stated that about 1,000 persons working in textile factories about the city who are "eligible" to form a union. Some time ago an attempt was made to organize these workers, but without success, owing to some hitch occurring in the establishment of a union.

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