

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED

Some Hot Shot From the Trades and Labor Council--Minister of Play Also Come in For Some Knocks--Aliens From a Detention Camp Employed to Replace strikers--Investigating Commissioner a Shareholder in Company Affected.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—Hon. Thomas W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, and the members of the Dominion Cabinet, were arraigned at yesterday's session of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. The delegates struck out in full force in their denunciation of the administration of the Department of Labor in the matter of enforcing the industrial disputes investigations act.

The Minister of Labor did not appear to be disturbed while he was the subject of bombardment on the floor of the Congress.

After the storm had subsided, the Minister, in explaining the position he assumed in connection with the case of the striking miners of the Thetford asbestos mines at Sherbrooke, Quebec, calmly informed the Congress that he had no apology to offer and that he still felt satisfied he had acted fairly and without prejudice to the position of labor.

Labor Minister's Explanation.

He had been accused of refusing to appoint a Board of Conciliation in compliance with the terms of the industrial disputes investigations act, because of the refusal of five owners of the mines who had flatly announced that they could not agree to the appointment of a representative upon the board. The action of the employers prevented him from acceding to the demands of the strikers, but he had resorted to other tactics and with a great degree of success, succeeded in bringing the employers and the strikers together, and of having, through the appointment of a special commissioner, obtained for the men an amicable settlement of the difficulties and an increase in wages.

The agreement had been signed by twelve men representing the strikers

and one employer acting for the mine owners. The Minister had been congratulating himself upon the success of the negotiations, but was somewhat taken by storm when he discovered only a few days ago that a feeling of unrest apparently continues to prevail among the men.

Aliens Replace Strikers.

The Dominion Cabinet came in for severe castigation for consenting to the release of a number of aliens from the detention camp at Spirit Lake to replace the strikers when the trouble began to assume serious proportions.

Delegate R. A. Riggs, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, charged that if the evidence which had been adduced before the committee was correct, the Cabinet should be indicted for having furnished the strike-breakers, supposedly for the purpose of intimidating the miners in order that the stiffness might be taken out of their spine and that they might be forced to submit to the dictation of the mine owners.

In reply, Hon. Mr. Crothers stated that he could not answer for the actions of the cabinet. The releasing of aliens did not come under his department, but he was occasionally consulted with regard to assigning of aliens considered eligible to accept positions on account of the scarcity of labor.

Serious Allegation.

Delegate Arcand, formerly a government fair wage officer, exploded a bomb when he told the Congress that Mr. C. A. E. Blanchet, a prominent lawyer of Ottawa, who had been appointed Commissioner by the Hon. Mr. Crothers to investigate the trouble, was a shareholder in one of the com-

Arcand said he had also been delegated to make an investigation, but when he discovered the way things were going, together with the fact that "someone was pulling the strings tighter and stronger, and with greater effect than the government," he promptly forwarded his resignation to the Minister of Labor.

In his opinion such a condition was unpatriotic in time of war, especially in view of the fact that the Government permitted aliens to supplant the strikers when so many miners were in the trenches fighting for liberty and justice.

Following a motion to adjourn the debate, Mr. Crothers, who was given permission to explain the latter charge, said that if Mr. Blanchet was a shareholder of any of the companies involved he had not been made aware of it. If the information was correct, Mr. Blanchet had no business to accept the position.

The Minister added that when he returns to Ottawa he will look into the matter, at the same time asking the delegates to accept his word that he positively had no knowledge of Mr. Blanchet's connection with any of the mines.

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FRANCE, AT WAR, BUILDS ANOTHER GIANT LINER

(New York Sun.)

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The description received here says the Paris is 760 feet long, 8 beam, and has a depth of 59 feet. She is of 37,000 tons displacement and will be driven by quadruple screws, coupled to turbine motors.

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PRONOUNCING WAR NAMES.

British Soldiers Twist French in All Kinds of Ways.

(Chicago Journal.)

Fearful and wonderful—from the French viewpoint—are the pronunciations given by Tommy Atkins to the names of French places.

Tommy's attempts to "parler" the Francaise are a constant source of amusement, though he is now showing improvement. Tommy has now learned that Somme is pronounced "sum"—though even that is not so easy as it looks, for the French "u" sound has no English equivalent. The French u sound is pronounced by pursing the lips as if to say o, but to say e instead.

Aisne is pronounced "ayne." Loire is pronounced "loaare." Meaux is pronounced "moo." Meuse is "merze," but with the "r" silent.

Oise is "waz," Seine is "sen" and Ourcq is "ourk." Peronne is "pear-ron." Valenciennes is "val-on-se-en."

Thiaucourt is "toe-o-koor," Chantilly is "shan-tee-yee," and Maubeuge is "moburzh" with the "r" silent. Mons is "mawngs" with a nasal sound; Soissons is "swas-sohn," Rheims is "rance," Nanteuil is "nawng-tehyee," and so on. Tommy's mastery of the Francaise as she is spoken certainly gives no little amusement to his French comrade in arms. Many of the latter, however, are striving to learn English, so the enjoyment is mutual.

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