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Canadian Delegates Will Support 8-Day Convention

Hon. N. W. Rowell Clearly States the Position of the Federal Government— Says He and His Colleagues Will Support the Convention— Action Does Not Depend on the Course of the United States—Labor Clause Approved by Parliament.

(By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 24.—Canadian government delegates will vote for the proposed convention on the eight hour day. At the International Labor Conference this afternoon, Hon. N. W. Rowell clearly stated the position of the Dominion government. S. R. Parsons, Canadian employers' delegate, had read a statement giving the Canadian employers' view.

"Mr. Parsons," Mr. Rowell said, "has very properly presented the views of the employers, but in the last analysis the governments in the different countries concerned must define what the policy of the country should be and my colleague and I, representing the government of Canada, intend voting for this convention."

Mr. Rowell's declaration was loudly applauded.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND LABOR CLAUSE TWO

OF THE MOST VITAL FEATURES OF THE TREATY

"There are, however," Mr. Rowell went on, "some suggestions which we may wish to make with reference to the form of some of the sections, which we shall do when they come up for consideration."

"And I wish to say further, that while we appreciate the difficulties of the United States possibly adopting one policy and Canada adopting the other, the action of the government of Canada does not depend on the action of the government of the United States in dealing with these matters. It has not in the past, it will not in the future. It will be a consideration, undoubtedly which any government must take into account."

"The parliament of Canada has already approved the treaty containing the labor clause and the League of Nations covenant. We think the League of Nations and the labor clause constitute two of the most vital and important features of the whole treaty. The parliament of Canada having approved the League of Nations and the labor clause, the government of Canada will carry out the obligations in the treaty in spirit and letter."

MR. PARSONS SAYS APPLICATION OF SHORTER

WORKING DAY WILL LESSEN PRODUCTION

The eight-hour day convention was before the conference throughout the afternoon. Mr. Parsons, declaring that he was speaking for Canadian employers "many of whom have been consulted since this conference was in session," opposed it. General application of the shorter working day would, in his opinion, lessen total production, and only by increased production could the cost of living be reduced to all classes. It must be remembered, Mr. Parsons went on, that Canada was a young and undeveloped country. To attempt to put her on the same footing as old world countries was like "placing a young, vigorous giant on the same footing as a man advanced in life." Canada, he said, should have an opportunity to manage her own affairs to suit her own circumstances. Evidently what is aimed at ultimately is an attempt to drive all the workers of the world, like a flock of sheep, into the eight-hour pen, regardless of the world's requirements. Nor is it suggested for a moment that acceptance of the 8-hour day would permanently settle social and industrial problems, including the hours of work."

PRESIDENT OF G. W. V. A. CHALLENGES DR. EDWARDS, M. P., TO A DEBATE

Kingston, Ont., Nov. 25.—At a mass meeting of veterans held in the Strand theatre yesterday afternoon, President Howe, of the G. W. V. A., local branch, in the course of an address sent out a challenge to Dr. J. W. Edwards, M. P. for Frontenac, to meet him on the same platform next Sunday and debate Dr. Edwards' attitude in the House of Commons as a member of committee on soldiers' repatriation, and his recent utterance in the public press on the question of soldiers' gratuity. Both men are keen debaters and should such plans materialize the debate next Sunday will probably be a hot one.

REFUSES TO QUASH BIG LOSS OF THE INDICTMENT LIVE STOCK

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—A motion to quash the indictment of seditious conspiracy against the eight strike leaders on trial here was disallowed by Justice Melchior this afternoon. In dismissing the motion the Judge said: "eing of the opinion that the indictment is good, I must refuse to quash it." He pointed out, however, that counsel could take the issue to the court of appeal and obtain a ruling.

London, Nov. 23.—Indications of tragic losses to stockmen and farmers are given by the Daily Mail's Sydney N. S. W. correspondent in a despatch in which he cites instances of dwindling stock as a result of the drought. Of 27,000 sheep on one farm, he says only 5,000 have survived, while on another farm 6,000 sheep have dropped to 900 and elsewhere 80,000 herd of beef cattle have dwindled to 15,000.

Hon. P. J. Venot of Bathurst is at the Queen.

VICTORIAN NURSE TO AID IN SCHOOLS

REPORTED TO SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

Condition of Public Institutions in the City Reported to be Excellent—Some Suggestions.

A meeting of the Social Service Council was held at the City Council Chamber yesterday and was quite largely attended. Miss Peterson of the Victorian Order of Nurses and Miss Hall, one of the inspectors of the Order were present at the meeting. The two gave their observations on the condition of affairs in the city as a result of an inspection which they had made. They were very enthusiastic over the splendid condition of the various institutions and expressed their satisfaction at the excellent condition in which they found the County Jail. This they said was an example of almost ideal cleanliness.

They were loud in their praises of the Victoria Public Hospital, but stated that it was overcrowded and that a larger building was necessary. Miss Peterson who has been in hospital work for over twenty years stated that the matron knew her duties well. The party were also greatly pleased with the care taken at the Children's Aid Home.

Before the main meeting a committee of the Social Service Council was in session with the officers of the local Board of Health to outline the work of the nurse. The Victorian nurse is to cooperate with the physicians and follow up their work in the schools acting as a school-nurse.

REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED

The Roof of the Fraser Memorial Hall Not in a Dangerous Condition.

Some reports as to the condition of the roof of the Fraser Memorial Hall are altogether misleading and calculated to create a wrong impression on the public mind. Mr. G. W. Hodge, one of the trustees of the church, when interviewed in regard to the matter, stated that the roof over the classroom and gymnasium is just as solid as it ever was. The roof over the auditorium he said, had settled about one and one half inches in the two years since the building was completed. The structural superintendent for the contractors says that it will require to settle at least two feet before there would be danger of a collapse. Competent engineers who have examined the building declare that it is perfectly safe. Mr. Hodge says that steps are being taken to prevent any further settling of the roof.

MONTREAL CARPENTERS RETURN TO WORK AT OLD RATE OF WAGES

Able to Reach an Agreement With Their Employers— Will Receive an Increase of Pay on December 1st—Strike of Plumbers Also Settled.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The carpenters and their employers having reached an agreement, the men returned to work yesterday. According to information obtained from one of the building contractors, a conference was held between the employers and the men. The substance of the conference was that the men agreed to call the strike off and return to work at their old rate of wages, that is, sixty cents an hour, on the understanding that they would receive an increase of 7½ cents an hour on December 1. The carpenters' strike began September 1st. About 200 of the men reported for work yesterday.

Plumbers Back at Work.

The plumbers' strike has likewise been settled. Some 400 plumbers quit work September 21st, and with the exception of about 200, who have left town, the others are now again at work here. It was learned last night that from October 15th to November 15th about 150 plumbers, on getting an increase of wages to 75 cents an hour, returned to their places. This left some fifty or sixty plumbers who were on strike till a week ago Thursday, when they returned to their places at whatever rates they could make with their employers.

It is announced that a committee of the master plumbers and the men will be appointed to agree on a new scale of wages and working hours. The old rate of wages was from 45 to 60 cents an hour.

CONFERENCE ON THE MINTO SITUATION

Mr. William Hayes of Springhill, N. S., United Mine Workers' board member who was sent to Minto to represent that organization in connection with the dispute between the miners and the mine operators, left Minto at noon today for St. John where he will confer with a representative of the Department of Labor at the Royal Hotel. The conference will take place tonight the Department being represented by Mr. E. McG. Quirk of Ottawa.

Miners at Work

The miners at Minto who had threatened to strike at the conclusion of yesterday's work are at work today. A meeting of them was held last night at which the situation was placed before them by Mr. Hayes. They will remain at work until there are further developments following the conference at St. John. If such developments are not favorable to the miners a strike may occur.

Position of Miners

Mr. Hayes in stating the position of his organization says that the miners at Minto are not desirous of a strike but wish to have their grievances placed before someone who will give them fair consideration. If they are dealt with fairly by the operators, says Mr. Hayes, they will give good service to the operators. They claim they have a strong case. While negotiations or anything resembling negotiations are in progress work at the Minto mines will continue, according to the U. M. W. representative.

New Branch Organized

Rev. Mr. Boothroyd, secretary of the N. B. Branch of the Dominion Alliance preached to a large congregation in the United Baptist Church at South Devon on Sunday evening. At the close of the service a joint meeting composed of representatives of the Baptist, Church of England and Methodist churches was held and a branch of the Alliance was formed. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. J. Matthews, Vice President, Thomas Stillwell, Secretary, N. R. Perley, Executive Committee, Rev. G. W. Fisher, Rev. A. D. McLeod, Rev. H. H. Ferguson, Mrs. Ray Burpee, Mrs. G. W. Fisher, Mrs. C. L. Peters, Miss Margaret Haines.

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THE JUGO-SLAVS MAY FIGHT ITALY OVER ADRIATIC SITUATION

Said to Have Lost All Patience With Italians— The Impression Prevails That Only Prompt Intervention on the Part of the Allies Can Prevent a Rupture—Belgrade Paper Complains of Italian Persecution—Plot to Assassinate Premier Venizelos of Greece Discovered.

Geneva, Nov. 24.—Telegrams received by the Serbian Bureau at Berne from Belgrade, Zara and Spalato convey the impression that only prompt interference by the Allies can prevent war over the Adriatic situation as the Jugo-Slavs are said to have lost patience and to be ready to fight the Italians.

"We are astonished that the peace conference permits our people to endure constant Italian persecutions," says one Belgrade paper received here. "Our peaceful attitude is praiseworthy when we might throw D'Annunzio and his filibusters into the sea."

Another paper accuses Italy of desiring to blockade Jugo-Slavia's exports and imports, and thus unstrangle her." A third repeats recent reports that a reign of terror prevails in Zara, that everybody must wear a brassard inscribed "Italy or death," or be badly treated, and Slavs are afraid to leave their homes.

ROUMANIA AND SERBIA ARE GIVEN ANOTHER

CHANCE TO SIGN THE AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY

Paris, Nov. 25.—Roumania is to be given another chance to sign the Austrian peace treaty, a limited period being named within which she may attach her signature. Permission to sign is also to be given Serbia.

The Supreme Council made this decision this morning, at the same time deciding that a protocol be opened on November 27 permitting Roumania to sign the peace treaty with Bulgaria within eight days, this period to apply also to her signature to the treaty of St. Germain with Austria.

Adriatic Situation Critical.

Despatches confirming reports from Geneva that the situation along the eastern shore of the Adriatic is critical, are issued by the Jugo-Slav Bureau here. The Bureau says the Jugo-Slav government has asked its ministers at Paris, London and Washington to draw the attention of these governments to the dangerous situation arising from D'Annunzio's raids and these he is reported about to make.

Plot to Assassinate Venizelos.

Athens, Nov. 25.—Plotters arrested following the discovery of a conspiracy to assassinate Premier Venizelos, overthrow the present regime and re-establish King Constantine on the throne, have made full confessions, according to the authorities. They were formerly officers under King Constantine, it is said.

TRIAL OF EX-KAISER SET DOWN FOR EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR

London, Nov. 25.—The British Government expects the trial of the former Emperor William of Germany to begin in London early in the New Year, and is completing necessary arrangements, says the Mail, which adds that as soon as the Allies have ratified the peace treaty a united request for the surrender of the erstwhile Emperor will be presented to Holland. "There is no room for doubt that the request will be complied with," the newspaper says. Ratification of the treaty is confidently expected in a few weeks.

RELATION OF RELIGION TO PATRIOTISM

Toronto, Nov. 24.—A convention of unusual interest was opened in Massey Hall here tonight, when five religious denominations, Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists began ambitious plans for increased membership, increased zeal and increased financial resources. These five denominations are also acting in co-operation to set before the Canadian people the relation of religion to patriotism.

Principal Gandier, of Knox college presided. He declared at the outset that the movement was not one for church union.

"It is not a merger of any kind," he said, "but it is an interchurch move to arouse the nation by united efforts and fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ on earth."

Hon. E. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario, was one of the chief speakers.

SAYS EUROPE WILL HAVE NO MORE WARS

Rome, Nov. 23.—"The people of Europe will not have another war, and because the Socialists form a party which always has opposed war, the people of Italy voted for them," said Francesco Nitti, the premier, in explaining to the correspondent today the present Italian situation and the true meaning of the last general elections, when the number of socialist members of the chamber of deputies more than tripled. He characterized reports in circulation abroad that Italy was on the verge of a revolution as "simply absurd."

Weekly Roll-Off

The weekly roll-off took place at the Palace Bowling Alleys last evening with twenty-two bowlers entered for the event. Burgess led with 322 followed by Smith with 295 and Lawlor with 276.