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**WILL MEET TODAY LABOR IN POLITICS**

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the "Faithful sons of Holy Russia." Many liberals regard this as a direct incitement to the "black hundreds."

The most remarkable feature of the dissolution of parliament is the failure of the government to notify the powers of what was coming, nor have they been notified officially up to tonight of the ukase dissolving parliament. Several conferences of the diplomats were held this afternoon concerning the advisability of asking warships or at least chartering steamships to take away foreign subjects, if necessary, but no concerted action was agreed upon. Tonight the trains are filled with foreigners, departing abroad.

**Parisians Disappointed.**

PARIS, July 22.—The dissolution of the Russian Parliament has caused widespread comment and disappointment in this city. Sentiment is unanimous concerning the un wisdom of the precipitate action of Emperor Nicholas.

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thizers, has often been declared, but was more clearly set forth in the declaration, unanimously adopted by the Nashville Convention of the American Federation of Labor, in 1897, and often reaffirmed since.

We have been ever watchful to carry the purposes of that declaration into effect. At times we met with partial success yet, within the past few years claims and promises made in platforms or on the husting of political parties and politicians, and especially by the present dominant party, have been neither justified nor performed. Little attention has been paid to the enactment of laws prepared by us and presented to Congress for the relief of those wrongs and the attainment of those rights to which labor and the common people are justly entitled and which are essentially necessary for their welfare.

Several Presidents of the United States have, in their messages to Congress, urged the passage of equitable legislation in behalf of the working people, but Congress has been entirely preoccupied looking after the interests of vast corporations and predatory wealth. Congressmen and Senators in their frenzied rush after the almighty dollar have been indifferent or hostile to the rights of man. They have had no time and as little inclination to support the reasonable labor measures, the enactment of which we have urged, and which contained beneficent features for all our people without an obnoxious provision to any one.

Patience ceased to be a virtue, and on March 21, 1906, the representatives of labor presented a bill of grievances to the President and those responsible for legislation or the failure of legislation in Congress, reciting the failure or refusing of the party in power to adopt or enforce legislation in the interests of the toiling millions of our country. After setting forth labor's grievances and requesting and urging early action, we closed that now famous document with this statement:

"But if perchance you may not heed us, we shall appeal to the conscience and support of our fellow-citizens."

**No Relief Is Granted.**

The relief asked for has not been granted. Congress has turned a deaf ear to the voices of the masses of our people; and, true to our declaration, we now appeal to the working people, aye, to all the American people unitedly to demonstrate their determination that this Republic of ours shall continue to be of, for and by the people, rather than of, for and by the almighty dollar.

Attention is called not only to congressional and legislative difference and hostility to the interests of labor, but also to the interests of the large mass of all our people. The press for months has been burdened with exposures of the corruption and graft in high circles. The great insurance companies, the trusts, the corporations, the so-called captains of industry, have indeed become the owners of the legislators of our country. Public officials, many of whom have the cry of "stop thief!" nearest the top of the tongue, have been elected through these very agencies and the contributions from them.

**Time Ripe For Action.**

If it has come to a condition in this, the greatest and wealthiest nation on earth, that the almighty dollar is to be worshipped to an extent of forgetting principle, conscience, uprightness and justice, the time has arrived for labor and its friends to raise their voices in condemnation of such degeneracy, and to invite all reform forces to join with it in relegating indifference to the people's interests, corruption and graft to political oblivion; to raise the standard of legislation by the election of sincere, progressive and honest men who, while worshipping money less, will honor conscience, justice and humanity more.

We recommend that central bodies and local unions proceed without delay by the election of delegates to meet in con-

ference, or convention, to formulate plans to further the interests of this movement and in accordance with the plan herein outlined at the proper time and in the proper manner nominate candidates who will unquestionably stand for the enactment into law of labor and progressive measures.

The first concern of all should be the positive defeat of those who have been hostile or indifferent to the just demands of labor. A stinging rebuke to them will benefit not only the toilers but the people of the entire country.

Wherever both parties ignore labor's legislative demands a straight labor candidate should be nominated, so that men may have the opportunity in exercising their franchise to vote according to their conscience instead of being compelled either to refrain from voting or to vote for the candidate and the party they must in their innermost souls despise.

**Support Friends of Labor.**

Where a Congressman or State Legislature has proven himself a true friend to the rights of labor he should be supported and no candidate nominated against him.

This movement must not degenerate into a scramble for office. It should be a determined effort, free, absolutely, from partisanship of every name and character, to secure the legislation we deem necessary and essential to the welfare and happiness of all our people. As the present objects of this movement are purely in the line of legislation, all efforts should be concentrated upon the election of members of Congress and the various State legislatures.

Wherever it is apparent that an entirely independent labor candidate can not be selected, efforts should be made to secure such support by indorsement of candidates by the minority party in the districts and by such other progressive elements as will insure the election of labor representatives.

In order to systematically carry out the policy and work necessary to this campaign, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has selected the following members as the "Labor Representation Committee":

- SAMUEL GOMPERS,
- JAMES O'CONNELL,
- FRANK MORRISON.

Reports and returns should be made to the headquarters of the Labor Representation Committee (which will be located in the offices of the American Federation of Labor), who will give the best possible information and advice on uniform procedure.

**Labor Wins Own Battles.**

Whatever vantage ground or improved conditions have come to the workers of our country were not brought to them on silver platters; they are the result of their better organization and their higher intelligence; of the sacrifices they have made and the industrial battle-scars of many contests. The progress of the toilers has not been due to kindness or consideration at the hands of the powers that be, but achieved in spite of the combined bitter hostility of mendacious greed, corporate corruption, legislative antagonism and judicial usurpation.

Labor men of America, assert your rights! and in addition to strengthening your faith and loyalty to your organization on the economic field, exercise your full rights of citizenship in the use of your ballot. Elect honest men to Congress and to other halls of legislation, and by so doing you will more completely and fully carry out your obligations as union men, and more than ever merit the respect of your fellow-citizens.

Labor demands a distinctive and larger share in the governmental affairs of our country; it demands justice; it will be satisfied with nothing less. Fraternal yours,

Samuel Gompers, president; James Duncan, first vice-president; John Mitchell, second vice-president; James O'Connell, third vice-president; Max Morris, fourth vice-president; Dennis A. Hayes, fifth vice-president; Daniel J. Keefe, sixth vice-president; William D. Huber, seventh vice-president; Joseph F. Valentine, eighth vice-president; John B. Lennon, treasurer; Frank Morrison, secretary. Executive Council, American Federation of Labor.

**EXCITEMENT FOR SARAH.**

Tells French Journalists of American Trip.

PARIS, July 22.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt is spending her summer at her place at Belle Isle-sur-Mer, off the Morbihan coast, in Brittany, where she has spent many summers in the past.

To a party of Paris journalists she declared that she had gone through with more adventure in the past 14 months than most women go through in a lifetime.

She had played within view of the ruins of San Francisco, her train has been derailed three times, she has played in sheds built up on stakes like stilts in a marsh, she plays played in a huge tent three times. In an excited fashion she told of the attack made upon the members of her company at Quebec.

**THE DRAGO DOCTRINE**

Rio Conference Will Discuss this Important Subject.

**PROTECT LITTLE REPUBLICS**

Doctrine is Declaration That No Nation Has Right to Forcibly Collect Debts Owing Its Citizens By Another Nation.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—In a secondary place in the program of what is destined to be one of the most pregnant of international gatherings, the third conference of the American Republics, is set down the Drago Doctrine—so named after its exponent, Doctor Luis M. Drago, a learned publicist of Argentina. Yet in its bearing upon the future, not only of the little republics of the Southern Hemisphere, but upon the nations of the world, even upon the greatest, in their time of misfortune and distress, it should easily command first place. For, according to the ideas of the originator of the doctrine, it should mean the very perpetuation of their independent national existence.

Reduced to its simplest terms, this doctrine is a declaration that no nation has a right forcibly to undertake to collect debts owing to its citizens by another nation. And the proposition before the Pan-American Conference, which it is asked to submit to the great Hague Tribunal, is, to what extent, if at all, the use of force is justifiable in the collection of such debts. Naturally, the question thus propounded is of the most vital interest to every debtor nation and most of all to the practically defenseless republics of South and Central America.

**How It Came Before the Conference.**

The discussion of this important question was academic and without special significance until it was suddenly, last winter, thrust upon the Committee on Program, composed of representatives of the principal American republics then in session at the State Department, considering the subjects to be submitted to the Rio Conference. The first proposition was embodied in Article IV of the Program, in these words:

"A resolution recommending that the Second Peace Conference at The Hague be requested to consider the extent to which the use of force for the collection of public debts is admissible."

But not all of the republics represented were willing to admit that it was right to use any degree of force; a bitter contest ensued in the secrecy of the committee room; in this case the diplomatic room at the State Department, and finally a compromise was reached by the insertion of the words, "Whether, and if at all" just after the word "consider" in the original article.

But some of the South Americans are still of the opinion that this question should not be permitted to come before The Hague Tribunal in any shape, so a spirited contest is probable as the Rio Conference discusses this proposition. In fact, Dr. Drago, the putative author of the doctrine bearing his name, refused to represent his government in the conference, because it was proposed to submit this American doctrine to The Hague Tribunal.

**Novel Use For a Cigar.**

The stout man stood puffing at an unlighted cigar, bandaged tightly with a series of rubber bands. Wrapped in this manner the cigar gave the appearance of a fractured limb fresh from the hands of a surgeon.

"I see you getting ready to ask the question," said the stout man. "You want to know what I have my cigar done up in these rubber bands for. Well, I'll tell you. It is a little trick of my own invention. I was a cigar fiend for several years, but I have now broken off the habit—haven't smoked one for several years. I am now trying to break myself of the chewing habit. This cigar, you see, gives me a dry smoke and an imitation chew at the same time. If something does not happen to it this cigar will last me two weeks. Those rubber bands keep it from falling to pieces."—New York Press.

**Solomon's Great Wealth.**

Solomon was not only the wisest, but the richest man the world has ever seen, says the London Tatler, though he had to keep all his relatives. He is said to have owned a fortune of \$800,000,000, and David, his father, left half as much for the building of the temple, Croesus, whose name is even now a synonym for vast wealth, possessed \$400,000,000, and Lucullus, famous for his dinners and his manuscripts, \$120,000,000. Alexander the Great made his wars pay, for he brought back \$160,000,000 from Persia. As a general rule, it was unsafe to be very rich in classical times.

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