

LABOR'S BIG AIM TO LOWER LIVING COSTS

Co-operation and Government Will Do This Think A. F. of L. Officials.

CONVENTION OPENS

Session Scheduled at Montreal Monday Will Last for Three Weeks.

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Montreal, June 5.—Samuel Gompers, president, Frank Morrison, secretary, and many other leaders of the American Federation of Labor, have arrived here for the big convention of the supreme body of organized labor of the American continent, which opens here on Monday, and continues for about three weeks. The main feature of the convention will be the report of the executive council, which, though it may be debated at length, is likely to be adopted in its entirety.

On the subject of Bolshevism and other extremist propaganda the report has this to say: "During the year just passed, the Labor movement has stood its ground solidly and maintained the progressive, constructive policy which has marked it apart from most of the Labor movements of the world throughout the whole period of the world war.

Propaganda Loses Power.

It is noted with pleasure that everywhere the strength of this Bolshevistic propaganda has been lost and that its fallacies are daily becoming clearer to its former victims.

The convention will demand, as a cure for existing conditions, that the American Government be authorized to buy standard commodities direct from producers, and that these be distributed through regular retail channels at a retail price fixed by the Government. A demand will also be made that the Federal Government ascertain the amount excessive war profits extorted from the American people during years 1916-1920 and that those excessive war profits be taken by the Federal Government through its taxing power and applied to the extinguishment of the floating debt of the Government and to the partial retirement of Liberty Bonds at par, in order that existing inflated structure of currency and credit may be reduced.

Favor Conference Boards.

The setting up of conference boards of organized workers, thoroughly voluntary in character and in thorough accord with trade union organizations, as a means of promoting the democracy of industry through developments of co-operative effort, will also be urged.

The convention will demand that co-operation be encouraged as an effective means of curbing profiteering. The demand will be repeated that control of credit be taken from the hands of private financiers and placed in the hands of a public agency to be administered by voluntary and co-operative methods.

Willing to Work.

The convention will also emphasize the point that it has evidence that the workers are as willing to work to-day as ever, and that their productive capacity is as great, if not greater, than ever. It will declare that the influences which have been choking production since the war are under the control of employers and not of the workers.