

URGE DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST ALIEN ENEMY

Resolutions Introduced by Veterans Would Intern All Those Not in Essential Industries.

LEVY GREATER TAX

Feared That Organized Labor Might Object to Conscription of Alien Labor.

The internment of all enemy aliens in Canada not steadily engaged in work of national importance, the conscription of alien labor, the appointment of a custodian for alien property, and the cutting in half of the minimum amounts on which aliens shall pay income taxes are among the eight demands embodied in the report made yesterday afternoon to the Dominion convention of the Great War Veterans' Association by a special committee.

The report was received by the convention with great enthusiasm, and there were calls from many parts of the room to immediately submit it to the meeting for adoption. Others, however, advised caution and suggested that the report be taken up clause by clause. This course was decided upon by the unanimous vote of the convention, but adjournment found the discussion barely started.

Is Comprehensive Resolution.

The complete report follows, in the form of a resolution:

Whereas there are in Canada large numbers of enemy aliens enjoying absolute freedom of thought and action, and

Whereas from time to time occurrences take place, causing damage to life and property which cannot be attributed to mere accident, and

Whereas the absolute freedom granted to enemy aliens gives sufficient and reasonable ground for the anxiety felt among all thoughtful and reasonable people, and

Whereas it is the duty of the Government to take all reasonable steps for the safety of the country and the protection of its citizens, therefore be it resolved that we, the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, now assembled in national convention at Toronto, do hereby demand that:

Covers Eight Points.

1. All enemy aliens not engaged steadily in work of national importance shall be immediately interned, said aliens to be employed in work of national importance, under military rule.

2. No enemy alien shall be allowed to travel outside of a radius of five miles from his or her permanent abode without such passport from the proper authorities.

3. That a custodian be appointed at once for enemy alien property, with similar powers as are invested in custodians in Great Britain, the United States and Australia.

The present law governing the registration of enemy aliens shall be strictly enforced.

Should Pay More Taxes.

5. The Dominion Income Tax Law shall be so amended as to reduce the exemption on married enemy aliens from \$3,000 to \$1,500 and in the case of single enemy aliens from \$1,500 to \$750. And further, that a super tax of 10 per cent. be added to the present income tax on enemy aliens.

6. That the publication of enemy alien newspapers, books, and periodicals in Canada be immediately abolished.

7. All enemy aliens employed in Federal, Provincial, and municipal government departments shall be forthwith discharged.

Applicable to All.

8. That measures be taken at once to make the Military Service Act applicable to all allied aliens in the same manner and to the same extent as to the citizens of Canada, either by negotiating the necessary treaties or conventions with the remaining allied countries, on similar lines or the same as those provided in the conventions recently adopted between the United States of America and Great Britain, or, failing the obtaining of such treaties or conventions, that such allied aliens be forthwith given the option of enlisting voluntarily in the Canadian forces or being deported to the country of their origin, as is being done by the Government of the United States, under the Alien Slacker Bill just passed by an overwhelming majority in the house of representatives at Washington.

In presenting the report of the special committee appointed to consider the alien question, Comrade Dawson, secretary of the committee, pointed out that the committee had considered many resolutions on the question and that the series of resolutions brought forward for the consideration of the convention embodied most of the requests of the various branches.

"Doesn't Go Far Enough."

Comrade G. F. Murrell, secretary of the Central Toronto branch of the G. W. V. A., expressed the opinion that the report of the special committee did not go far enough in restricting the enemy alien in his work at munition plants.

"No enemy alien," he said, "should be permitted to work on the manufacture of munitions in time of war." He urged that a clause to this effect be inserted in the report before it was finally passed.

"Government Did Nothing."

Comrade Peart, of Hamilton, seemed quite satisfied with the report. "The G.W.V.A.," he declared, "already have sent delegates to the Government and they have done nothing in the matter. To my mind, the tax clause is the finest thing that has been suggested so far, I am much pleased altogether with the report and hope that it will stop further useless discussion on the subject."

Captain Finn, of Saskatchewan, warned the convention against taking any action that would be opposed by organized labor. "What is suitable in Toronto," he asserted, "would not necessarily be suitable in Alberta. We want to be sure that we do not interfere with the standard of living of our own comrades."

Vice-President Robinson, of Vancouver, told the convention that when the special committee on alien labor waited on the Government early in the year it was pointed out that if alien labor was conscripted

organized labor would not be satisfied.

"Fight, Pay or Get Out."

"The only way to do this thing right," he stated, "is to tax the alien. Sir Robert Borden frankly admitted to us that the alien could not be conscripted. At the same time there is no use in interning these gentlemen, if we are going to put them in internment camps to play billiards all day long. My suggestion would be to pay the men you conscript \$1.10 per day and pay the

difference between that and the salaries they now get to patriotic organizations. In other words, I would make the alien fight, pay or get out of the country."