

# WEST NOT UNANIMOUS ON LABOR'S POSITION

## Great Difference Exists Over Action of the Calgary Conference.

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 1.—Western papers, coming to Ottawa from all sections of the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia, reveal the keenest sort of interest in the labor situation, as it sprang into spectacular prominence in the recent Western Canada Labor Conference in Calgary. The daily journals oppose the decisions of the conference as revolutionary and subversive of democratic government, but largely console themselves with the belief that the resolutions represent only a minority of labor opinion in the West.

An entirely different attitude is taken by Western labor papers themselves, and observers here are interested in watching the contrast.

The Calgary Herald says, of the resolutions adopted at the convention: "The very reading of such a document causes the blood of free men to boil and their flesh to creep. No one with a spark of chivalry or moral decency could sanction such a preposterous and demoralizing condition of affairs."

The Edmonton Journal thinks that every time such resolutions are passed, "Those who contemplate new industrial enterprises are bound to ask whether they are warranted in undertaking them."

### A Tactical Position.

The Vancouver World says: "Unfortunately, it would seem as if would-be revolutionaries for the moment have gained a tactical position whereby it is difficult to dislodge them. Yet labor itself must surely see that the extremists must be dislodged, or the returned soldiers will form their own organizations."

The Manitoba Free Press thinks that no one should fall into the error of believing that the resolutions represent the views of labor generally.

When you turn to the labor press you look through a different glass.

"The British Columbia Federationist," organ of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and the B.C. Federation of Labor says, "The Western Conference was brought about as a result of differences of opinion in the Labor movement. It was the direct result of a clash between East and West. The workers in the West being more advanced, were unable to get their views properly ventilated at the last convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada."

This paper makes a violent attack on Tom Moore, president of the Congress, as being too friendly with the capitalists. "The Trade Unionists" thinks this paper, "are realizing that there is nothing in common between capital and labor. They are realizing that a job, no matter how good under capitalism, is nothing more than slavery, and that, to enable them to live and enjoy the products of their toil, they must line up on class lines, and take from the present owning class the right to rule and rob."

### Workers Control Industry.

The Western Labor News, published by the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, says, in reference to the dispute between craft and industrial unionism. "It is true that the Quebec Congress, dominated by the East, pronounced against industrial unionism. But majorities do not kill ideas, and this particular idea, it is safe to say, is incapable of being killed. It must be incorporated into action in the near future, and then will become one step towards the control of industry by the worker."

### After Drastic Action.

The District Ledger is a paper published in Fernie, B.C., by the local unions of the United Mine Workers. "It was the unanimous opinion of the Calgary conference," says this journal, "that there was demanded something more drastic from the ranks of labor than another series of resolutions and of prayers and petitions to the Government. If the one big union idea can be made to stick, the days of the money power domination of the country are ended. The workers must remember that the money power knows that this is so, and is prepared to act accordingly."