

LABOR CONVENTION IN OTTAWA FRIDAY

Representatives of 80 Unions to Discuss War Measures

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Ottawa, May 28.—While the Labor leaders now in Ottawa are content to remain in an attitude of "watchful waiting" in the interests of the organized workers throughout the Dominion, on whose behalf they recorded a strong protest against the selective conscription measure, there is plenty of activity, for scores of messages are coming in from unions in all parts of the country endorsing the stand taken by the Executive Council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and containing local resolutions of strong protest against the compulsory service bill.

On Friday a big convention of Labor men, representing eighty international unions, will convene in Ottawa to discuss all war measures which the Government has announced or which it has in view.

James Simpson, Vice-President of the Labor Congress, arrived from Toronto to-day and stated that a meeting of 1,200 persons in the Queen City last night unanimously adopted a resolution against conscription. He said the miners of the north country, Cobalt, Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, and Gowganda, have passed resolutions against the measure and forwarded copies to Labor headquarters. Anti-conscription leagues are springing up all over the country, and meetings of protest are being organized.

R. A. Higg, M. P. P. of Winnipeg, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Congress, has wired that meetings of protest are being organized in Winnipeg. Calls on Government to Resign.

Mr. Simpson received the following telegram from G. H. Hearty, on behalf of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council: "On the ground of the Government proposing conscription, a mass meeting unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the Government to resign, and from an Anti-Conscription League, with a view to opposing conscription by every means possible, a secret ballot shows 96 per cent. against conscription."