

LABOR RESENTS RECENT ORDER

**"Liberty-loving Citizens" Are
Called Upon to Protest
Government's Action**

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**Ottawa to Hear Workers'
Views on Latest Strike
Regulation**

All organized labor in Toronto is up in arms at the recent order in Council which prohibits strikes and lock-outs during the duration of the war, and numerous are the resolutions which will go to the Government this week from the Toronto district. Although the regular meeting of the District Trades and Labor Council was postponed last evening out of deference to the request of the M.O.H. that no meetings be held while the "Spanish influenza" epidemic rages, the meeting empowered the Executive to act in matters needing attention. One of the acts of the Executive last evening was the passing of a strong resolution calling upon all unions and liberty-loving citizens to protest the action of the Government, and demanding an immediate repeal. In an emphatic manner members of the Executive declared that nothing in the history of Canada had ever affected Canada like this order in Council. Practically every union that has met so far this week also sent protests to the Government against their action. The Labor men claim that the action is contrary to assurances given them at the Ottawa conference last January, when it was stated that they would be consulted before any legislation affecting their interests was passed.

Send Resolution to Ottawa.

The resolution, which will be sent to the Premier, President of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada and the press, is as follows: "Resolved--That we call upon every union and every liberty-loving citizen to protest against this action of the Government, and demand an immediate repeal of this act. We further ask for the abolition of all forms of involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime. Be it further resolved, that we approve the action of the President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in condemning the action of the Government, and that every legitimate means be adopted to strengthen his hands in this matter."

The preamble of the resolution states: "That, whereas the Canadian Government, by an order in Council, suddenly imposed upon the workers an extreme and most drastic measure, giving it the force of law, without an opportunity given to discuss the necessity or justification for placing such an embargo upon the liberties of the toilers of our country, under the pretext of a war-time act;

No Parallel in Allied Countries.

"There has occurred nothing at this late day, when we are making the greatest progress and advancement, achieving successes heretofore unprecedented on the side of the allies, with victory in sight, to warrant such an unprecedented law that has no parallel in any English speaking country, its only counterpart existing, as the Minister of Labor has very fittingly stated, in such countries as Germany, the ukases of whose Government are put into effect by force of arms;

"Whereas, this infringement upon the liberties and rights of Labor is in violation of the promises and assurances given by the Government to the representatives of Labor at the conference held last January in Ottawa, that before legislation affecting the interests of the working class would be interfered with Labor would first be consulted. That, however, has not been done. What now becomes of this promise? Is this to be treated as a mere scrap of paper? Labor has loyally responded to every demand upon it, and has worked in co-operation with the Government in defense of our country."