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Government Committees Com-
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 tion in Industries.

LONDON, England, Aug. 29.—The British government's committee on relations between employers and employed (known as the Whitley committee) is squarely facing facts on the question of trade unionism, and in its latest supplemental report on industrial peace, says:

"Our proposals as a whole assume the existence of organizations of both employers and employed and a frank and full recognition of such organizations. We think the aim should be the complete and coherent organization of the trade on both sides, and works committee will be of value in so far as they contribute to such a result."

The committee favors the creation of committees by workers in every establishment to adjust minor disputes and which affect the daily life and comfort of the workers and the success of the business. Wage rates should be no part of the function of these committees, but should be settled by district or national agreement between organizations of employers and workers.

The government's investigators plainly indicate that if industrial peace is to prevail in England trade unionism must be recognized in the full sense of the word and works committees should not be used to discourage trade unionism.

The investigators even declare that the co-operation of trade unions are necessary. They report:

"It is strongly felt that the settling up of works committees without the co-operation of the trade unions and the employers' associations in the trade or branch of trade concerned would stand in the way of the improved industrial relationships which in these reports we are endeavoring to further."

HUNS TO USE SOCIALIST TOOLS IN NEW PEACE MOVE

German Socialist Majority Strongly Favors "International Peace Conference," Knowing That Germans, Timid Neutrals and War-Wearry Pacifists Will Have Control.

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There is no doubt in the minds of careful observers that Germany intends to make her next peace offensive chiefly, if not wholly, by means of her Socialist tools. For this purpose the German Socialist majority is strongly in favor of an "international peace conference," knowing that Germans, pro-Germans, timid neutral and war-wearry pacifists will have an absolute majority.

The game is so plain that the leading newspapers of all countries have come to understand it. Nowhere has it been better explained than in the Christian Science Monitor, which analyzes the position of the majority Socialists and their organ Vorwaerts, as follows:

"The news that the Vorwaerts has published a letter written by the executive of the German Socialist majority, and declaring its willingness to participate in an international Socialist conference, to include American Socialists, is very far from being without significance. It is, in short, the latest phase of the German peace offensive, and the allies may rest assured that it will be pressed as relentlessly as has been Von Ludendorff's effort to reach Paris in arms.

All for Germany.
 "The Vorwaerts has, indeed, become as completely an organ of the German government as the Lokal Anzeiger or the Koelnische Zeitung. It exists today to do the bidding of the man in authority, in other words of the Koening's-Platz, as completely as the German soldier in the trenches, and if it mutinied, its fate would be precisely the same. Therefore it is perfectly manifest that when it publishes an announcement that the majority Socialists are desirous of an international conference, it is because the general staff is anxious that the Socialists should display that anxiety. In other words, it has now become the turn of the army. The army, that is to say, having failed in its mission to Paris, the Socialist movement is to be used in the belligerent and neutral countries to modify the effect of the army's failure.

"Heads I win, says the general staff: If the army is successful we will take the British and French colonies, we will hold Belgium and northern France, and we will extend our empire not only from Hamburg to Bagdad, but from Hamburg to the Caspian. On the other hand, Tails you lose: If the army is defeated we will have a Socialist peace, by which Germany will lose nothing, but shall be

placed in a position to renew Armageddon at leisure.

"The whole idea is so simple that it might have been imagined that anybody could have seen through it. Yet the pacifist welcomes it with delight, and the Socialist toys with it as the triumph of the Internationale and as a new milestone on the road to the federation of the world. If, however, the man in the street might be allowed to adapt the saying of the gondolier-king 'The drawbacks are many and the compensations few.' What does any reasonable person suppose the general staff permit the Vorwaerts to make these suggestions for? Is it to be supposed that it does it out of affection for Socialism, or out of an overmastering desire for peace, as such? The pacifist and the pacifist Socialist will tell you that he is indifferent to the method of the general staff, for the moment the Socialists get together round a table the general staff will evaporate. That, curiously enough, used to be the very contention of Count von Bernstorff, who is not generally credited with an incredible affection for pacifism or for Socialism. But the leading prophets are Ulanoff and Bronstein.

Hope From Russia.
 "Ulanoff and Bronstein were fully convinced that if only the Russian Socialist would throw away his arm, (decline the blandishments of the recruiting sergeant, and satiate any bellicose instincts which might be left to him by plundering his neighbor's land, or commanding his neighbor's factory, a great wave of sympathetic idealism would sweep over Germany."

Ulanoff and Bronstein are, of course, the real names of Lenine and Trotsky, who delivered Russia into the hands of Germany by the infamous Brest-Litovsk peace.

There can be no slightest question in the hope of the German government and Socialists to repeat this successful coup by means of an international Socialist conference and strike movement in England, France and Italy.

But, fortunately, the overwhelming majority of the French, English and Italian peoples are aware of the game that is being played, and there is no chance either that the small Socialist minorities will be allowed to send delegates to an international Socialist conference, or that the democratic governments of these peoples will permit any Bolshevik anarchy in western Europe.

However, those Socialists of all countries who deny that this is a war between autocracy and democracy, and who therefore wish to stop practically regardless of peace terms, are doing the best they can to repeat the Russian debacle and leave all Europe in the Kaiser's hands.

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SUPREME COURT IS IN BAD ON CHILD LABOR RULING

President Gompers Declares It Is Duty of Nation to Conserve Child Life—Declares Court Decision Is Unpopular in Nation.

Representatives of organizations most directly interested in the legislation—the American Federation of Labor and the National Child Labor association—held a conference in Washington to decide upon a legislative policy to remedy the damage done by the supreme court decision.

The abolition of child labor is something more than what the supreme court designates as a mere local matter. It is fundamentally and pre-eminently a national matter and is so considered by an overwhelming majority of our nation. Those matters which are of fundamental national importance must be dealt with nationally.

The trend of governmental development has been toward the recognition of federal authority to legislate in the interests of national welfare. The supreme court has conspicuously opposed that development and in defense of legalistic precedents has sought to aid separatists' influences under the name of state's rights.

Effect But Temporary.
 But the movement toward the development of national standards and principles is too strong to be stayed by a divided (5 to 4) court decision. In a democratic country, the vote of one person can not permanently obstruct efforts to protect the making of a stronger, more resourceful nation.

The position of the supreme court has been reversed before in the interests of human freedom—it was in the Dred Scott case. It will be in the Hammer vs. Dagenhart case.

But our nation must think further than curative method. It must deal with this curious political phenomenon unlike any institution of any other country. It must regulate the veto power of the supreme court and eliminate an intolerable situation that enables five men to defeat the will of the nation.

In addition the democracy of the country must see to it that judge-ships are occupied by persons who have contact with life other than that infiltrated through purely legal theory.

The decision of the supreme court was a shock to the American people. Coming at a time of world upheaval when precedents have no value, when men have learned that for practical safety as well as human

conservative the physical vigor of the men, women and children; when humanitarian purposes every nation must principles and methods of human welfare and betterment are given greater consideration than ever before, the opinion of these five men brings no conviction to American citizens. It has had two effects—to focus thought upon the dangerously undemocratic power exercised by the supreme court of passing upon the constitutionality of laws enacted by the will of the people through their duly elected representatives, the congress, and to harden determination to secure a child labor law protecting children who are to constitute the future race.

Minority Opinion of Court.
 The supreme court could have repealed no other law that would have caused such a degree of popular resentment. The minority opinion of the court written by Justice Holmes and concurred in by Justices McKenna Brandeis and Clark, expressed general opinion so convincingly that the reactionary decision seemed well nigh incredible.

Organized labor and all humanitarian agencies are agreed that it is only a difference in degree of brutality in gouging the life out of children and subjecting them to conditions that slowly but surely sap their vitality and destroy future potentiality, compelling them to drag drearily through the future.

As has been already said the A. F. of L. officers and the child labor committee intend to press home upon congress the enactment of a child labor law.

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