

### GOMPERS'S AIDE PUZZLES BOSTON

Statement Approving Police Strike Conflicts With Earlier Utterance

### COURT MAY BE INVOKED

By the Associated Press  
Boston, Sept. 18.—A statement by Guy Oyster, secretary to President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, that the federation stood solidly behind the striking Boston policemen, coupled with his earlier utterance that he did not favor a general strike at this time, left the public in the dark today as to the next move of organized labor to aid the policemen in their fight for union recognition.

Secretary Oyster made his declaration as he was boarding a train for Washington to report to his chief on conditions as he had found them here. He spent much of the day yesterday in conference with union leaders and counsel for the strikers, and it was admitted that the question of taking the cases of the nineteen men discharged for an American citizen to court was discussed at length. Reports revealed that a petition for a writ of mandamus would be filed, possibly within a few hours.

### ROOT CONDEMNS STRIKING POLICE

New York, Sept. 18.—The Boston police, by going on strike have challenged the constitution of the United States, Elihu Root said last night in an address at the National Society's Leane's Constitution Day celebration. "We cannot maintain this constitution without insisting upon it being followed," said Mr. Root. "We cannot maintain it by laughing at those who try to make a joke of it. We cannot maintain it by being tolerant and liberal and indifferent toward those who attack it. We must stand for it when it is challenged."

"And it is being challenged today, here, there and in a hundred directions. Most notably it is challenged by the police strike in Boston now."

"That raises distinctly the question whether our system of government represented in this constitution provides for free, popular government. Every officer, legislative, executive, judicial, military, is the servant of all the people—not of any class, not of any group, not of any calling, not of any race, not of any religion—but all. And that is fundamental to our democracy."

"The police strike in Boston means that the men who have been employed and who have taken their oaths to maintain order and suppress crime, as the servants of all the people, are refusing to perform that solemn duty unless they are permitted to ally themselves with, affiliate themselves with, become members of, a great organization which contains perhaps 3 per cent of the people."

"Now, if that is done, that is the end, except for a revolution. Government cannot be maintained unless it has the power to use force."

"If the power to use force passes from the 97 per cent of the whole people of the United States, or from 10 per cent of the whole people of the United States, to this organization of 3 per cent of the 97 per cent are no longer a self-governing people."

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### CARDINAL MERCIER NEW YORK GUEST



Belgian primate arriving at the city hall in New York, where he was officially welcomed by Mayor Hylan and reception committee.

### FLIERS SCOUR TEXAS FOR STORM VICTIMS

Girl Swims Five Miles in Raging Sea With Brother—May Be 300 Dead

Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept. 18.—(By A. P.)—A total death list of 300 hurricane victims in this district is the latest estimate of officials here.

Searchers continued today to explore debris in the city, while army aviators from Kelly field flew over the outlying districts locating refugees and obtaining reports as to damage. A party will visit the backwaters of Nueces bay, where there are several acres of wreckage, believed to contain many bodies.

The authorities today reiterated that no more outsiders would be admitted to the city on account of the food problem, which has become acute. Many relief trains either have arrived or are on their way here and hundreds of volunteer workers have poured into the city.

Of the many tales of personal heroism being recounted none has come to light exceeds that of Esther Fuller, seventeen years old, who swam five miles through the waters of Nueces bay, towing and carrying the unconscious form of her nine-year-old brother Ted.

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### CARDINAL MERCIER VISITS N. Y. CAPITAL

Heroic Belgian Primate Tells Diners How Churchmen Defied German Invaders

### WHITLOCK ADDS TRIBUTE

By the Associated Press  
New York, Sept. 18.—The second visit of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, to New York, came to an end early today, when the aged prelate began a tour of up-state cities. His first stop was Albany, where he was to become the guest of the state in a formal welcome extended by Governor Smith.

Cardinal Mercier's formal visit to the city yesterday was marked by ecclesiastical, military and civil ceremonies. At a reception in City Hall he was made an honorary citizen of the city by Mayor Hylan, and last night was the guest of honor at a dinner attended by 500 persons of all faiths, to whom he told the story of Belgium's invasion.

Defiance to the Germans  
After giving instances of German oppression and cruelty, the cardinal told, perhaps for the first time, of the uneasiness of some of his priests, who counseled him not to issue his famous pastoral letter of Christmas, 1914, in which he implored his people to be patriotic and enduring, on the theory that he would not only be exposing himself to the Germans, but that he would expose them, too, to Teuton wrath when they read the document in their churches.

His reply was:  
"A general has the right to expose the lives of his soldiers. I am the gen-

eral. I will expose the lives of my soldiers. Good soldiers always obey."  
"The letter was read, he said, by every one of his priests. To the Germans he said:  
"I am the master. They obey."  
Brand Whitlock, former minister to Belgium, paid a glowing tribute to the heroism, patriotism and loyalty of Belgium's primate, declaring that he had run all the risks that soldiers run at the front.

**Bishop Burch Speaks**  
The toastmaster, Rodman Wanamaker, introduced a new bishop, the Right Rev. Charles S. Burch, who yesterday afternoon became bishop-elect of the Episcopal diocese of New York.

Referring to the cardinal as a high servant of God, Bishop Burch said:  
"The American people love you and owe you a debt of gratitude they cannot repay."

George J. Gillespie, chairman of the laymen's reception committee, announced that Friday would be Belgian day, with a luncheon for the cardinal at the Bankers' Club, a reception in the afternoon by the Pless Association of New York and a dinner by the Belgians of the city in the evening.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 18.—A greeting such as has been accorded here to but few distinguished guests awaited Cardinal Mercier upon his arrival today to be formally welcomed to New York state.

Governor Smith's welcoming committee, composed of more than 200 state and municipal officials, escorted by a battalion of state guard troops, was in readiness to receive the distinguished prelate at the train. Enthusiastic crowds lined the streets for the short parade to the Capital.

Later Cardinal Mercier was to be the central figure at a reception in the state education building, where his formal welcome by Governor Smith and addresses of greeting were to be made by Bishop Gibbons, of the Catholic Diocese of Albany, and Rabbi Eli Mayer. A dinner at the episcopal residence of Bishop Gibbons was the closing feature of the program.

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