

GOMPERS SAYS U. S. WANTS THE TREATY

Claims at Peace Forum Harding Election Was Not Condemnation of Pact

PRaises MEETINGS HERE

Samuel Gompers, long the doctored champion of the laboring man and the trades union, appeared last night at the regular meeting of the peace conference in the foyer of the Academy of Music, and received probably more favorable and rapt attention from his audience than any of the speakers. He said the things that he has said in many public utterances before, but the personality of the indomitable little man and the earnestness of his tone won him an enthusiasm that carried its own tribute.

Mr. Gompers was programmed to tell about the framing of the labor charter and the inclusion in the peace treaty of clauses designed to raise the standards of labor and of living in the signatory countries. Due to some trouble, his prepared speech was read by his secretary, Guy H. Oestreger, and in this way much of the effectiveness was lost, but Mr. Gompers fully made up for this in his answers to the questions that were asked afterward.

"I am deeply impressed," said the speaker in conclusion, "with the keen answers to the questions. I think that a great service is being performed by the organization. There should be a better understanding among the people of the United States as to what all the provisions of the peace treaty mean. I am glad to accept as final the declaration that the votes cast last November were a condemnation of the treaty of peace."

"They say that the United States is so far away from other countries. But is she? One hundred and forty years ago, she was far away from Europe. Now we traverse the distance in four and one-half days. The science of the air, the telegraph cable and the wireless, make communication possible in hours and minutes.

"We have seen that the United States could transfer two million men with their accoutrements across the sea in a year.

"Our industrial, commercial, social and political life is now so intermingled with the world that we can no longer regard ourselves as apart from the world."

"Must Mingle in World Affairs?"

"I cannot much longer remain outside the influence of world affairs. World affairs would not be decided with the United States unrepresented where we have commanding voices in the house if we but had the sense and determination that the treaty should be ratified by the Senate of the United States."

"For political purposes the treaty was made an issue in the last campaign. Its spokesmen, its father, the idealist, its strikers, none could not speak. But his own life, his character and his courage live."

"Had the people of the United States had the opportunity to vote on the question of the treaty, its ratification would have been by an overwhelming affirmative vote."

"The prepared speech itself was a resume of the various phases of the labor charter and an explanation of the American thought and American goals had been solely responsible for such a feature of the treaty. Mr. Gompers found several occasions to rail against the Socialists and the Socialists, and he did it in his well-known style.

"Asked whether legislation controlling the labor of women and children is now economically possible in central Europe, he answered:

"Conditions in central Europe are now most extraordinary. When there is a conflagration in our neighborhood we utilize every possible means for its extinction.

"I think central European conditions become normal it is doubtful whether the provisions of the labor charter can be enforced. As soon as it is practical I think they will be.

"There are now forty-one nations who are part of the league and the labor office. There are four who are not a part of either. They are Russia, Turkey, Mexico—and the United States."

"He paused a moment and then mentioned 'Spendall company'."

"Asked whether labor's bill of rights would have a direct effect in this country, he said:

"It is an enunciation of high purpose and principles. What is the Declaration of Independence worth to us? It has done much to spread the word of freedom and independence and it has brought about the world."

"It may be questioned whether the provisions in the labor charter have a practical result on the people of the United States directly but the greatest value is the help to the backward peoples of other countries."

"You can't improve the standards of life anywhere but what it will have a direct and an indirect effect upon the people of our own country."

Evades Praising Himself

"What would have happened at the labor conference," some one asked, "if Mr. Gompers had not been there?"

"The speaker named until the laughter had subsided and then said:

"I have a right to the constitutional guarantee of not incriminating myself. Frankly, I do not know. It is probable."

"The international labor conference cannot impose its will upon any nation. It has none of the functions of a super-government. It cannot control an industry, can't lower its existing standards, or demand that they be improved. It cannot punish non-compliance or demand that conventions be held upon."

"The whole organization for labor created by the treaty is nothing more than a moral force which has the power to bring truth into the light and give truth and justice an opportunity to be heard."

"I want to say a word to those, not present, who have protested that progress and justice were jeopardized by the granting of a vote to each of the British dominions. These 'commonwealths'—Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and so on, went into the Peace Conference as states. I am convinced that they were entitled to that status in the conference and that they are entitled to it in the various bodies set up by that conference."

"I have no experience and I look upon it as something of a dependable guide, that the votes of the representative of these dominions and commonwealths were more often with the United States than with England and that they were more often with progress than against it."

"There is more than a little significance in this. With but a few exceptions, the viewpoint of the American people, unincorporated by any of the nations, is shared only by the labor movements of these self-governing dominions and commonwealths. I conclude that fact to the consideration of thoughtful Americans."

Mingo Survivor Tells of Battle

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"Well you don't pull anything like that and get away with it down here."

Captain Avis protested vigorously over what he termed "improper cross-examination" and Judge Bailey set everybody right with a few terse rulings.

McDowell, continuing his testimony, said that after the shooting he and his men were ordered to leave Matewan. They were approached by Hatfield, who told Felt that warrants for their arrests had been sworn out in Williamson and were coming on the next train.

"To this the witness said Felt replied: 'Said, I've got a warrant for you, too.'"

Hatfield Laughed at Warrant

Hatfield laughed, McDowell continued, and arm in arm he walked with Felt toward the hardware store in front of which the first shot was fired.

Throughout the examination Captain Avis continued to register objections and finally Attorney Coniff turned to him sharply and said:

"The witness is getting along all right. I don't get worried."

A Laugh Rippled through the Court

A laugh rippled through the courtroom when he was instantly stopped by Judge Bailey with the remark "This is a trial, not a show."

A clear leading to a juror's bench behind the judge's bench was used by Mr. Coniff to illustrate the doorway of the hardware store, where the first man was shot. He took the witness from the stand and there had him point out where the principal actors in the tragedy were standing during the shooting. Every effort of the state to prevent this spectacular display was overruled until Coniff had the whole thing before the jury. Then he told McDowell to go back to his chair on the witness stand.

It was further brought out in the cross-examination of McDowell that fifty 100 rounds of ammunition were fired at the Baldwin-Felts men before one of them was able to return the fire.

First Shot Fired From Building

"Where did the first shots come from?" Coniff asked.

"Out of the building," McDowell replied.

"How do you know that?"

"Because I could not see any one shooting on the outside and they must have come from the inside."

"The only shots you saw fired from the building were those fired by Reese Chambers?"

"Yes, sir."

"You have stated that your boys did not fire until 100 shots were fired at them. Is that correct?"

"Yes."

"You don't know who fired the first shot?"

"No."

"How many shots had been fired before Reese Chambers got into action?"

"I can't tell, all of the shots came at once, because I could not see where the first shot was fired."

"How long did this shooting last?"

"Four or five minutes."

"McDowell said he ran from the place where he was standing in front of the hardware store to a telephone pole nearby when the battle began, and opened fire on Reese Chambers, who, according to the witness, was 'bringing his gun into play.'"

"By this time the battle was on in earnest and rifles and pistols were cracking on every side. He did not know who was shooting at him nor could he see from where the shots came."

McDowell was allowed to step down from the stand while the state introduced in evidence a carefully prepared relief map of Matewan.

Girl Tells of Hatfield's Threat

May Chabin, a seventeen-year-old telephone operator and a niece of Reese Chambers, one of the defendants, was the next witness.

Miss Chabin said she overheard Sid Hatfield tell Tony Webb, former chief deputy to the then sheriff, G. T. Blankenship, to inquire when warrants could be obtained for the arrest of the Baldwin-Felts detectives who were evicting miners from company houses in Matewan.

Elsie Chambers, a daughter of Reese Chambers, testified to substantially the same thing. She said she, too, had overheard the conversation.

Each of these witnesses declared that they heard Hatfield tell Webb "We'll kill the Baldwin-Felts men before they get out of Matewan."

The girls were excused but will be subjected to recall, as will be McDowell.

Judge Bailey then announced that court would be adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Bishop Farrelly Reported Dying

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—Hope for recovery of Bishop John P. Farrelly, head of the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, was abandoned today by his physicians. The bishop has been ill with pneumonia since last Sunday. His case was considered serious, but not hopeless, until late yesterday, when he suffered a collapse of the heart.

Miss Robertson to Keep Eyes Open, Mouth Shut

Muskegon, Okla., Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—In saying for her official good-bye to Oklahoma, Miss Alice Robertson, only congresswoman-elect, told members of the American Legion here she was going to Washington to "keep my eyes open, and my mouth shut."

"You won't hear much from me at the start," she said.

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Parade, 3 o'clock, Boy Scouts of America, Tenth District, Womrath Park, Kensington and Frankford avenues, along Frankford avenue to Frankford High School, followed by exercises.

Dinner, P. O. S. of A., Hotel Lorraine, attended by camps of Philadelphia and vicinity.

Dinner, Lincoln Club of Philadelphia, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Justices von Moschicki and Schaeffer, of the Supreme Court, as speakers.

Dinner, U. S. Grant Post No. 5, G. A. R., and the Philadelphia Naval Veterans' Association, in Dooner's Hotel.

Dinner, Sons of Veterans, in the Hotel Adelphia.

Parade, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Hotel Lorraine.

Lincoln's Birthday Widely Observed

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The principal address will be made by Joseph T. Beson, a G. A. R. veteran.

The P. O. S. of A. will have its third annual Lincoln's birthday dinner tonight at the Hotel Lorraine, Broad street and Fairmount avenue. The event will bring together the past officers of the subordinate camps of Philadelphia and vicinity, Hiram L. Wayne, president of the Past Presidents' Association of Philadelphia, P. O. S. of A., will be toastmaster. The speakers will include national president, Gabriel H. Meyer, of Lebanon; Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, of Pottsville, and State Vice President Oscar B. Wetherhold, of Reading.

Lincoln Club to Dine

Robert von Moschicki, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and William J. Schaeffer, a justice of that court, who are members of the club, will be the guests of honor at the Lincoln's birthday dinner of the Lincoln Club of Philadelphia, at the Bellevue-Stratford tonight.

U. S. Grant Post, No. 5, G. A. R., and the Philadelphia Naval Veterans' Association will have a united Lincoln's birthday dinner at Dooner's Hotel tonight. The chief address will be delivered by Charles W. Karner, surgeon, U. S. N., retired. The guests of honor will be Captain L. M. Nilton, commander of the Philadelphia Navy Yard; his aide, Commander G. N. Simpson; Colonel John S. Muckle, of the Naval Order of the U. S. A., and F. L. Keene and J. O. Calloun, of Camp Sons of Veterans. The Sons of Veterans will have a Lincoln dinner at the Hotel Adelphia tonight.

Guild to Hold One-Day Retreat

A one-day retreat will be held Wednesday at St. Mark's Church, Locust street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, under the auspices of the Guild of All Souls. The conductor will be the Rev. Dr. J. G. H. Barry, rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York.

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Girl-Wife Plotter Called Subnormal

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weak he can make you do anything he wants you to do."

"This was the result of her subnormal condition, the result of her affliction, for such it is. She was weakened by the abnormal and consequently never formed a very strong character."

"Colliton has seen the world," she pointed out, and Miss Phillips chimed in the affirmative. "He is a man of the world and not the seventeen-year-old youth he claims to be. I should say that he is at least twenty-two years old."

"Edna was in love with Colliton. He threatened her in many ways and exercised his will to place her in a compromising position where he had her entirely in his power. He threatened to tell her husband if she failed to obey him, and he added in warning her of it: 'And if I tell him he'll turn you out.'"

Forced Her to Write Note

"He stood over her and dictated the letter that the police say she wrote. He engineered the entire deal. Who can believe that this man could have been influenced by a nineteen-year-old girl, a mere child in mentality, to contemplate such an act as the murder of her husband? It is impossible."

"If you don't look out I'll tell your husband," was the phrase that bound Edna to follow out Colliton's instructions in this plot.

The apparent calmness with which Edna Murphy accepted her lot when placed in a cell following her arrest was mentioned to Mrs. Phillips.

"She asked for some powder—her nose was shiny," Mrs. Phillips was told. "Rather nonchalant, don't you think?"

Unperturbed by Charges

In the face of the accusations of Mrs. Phillips, Colliton remained apparently unperturbed.

"Any one in a tight hole will try and shift the blame," he said. "She is some wild girl. I never took her very seriously."

Colliton shook his head wearily. He said, briefly, that he went to the Robert Morris School and attended St. Ignace College, in Indian Vista, Montana. He said he is eighteen years old and has worked as a room clerk in Dallas, New Orleans, Indianapolis and Minneapolis hotels. He said a brother, Ignatius Colliton, was killed in France in May, 1920.

He had a letter he said Edna had written him and that he had forgotten to turn over to the police.

"I'm going to turn it over today," Colliton said.

"What is it in?" he was asked.

"I can't tell you," he answered.

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NEW WAYS TO CURB TYPHOUS

Immigration Bar Not Needed to Protect American Health

Washington, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—New methods to safeguard the people of the United States from Europe's typhus epidemic were under consideration today by the federal authorities.

Confidence was expressed, however, that the more than thirty-five cases found among passengers aboard steamships arriving at New York would not result in the spread of the disease to the United States. Imposition of new regulations both abroad and at American ports is expected.

A ban on admission of immigrants from typhus-infected districts of Europe is not regarded as warranted in view of the precautions already taken and contemplated, Secretary Dunsmyth has informed Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York city health commissioner.

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