

GOMPERS UNDER FIRE

Shaffer's Fight Against Him Bobs Up in A. F. of L. Convention.

ECHO OF GREAT STEEL STRIKE

It is Said Renewal of Dispute Means a Fight to a Finish, and at Present Odds Seem to Favor Gompers—Investigating Committee Named.

New Orleans, Nov. 18.—Either Theodore Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association, or Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is destined to pass under a cloud. The eclipse may be temporary and the man who goes under may emerge at some other time, but an eclipse there will be for one or the other. It is a fight to the finish and present odds favor Gompers. The trouble which so suddenly came to a point in the convention of the American Federation of Labor yesterday is an echo of the great steel strike against the United States Steel company, which was fought and lost last year by the Amalgamated Association under the leadership of Shaffer. After his association had been defeated President Shaffer made serious charges against President Gompers, as well as John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and Frank Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. He asserted that the organizations over which these men presided had, while listening to the advice of their leaders, refused to lend a helping hand to the Amalgamated Association and had even fought against it in the dark.

Part of the charges are as follows: "As the strike went on the federation gave not a cent. The flint glass blowers, the window glass blowers, the bottle blowers and the pottery workers gave us help. I arranged for Mr. Gompers to meet Mr. Morgan to effect a settlement. Mr. Morgan gave up his vacation, went to New York and waited for Mr. Gompers, who failed to appear, nor has he since explained why he neglected our interests. Mr. Gompers urged me to hurry from Pittsburgh to New York to sign the wage scale offered by the trust through a committee of which Gompers and John Mitchell were members."

Delegate Sheridan yesterday offered in the convention the following resolution:

"Whereas, President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, at their last convention, held in Wheeling, W. Va., made charges against President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, which impeached his fidelity to the principles of unionism, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the federation appoint a committee to investigate said charges and report its findings to the convention in order that the truth may be known."

Mr. Gompers, addressing the convention, said: "It is quite immaterial to me what course is pursued, my only request being that prompt action be taken on the resolution. I do not want this matter to drag."

All eyes then turned on Mr. Shaffer, who stood at the foot of the platform upon which Mr. Gompers sat. His face was flushed and he spoke rapidly. "I ask," he said, "I urge, and, yes, I demand the fullest investigation of these charges."

President Mahon, of the Street Car-men's Association, at once made a motion, which was adopted, that the matter be referred to a special committee of five. An amendment was offered and accepted that the convention's committee consist of five members. Mr. Gompers to name two, Mr. Shaffer two and the four a fifth.

Last night Mr. Shaffer said he was not aware of the fact that the resolution was to be introduced in the convention until the opening day, and that he protested against it, as he had no proofs with him by which to prove the charges.

BABCOCK IN FAVOR OF CANNON

Illinois Congressman Leads in Race For Speakership.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 17.—The Wisconsin delegation Saturday afternoon endorsed Congressman Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, for speaker of the 55th congress. The indorsement came after the delegation had offered its unanimous support to Congressman J. W. Babcock, and he had declined upon the grounds that it would be for the best interests of the party to have it united upon the question of speaker.

The action of the Wisconsin delegation is said to foreshadow the election of Congressman Cannon, and was the result of the conference held Friday, in Chicago, between Congressmen Cannon, Henderson and Babcock. Positive assurance was given at the meeting that it was the intention of President Roosevelt to call a special session of congress late in March, as soon as the short regular session was over, for the revising of the tariff.

B. & O. Express Kills Two. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 18.—Robert Klinefelter was killed and James Bratt was probably fatally injured last night in a collision of a Royal Blue express bound from New York to Washington on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, with a yard engine at Bay View Junction. Klinefelter was the fireman of the express engine and Bratt the engineer of the yard engine. The latter was brought to a Baltimore hospital.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, November 12.

The planing mill of A. H. Scraft & Co., of Newark, N. J., was badly damaged by fire yesterday. Loss, \$30,000. The 28th annual convention of the American Bankers' Association was held in New Orleans yesterday and today.

Forty prisoners confined in the jail at Cananea, Ariz., overpowered the jailer and escaped in broad daylight yesterday.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Philadelphia Baby Carriage Company, at Philadelphia, last night, causing a loss of \$75,000.

Charles Price was killed and another workman fatally injured in the collapse of a building at Wilkesbarre, Pa., yesterday. The building was being torn down and the floor gave way.

Thursday, November 13.

The Hudnut Hominy Mills, at St. Joseph, Mo., were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$100,000.

Carl Torno, of Webster, Mass., was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his son.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Catholic University of America was held at Washington yesterday.

Grandin Layton, aged 66 years, of Corning, N. Y., died on a train of the Long Branch Railroad at Elizabeth, N. J., yesterday.

General William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, addressed 2,000 persons at a mass meeting at Detroit, Mich., last night.

Friday, November 14.

Brigadier General H. S. Hawkins, retired, has been detailed to duty as governor of the soldiers' home near Washington.

In a quarrel over the cost to use a telephone, John Southern, of Rogersville, Tenn., was shot and killed yesterday by H. B. McCullough.

J. M. McKnight, former president of the defunct German National Bank of Louisville, Ky., was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for embezzlement.

The United States Philippine commission has passed an act to suppress Ladroneism. It makes highway robbery committed by three or more persons a capital offense.

Saturday, November 15.

Joseph Swain, LL. D., was installed as president of Swarthmore College, near Philadelphia, today.

Lieutenant George B. Rice, U. S. N., has resigned. He was appointed to the naval academy from Kentucky in 1892.

Alonzo Ryan, of the United States signal corps, who saw service in the Philippines, committed suicide yesterday by shooting, at Highland Falls, N. Y.

Generals Corbin, Young and Wood are preparing an elaborate report of their observations of the European armies of the countries they recently visited.

Sunday, November 17.

The annual horse show of the National Horse Show Association opened in Madison Square Garden today.

Vernon Corson, 19 years old, of Jersey Shore, Pa., was thrown from a hay wagon Saturday and killed. His neck was broken.

St. Louis World's Fair officers say they know nothing of the reported plan of President Loubet of France to visit the exposition.

A Manila dispatch places the loss to the Philippine treasury on account of the depreciation of silver since January at \$1,054,000 in gold.

Tuesday, November 18.

The United States Supreme Court yesterday took a recess until Monday, December 1.

Japan will maintain a permanent fleet in the American waters of the Pacific. It will be sent out next year.

The plant of the Massillon Stone and Firebrick Company, at Massillon, O., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$75,000.

Congressman James S. Sherman, of Utica, N. Y., yesterday sent out letters saying he was not a candidate for the speakership.

The powder mill near Greensburg, Pa., blew up yesterday, killing Joseph France and William Vanis. This is the fifth time the mill has blown up.

GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 17. — Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.60@2.80; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.85@3. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.15@3.20 per bush. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 76@76½c. Corn was firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 67c. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 37c.; lower grades, 34@35c. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$18.50@19 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$22@24. Live poultry, 11½c. for hens, and 8@9c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13c. for choice fowls, 9c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 30c. per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 26c. per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 60@63c. per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Cattle were steady; fine steers, \$6.25@6.75; shipping steers, \$5.25@6; heifers, \$3.25@4.75; cows, \$2.25@4; stock heifers, \$2.25@3. Veals were steady; tops, \$8.25@8.50; common to good, \$5.50@8. Hogs were active; heavy, \$6.50@6.65; mixed, \$6.40@6.50; yorkers and pigs, \$6.20@6.30. Sheep were easier; mixed tops, \$3.15@3.25; culls to good, \$1.75@2.10. Lambs—slow and lower; tops, \$4.80@4.90; culls to good, \$3.50@4.75; yearlings, \$3.60@3.75. East Liberty, Pa., Nov. 17.—Cattle were steady; choice, \$6@6.20; prime, \$5.75@5.90; good, \$5.25@5.50. Hogs were active; prime heavy, \$6.50@6.60; medium, \$6.55@6.40; heavy yorkers, \$6.50@6.35; light yorkers, \$6.25@6.30; pigs, \$6.15@6.25; roughs, \$5@6. Sheep were lower; best wethers, \$3.60@3.75; culls and common, \$1.50@2; choice lambs, \$5@5.20; veal calves, \$7.50@8.50.

ARMOUR PLANT BLAZED

Entire Establishment at Slou City Destroyed By Fire.

Slou City, Ia., Nov. 17.—The big plant of Armour & Co., which occupied three and one-half acres of ground at the extreme south end of the stock yards district, was totally destroyed by a fire which started at 12.50 o'clock yesterday morning on the second floor of the fertilizer building. The loss, estimated by Charles W. Lennon, manager of the company, is total, or over a million dollars. The insurance is \$721,500. The cause of the fire was said by Mr. Lennon to have been either spontaneous combustion or an imperfect dryer. Six hundred men will be thrown out of employment all winter by the fire.

A burning roof of a chute fell on a bunch of live hogs, and their squeals were added to the appalling chorus. When the hog house caught fire all streams were turned in that direction, but the water seemed like oil. In the building were 3,500 dressed hogs and 2,500,000 pounds of pork product. After the fire got a good headway in the hog house all hope of saving any part of the plant was abandoned.

The shops, chicken plant, ice houses and ice runways and smaller department houses were consumed in quick succession. The fire continued to burn all day, and yesterday afternoon there was another terrific explosion, which threw bricks and pieces of iron for hundreds of yards, endangering thousands of spectators, but no one was seriously hurt.

PRESIDENT HAS ILL LUCK

Bears Effect Combination to Prevent Him Having a Shot at Them.

Smedes, Miss., Nov. 18.—The bears in the swamp country around the president's camp on the Little Sunflower seem to have effected a successful combination to prevent the president from having a single shot at one of them on the expedition. The only one the dogs started yesterday fled in north-easterly direction at the first cry of alarm, and did not stop running until he reached the cane brakes about nine miles from camp. There he was overtaken by Mr. McDougal, one of the managers of the Smede plantation, who killed him at 70 paces.

The president takes his ill luck good naturedly. He says it is simply the fortune of the chase, and that he will have a last try today. The presidential party will break camp shortly before dark today. The special train will leave here during the night and will arrive at Memphis at 9.30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST

Refugees From Guatemala Report Destruction of Villages By Volcano.

Panama, Colombia, Nov. 18.—Passengers from Central America who arrived here Sunday report the complete destruction of the territory surrounding the volcano of Santa Maria, province of Quezaltenango, Guatemala, in consequence of the recent eruption. The adjacent villages, the rich coffee plantations, with over \$300,000 worth of coffee stored in bags, and hundreds of lives were lost. Refugees are arriving at the port of Champerico. Over 200 fugitives sailed for San Jose de Guatemala on the Pacific Mail steamer.

The strict censorship which has been established in Guatemala makes it impossible to get the exact news regarding the situation there. The port of Puerto Barrios is reported to have been closed. No mail has arrived here from Guatemala.

Counterfeiters Unearthed.

Tamaqua, Pa., Nov. 18.—Secret service men yesterday unearthed a gang of counterfeiters here, and part of their outfit was found in a room in a hotel which had been occupied by two men who gave their names as Joseph Parbell, of Harrisburg, and William Day, of Steelton. Day is under arrest, and it is said has made important disclosures. The detectives say the gang is composed of six men, and that they have been operating in the eastern part of the state for the past six months, during which time they placed a great deal of the bad coin in circulation. It is expected that others of the gang will be captured within a few days.

Mormon Ridden On a Rail.

Susquehanna, Pa., Nov. 17.—The wife of J. Robert Howard, of Yates-town, a few days since left him to follow a Mormon missionary named Selfridge. Howard organized a tar and feather squad to decorate the missionary, who appealed to the town authorities for protection. Notice was served on Selfridge to leave the community within 24 hours or take the consequences. He showed some hesitation and was ridden on a rail for half a mile. He then concluded to go.

Gazetteer of the Philippines.

Washington, Nov. 17.—"The Pronouncing Gazetteer and Geographical Dictionary of the Philippine Islands," with maps, charts and illustrations, which was prepared in the bureau of Insular Affairs, war department, has just been issued, and contains a wealth of information concerning our Oriental possessions. The Gazetteer proper contains 264 pages, including the index, while the geographical dictionary occupies 658 pages, exclusive of the maps, charts and illustrations.

Cleveland Bags 80 Ducks.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 18.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland bagged 80 ducks of various kinds in the blinds of the Back Bay Gunning Club yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cleveland stayed in the blinds yesterday until it was too dark to see. He may prolong his trip if the present good shooting continues.

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