

THE LABOR LEADERS CHALLENGE SHAFFER

Presidents Gompers and Mitchell Resent His Alleged Insinuations Against Them.

INSIST UPON AN INVESTIGATION

They Demand That a Committee Shall Be Appointed For the Purpose of Hearing and Deliberating Upon Charges Brought Against Them and Offer to Resign if It Can Be Proved That They Are Guilty of Any of the Accusations. They Insist That an Answer Shall Be Made Within Three Days.

New York, Sept. 25.—In an open letter sent today to the Ashland house Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and vice-president of the Cigar-makers' International union and John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America and second vice-president of the American Federation of Labor challenged Theodore J. Shaffer of the Annals of Labor, a newspaper published in Scranton, Pa., to prove his statements recently made against them. The letter in part is as follows:

"Mr. Theodore J. Shaffer, president Annals of Labor, Scranton, Pa., has published in your issue of September 21, 1901, a statement purporting to emanate from you in which grave charges and insinuations are made by you against the undersigned. There is no doubt in our minds that the matter contained in the letter emanates from you. For your information you will find here enclosed the 'clippings' referred to from the New York papers of Tuesday, August 21, 1901. We believe that the statements referred to were made by you, we believe that you should be afforded the amplest opportunity of demonstrating the truth of your charges and insinuations; so that if they are founded in fact, we will, and particularly the world of organized labor, may know it. We believe that you should be afforded the fullest latitude in justifying your course and your charges and at the same time pilory us if we are wrong. On the other hand, you will realize the impossibility of our allowing your charges and insinuations to go broadcast and stand unchallenged and unheeded.

The Proposition. "We submit the following proposition to you: "First—That a committee of three shall meet either in Pittsburgh, Washington or New York, for the purpose of hearing and determining the charges and insinuations you have made against us. "Second—That if the committee finds us guilty of your charges and insinuations we will resign our offices as presidents of the American Federation of Labor and the vice-presidency of the Cigar-makers' International, Union from the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, and from the second vice-presidency of the American Federation of Labor. "Third—That the committee shall consist of three members of organized labor to be selected by you from lists herein submitted.

"The list submitted in the letter herewith is open to all who are officials of leading labor organizations. "You will observe that we have carefully omitted to submit the name of any member of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor or any representative of any organization which any members of the executive committee is a member. Of course, we have not submitted of all the men conspicuous for their ability and honesty in the labor movement; that would be impossible under the circumstances. "If you prefer that the committee should consist of men exclusively of labor organizations whose organizations are unaffiliated with the American Federation of Labor you may select others than those named. "We should have submitted the names of the officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers but as Mr. Shaffer of the former has been associated with us in our efforts in the steel strike and because of Mr. Arthur's policy of isolation toward the general labor movement, we have omitted their names. "We cannot imagine that you would make a grave mistake in selecting, as without premeditation as to their consequent we therefore insist that in common justice to us, and with due regard to the interests which both you and we represent, you will advise us of the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C., within three days of your acceptance of our proposition."

NEW PRESIDENTIAL FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Take Possession of the White House.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, the wife of the president, took up her permanent residence in Washington tonight when she occupied the White House she occupied apartments there for the first time.

ROSCINO PETITION REJECTED. Other Work of the Board of Pardons in Session at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Sept. 25.—The board of pardons today recommended a pardon for Moses Pizzo, who is serving fifteen months in the Lancaster jail for forgery and larceny. A hearing was granted in the case of George Christian, of Allegheny, first degree murder and released in that of Peter A. Fitzpatrick, of Philadelphia, selling liquor without a license. The case of George W. McMurray, Jr., of Allegheny, first degree murder was continued until the October meeting owing to the illness of his attorney. The board refused to commute to life imprisonment the sentences of Henry Ivory and Charles Perry, colored, who are to be hanged at Philadelphia on October 8 for the murder of Professor Roy Wilson White of the University of Pennsylvania.

CONDITION OF THE LOAN ASSOCIATIONS. Statistics Submitted by Banking Commissioner Reeder.

Harrisburg, Sept. 25.—General Frank Reeder, commissioner of banking, today submitted to Governor Stone his annual report for the year 1900 on the condition of the loan associations operating in Pennsylvania. The report shows that there are 1,155 domestic associations in this state, with assets aggregating \$10,497,516.41, a decrease over 1899 of \$1,428,938.29. The total liabilities of the associations is \$10,492,516.41, receipts, \$57,565,629.19; disbursements, \$55,565,629.19. The number of shares held is 281,980. The number of homes built or purchased was 7,181.

THE YACHT RACE TODAY. Experts Unite in Saying That the Shamrock and Columbia Will Be Favored by Brisk Breezes.

New York, Sept. 25.—Weather sharp and yachting experts unite in predicting that a breeze will blow tomorrow that will give the Shamrock and the Columbia a race which will be memorable in the long series of cup events. If weather conditions of today promise anything, this prophecy will be fulfilled. "The Columbia took a final practice spin this afternoon, but the Shamrock did not go out. When Sir Thomas was told today that the result of the official measurement of the yachts is that the Shamrock would have to allow the Columbia only forty-three seconds in a thirty-mile course, he was much pleased. "Don't you think we have a splendid chance to win now?" he remarked. "We fully expected to have allowed more time, but, of course, we are very well satisfied with the result. And again I say, may the best boat win."

MOURNING AT WHITE HOUSE. No Official Functions Will Be Held Until January 1.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Secretary Cortelyou today announced that President Roosevelt would not hold any official function at the white house until the public reception on New Year's day. After that date they will take place as formerly.

KENTUCKY TROOPS ORDERED OUT. Strikers and Non-strikers Fear Lawless Element at Madisonville.

Madisonville, Ky., Sept. 25.—Governor Beaman has ordered on the Kentucky and Bowling Green troops to go to Madisonville. This was done to make a show of force against the lawless element which has been there since the strike began. The governor states that the troops are being sent to make the strikers and non-strikers, as they were not able to cope with the lawless element.

NOW READY FOR FUSION. The Philadelphia Democrats Prepared to Embrace the Union Party.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—The Democratic executive committee of the city of Philadelphia today announced that they were prepared to embrace the Union party.

MR. PATTISON ENDORSED. The Ex-Governor Is Requested to Prepare a Plan for the Reorganization of the Democracy of Philadelphia at Once and Submit the Same to the Committee—Colonel Guffey Is Confident of Mr. Pattison's Success in Bringing About Fusion—Candidates Yerkes and Palm Ready to Make Sacrifices for the Success of the Movement.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—The Democratic executive committee of the city of Philadelphia today announced that they were prepared to embrace the Union party. The committee also announced that they were prepared to endorse Mr. Pattison for governor.

AMERICAN ATHLETES WIN AT FIELD SPORTS. Yale and Harvard Men Victorious in Six Out of Nine Events Against Oxford and Cambridge.

New York, Sept. 25.—The athletes of Yale and Harvard met the athletic representatives of Oxford and Cambridge universities today at Berkeley Oval in track and field events, and as was expected, the brawn and muscle of the American collegians proved to be too much for the Englishmen. The result of the nine events on the programme: Points were counted for wins only, so that the Harvard and Yale men defeated their English opponents by a score of six points to three.

WORLD TRACK RECORD EQUALLED BY ALERT. Remarkable Time Made by Pacers at Allentown Fair Yesterday for a \$3000 Purse.

Allentown, Sept. 25.—Prince Albert equaled the world's record at pacing on half mile track of 2:04 3/4 at the semi-centennial Allentown fair this afternoon. The race was a special feature of the fair, and attracted a large crowd of spectators.

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY. Typhoid Fever Discussed at Annual Meeting Held in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—The Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania met today for its annual meeting at the Philadelphia Hotel. The principal subject of discussion was typhoid fever.

POLICEMAN O'NEILL DISMISSED. Pays the Penalty of Having Deafened Mr. Devery.

New York, Sept. 25.—Patrolman Edward O'Neill, who a few weeks ago openly defied Deputy Police Commissioner Devery, has been dismissed from the force by Commissioner Murphy.

Seth Low Will Accept. Five to Four on Columbia. A Number of Small Wagers on the Yacht Races.

New York, Sept. 25.—Seth Low announced tonight that he would accept the nomination for governor by the anti-Economy forces and added that he would resign the presidency of Columbia University. This will probably mean when he is formally notified of his nomination.

ANARCHIST EDITORS IN JAIL. Federal Authorities Take Action for Misuse of Mails.

Tacoma, Sept. 25.—Charles Gowan, James W. Adams and James E. Larkin, members of the home anarchist colony in this county, have been arrested under an indictment found by the federal grand jury at Spokane charging them with depositing in the mails an improper newspaper. The prisoners were brought to Tacoma and committed to jail pending examination.

TOWN MEETING HELD. Democrats of Philadelphia Meet at the Academy of Music.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—The Democrats who have left the regular Democratic organization of this city held a large town meeting tonight at the Academy of Music and placed in nomination the same county ticket as that of the Union party and Municipal League. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the Democratic organization in this city for refusing a coalition with independent voters to oppose the regular Republican ticket.

Mr. Isidor Raynor Has Succeeded the Late Judge Wilson on the Case. Cotton's Testimony Against Schley.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Two new witnesses were introduced in the Schley case today. They were Admiral Cotton, who as captain commanded the auxiliary cruiser Harvard, and Captain Miles, who commanded the auxiliary cruiser Yale, during the Spanish war. Both these vessels were used as scouts, and both came up with the flying squadron off Santiago on the 27th of May, before the retrograde movement to Key West was begun.

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