

# LABOR LEADERS SENENCED TO PRISON

Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison Are Found Guilty.

## COURT SCORES LABOR CHIEFS

Penalty Is Imposed in Washington, D. C., for Contempt in Violating Injunction.

Washington, D. C.—After one of the most severe exhortations ever heard from the bench, Judge Daniel T. Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sentenced Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to one year in jail for contempt of court in violating the injunction secured by the Bucks Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, Mo., from Justice Gould, of the same court.

With Gompers were also sentenced John Mitchell, who was vice president of the Federation at the time of the alleged disobedience of the injunction, and Frank Morrison, secretary. Mitchell's punishment is nine months, and Morrison's six months.

All three of the respondents were in court when the opinion of Justice Wright, containing about 30,000 words was read. It was not only a personal arraignment of the conduct of the three men, but a general denunciation of the methods employed by organized labor.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison gave notice of appeal to the District Court of Appeals, and were released on bonds of \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

In his opinion Justice Wright characterized the various utterances of the defendants with respect to the court as "utter, rampant, insolent defiance, unrefined insult, coarse affront and vulgar indignity."

The union men had a grievance against the Bucks Stove and Range Company of St. Louis. Counsel for the company secured an injunction against Mr. Gompers and his associates. After Justice Gould had issued the injunction, although the name of the company was dropped from the "unfair list" in the American Federationist, Mr. Gompers made repeated references to the case in the magazine and in public speech, in which he criticized the court and declared his willingness to go to jail if necessary, rather than keep silent on what he believed to be an invasion of the rights of organized labor.

At the conclusion of his decision, Justice Wright said:

It would seem not inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from following after such outlawed examples, will serve physically to impose obedience, even though late; will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals, and establish over this litigation, the supremacy of law.

## STANDARD OUSTED

Petroleum Corporations Are Forbidden to Ever Again Do Business in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Company from the State of Missouri, forbidding them ever again to do business in Missouri and dissolving the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis.

Each of the companies is fined \$50,000.

The opinion of Judge Woodson, which was concurred in by the other judges, states that the record shows that the Standard Oil Company has been guilty of unlawful means in the formation of a trust to control the output of oil and the prices at which it is sold to dealers; individual investments have been blighted by the power of the trust and small independent refiners and operators have been forced to enter the service of the company as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

## AIM BLOW AT INJUNCTIONS

Labor Men Have New Bill Ready for Legislature.

Columbus.—An anti-injunction bill has been prepared by Ohio labor organizations for introduction at the coming legislative session. The measure seeks to wipe out the statutes governing injunctions and the authority of the courts to declare in contempt those failing to comply with them.

The measure practically abolishes injunctions by making it impossible to issue them until a period of five days has elapsed after the application for them has been filed.

## QUARANTINE ORDER MODIFIED

Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson modified the Federal quarantine on account of foot and mouth disease in Michigan and Maryland, because no infection has been found in Michigan outside of Wayne and Oakland counties, nor in Maryland outside of Carroll county. Authorities of the State to which animals are destined must be willing to accept them, when shipped, however.

## TOMB OF ROYALTY LOOTED

Ancient Burial Place of Danish Rulers Entered by Vandals.

Copenhagen.—The cathedral in Roskilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish kings, was looted by burglars and large numbers of costly gold and silver wreaths, urns and shields were carried away.

The tombs of both King Christian and Queen Louise were robbed of all the valuable gold and silver memorials sent by the crowned heads of Europe and the cities of Denmark.

## CARNEGIE ON THE TARIFF

Says Duty on Steel Is Not Needed. Small Manufacturers Not In It Now.

Washington, D. C.—Andrew Carnegie made a most entertaining witness before the house of representatives ways and means committee in connection with the proposed revision of the tariff.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection, that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions.

Questioned by Representative J. H. Gaines of West Virginia on the need of a tariff for small manufacturers of steel, Mr. Carnegie claimed that there were no small manufacturers of steel products. Mr. Gaines persisted that there were small manufacturers who make some special article from steel.

"I don't know any small manufacturer who makes just one item of steel and I would not regard him. I would think he had not managed well," said Mr. Carnegie.

Mr. Gaines wanted to know if it was not impossible for a man to go into the steel business to manufacture a specialty, or if it would not be if there was no tariff to protect him.

"There is always room for the enterprising man to make a specialty, and besides, he gets a high price for his article," was Mr. Carnegie's comment. "The man who would go into the general steel business without the proper capital is a man you need not concern yourself about. Things that are used by the thousands cannot be made now except on a large scale."

Mr. Carnegie further admitted that the time for the smaller manufacturer of steel is past, except for the man making a special article.

## PITTSBURG GRAFT CASES

Nine Men Held for Grand Jury. Other Warrants Prepared.

Pittsburg.—Testimony most startling in character and intended to prove that the city of Pittsburg has been the victim of an intrigue, managed by arch plotters and conspirators who have peddled legislation and revealed in graft for at least two years, was adduced at a melodramatic hearing in Central Police Court, at which seven of the city's most prominent former bankers, were held for court on charges of bribery, conspiracy and passing bribes.

Additional arrests, which it was declared would astound business and social circles in the city, have been planned. Twenty-two additional warrants are said to have been prepared by the Voters' League for the arrest of councilmen and others.

Defendants Who Are Held.

President William Brand of Common Council, on charges of accepting and offering bribes and conspiracy.

Captain John F. Klein, Common Councilman old Fifth ward, charges of accepting and offering bribes, also conspiracy.

Joseph C. Wasson, Common Councilman old Twentieth ward, charges of accepting and offering bribes also conspiracy.

Hugh Ferguson, Common Councilman old Seventeenth ward, charged with offering and accepting bribes.

William H. Melaney, Common Councilman old Nineteenth ward, charge of offering and receiving bribes.

Jacob Soffel, Jr., Common Councilman old Thirty-second ward, charge of offering and receiving bribes.

T. O. Atkinson, Select Councilman, old Twenty-first ward, charge of offering and accepting bribes.

The former bankers held for court charged with bribing Councilmen are William W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, respectively former president and cashier of the German National bank of Pittsburg.

## ASK LOWER FLOUR RATES

Northwestern Millers Complain of Railroad Discrimination.

Washington, D. C.—A complaint of importance to Northwestern millers, particularly those located in Minneapolis, was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by 42 flour milling concerns against the Great Northern Railway Company and 27 other inter-State carriers doing a transportation business between Minneapolis and the Atlantic seaboard.

Alleging that present rates on wheat and flour to Atlantic seaboard points discriminate against them, the complainants demand lower freight rates on flour in order that Eastern millers may not be able to undersell them. They also declare free operation of the railroads' grain elevators east of Buffalo is unfair. The commission is urged to fix a rate of 20 cents per hundred pounds on flour from Minneapolis to New York City. The present rate is 25 cents, while that on wheat is 18 cents per hundred.

## SOLDIERS' SENTENCE COMMUTED

Washington.—First Lieutenant William J. O'Loughlin, Thirteenth United States Infantry, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was recently convicted by court martial of the charge of making false reports as to certain military duties and was sentenced to be dismissed. The President commuted the sentence to six months' confinement to post limits and to a fine of \$50 a month for the same period.

## ARGENTINE TREATY SIGNED

Washington.—Secretary Root signed an arbitration treaty with Senor Forrells, the Argentine minister, for the settlement of disputes between the two countries. He also exchanged ratifications of the arbitration treaty between this country and Switzerland with Mr. Vogel, the minister from that country.

## GOES INTO RECEIVER'S HANDS

New York.—A receiver was appointed for the American Diesel Engine Company, of this city, with alleged assets worth over \$100,000 in New York, Indiana, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Texas and Missouri. A petition for involuntary bankruptcy was filed by Adolphus Busch, the Schaeffer & Budenberg Manufacturing Company and Robert W. Hunt & Company.

The petitioners allege that the Diesel concern failed to pay three notes aggregating \$15,000 due between November 30 and December 11.

# RELATIONS RESUMED WITH VENEZUELA

Special Commissioner Dispatched to Confer with the New Government.

## A SETTLEMENT IS EXPECTED

Dutch Blockade Raised and General Clearing of Atmosphere Looked For.

Washington.—After an interval of eight months, the United States Government has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela and William I. Buchanan has left this country on the cruiser North Carolina in the capacity of a special commissioner to visit that country, not into the situation and make a report. Much will depend on the nature of the communications which he will make to the state department, among them the question whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the government, as it now exists, a decision dependent upon its ability to maintain a stable institution and to fulfill its treaty obligations.

It has not yet been fully established that the Gomez government will retain its power without trouble, for there are many adherents of President Castro throughout the country. Indeed, the possibility of a coup d'etat is indicated in the expression of a desire for an American warship at La Guaira, to which wish this Government has promptly responded.

Secretary Root's face wore a pleased expression when he made the announcement that President Gomez wished to settle satisfactorily all international questions. He has felt all along that the situation in Venezuela would work itself out, if the Venezuelans were left to themselves. Some significance was at first attached to the fact that Mr. Root had referred to Gomez as president in his statement to the press, and this was explained as an attitude of recognition of the government. It was explained, however, that such a reference to him had been made in the communication which came to the department through the Brazilian officials.

The general opinion is that the new order of things will open the way for the Pacific settlement in some form of the issues not alone between this country and Venezuela, but between the latter country also and Holland and France. Word came to the state department that The Netherlands government has given directions that the military operations which have been conducted against Venezuela cease, following the news of the suspension of the transshipment of merchandise from Caracas to Venezuelan ports.

## TRADE DECREASES

Exports Fall Off in Twenty-One Countries.

Washington.—That the falling off approximately \$300,000,000 in import and perhaps \$150,000,000 in exports during the calendar year 1908 is in some feature due to a general condition, is the claim made in the monthly statement of the bureau of statistics.

Of the 25 principal countries of the world whose foreign commerce the bureau records month by month, during the year a falling off in exports and nearly two-thirds show a falling in imports.

An analysis of the year's foreign commerce by grand divisions shows that the principal decrease on the import side occurred in trade with Europe and on the export side in the trade with North America.

## MOLLY HILLMAN DIES

Noted Equestrienne for Fifty Years Expires in the Poorhouse.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Molly Hillman, aged 92, who for 50 years, up to 1880, appeared all over this country and Europe as one of the foremost circus performers, died in the poorhouse at Greenfield, near here. In her day she was one of the most famous equestriennes and was for years a star in both the Barnum and Forepaugh circuses.

She was married four times and each husband met a violent death. She was the daughter of William Cook, a blacksmith of Newark, N. J., and her mother was a granddaughter of a chief of the Oneida tribe of Indians.

## OLD WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Akron, O.—While alone in her home Mrs. Magdalena Rupp of Sherman was burned to death when fire from a kitchen stove ignited her dress. She was 82 years old and too feeble to fight the flames or make herself heard by neighbors. A little grandson discovered her dead body.

## CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT CANAL ZONE

Washington.—To familiarize themselves with conditions under the present form of government of the Panama canal zone, and to consider what changes are desirable, 12 members of the house of representatives committee on foreign and interstate commerce, will leave for Colon to spend 10 days.

## OVER \$7,000,000 DISAPPEARS

Big Scandal in the Accounts of City of Lisbon, Portugal.

Lisbon, Portugal.—The newly elected municipal council has unearthed a big scandal in the city's accounts. Over \$7,000,000 has disappeared. The former monarchical councilors admit the irregularities, but lay the blame upon the government, which they say, illegally took the city's money.

## GRAND PEACE CARNIVAL

England Will Be Invited to Join in Celebrating Centennial of Perry's Victory.

Cleveland.—In the interest of peace and tranquility between two great world powers—Great Britain and America—plans are being perfected to invite the English government to participate in the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the defeat of the English in one of the notable conflicts of the war of 1812—that victory of Perry on Lake Erie.

Arrangements are being made by the State of Ohio to promote a grand peace carnival and joint industrial exhibition on the island of Put-In-Bay in 1913. A commission has been appointed by the governor to formulate a program and this winter the State Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation which will put the matter in concrete form.

The proposed exhibition will run for several weeks during the latter part of the summer of 1913 and will be known as the International Peace Centennial. The site is appropriate and adequate. Put-In-Bay island is the center of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's activities on Lake Erie, that resulted in the epoch-making victory September 10, 1813.

The island possesses many points of historical interest. In connection with Perry's campaign, including the famous cave where, it is said, the naval hero hid his marines when defeat was imminent.

It is now proposed to have Canada, through England, share equally in the plans with a view to creating a further tie of friendship between the two countries.

## FOUR LIVES LOST

Tug Wrecked on Pier—Cabin Clock Tells Part of Disaster Story.

Detroit, Mich.—A special dispatch from Frankfort, Mich., says: The 15-ton fishing tug Rhine, of Frankfort, was wrecked against one of the harbor piers here at night, while trying to make the harbor in a strong southwest gale. The little vessel was broken in two and the four men comprising her crew were drowned.

The dead—Captain Henry Hanrath, Julius Dorry, Charles Kibby, Gus Straubel.

The loss of the tug was not known through Frankfort until next day, when the cabin of the boat was found on the beach. The cabin clock was stopped at the hour of seven, and from this fact it is inferred that the wreck occurred early in the evening the victims going to their death almost within a stone's throw of home but without any means of calling aid to their rescue.

Captain Hanrath was the only married man on the crew, the others all leaving widows and children.

## WILL PROBE BEEF TRUST

Far Reaching Investigation Into Country's Big Concern Now Admitted.

Chicago.—That a far-reaching investigation into the whole beef packing industry is contemplated by the government and that the serving of subpoenas on employees of Nelson Morris & Co. several days ago was only a preliminary to that investigation, was practically admitted today by the United States district attorney's office.

District Attorney Sims has requested that all the railroads which transport the vast volume of packing house products open all their claim books, reports and documents for the inspection of the government. Darius Miller, first vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, admitted that such a request had been received and that all documents asked for had been turned over.

## STOPS NICKELODEONS

Mayor McClellan Makes a Clean Sweep in New York on Ground of Morality.

New York.—Moved by the protests of ministers of every denomination, who complained to him that the great majority of the 550 moving picture show establishments of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McClellan issued a drastic order, revoking every picture show license issued by the bureau of licenses.

The order of the mayor intimates that this revocation is only temporary, but the conditions under which new licenses will be granted is such that it is doubtful if more than a third of the licenses revoked will be reissued.

## OUR NAVY SECOND IN WORLD

Great Britain Still Leads Universe as Master of Seas.

Washington.—Our navy stands second among those of the great world powers at the present time, according to the navy year book, prepared by Pitman Pulster, clerk of the senate navy committee. Germany is third, while France has dropped to fourth place and Japan is fifth.

The year book will show that Great Britain has 61 first-class battleships with a tonnage of 910,330, the United States 31, with a tonnage of 449,774, Germany 31, with a tonnage of 414,486, France 26, with a tonnage of 357,122 and Japan 15, with a tonnage of 233,444.

# PRESIDENT PREPARING ANOTHER MESSAGE

Reports Are that Reply to House Is Forthcoming.

## FAVORS MORE DETECTIVES

Case Will Be Cited of Man Who Stole Money and Was Not Arrested.

Washington.—From all accounts, President Roosevelt expects to spend a good part of the holiday season in collecting the evidence and preparing the case upon which he hopes to show that there was warrant for his insinuations that congress had refused to extend the operations of the secret service because congressmen were afraid of being investigated.

The President's message on the resolution of the house, calling upon him to make good his sensational accusations is to be a long document, according to report, and full of explanation of the reasons, which induced him to get the idea before the country that there was corruption in the legislative branch of the government.

The President's expected plea for establishment of a special bureau of criminal investigation, to take the place of the prescribed secret service, is bound to cause a lively debate in congress if a bill to carry out Mr. Roosevelt's ideas in this connection ever gets before the house.

Inspired statements have shown that Mr. Roosevelt intends to use his response to the house as a medium of conveying his arguments in favor of a broader government detective system which will embrace the several existing secret services and enable the executive to utilize his secret police without the hampering effect of the present legal restrictions.

This comprehensive scheme will be combated vigorously by the arguments advanced previously against an extension of the powers of the secret service.

Under the proposed system a large body of detectives would be employed by one department of the government to ferret out crime in the other departments and in congress. Under the present system each department makes investigations of matters under the jurisdiction of that department, utilizing its own expert employees for the purpose.

Cabinet officers have indicated that secret service agents were not capable of doing certain expert investigation, such, for example, as that required in detecting land frauds, in which men of superior intelligence familiar with the land laws and possessing some legal ability and training necessarily would be employed to insure success.

## ANDREWS RAIDER IS DEAD

Civil War Veteran Victim of Heart Disease on Street.

Kenton, O.—Jacob Parrott, sixty-six, a Civil War veteran of this place dropped dead from an attack of heart trouble on the street.

Mr. Parrott was one of the five living survivors of the famous "Andrews raiders" who stole a confederate locomotive and tried to burn the bridges and destroy the tracks of the West & Atlantic railroads to cut off connections between two confederate armies.

## SUNDAY P. M. PAPER APPEARS

Baltimore, Md.—The first Sunday afternoon issue of the Baltimore News appeared and was the first regular Sunday afternoon edition of any newspaper to be printed in this city. Louis M. Duval, the business manager, expressed himself as delighted with the success of the issue. The paper appeared in 16-page form and is identical in appearance with the regular weekday editions.

## NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT

Washington.—The President sent to the senate the following nominations: Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Nicaragua—Horace G. Knowles, Delaware.

Consul general at large—Heaton W. Harris, Ohio.

Associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine Islands—Sherman Moreland, New York.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

The Pennsylvania Company has declared the regular semi-annual dividends of 4 per cent, payable December 31 to holders of record December 28.

The Northern Securities Company has declared a dividend of 4 per cent, payable January 11. The last previous dividend was 5 per cent, on January 10 last.

Gross earnings of the railroads, according to the figures of the "Financial Chronicle," decreased less than 3 per cent in November, 1907. The improvement in the gross earnings position had been going on since August, when about 100 roads showed a decrease of 16 1/2 per cent.

Columbus, O.—The supreme court held unconstitutional the law making dog tax a lien of property at which the dog is harbored. The decision is in the case of the Sunday Creek Company vs. the treasurer of Athens county.

## PROF. JOHN WHITE TO RETIRE

Cambridge, Mass.—The Harvard university officers announced the resignation to take effect September 1, 1909, of Prof. John Williams White, professor of Greek at Harvard since 1884. The resignation of Dr. William Arnold Colwell, of the department of German, is also announced.

The American Locomotive Company declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1.34 per cent on preferred stock, payable January 21, to holders of record January 4.

## PLOT TO KILL GOMEZ

Castro Blamed With Scheme to Assassinate Successor.

Caracas.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come.

The dictator who has governed the republic with a rod of iron since he took forcible possession of the Yellow house in Caracas in 1899 is now openly charged with conspiracy to compass the assassination of a man he left at the head of the republic when he sailed away on December 25 from La Guera, nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin.

The Bank of Venezuela has called its correspondents at Berlin and Paris, cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to President Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe, and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital.

The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president.

The attempt upon the life of Gomez was frustrated by the cool nerve and courageous daring of the acting president himself. Alone and unsupported he arrested the ringleaders of the conspiracy with his own hands.

## MANY LEAVE, MORE COME

Emigrants From America This Year Hold Down Country's Net Gain to 6,298.

Washington.—The increase in the alien population of the United States in the year ending September 30, last, was only 6,298. Secretary of Commerce and Labor Sturges called the attention of President Roosevelt to these figures.

According to Secretary Straus 724,112 foreigners came to this country in the year between October 1, 1907 and September 30, last, but during the same period, 717,814 foreigners left these shores for their own countries.

Secretary Straus said that never before has the government had figures as to departing aliens. Steamships have been relied upon to furnish estimates of these, but until the past year the figures were not officially recorded.

## FOUR CORNERED DUEL

Three Dead and One Dying as a Result of Georgia Shooting.

Ossila, Ga.—Owen Smith, son of Chief of Police Smith, Charles Moore and his brother Virgil Moore, are dead and Policeman Cain Walters is dying as a result of a four-cornered pistol duel.

The quarrel arose over the firing of a giant cannon cracker. Walters, mortally wounded by Charlie Moore, shot him dead as he ran. Smith, coming to aid Walters, was attacked by Virgil Moore. Both fired at the same moment and fell dead at almost the same instant.

## CAPTURE DIAMOND THIEF

San Francisco.—Lewis Schultz, an ex-convict, who was recently released from Folsom prison, entered Sigmund and Hurlig's jewelry store and when a tray of several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds was showed to him, emptied the gems into his pocket, hit Hurlig over the head with a bit of gas pipe and fled. Hurlig, who was soon overhauled, Hurlig probably will die, as his skull is fractured.

## DROPS DEAD IN WASHINGTON

Washington.—Major Joseph W. Wham, U. S. A., retired, of Salem, Ill., for many years paymaster in the army, dropped dead on the street near his home here, following a cerebral hemorrhage. Major Wham had several disputes with superior officers and was suspended for a technical violation of the army regulations.

## BEGIN WORK AT GARY

Hammond, Ind.—The actual manufacture of steel at Gary, Ind., began December 21, when blast furnace No. 12 was blown in and the first step taken in making the Calumet region one of the greatest iron and steel industrial centers of the world. The \$25,000,000 mills are now in active operation and the work will be increased rapidly from now on until it is estimated that 25,000 men will be employed in the giant mills.

## MEMBERS OF ZOROASTER CULT MEET

Chicago.—At the call of Dr. Otoman Zar-Adusht Ha-Nish, high priest at the Mazdaznan Temple, the members of the Ancient Pagan Cult, Zoroaster assembled here for their seventh annual gahanbar. The American representatives of the Persian Magi are said to number many thousands and representatives will be present from most of the large cities.

## BURTON DECLINES

New York.—It is authoritatively announced that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Theodore Burton, of Cleveland, has been withdrawn by President-elect Taft and would not be renewed. Mr. Burton had been mentioned as possible Secretary of the Treasury, and it is said that the portfolio had been definitely offered to him.

## GIBBON, NEB.—FIVE ROBBERS BLEW UP THE HOLLOWAY EXCHANGE BANK OF THIS CITY, HELD THE INHABITANTS AT BAY WHILE THE BANDITS SECURED \$2,500 FROM THE VAULTS AND ESCAPED IN AN AUTOMOBILE, THE CITIZENS PURSUING THEM.

## 11,892,114 BALES OF COTTON GINNED

Washington, D. C.—The census bureau announced that 11,892,115 bales of cotton had been ginned to December 13, as compared with 9,254,070 to corresponding date last year. The number of active ginneries reporting was 27,269.

## INDIANA TOWN BADLY SCORCHED

Portland, Ind.—Fire destroyed a large portion of the business section of Pennville. Every business house in an entire block was destroyed, causing a total loss of \$75,000.