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GOMPERS, MORRISON AND MITCHELL ARE GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES

BUCK STOVE INJUNCTION WAS DISOBEYED, FINDS SUPREME COURT

OPINIONS ARE THAT ALL THREE WILL SERVE THE TIME PLACED OVER THEIR HEADS BY COURT.

Supreme Court of District of Columbia Finds President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Former President Mitchell Guilty of Disobeying an Injunction Ordered by the Courts in the Buck Stove Fight—Struggle Has Been a Long One—Victory for Van Cleave—Gompers Refused to Follow Instructions of Court in Placing Name of Buck Stove People on Unfair List—Labor Bodies Are Coming to Aid of Their Sentenced Leaders—Remarkable Outcome of Fight.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Justice of the Supreme Court Wright, of the District of Columbia, today found President Gompers, Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, and John Mitchell, former president of the Miners, guilty of having "flagrantly violated" the injunction granted by Justice Gould to the Buck Stove & Range company.

Their punishment was fixed as follows: Gompers receives one year in jail; Mitchell, nine months, and Morrison, six months.

The case is the development of one of the bitterest fights in the history of the Federation of Labor. At the head of the fight was James Van Cleave, president of the stove company, and who was the most prominent enemy of organized labor.

The case grew out of the publication in the Federationist, the official organ of the labor organizations, of a statement, classing the Buck company as "unfair," and urging sympathizers with labor not to trade there. In the annual report to the Federation Gom-

pers said he violated the terms of the injunction and asserted he did not see how he could do otherwise.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation since 1897, also subscribed to the statements made by Gompers, and his report was also adopted by the recent convention at Denver, where re-elected Gompers. Van Cleave led the fight in Chicago and also the Denver national convention against the anti-injunction planks proposed for the platforms of both parties.

Wright's opinion is long, and is characterized by such utterances with reference to the defendants' respect for the courts, as follows:

"Rampant, insolent defiance, unrefined insult, coarse affront and vulgar indignity."
Gompers has frequently said he would rather go to jail than keep silent on what he considered an invasion of the rights of the unions. The justice announced he would fix such a penalty that would deter others from following their example. He said he would endeavor in his opinion to vindicate

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Insurance Scandal to Blame.
New York, Dec. 23.—Insurance scandals are believed to have claimed another victim in the suicide today of Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. He inhaled gas in his apartments. His company is involved in an investigation.

HENEY CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT

WILL FIGHT GRAFTERS IF IT COSTS HIS LIFE.

Francis Heney Called to White House Today—Will Come Back to San Francisco and Fight Patrick Calhoun Next—Matters Not if He Dies at 49 or 60—His Wife Alarmed Over Him, Fearing Some Other Fellow Will Finish Haas' Act.

Washington, Dec. 23.—"I am going back to San Francisco to finish Patrick Calhoun. I am going to stay with the graft prosecution even if they kill me. What's the difference whether one dies at 49 or 60?" Francis J. Heney made this statement today when asked about his future plans.

Although weak, Heney is enthusiastic as ever. "My wife is very nervous over me," he said. "She fears some fellow will do a better job next time."

Heney called at the White House this afternoon in response to a special invitation sent by President Roosevelt. It is understood he will give the president his views on the utility of secret service in catching criminals.

A Fat Salary.
San Francisco, Dec. 23.—It is officially announced that William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor, has been appointed to the position of manager of the traffic bureau of the merchants' exchange. His salary is \$12,500.

DEPOSED CASTRO RAVES AT BERLIN

HIS DOWNFALL, HE SAYS BROUGHT BY UNCLE SAM.

Official Information That Gomez and Followers Have Overthrown Castro Sets Deposed Venezuelan Ruler to Raving—Affirms He Will Return With Army—Gomez Threatens to Arrest Castro on Charge of Embezzlement—Blames United States.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Cipriano Castro, the deposed president of Venezuela, is in a furious rage today. He received by cable a copy of the proclamation of acting President Gomez, announcing Castro's overthrow and warning him that his property will be confiscated, and that if he attempts to return to his own country he will be arrested and charged with embezzling public funds. The proclamation is signed by 80 prominent citizens.

The news that his countrymen had finally risen against him has transformed him into a wild man. He raved so loudly that it frightened the patients in a remote part of Dr. Israel's sanitarium. He declared his intention to hire German experts to lay out a plan of campaign against the rebels. He swore he would fit out a large army and return at its head to face the situation and crush sedition. He is ready to sacrifice the greater part of his private fortune to do this. His warlike intentions are discredited here.

It is believed here he does not intend to return to Venezuela under any circumstances. He has great sums of money deposited here.

Castro says the United States conspired with Holland to bring about his downfall.

Maine Trip Made Known.
Washington, Dec. 23.—It was admitted at the war department today that the battleships Maine and North Carolina were on their way to Venezuelan waters.

Fleet Patrols Coast.
Hague, Dec. 2.—An unofficial statement of a member of the Dutch foreign office says a fleet is patrolling the Venezuelan coast, and was ordered to suspend hostilities to give acting President Gomez an opportunity to show whether he wants peace or not.

BOURNE IS ACTIVE.

Must Pass Increase Salary Bill This Session to Help Taft.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, who introduced a bill to increase the salaries of the president and vice-president, is actively engaged in behalf of his measure. He hopes to have the bill passed and signed before March 4, so that Taft and Sherman will get the benefit of the increase. Unless the bill is passed by this session, Taft will not get the benefit unless he is re-elected.

Start Seattle Project.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—I. D. Farrell, president of the Oregon & Washington railroad, announced today that work on the road's depot will be started immediately. Farrell has just returned from New York, where he went over plans for extending the Union Pacific and through its lines in Oregon and Washington to Grays Harbor and the Puget Sound in western Washington.

HUNG JURY IN ANDERSON CASE AND CHARGE OF JURY TAMPERING

IF TRUE, THE PROPER AUTHORITIES SHOULD DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION.

A Box of Cigars Freely Passed About the Jury Room Almost Caused a Riot—After Being Pressed, the Juror Who Produced the Cigars, Claimed They Were Furnished by Charles Anderson, the Defendant in the Case—At First the Jury Stood Seven to Five for Acquittal, and After This Episode the Ballot Stood Seven to Five for Conviction—At This Rate Another Box of Cigars Would Have Secured His Conviction.

Charles Anderson is not convicted of selling liquor because the jury disagreed, standing seven to five for conviction, after an all night siege. It may seem strange to some that the prosecution should fail to establish guilt in a whisky case where the evidence is so great. Two or three reasons may explain some things otherwise strange. In the first place, much evidence that would seem pertinent is thrown out as "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial," so that testimony is very strictly limited to the day, and almost the hour when the act is alleged to have been committed. But the jury last night brings to light some new difficulties in the way of successful jury prosecution of "honorable" men like the defendant. The jury went into the jury room a little before 4 o'clock p. m. After the ballots revealed the fact that an early agreement was impossible, some one suggested that they ought to have the cigars. One juror suggested that after supper they would have them. When they returned from supper, he passed about a box of cigars, saying

they were furnished by a friend of his. When asked more particularly as to the source, he declined to tell. After midnight, when pressed for the source of the cigars, he flew into a passion and admitted he received them from Charles Anderson, the defendant in the case. Then two jurymen turned for conviction, and the case closed seven to five. Plain people would like to know what is the difference in reality between bribing a jury with money and furnishing them cigars, or giving them free drinks.

If this is to be the result of our jury system, our courts will speedily become "courts where justice is dispensed with." Something ought to be done with the "honorable citizen" who sought to influence the jury, and the juror who took his solemn oath to decide on the evidence, and then decided absolutely on the cigars furnished by his "friend." If this is to continue, the citizens of La Grande and Union county have a right to know it.

C. E. DEAL.

HOUR OF BIG GAME IS NEAR

With the most popular football game of the season but two days away, there is a stir among local members of the squad for final drill in signals and completion of the mass of details in connection with the coming of the Pendleton militia team to La Grande Friday. A signal practice tonight and the "just before the battle" talk by Coach Wall tomorrow night, will wind up affairs as far as the team is concerned. The personnel of the players may be announced tomorrow night. But while the team is credited with being in fairly good shape—better, in fact, than could have been hoped for a week ago—there is another feature of the contest which up to date has bothered both the management and the players themselves, for if the game next Friday is not properly pat-

ronized, the proposed park will not be boosted along, and more than that, the players who are identified with bringing the team here at an expense totaling more than \$75, will necessarily have to stand the balance of expense alone.

After Tickets Tonight.
A general round up sale of tickets was made this evening by the canvassers grouping themselves in one body and coralling each individual approached as though for a bonus for a cannery, while in reality the amount sought from each was only 25 cents.

Arnsperger May Umpire.
Another announcement in connection with the coming game that will attract much attention is the fact that very like, Olen Arnsperger, the famous University of Oregon hero, will officiate as umpire. Mark Moorhouse of Pendleton, will help C. C. Clark of Union, if Arnsperger cannot come. With two of these three men holding the whistles, La Grande need have no fear for a slugfest on the field of play. The locals have been constantly drilled to play a hard but clean game, and

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