

GOMPERS MAKES MANY ENEMIES

Labor Leaders Inclined to Resist His Attempt to Dictate in Politics.

SPEAK MINDS PLAINLY

Bluntly Declare That Head of American Federation is Suffering From Swelled Head—Many Prefer Taft to Bryan.

BY LLOYD F. LONGRAN. NEW YORK, July 22.—(Special).—That Sam Gompers is striking snags and is bound to strike others, his attempt to deliver the labor vote to Bryan, is the opinion of political observers here. No body ever has accomplished such a feat, which may be why Gompers is attempting it now. But he lacks the cordial support of union leaders, and many of them bitterly resent his promise to turn them over, en masse, to the Democratic party. The prevailing opinion is well set forth by the Morning Telegraph, which has heretofore been regarded as an organ of Tammany Hall. This year, however, the Telegraph does not seem pleased with Bryan. Regarding the Gompers matter, the Telegraph says, in a leading editorial: "Gompers pledges the Labor Vote to Bryan in the face of a headline printed by all the daily newspapers.

Tammany Organ is Bitter. This must be interesting reading to the 2,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor. They must feel a stimulation of every patriotic feeling as they read to higher political duties, when one man, or perhaps two, should be chosen as Jim Hunsaker and Frank Morrison, members of the Executive Council of the Federation accompanied Gompers to London, where three months ago he announced that his fellow workers would be delivered in a body to the Democrats. We have long known that Sam Gompers would become a dictator if he could, and we never doubted that he would be willing to make a political machine would be willing to do anything to get the labor vote. The American Federation of Labor was organized in the first instance for the purpose of obtaining from employers fair treatment and a decent wage. It is composed, or at least it has been composed, of men of all trades, all religions and of every shade of political belief. Gompers is president and the executive office is dominated by him. Before another year, perhaps, the organization will accept the final brand of humiliation, and consent to elect the Democratic, self-appointed and self-installed, which propose to take away from men who work the privilege of independent action.

Gompers Not Vote-Getter. This may happen, we say, but it is doubtful. Mr. Gompers, as a vote-getter, is not one that Mr. Bryan and the National Democratic committee can contemplate with equanimity. It is less than two years since Sam went out after the scales of certain voters, who had refused to let him dictate their votes in the Illinois primary. His latest exploit was to defeat his selected victim at the polls. Julius D. Davis is one workman who has carefully canvassed the situation, and he makes the prediction that Bryan will be defeated. "Bryan did not get the labor vote in 1896 or 1900," he said, "and the same arguments that appealed to the workmen on those occasions will appeal to them now. Bryan is still the same Bryan and a great deal of the talk of union men against Taft, in fact most of it, is half-hearted. There is no real argument to appeal to them against Taft, but on the other hand, there is the very solid fear of the setting back of matters which on the tide of prosperity is beginning to flow again, if a radical like Bryan is elected.

Is Only a Technician. Technically, Taft is persona non grata with the unions because a long time ago, during his judicial career, he rendered decisions against unions. I do not believe one out of twenty knows or cares now what those decisions were. Davis is a member and a former officer of the United Garment Workers. He expects during the coming campaign to make speeches for Taft. Another prominent union man who denies the right of Gompers to influence the election is John Hourigan, secretary of the New York branch of the International Association of Machinists. Mr. Hourigan is emphatic in his views. "My organization is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor," he declares. "But that does not give Gompers the right to promise the support of my union for Bryan. I would like to know just what he means by stating, 'as president of the A. F. of L.' that he will support Bryan. "He cannot call on the unions to support any political party, and as to influencing them by arguments, the unions know how they are going to vote, and can think for themselves.

Plumber Denounces Gompers. By the way, William J. Bryan was in town the other day, and he denounced Gompers in unmeasured terms. Mr. Bryan, it might be added, registered from Baltimore, and is the business agent of the lodge of the International Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters of that city. Regarding the injunction planks in the two platforms, remarked Mr. Bryan, "One is possibly not quite as broad as the other, but I am a Republican. When any party, I don't care what—Prohibition or Democratic—puts up a man who has always been the friend of labor or a labor platform, then I will go as far as the next one, and leave my party and all that to support him, but until that is done, I intend to stick to my party, and Taft suits me this year."

Hearst's blast at Gompers created much interest, and among others stirred up the Socialists. They issued a long statement on the subject, saying, in addition to other things: "It is the right of any citizen to join any party he likes and vote any way he likes. But if Gompers expects that the mass of organs, who have no voice in the country will change their politics as Gompers has done, he is greatly in error. Gompers has no right to ask the workingmen to change their minds, and the latter will not heed his appeal to elect Bryan President of the United States. "The Socialists in the various local labor unions are planning to have a great deal of fun with Gompers during the summer and fall. Most of the excitement will be pulled off in the Central Labor Union, composed of delegates from the various trades. They meet each Sunday afternoon, and generally indulge in bitter arguments on all sorts of subjects. One of the rules has been that no political candidate should be discussed, and the only exception to this was that union members, in good standing who had been regularly nominated by political parties, should receive the stamp of approval of the C. F. U. This formality has always been observed, and Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists have benefited thereby. A precedent was established in 1906 when an attempt to endorse William Ran-

dolph Hearst was defeated. Democratic followers of the editor insisted that he was entitled to a promise of support because his employees had never struck, but the non-partisan rule was invoked with success. Gompers approved of the action taken at that time, but his views have now risen up to plague him. The claim has been made that if Hearst was not entitled to endorsement, despite his continued championship of the "cause of the common people," there is no reason for an endorsement of Bryan, who has heretofore made the unions secondary to free silver or anti-imperialism. Socialist labor orators (and they are many in number and loud in voice) are convinced that they have the goods on Gompers, and they hope to prove it. They are particularly enraged against the president of the American Federation of Labor because, up to a few years ago, he was himself an active member of the Socialist party.

Gompers Saw New Light. Then Gompers saw a new light, to quote his own words, and since then has been an active opponent of Socialism. He has also declared that labor had nothing to gain and everything to lose by "taking sides" in politics. The non-partisan idea will be pressed to the front at every meeting of the Central Labor Union, according to the threats of members who do not approve of the Gompers crusade. "Our leader has become intoxicated by power," said the representative of a union which has 7000 American citizens in its membership. "He believes that his rod controls the entire organization, but he will find that he has made a grave mistake. The majority of union labor men are naturally Democratic. But there

EUGENE W. CHAFIN, PROHIBITION CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

Eugene W. Chafin, nominee of the Prohibition party for the Presidency, is a native of Wisconsin, and a resident of Illinois. He is an attorney and has been a candidate for the Prohibition nomination for Governor of Illinois at the coming state convention. He was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin, November 1, 1852. He worked on a farm by the month to defray his expenses while at the University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in 1876. He practiced law in Wausau, Wis., for 25 years. He was state president of the Epworth League two terms and grand chief templear of the State Good Templar four terms, a candidate of the Prohibition ticket for Attorney-General of Wisconsin twice and for Governor in 1898. In 1901 he came to Chicago. He is the author of "Lives of the Presidents" and "Lincoln, the Man of Sorrows."

is a strong minority of Republicans, who resent the dictatorial attitude of Mr. Gompers, and his actions will hurt Bryan, rather than help him. Labor Leader Too Hasty. "Gompers has been too hasty," he announces that Bryan suits him, consequently Bryan will be given the entire labor vote. The question is, will he? Nobody asked Gompers to dicker with the great political parties. It was entirely his own idea. The question was never submitted to the various unions throughout the country. It simply shows the arrogance of our leader. Gompers has overlooked the fact that there are many prominent labor men in the United States. He thinks he is the whole works. "Suppose Bryan should be elected by aid of the labor vote, who would get the credit? Gompers, and Gompers alone. Active union men who desired consideration under the Democratic National administration, would be compelled to secure the "N. K." of Gompers. Do you think they like it? Asks Pertinent Question. "There are half a dozen prominent labor leaders in this city who have always received great consideration because of their supposed influence that aids the Democratic party. Do you think they enjoy the spectacle of Gompers taking all the credit that they believe belong to themselves? "There never was and there never will be a man who can deliver the solid vote of labor for anybody. Workingmen are not dummies. They can think and act for themselves, and they know, perhaps better than anybody else, that they are thoroughly competent to do so. "Gompers has angered many workingmen whose intention up to date has been to vote for Bryan. He has not won over Republican toilers, and he has failed to strengthen himself among the Democrats. "Bryan has not been helped by the support of his friend Gompers. In my opinion the Nebraska will find that the declaration of the A. F. of L. president will have a boomerang that he never counted upon."

Merely Sample Opinion. The above, of course, is only the opinion of one unit voter, but the Republican organization is doing the hardest kind of work to prove that it is correct. They realize thoroughly the only weak point in their campaign, and are laboring to strengthen it. In the meantime Bryan and his friends believe that they have every union vote signed, sealed and delivered, and do not realize that the day after election will be a sad gray dawn for them.

BENZOID ACID HARMFUL. Dr. Wiley Condemns the Use of Popular Preservative. WASHINGTON, July 22.—"In the interest of health both benzoid acid and benzoid acid salts should be excluded from foods." This is the conclusion of Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, after a prolonged investigation to determine the effect upon the human system of these preservatives. The chemicals were given, in various kinds of foods to Dr. Wiley's so-called poison squad, and he declared that their use is highly objectionable and produces very serious disturbance of the metabolic functions, attended with injury to digestion and health.

Some Savings for Men

- MEN'S FANCY WEAVE BALBRIGGAN SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—In white, pink or blue; regularly 75c the garment; special at only 49c
MEN'S TWILED NIGHT SHIRTS—Sizes 16 to 19; regular \$1.00 each; special at only 79c
MEN'S FANCY HALF HOSE—In dots, stripes or Jacquard patterns; 35c values, at 25c
MEN'S GOLF SHIRTS—Extra quality chambray, madras or percale; all sizes; \$1.25 value 79c

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Muslin Nightgowns

WOMEN'S NIGHTGOWNS—Of fine cambrie or muslin, in a variety of styles, low round, V-shaped or high neck; lace or embroidery trim'd, regular \$1.25 values, on sale at, each only 87c

New Yarns We're showing a full line of Wool Yarns in all leading shades. A complete assortment as to color. We also sell books of instruction in knitting and crochet work. See our large assortment.

Thursday, Housekeepers' Day

House Needs

- Lemon Extractors—Glass, special, each 4c
Berry Bowls—Special, each 9c
Jelly Moulds—Regular price 20c special, each 10c
Jelly Stands—Regular price 25c special, each 13c
Water Jugs—Regular price \$1.00, special, each 50c
Tumblers—For jelly, special, Thursday, each 25c
Vases—9 in. tall, special, each 15c
Olive Dishes—Fancy shapes, special, each 25c
Sauce Dishes—1 in., special, 2c
Wine Glasses—Special, each 15c
Vinegar Cruets—Special, each 10c
Sugar and Creamers, the pair, 30c
Dozens of other pieces at intermediate prices.

Continuing The Sale of 25c Wash Goods 12 1/2c

This sale has caught the town by storm. All economical Portland was here yesterday buying these goods. 'Tis a sale the like of which we have never before been in a position to announce at this time of the year. The very cream of the season's choicest fabrics in sheer and corded novelties suitable for the construction of Summer gowns, dainty dresses for beach wear, kimonos, dressing sacques, children's dresses, etc. We again call your attention to the mammoth window display, Fifth and Washington streets, and earnestly advise early buying. Don't mind if you are crowded a bit. You will touch elbows with a good-natured throng, all bent on securing the 12 1/2c wash goods bargain of their lives. Half price, 25c goods 12 1/2c

Lace Curtains

Repeating for Thursday the magnificent values that have held the attention of curtain buyers the first three days of the week. Assortments are greatly augmented by addition of many patterns, values even better than the first part of the week. Buy beautiful artistic window hangings while this sale is on and have extremely fine quality for 1-3 and more than 1-3 less than their real value. The kinds included are Brussels, Irish point, soutache, real Arabians, and novelty curtains. Regular \$8.00 values, special sale price, \$4.75. Regular \$10.00 values, special sale price, \$5.95. Regular \$11.00 values, special sale price, \$6.65. Regular \$12.00 values, special sale price, \$7.50. Regular \$12.50 values, special sale price, \$8.00. Regular \$13.50 values, special sale price, \$8.75. \$15.00 values for only \$9.85. \$16.50 values for only \$10.75. \$17.50 values for only \$11.50. \$18.50 values for only \$12.35. \$19.00 values for only \$12.75. \$25.00 values for only \$13.95.

Dinner Sets

- Midsummer Sale on All Odd and Remnant Dinner Sets—130-piece, decorated china, special, the set \$8.25
50-piece sets: white semi porcelain, special, the set \$3.75
30-piece, decorated, special, the set \$5.32
Many other odd sets at reduced prices.

Hose 11c Pair

Children's and Misses' Cotton Hose—In white or black; regular price 20c the pair, special, only 11c
Women's Fast Black Cotton Hose—With embroidered ankles; regular 35c values, special Thursday, 23c

All Bathing Suits

1/4 Below Regular Values, Once at \$9.98

When you take a dip in the briny waves, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are properly and stylishly clad for the occasion if we sell you your bathing suit. Then it is a "heap o' satisfaction" to know that you have gotten an article of standard merit at a less than usual price. With everyone planning on their Summer vacation, and right at the time when these goods are most in demand, we reduce every suit in the house to 1/4 less than regular price. Made of alpaca in brown, blue or black; and sailor collars trimmed with braid. Worth \$2.50, on sale for \$1.88. Worth \$3.00, on sale for \$2.25. Worth \$4.00, on sale for \$3.00. Worth \$5.00, on sale for \$3.75. Worth \$6.00, on sale for \$4.50. Worth \$7.50, on sale for \$5.63.

Lovely Lingerie Frocks, \$25

Values, Once at \$9.98

This superb special presented again for today's selling. 'Tis easy for Portland women to look cool and fresh and dainty when they can buy such charming frocks for so little money. They are made of the finest of fabrics, trimmed with exquisitely beautiful lace and embroidery, artistically applied. All in all, they are combinations of high-grade materials and perfect taste in making seldom found in even a high-priced garment. Shop early this morning if possible. 'Twill not only be cooler and more to your comfort, but you will have a better assortment than can possibly remain until afternoon. Mind you, these gowns are worth to \$25.00 each, on special sale Thursday at \$9.98

House Needs

- Thursday specials from our Third Floor House Furnishing Department:
8-qt. granite iron Tea Kettles, 88c values; special at only 65c
Granite iron Sauce Pans, 4-qt. size; special at only 25c
Granite Milk Pans, 2-quart size; special at only 10c
Granite Dish Pans, 14-quart size; special at only 45c
Granite Coffee Pots, 3-quart size; at only, each 25c
Garden Hose, 3/4-inch size; 50 feet; special at only \$4.95
Lawn sprinklers, special, .80c
Hose Reels, for only, each .80c
Refrigerators, lawn mowers and everything in hot weather needs.

Another Day of Our Most Marvelous Shoe Sale

Women Who Wear Good Shoes Are Bound to Be Interested At \$3.39 You May Buy. Any low shoe in the store worth to \$6.00. Any of the famous Laird-Schober Shoes; any high shoes with French or Louis heel (except Peggy From Paris) values to \$6.00. Any of the well-known PINGREE shoes or Oxfords—28 styles in these alone, and your choice of every \$3.50 shoe or Oxford in the store, black leathers, in plain or shiny finish, all the best colors, all sizes and widths. Supply footwear needs, val. to \$7. \$3.39. MEN'S SHOES AND OXFORDS—Our entire stock bargained. All low shoes that have sold at \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00; colors black or tan; all of our \$4.00 high shoes; 20 styles in high shoes, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00 the pair; an aggregate of several hundred pairs, including the famous Edwin Clapp & Son's shoes; choice of the entire assortment; today for low price of only, per pair \$3.69

A THREE-DAY SALE OF WHITE JAP SILKS

The best of all silken fabrics for warm weather in a stirring sale that features unlimited quantities and superb values. The sort of Jap Silks that we sell here are well-known for their wearing qualities and splendid finish. They come 27 or 36 inches wide, and during this sale you can buy the 85c grade at, the yard 65c. Regular \$1.00 quality, special, the yard, 77c. Regular \$1.25 quality, special, the yard, 92c. Regular \$1.50 quality, yard, \$1.09. Regular \$1.75 quality, yard, \$1.23. Regular \$2.00 quality, yard, \$1.39. Regular \$2.50 quality, yard, \$1.69.

EXPELS DUTCH MINISTER

CASTRO SENDS DISPLEASING DIPLOMAT HIS PASSPORT. Says J. H. De Rus Is "Incompetent to Serve as Friendly Medium" Between Nations.

CARACAS, Venezuela, July 22.—President Castro has expelled J. H. De Rus, the minister resident of the Netherlands, from Venezuela. The minister's passports were sent to him by Senor Paul, the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, who, in a letter, credits President Castro with saying: "You are incompetent to serve as a friendly medium in the relations between this government and the Netherlands." Senor Paul, in another letter to the Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, says: "This indispensable measure affects

OSTRICHES FOR STAGE

New York Soubrettes Will Ride Los Angeles Birds. LOS ANGELES, July 22.—The efforts of theatrical managers to provide New York playgoers with novel features is responsible for a unique business deal just made in this city whereby a Los Angeles ostrich farm leases to a New York theatrical company six full-grown ostriches for a period of 20 weeks. During that time the big birds will be featured in a New York production and if the plans of the promoters go not astray a soubrette will appear as the rider of each ostrich. The six birds selected entered upon their course of training today. For Nervous Disorders. Take Horstford's Acid Phosphate. Especially recommended for the relief of nervous headache, exhaustion and insomnia.

DROWNS WHILE IN BATHING

ALL EFFORTS TO SAVE OSCAR LARSEN FAIL. Younger Brother Tries to Rescue Lad Near Wilsonville, but Gives Up After Brave Struggle. While swimming with a number of other lads in the Willamette River near Wilsonville yesterday afternoon, Oscar Larsen, 18 years of age, was drowned, notwithstanding the frantic efforts of his companions to rescue him. The drowning occurred at a point just above Wilsonville called Tauchman's Landing. The boys were in swimming and Larsen was clinging to a board in deep water. There was a small skiff near him, and letting go his hold upon the board, he tried to reach the skiff. He failed, and sank. As Larsen sank the second time his

BURN RAILROAD DEPOTS

Night Riders Wreak Vengeance on the Illinois Central. HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., July 22.—Night Riders burned the stations of the Illinois Central Railroad Company early today at Gracy, in Christian County and at Cerulean, in Trigg County, and at Otter Pond, in Caldwell County. Illinois Central officials yesterday

TORPEDO-BOATS END CRUISE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The torpedo boat flotilla composed of the Fox, Rowan, Goldsborough and Davis, arrived here today from Eureka, Cal., and proceeded at once to Mare Island, where they will be overhauled at the Navy-yard. Prices talk at Rosenthal's shoe sale.