

LABOR LEADERS SENTENCED

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Must Go to Prison for Defying Law.

GOMPERS ANSWERS JUDGE

Says Freedom of Speech and Press Denied—Appeal Delays Going to Jail — Roosevelt Is Asked to Intervene.

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Offense of Each Man.

All of which was done, all of which was published, all of which was circulated in violation of the law, and for the purpose of inciting and accomplishing the violation of the law...

Free Speech Not Infringed.

Continuing as to all three of the defendants, the court said:

In defense of the charges now at bar, each of the defendants has pleaded that he is not guilty of the offense charged...

Utter Defiance of Law.

In finally dismissing the plea of free speech, the court said:

Are controversies to be determined in tribunals formally constituted by the law of the land for that purpose, or shall each man who falls at odds with another take his own course?

Set Federation Above Courts.

In conclusion the court said:

Before the injunction was granted these men announced that neither they nor the American Federation of Labor would obey it...

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Sentences to Be Deterrent.

In passing sentence on the defendants, the court said:

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

More than two hours were occupied in reading the opinion. The defendants sat intently throughout the proceeding. At the conclusion of the reading, Judge

OIL TRUST BARRED FROM MISSOURI

Three Subsidiary Companies Ousted From the Combine.

ONE HAS CHANCE TO STAY

Waters-Pierce Company May Operate Independently, but Republic and Standard of Indiana Are Permanently Dissolved.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Declaring that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Ohio, and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri, had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in this state, the Supreme Court of Mis-

souri today issued a decree ousting all the three companies from the commonwealth and fining them \$50,000 each.

A Menace to Nation.

In coming to its decision, the court said:

"If such abuses as those complained of are permitted to continue untrammelled it would be only a question of time until they would sap the strength and patriotism from the very foundations of our Government, overturn the Republic, destroy our free institutions and substitute in lieu thereof some other form of Government."

Mislead the Public.

"Fourth—To mislead the public into the belief that they were separate and distinct corporations and pursuing an independent business as legitimate competitors in the purchase and sale of the product of petroleum."

Linn Has 6945 School Children.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There are 6945 school children in Linn

LABOR LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON

SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT.

JOHN MITCHELL, VICE-PRESIDENT.

FRANK MORRISON, SECRETARY.

Wright, looking directly at Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, said: "Have either of you anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced?"

Gompers stood up and, addressing the court, said:

Gompers Defends His Course.

I am not conscious at any time during my life of having violated any law of the country or of the state. It is not possible under the circumstances under which I am before your honor this morning, and after listening to the opinion you have rendered, to say that which I have in mind, but, sir, I may be permitted to say this: That freedom of speech and freedom of the press has not been granted to the people to say the things which please, but the right to say the things that displease, even though they do a wrong.

This is a struggle of the working people of our country and it is a struggle of the working people for right.

The labor movement does not undertake to presume to a higher right than either the courts or the other branches of the Government of our country. It is a struggle of the people—a struggle of the men of labor to throw off some of the burdens which have been heaped upon them; to abolish some of the wrongs and to secure some of the rights too long denied. If men must suffer because they dare to speak for the masses of the men of our country, if a man must suffer because they have raised him to meet the social greed—even to grind the children in the dust to get dollars—they must bear the consequences.

That would not have you believe me a man of defiant character in disposition or conduct.

But in the pursuit of honest conviction and the furtherance of the common interests of my fellow men, I shall not only have to, but be willing to, submit to whatever your honor may impose.

Mitchell and Morrison Assent.

Mitchell followed in a strong, resonant voice: "I thoroughly and unreservedly in-

The evidence has been before the State Supreme Court for a year.

That the decision as to the Waters-Pierce Company represents a compromise is shown by separate concurring opinions filed by Judges Lamm and Graves. Judge Lamm holding that the Waters-Pierce Company should be fined \$1,000,000 instead of \$50,000. Judge Graves' opinion is that the Waters-Pierce Company should not be deprived of its corporate franchise. He takes this ground to protect the minority stockholders.

The minority stockholders, Judge Graves said, could not help themselves, and they should be protected. While Judge Graves urged a greater punishment for the Standard of Indiana and the Republic of Ohio, yet it was due to the influence that the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was not absolutely ousted from Missouri.

The opinion of Judge Woodson, which was concurred in by the other judges, states that the record shows that the Standard Oil Company had 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.

Trust an Overlord.

Individual investments have been blighted by the power of the trust and small farmers and others have been forced to enter the service of the company as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

In concluding his report, which covers 400 type-written pages, Judge Woodson says the action in giving the Waters-Pierce Oil Company time in which to sever its connections with the trust is taken to protect the minority stockholders.

The evidence, he says, discloses that the majority interests in the company were owned by the New Jersey Company, and that these interests displaced H. Clay Pierce as president of the Waters-Pierce

Curious Regarding Japs

Democratic Senators Would Know More of Root's Entente.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Democratic Senators have not abandoned their efforts to secure more light on the American-Japanese entente in relation to the future of China.

This is indicated by statements made by Senators Bacon and Money, minority members of the committee on foreign relations, that they are not satisfied with Secretary Root's suggestion to the effect that the understanding is not of binding force upon either government. The fact that the Republican members of the committee are unanimous in support of the position assumed by Secretary Root is likely to cause the Democratic Senators to bring the subject before the Senate.

If the Democratic members of the committee should launch into a discussion of the understanding and in their speeches deal with the foreign policy of this Government, some Republican Senator is certain to move that the doors be closed and the subject be treated as an executive matter.

By forcing Republican members to ask that the doors be closed the position of the minority, it is said, will be strengthened. It is assumed by the Democrats that unless the matters covered by the entente should be the subject of a treaty there can be no good reason for closing the doors. A discussion of the subject in the Senate will create an interesting situation.

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