

GOMPERS DEFIANT; SAYS COURT ERRED

Labor Leader Declares He Will Say in Print What He Pleases.

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Refuses to Allow Troops to March in Parade in His Honor—Thinks Judge Has No Right to Enjoin Speech.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Defiance of any power that would attempt to curtail the right of free speech, or the freedom of the press was expressed here tonight by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Gompers' address was the climax of a demonstration arranged by organized labor in honor of his return from Europe. The meeting was preceded by a street parade in which union men from many parts of this country, Canada and Cuba participated.

Mr. Gompers refused to allow a company of the National Guard of the District of Columbia to take part in the parade in his honor.

Mr. Gompers' declaration of independence followed a narrative of his visit abroad, during which he expressed his confidence in the formation of a world-wide confederation of all labor organizations.

Referring to the jail sentence resting against him on a charge of contempt of court for referring to the Bucks Store & Range Company after being enjoined against such action by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Mr. Gompers declared Justice Wright had decided the contempt case against him because he was prejudiced against men who work.

Will Bow to No One. "There is no man to whom I will bend the knee, there is no man to whom I will look up unless he possesses the attributes of honesty and fair dealing," he said.

Expressing his respect for courts in general, Mr. Gompers said: "I have confidence in their integrity, no matter what their decision may be. But I know that they are human beings who are just as likely to err as any other man on earth."

"I have no hesitancy in saying that not only did Justice Wright err, but that he was prejudiced against the men of labor who are marching to a hero or nearly a hero. I have no desire to be bombastic or defiant, but I say advisedly and with knowledge of the full responsibility that attaches to my words, that I believe no imposition of a lighter sentence will alter the case one jot."

Thinks Court Erred. "Either we have free speech and free press in this country or we have not. An imposition of a fine or a year or the imposition of imprisonment of one hour for the utterance of conscientious belief and the faith that is within us is a denial of free speech and of free press."

"I simply content myself with the plain statement that the Constitution guarantees free speech and free press and that guarantee was placed in the Constitution for a purpose. It was not necessary to place that guarantee in a constitution that we might see the abuses of the powers that be. No man wants a constitutional guarantee in Russia to sing the praises of the Czar."

Don't Need Guarantee. "We do not need a guarantee to say things that please any authority whether that authority be the President of the United States or the King of another country. The guarantee was put there that men might say things that displease and might do so with perfect safety. The demand for freedom coming from people are generally distasteful at the time to the Governmental power."

Mr. Gompers denied the right of any court to enjoin him in advance from expressing his views, although after he had spoken he realized that he might be tried for what he had said. If the Court of Appeals should decide against him, he declared, the fight for free speech must go on until that right was achieved.

"We cannot stop if we want," he said, "and we do not want to stop. We have gone too far in the march of human progress to be driven back into slavery."

ELECTRIC LINE PLANNED

President Robertson Announces Through Service to Woodburn.

Plans for tapping Central and Eastern announced yesterday by Frank Robertson, president of the Valley Railway Company, which has just secured a 30-year franchise from the City of Woodburn for tracks through that city. President Robertson says construction work on the line has been started in the form of a three-mile line connecting Woodburn with the Oregon Electric tracks at West Woodburn, and that this work will be rushed to completion and service installed by December 1 and that the Spring line will be extended to Scotts Mills and Silverton. Further, Mr. Robertson says: "I have learned recently of a good pass southeast of Silverton. I am going to send surveyors over there next Spring and determine the feasibility of securing an outlet into Eastern Oregon. I understand that the grades to be encountered are not serious for an electric line and if this is so, we will be able to continue our line into Eastern Oregon within a year or so."

"The present line, which we have already started to build, extending from the Oregon Electric tracks at West Woodburn to Scotts Mills and Silverton, will be about 25 miles long and will tap a valuable part of the Willamette Valley. We now have 50 teams and a large force of men at work on the Woodburn-West Woodburn line, the grade is nearly completed and there is about three-fourths of a mile of steel laid. Work will be rushed and that part of the line I am counting on having in operation by December 1. Next year I intend to extend to the other points and then on into

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house and gave him \$50 to shoot Ethel Kinrade. Another voluminous confession in the hands of the police is understood to coincide with the circumstances of the murder with the exception of the date.

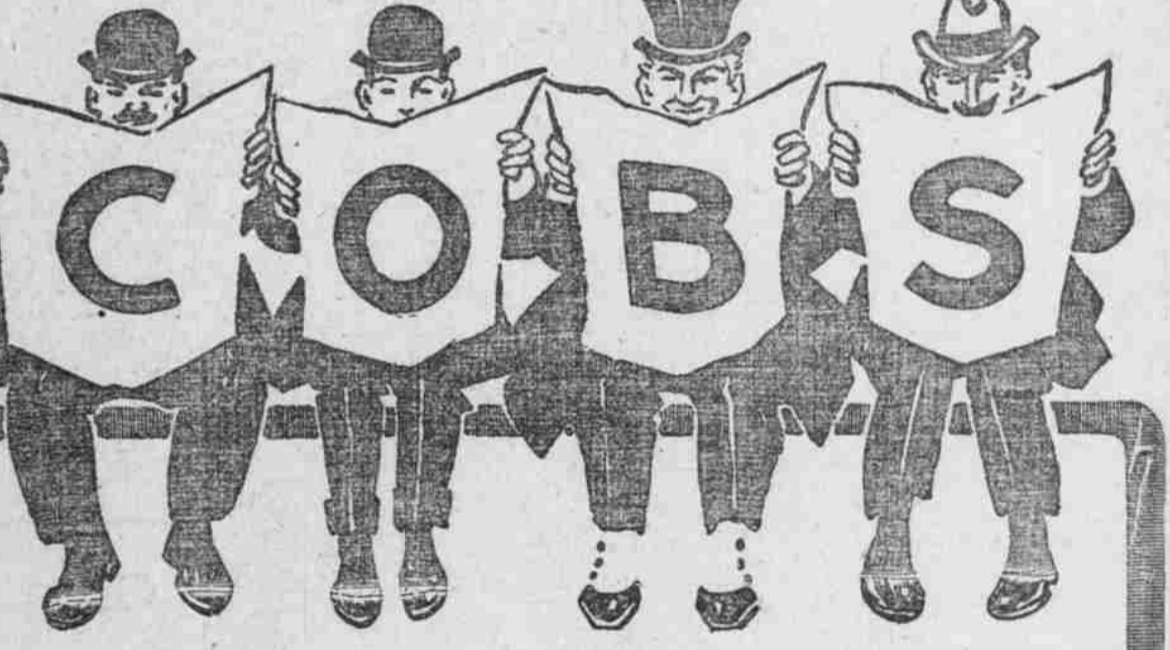
A description of the murderer possessed by the Scotland Yard officials does not tally with that of Bedford.

Swede Beaten and Robbed. William Johnson, a young Swedish laborer, was beaten and robbed by two of his countrymen under the east end of the Burnside bridge last night shortly before 12 o'clock. The robbers secured \$155, which represented the

savings of many years. Johnson was on his way to the Wilbur House, East Third and East Oak streets, and was walking under the bridge when the thugs set on him. Two women heard Johnson's cry for help and notified patrolman Murphy, who, with the assistance of a passerby, pulled the injured man to the street and took him to police headquarters.

Oregon Bar to Meet. The annual meeting of the Oregon Bar Association will be held in the Federal Courtroom November 16 and 17. Judge M. L. Pipes and Walter R. LaRoche have been assigned topics.

Wortman Buys Kelso Store. KESLO, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special)—John Wortman, formerly of Enterprise, Ore., has purchased the grocery business of J. M. Carroll here. He took charge of the store today.



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