

SOVIET LABOR RULE FLAYED BY GOMPERS

Refusal to Urge Recognition by America Repeated.

AGITATION IS RESENTED

Federation Head Declines to Recede From Position and Calls Critics 'Unpatriotic Americans.'

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(Special)—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today denounced as "unpatriotic Americans" those labor leaders who have criticized his refusal to endorse the Russian soviet government or urge its recognition by the United States.

Gompers refused to recede from his position was expressed by Gompers in a letter to the Central Trades Union Council of Arica, La Serena, Wyo., and other similar labor organizations which had adopted resolutions condemning the administration of the federation because of its Russian stand, as subservient to capital and against the best interests of the workers.

Propaganda Is Discussed.
The action of these bodies, the letter said, apparently was based on conclusions drawn from "utter misinformation" of the Russian situation. "No document has been released by me containing more information on such a lack of knowledge," the letter said. "It is true that I read much of the propaganda in favor of that bolshevik government of Russia, and it is true that the letter adopted by the Kalmazoo trades and labor council gives voice to that propaganda."

"It is past understanding how American citizens can bring themselves to aid and comfort a propagandist that has for its purpose the destruction of the trade union movement in America and the overthrow of our republic."

Soviet Tactics Opposed.
The letter quoted from soviet official announcements as to the necessity for "militarization of labor" and commented on measures Trotsky had taken to force the return to work of railway and port employees who had "quietly quit."

"Does the Kalamazoo trades and labor council support this program for the United States?" Mr. Gompers inquired.

He declared that "the communist party in Russia numbered less than 10,000 members."

Assertion of the Kalamazoo central body that unemployment in America would be relieved if the American embargo on Russia, Mr. Gompers denied on the ground that there is no such embargo and if there were, lifting it would have no material effect on trade relations.

"The greatest amount of American munitions sent to Russia, outside of munitions, was in 1913," he wrote, "and then amounted to only \$40,000,000."

Obstacle Now Is Denied.
Trade relations with Russia were normally resumed in July, 1920, the letter continued, with removal of the embargo on Russia. There is no obstacle in the way of the Russian people dealing with the United States as far as the latter is concerned."

"Millions of dollars are known to have been remitted to the United States to pay those who circulated bolshevik propaganda," he said. "If those who have aided in the circulation have failed to be rewarded they have missed a great opportunity."

"When the people of Russia elect a representative government, the American Federation of Labor will be first to demand its recognition."

It is estimated that about 60 central labor organizations and locals have gone on record as opposing Mr. Gompers' anti-Russian policy.

MARRIAGE LAW FAVORED

WOMAN LEGISLATOR GIVES REASONS FOR CHANGE.

COST TO STATE OF MAINTENANCE OF INSTITUTIONS FOR DEFECTIVES HELD ARGUMENT FOR CAUSE.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special)—The cost of maintaining the several state institutions which, at the recent session of the legislature, was reported at \$1,000,000, was probably one of the most convincing arguments why the taxpayers of Oregon should approve at the special election to be held on June 7 the measure making it incumbent upon all persons seeking a license to marry to pass a physical examination, according to Representative W. S. Kinney of Clatsop county in a statement submitted to the secretary of state today for publication in the voters' pamphlet.

The measure was approved by the legislature at its recent session, with the proviso that it should be referred to the electorate for final acceptance or rejection.

The annual cost of operating the several institutions referred to by Mrs. Kinney follows: Feeble-minded, \$150,000; state hospital, \$465,000; eastern Oregon state hospital, \$125,000; industrial school for girls, \$25,000; state training school for boys, \$60,000; penitentiary, \$100,000.

"The great majority of the defectives inherit their feeble-mindedness," said Mrs. Kinney in her argument.

"Sometimes defective occur in healthy, normal families, but authorities agree that two-thirds of all feeble-minded persons are victims of bad heredity from their parents who themselves are not well born. Every feeble-minded person is a potential criminal. Unable to distinguish right from wrong, they drift into crime or pauperism."

Obituary.

PENDLETON, Or., March 27.—(Special)—Frank A. Michaels, a resident of Pendleton, Oregon, for 18 years and of Umatilla county since 1914, died at his home here Thursday night, death being due to pneumonia. Mr. Michaels, a native of Maryland, came to Pendleton in 1914 and later moved to this city. He is a son and recently purchased property near Ione, which he intended to farm. He was a member of the Elks, W. O. W., Modern Woodmen and I.O.O.F. Besides his widow Mr. Michaels is survived by six children.

ALBANY, Or., March 27.—(Special)—H. Taylor Hill, who died yesterday at his home in Portland, was a member of one of the most prominent

HARDING'S BIG WORK SO FAR IS HARMONY

President Oils Up Machinery at National Capital.

CONGRESS FACES TASK

Test of Administration Declared Coming When Session Begins to Outline Programme.

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WASHINGTON, March 27.—(Special)

The real achievement of the first three weeks of the Harding administration is unmistakably the creation of what may be called a favorable atmosphere.

The definite and noteworthy acts of the administration have been few as yet, for

nothing have been more or less in a settling down process, but there has been a decided shift in atmosphere, and it has created a country-wide impression which should prove one of Mr. Harding's greatest assets in time of need.

There is every reason to believe Mr. Harding will have the masses behind him in his policies, and it

is his task at the capital remains to

see that Mr. Harding hopes that it

too will create a favorable atmosphere, but the congress has not been as local officers have learned, Miss Soule was awarded the custody of the child by the juvenile court of Portland three years ago, and the girl has remained with her ever since.

Officers here sent word by tele-

graph last night in an effort to intercept here and Portland the automobile which took the child from the home of Miss Laura Soule, the mother of the girl.

Miss Soule will report the matter

to the juvenile court in Portland in an

effort to have the parents found and

the child restored to her in accordance with the order of the court.

ROAD GRADING INDORSED

Heppner Farmers and Business Men Favor Use of \$30,000.

HEPPNER, Or., March 27.—(Special)—At a joint committee meeting at the farm bureau and the Commercial club held here last night the members of the bureau voted the market road fund to complete the paving of the Oregon-Washington highway between Heppner and Lexington was unanimously indorsed and the matter will be up to the farmers of the county for their approval.

The proposal is to complete the paving of the second section of the highway between Heppner and Lexington.

The survey of the second section

between Heppner and Lexington is now

being made and money is available

for the grading of that section.

Umatilla county is ready to complete the paving of the highway from

Pillies Rock to the Morrow county line and it is believed that arrangements also

will be made for the early construction

from the Gilliam county line to

Heppner Junction, where connection

is made with the Columbia River highway.

SIX IRISHMEN BURIED

Volunteers Shot by Constabulary

Rest in 'Martyrs' Plot.

CORK, March 27.—Six more burials were made today in the "Republican Martyrs" plot in Saint Finbar's cemetery, outside Cork, where Terence MacSwiney is buried. The burials followed separate funerals for the six republican volunteers shot by the constabulary in Glengiven Woods.

The real tests of the administration as a whole still remain to come.

Mr. Harding has encountered no opposition and very little criticism.

The talk of Colonel George Harvey as ambassador to London has not been

received kindly in some quarters, but others have said no possible appointment could be made at the White House.

Mr. Harding has made few appointments other than personal ones, and he has been liked for his loyalty to old friends. He has dis-

cussed politics on many subjects and discussions point to a favorable atmos-

phere.

It was inevitable that the open door

policy at the White House, as it has

been practiced since inauguration

of Mr. Harding, would meet with

some surprise in the president's deci-

sion to confine "open house" days to

Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays,

so as to devote Tuesdays and Saturday

to work. His literally seen thousands of visitors during his three

years in office, and he has

made a wreck of himself. He has come

to wear the tired look which marked

the close of his last conference at

Marion.

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