

SOME LABOR RILE FEARED 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.—(By the Associated Press.)—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.

Refusal to recede from his position was expressed by Gompers in a letter to the Central Trades Unions of Kalamazoo, Mich., Phoenix, Ariz., Lafayette, 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 misformation" of the Russian situation.

"No document received by me containing more misinformation or conclusions based on such a lack of knowledge," the letter said, "is true that I read much of the propaganda in favor of the bolshevik government of Russia and it is true that the letter advised for the Kalamazoo trades and labor council gives voice to that propaganda."

"It is past understanding how American citizens can bring themselves to aid and comfort a propaganda that has for its purpose the destruction of the trade labor 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 American tactics and taken to force the return to work of railway and bank employees who had "voluntarily" quit.

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

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

Asserting that the Kalamazoo central body that unemployment in America would be relieved by lifting the embargo on Russia, Mr. Gompers declared on the ground that there is no such embargo and if there were, lifting it would have no material effect on the greatest amount of American manufactured articles 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 and today "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 sent from Russia to the United States to pay for munitions, and I believe that arrangements also will be made for the early construction of the Gilliam county line and the 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 Finian's cemetery, outside Cork, where Terence MacSwiney is buried. The burials followed separate funerals for the six republican volunteers shot by the constabulary at Clogheen Wednesday.

The military had limited the number of persons to attend the funerals to 100. Armored cars and troops in lorries accompanied the processions, but the six corteges converged into one, and formed a procession from the cemetery to the city.

SAFEBLOWERS GET \$5000

Four Masked Robbers Gag Victims and Make Escape.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 27.—Four masked robbers blew open the safe of the Des Moines Drug company at 8:30 this morning, after blinding and gagging two employees.

They escaped with \$5000 in cash, liberty bonds and narcotics.

Peonage Wages Discovered.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Farm wages, equal almost to peonage customs in Mexico, were discovered here when a woman and her wife were being paid \$30 a month, without board. They had a tenant house in which to live, aside from the monthly pay. "Two men quit at a ranch near Marshfield when the owner told them he would reduce their pay to \$15 a month and board on April 1. For a time the highest wage offered here was \$30 a month and board for ranch hands."

Rock Fill is Contracted.

SEASIDE, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Contracts have been let by the county court for a solid rock fill near the I. N. Fleischer farm, one mile from the city. The water of the Necanicum have sometimes covered this part of the highway to the depth of several feet, shutting off Cannon Beach and other points south from communication during the severe winter storms.

Overloaded Jitneys Forbidden.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Jitneys running between Walla Walla and College Place are overloaded, according to Mayor Ben Camp on Monday, April 4. A crew of 60 men will be employed at the start. Camp No. 1 will be the first one opened, and the gradual resumption of work in the other camps is expected. The camps are located 15 miles up the Wishkah river from Aberdeen.

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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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(Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—(Special.)—The real achievement of the first three weeks of the Harding administration unmistakably has been the creation of what may be called a favorable atmosphere.

The definite and noteworthy acts of the administration have been few as yet, for things have been more or less in a settling down process, but there has been a broad, human touch in all that is done at the White House, and it has created a countrywide impression which should prove one of Mr. Harding's greatest assets in times of need.

CHILD THOUGHT KIDNAPED

JUVENILE COURT WARD GONE FROM HOME IN ALBANY.

Auto Like One Driven by Parents Is Seen Speeding on Road Toward Portland.

ALBANY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Portland last night are alleged to have kidnapped their five-year-old daughter, Helen Irene Smith, from the home of Miss Laura Soule in Lebanon.

They had not been found today 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 resided with her ever since.

Officers here sent word by telephone last night in an effort to intercept the automobile here and Portland the automobile which took the child from Lebanon. The only definite word obtained was that an automobile answering the description of the one in which Mr. and Mrs. Smith had been seen crossed the Jefferson bridge going north shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

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 plan to use \$30,000 of the highway road fund to complete the grading of the Oregon-Washington highway between Heppner and Lexington was unanimously indorsed and the matter will be put up to the farmers of the county for their approval through petitions to be circulated through the farm bureau. If the proposition is approved by the farmers, the first and second units of the Morrow county section of the highway will be completed during the present year.

The survey of the second section between Heppner and Lena is now being made and money is available for the grading of that section. Umattila county is ready to complete its section of the highway from Rock to the Morrow county line and it is believed that arrangements also will be made for the early construction of the Gilliam county line to Heppner Junction, where connection is made with the Columbia River highway.

CONVICT TRIES SUICIDE

Manslaughter Prisoner, Held In-sane, Uses Piece of Razor.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Alex Sontona, serving one to 15 years in the penitentiary here under sentence of manslaughter from Portland, today attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat. His condition tonight was reported to be serious.

Sontona had been acting queerly for several days and last Saturday Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital, had pronounced the man insane. Arrangements had been made for his removal to the hospital on Monday.

In all fairness it must be said that the cabinet has been doing its full share in the creation of the administration's "favorable atmosphere," and this is as Mr. Harding would have it. Mr. Hughes has lent an amount of common sense to the state department. Mr. Hoover has been working night and day at the department of justice to see just what should be done to get the legal business of the government completely straightened out. The Debs incident was an indicator of Mr. Daugherty's direct methods of doing business. Mr. Mellon has been running true to form as a successful financier.

Mr. Davis has had an early opportunity to demonstrate that the department of labor is a living, breathing, thinking branch, when such a calamity as the packers' strike is threatened, and he has won praise from organized labor which a few weeks ago was opposed to his appointment.

Mr. Wallace has been somewhat quiescent, but when the farmers' tariff bill comes up in congress he will be found fighting for the man in the fields with tooth and nail. Senator Fall has slipped into the ways of the interior department without a sound of a splash. He knows the west from end to end, and he has given many speeches as to the proper methods of economy and efficiency altogether.

President Coolidge also has been speechmaking, and here in Washington he has developed with no little surprise to himself into a real social lion.

Taken altogether the administration has had a nice little breathing spell before getting started.

COURT ROW AT CLIMAX

Authority Delegated Away From Lane Commissioner.

Judge and Member of County Board Place Mr. Sharp's Work in Hands of Mr. Harlow.

EUGENE, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Differences that have existed over the road construction and maintenance policy of the Lane county court between County Judge Barnard and County Commissioner Harlow on one side and County Commissioner Sharp on the other came to climax yesterday when Judge Barnard and Commissioner Harlow signed an order delegating authority to Mr. Harlow to hold responsibility for the work or take supervision over the expenditure of road money in those portions of the county, they say Mr. Harlow was delegated with such authority.

He will also have supervision over the districts in the northern and eastern parts of the county.

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COOS WILL SEND MINERS Experts in Various Lines Accept Portland Invitation.

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The most representative delegates of certain lines have been appointed by Judge Wade of the county court and all have expressed a willingness to attend.

W. A. Reid, secretary of the Marshfield chamber of commerce, will represent the district in general; Patrick Hennessey, a mining superintendent for a quarter of a century, will speak for coal; A. H. Powers will be able to give information and show samples of a wide range of metals found in the vicinity of Powers, in the southern part of the county, including copper, iron and gold; C. B. Zeek of Bandon is well acquainted with beach mining for gold and platinum, and C. C. Inman of Sixes river is superintendent of a placer mine and can make attractive exhibits of rough gold found in his district.

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"Imagine My Surprise"

HEN Harry called up and said, "Betty, get on your hat—I'm coming to take you on an unusual jaunt this afternoon." I could not imagine what it was, my plan being to see Norma Talmadge; but Harry and I were to be married in June, so he won.

Before I realized it, we entered a big building. Our guide said: "We will start at the beginning." There were various booths from which came the click of adding machines, and I saw the daintiest girls counting, tabulating and checking—oh, so earnestly.

We were then told we would see the tumblers. I had a shock for a moment, as I had never liked acrobats. You see I had secretly made up my mind not to enjoy this trip.) I saw the foamiest, softest bubbling water as one was opened and learned how many suds baths, clear baths, hot and cold ones each little garment received. (I forgot to mention we were offered a taste of the bleaching water; this was to convince me that it was harmless.) Next we saw the extractor loaded. I was surprised when I saw these huge revolving kettles, swaying slightly and spinning like tops. Soon learned this was a simple way of extracting the water and had replaced the old-fashioned wringer. I began to see the laundry was to be my best friend. Harry was watching the collars. There were machines to starch evenly and those to dampen just right, also huge presses and a tiny machine which formed a thin water streak so the collar could be folded over without injuring the fabric. I knew how inferior the wartime materials had been and how easily they did tear, but never dreamed the laundries concentrated so strongly on care. I saw curtains, fluffy blankets and dainty lingerie all folded and ready to send home—everything was so fresh and lovely—my own trousseau would come home this way, too.

Our trip was ended and I had been so delightfully surprised. I had just one favor to ask of Harry. "May I send all of our things to the laundry always?" Harry smiled and answered, "As usual, Betty, you've said it!"

Once each week in the four daily newspapers messages to the women and men will appear from "Bubble Land." Watch for them, as I am sure they will prove decidedly interesting to you.

Send it to the
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Medical Detachment to Form.—ALBANY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—A medical detachment of the Oregon National Guard will be formed in Albany, Dr. G. E. Riggs, who served as a lieutenant in the medical corps of the army during the war, has been designated by Adjutant-General White to form the unit. Besides the commanding officer, the detachment will consist of one sergeant, one corporal and seven first-class privates. A company of coast artillery corps in the guard was formed here recently and an interest in military work is keen here again.

Dr. Griffith in Salem.—SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Dr. David Griffith of Washington, D. C., director of the experiment farms of the United States, arrived in Salem today and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dibble, 729 North Liberty street. During his stay here Dr. Griffith will inspect a number of tulip farms in the Willamette valley.

Logging Camp to Reopen.—ABERDEEN, Wash., March