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MAKE PLEAS FOR NEW TRUST LAW

Champions of Labor and Capital Heard.

GOMPERS SPEAKS FOR UNIONS

Wants Law to Recognize the Right to Combine.

AND DEFENDS BOYCOTT

Seth Low Says Traffic Agreements in Public Interest and Present Law Is Against Modern Business Tendencies.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The proposed amendments to the Sherman anti-trust bill, as framed by the National Civil Federation and introduced in the House recently by Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, were advocated today before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary committee by Seth Low, of New York, president of the Civic Federation; Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; A. E. Garrison, of Cedar Rapids, president of the Railway Conductors, and Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore. That there is strong opposition to the proposed measure was indicated by a number of telegrams made public by Chairman Littlefield, of the subcommittee, from manufacturing and other business concerns throughout the country.

thoughts, their business will always be more intelligent and circumspect than if they were considering the same question in secret, where they are freed from the criticism of the general public.

Opposes Registering Unions. Mr. Gompers said that since the decision of the Supreme Court in the Danbury (Conn.) case, 75 hatters in New Orleans have been convicted on the charge of violation of the anti-Sherman trust act in ordering a strike. He said he would give the fullest support to the purpose of the proposed legislation, although his organization was adverse to the registration of labor organizations clause of the bill. He did not think these organizations should be required to register in order to get immunity under the act, but thought they should be placed in the same position.



Seth Low, Chairman of New Anti-Trust Bill Before House Committee.

tion they occupied before the Sherman anti-trust law was enacted. He suggested an amendment to the bill under discussion similar in terms to the one the labor organizations tried to have incorporated in the Sherman act when it originally passed Congress. He continued:

The workmen of the country feel that they have been outraged; that their interests have been invaded. In the interests of the workmen I make this appeal to you. We cannot wait long for you. The temper of the American workman will burn nothing but a strict account of this urgent appeal.

Favors the Boycott. In reply to a question by Mr. Littlefield, Mr. Gompers admitted that the amendment he had proposed would have organized labor from the operation of the decision of the Supreme Court in the latter's case.

Let Railroads Combine. Seth Low, in speaking of the objects of the National Civil Federation in preparing an amended bill, said:

Common carriers should be permitted to combine and to make traffic agreements in some cases, subject to Government supervision. For combination and traffic agreements often mean more effective service to the public.

Law Is Universal. No law can get aside the universal law which leads men in these days to

HOPELESS SPLIT ON SPOKANE CASE

Interstate Commerce Commission Cannot Agree.

THREE OPINIONS ARE HELD

Advocates of No One Are in Clear Majority.

CONFERENCE WITHOUT END

Whole Structure of Freight Rates Depends on Decision Which Commission Cannot Reach—Portland Is Vitaly Interested.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(Special.)—After having the Spokane rate case under consideration for more than one year the Interstate Commerce Commission is apparently hopelessly divided regarding the decision which should be rendered. The case is the most important upon the docket of the Commission and upon it hinges the entire rate fabric of the United States.

Since the arguments were heard the Commission has had numerous conferences regarding a decision, and it develops that there are at least three different views which thus far have proved irreconcilable. The Commission has struggled in vain to get a majority report and apparently is in a deadlock.

SOON DECIDE LUMBER RATES Then Commission Will Act on Opening Portland Gateway. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 4.—The Portland gateway case, which was argued last Fall and which involves the shipment of lumber eastward from Puget Sound via Portland, will not be decided until the Interstate Commerce Commission has rendered an opinion on the lumber rate cases which were recently argued here. The Commission will next week hold its first conference on the lumber rate case and its decision in that case may not be forthcoming for many weeks, though there is a disposition to settle this question with as much expedition as possible, as it involves the lumber industry of the entire Northwest.

\$5,000,000 notes, was agreed to at a meeting held at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. this afternoon. The plan calls for a new issue of three-year 6 per cent notes to the amount of \$15,000,000, secured by \$12,000,000 in bonds in the treasury, worth \$2,000,000 in surplus of the \$3,000,000, which falls due next Wednesday, will be asked to take their proportionate share of \$10,000,000 of the new issue, and if they assent, J. P. Morgan & Co. and the directors of the road will buy \$3,000,000 worth for cash at par, the other \$1,000,000 of new notes to remain in the treasury.

RIPLEY DENIES THE RUMOR Will Not Retire From the Presidency of the Santa Fe.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 4.—When E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, was asked regarding the report from New York that he is about to resign and that Paul Morton is to succeed him as president of the Santa Fe system, he made the following statement: "It is all rot. I have not the slightest intention of retiring from the presidency of the Santa Fe Railroad, and I know it is not his intention to return to it."

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 52 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees. TODAY'S—Showers, southerly wind. Foreign. Duke of Portland wants to celebrate victory over Deuce. Section 3, page 4.

Both Sides Claim Victory. On the eve of the election, with the most fiery appeal not yet made, but the proposed parades of white-gowned school children, with the women working at the polls and with every resource of the practical politician about to be brought into play on election day, neither side knows its precise prospect.

BITTER BATTLE AGAINST SALOON

Illinois Will Decide Issue Tuesday.

HOTTEST FIGHT IN FIFTY YEARS

Divides Families and Causes Violent Deeds.

BLOODSHED IS EXPECTED

White-Gowned Children Will Parade and Women Work at Polls. Whole State Writes in Anguish of Conflict.

CHICAGO, April 4.—(Special.)—Illinois has just passed through the most slashing, terrific and no-quarter campaign the state has experienced since the days of the Civil War. The sole issue has been the licensed saloon. The verdict will be rendered at the polls Tuesday, when at the township elections the fate of 3000 saloons will be determined.

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LOINS GIRDED FOR BATTLE. The anti-saloons had their first taste of victory last November, when 15 counties, not under township organization, tested the local option law under which the Tuesday election will be held, and succeeded in establishing six entirely dry counties and abolishing 30 saloons. Then the real fight began almost as soon as the November results had been announced. The opponents of the saloon girded up their loins and the friends of the saloon saw trouble ahead. Since that moment, when each element clearly realized the situation, Illinois has writhed and struggled between contending battalions of speakers, acres of billboards covered with pro and con arguments, tons of literature and pages of newspaper space, striving to make votes for or against the saloon. Political lines have been effaced before the very definite, cold-blooded, clean-cut question which goes on the ballot.

Bloodshed Is Predicted. An affirmative vote in the entire political township means that within 30 days every saloon must quit business, no further licenses can be issued by any power or municipality unless after another petition, campaign and election the township shall have voted to recreate

Itself into saloon territory. And no election can be held for two years after anti-license territory is created.

MORMONS FOR PROHIBITION President Smith Says They Must Aid in Movement.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 4.—By the utterances of its leaders the Mormon Church was today enlisted in a campaign for local option and ultimate prohibition. President Joseph Smith in opening the seventy-eighth semi-annual conference used these words:



Representative John Dabell, who urged prohibition in the House.

Letter Day Saint will cooperate with the movement, that we may curtail this monster indulgence. We think and feel that the people should be permitted to say if they will have drunkenness, riot, murder and kindred crimes, which too often come from the use of strong drink.

LOVES THE CHAMBERMAID MILLIONAIRE MINING MAN SPIRITS HER AWAY. Her Charms Make Moylan Forget Business Obligations to Partner. Treats Her Like a Princess.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—(Special.)—W. B. Moylan, of San Francisco, millionaire mining man and contractor, was apprehended tonight in Texas, speeding to New Orleans as fast as steam could carry him, and with him is May Taylor, a pretty chambermaid, formerly employed at the Grand Hotel.

STATE LINE-UP ON STATEMENT NO. 1

Majority of Aspirants Declines Pledge.

OF 158 CANDIDATES 66 SIGN

Spirited Legislative Contests in Many Counties.

DEMOCRATS LYING LOW

Republicans Enter Complete Ticket, With 56 Favoring Party Choice for Senator and 36 Making No Announcement.

Statement No. 1 has the indorsement of less than a majority of the Republicans who are candidates for nomination to the State Legislature in the primary election to be held on April 17. Of the 158 Republican candidates for the Legislature throughout the state, only 66 have subscribed to Statement No. 1. The other

Table titled 'HOW CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR STAND.' with columns for District, Republican, Statement No. 1, and Total.

Table titled 'POSITION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE HOUSE.' with columns for District, Republican, Statement No. 1, and Total.

SOME OF THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK STRIKE HARRY MURPHY'S FUNNY BONE

A series of political cartoons. 1. 'Now Where Have I Heard That Name Before?' showing a man with a sign for Tom Watson. 2. 'This May Awaken Him—Perhaps.' showing a man with a sign for Citizen. 3. 'Preparing a Grand Welcome for a Worthy Recruit.' showing a man with a sign for Bulletin. 4. 'Uncle Joe's New Role as a Roller.' showing a man with a sign for Paper Trust. 5. 'Something Doing Soon—Probably.' showing a man with a sign for Telegram. 6. 'The Money's Yours if You'll Just Put Me Up There With the Others.' showing a man with a sign for Public Benefactors. 7. 'Here We Are Again!' showing a man with a sign for Librarians Etc.