



FEDERATION CONVENTION

Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of Labor Body in Session at Norfolk.

GOMPERS MAKES REPORT

First Day Devoted to Speeches and Replies and the Reading of Reports—Fully Five Hundred Delegates and Members in Attendance.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 11.—The first annual convention at Jamestown Exposition today, was devoted to speech-making and reading of reports. When adjournment came tonight President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon had submitted their reports and a partial report of the committee on credentials had been heard. In response to the addresses of welcome by Governor Swanson and Exposition President Tucker, Gompers paid tribute to the exposition and to Virginia. He pointed to the fact that this is the first exposition built entirely of organized labor. He confined his remarks to general matters except toward the end when in alluding to the trip of the Atlantic squadron to Pacific waters he took occasion to say that he knew of no organization that makes so little pretense of patriotism, but in which true patriotism prevails to such extent, as in organized labor. He said he did not know what might result from this cruise, but whether it be for fun or frolic or fight, that organized labor, "Would be there." Fully 500 hundred members and delegates attended the opening session. Many men prominent in organized labor had seats on the stage besides prominent state and exposition officials.

Victor L. Berger, the Milwaukee orator and Socialist leader, announced he was continuing his fight against President Gompers, and would file protests against his re-election, but that the displacement of President Gompers could not be looked for at this time. Mr. Berger said he would tomorrow introduce a resolution demanding Federal legislation preventing the transportation in interstate commerce of all "child labor" manufactured products.

Arthur A. Hay, special representative of the International Typographical Union, at Los Angeles, is here to ask the federation to assume control and finance the fight on behalf of labor now being waged by the Citizens' Alliance of Los Angeles against trade unions there.

Among the delegates to the convention are representatives from Canada, Mexico and Colombia.

At the afternoon session Gompers read his report. Mr. Gompers' report to the Federation in part is as follows:

"Fellow Trade Unionists: In obedience to the requirements of our laws I submit to you a report upon some of the more important matters which have transpired since our last convention. In it occurs such suggestions and recommendations which to my mind should receive your earnest consideration and action. Of course, you will appreciate the fact that it is impossible in an annual report such as this to deal with the multifarious questions which have transpired and the action taken during the entire year. In the preparation of the tentative report for the consideration of the executive council I have endeavored to have it include the more detailed transactions in connection with our movement for the past year. Nor therein is it possible to enumerate, much less comprehensively report, upon the thousand and one matters of importance, perhaps of equal importance, to those incorporated in the report. Indeed, though in these reports and in the American Federationist I endeavor to publish much of the thought and many of the transactions in connection with our real movement, the real history exists in the archives of our offices and in the memories of men. It awaits the

coming of the man who will record and interpret for all time the great struggles made, the prejudices, the ignorance, the bigotry, the selfishness with which labor has had to contend, and the antagonism of greed which has been overcome; the glorious achievements which have dispelled the gloom and brought the light of life into the homes of the toilers and the spirit of self-reliance, unity and fraternity which our movement has engendered."

MASQUERADED AS MAN.

Woman Who Fooled the World for Sixty Years Dead.

TRINIDAD, Nov. 11.—Miss Katherine Vosbaugh, who for nearly 60 years passed as a man, died in a hospital in this city today. She was born in France 83 years ago. While a young woman she found it difficult to make her way because of her sex and adopted men's clothing and obtained employment as a bookkeeper in Joplin, Mo. She then went to St. Joseph, Mo. After coming here she married the woman with whom she lived 30 years. The woman was in trouble and Miss Vosbaugh married to protect her. The two women masquerading as men came to Trinidad two years ago. After the "wife's" death Miss Vosbaugh worked in various capacities until last year when she was taken to a hospital where her sex was disclosed. Even after she recovered she refused to change her clothing and continued to wear men's attire to the end.

GRILLS PINKERTON

Attorney for Defendant Adams Paves Way for Argument.

THIEL MAKES IMPRESSION

Clarence Darrow Puts Man, to Whom Steve Adams Made Confession, on the Rack—Hawley Takes Lead Again For State.

SPOKANE, Nov. 11.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Rathdrum, Idaho, says:

"Most of the day in the Steve Adams case was taken up by Clarence Darrow in paying the way for argument as to the truthfulness of Pinkerton detectives. I. C. Thiel, assistant superintendent of the Pinkerton Spokane office, was Darrow's victim, and from early morning until court adjourned he battled with the detective, going over and over again, step by step and thread by thread the circumstances surrounding the manner in which Adams' confession to Thiel was made and the meaning of the statement. Prior testimony made by Thiel was dug up by Darrow. Darrow is good at this. His caustic manner, harsh voice and sharp tongue, tend to lay great stress on a point where otherwise an attorney might fall. On the whole, Thiel made a good impression and while it is certain he will be attacked in the argument of the Chicago attorney, he did the state no harm by occasional discrepancies in his testimony. J. H. Hawley, who conducted the case for the state at Boise, took the lead today, Knight retiring for the time being. He had only one clash with Darrow.

BUY COPPER.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A pool in which the largest copper consumers of Europe are represented says the Times today was recently formed in London and has purchased fifty thousand tons of copper. The price paid is slightly above the prevailing price in the market. The copper is to be delivered in November and December. The amount involved is approximately \$15,000,000, which is to be paid in London on delivery.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

HEALDSBURG, Cal., Nov. 11.—Chas. Phinney, a business man of this city while riding in an automobile yesterday was hurled over a precipice, falling a distance of forty feet. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous.

RECEIVER IS NOT WANTED

Many Persons Endeavoring to Oust Geo. W. Hill From the Position.

WAS USED AS TOOL BY ROSS

Attorneys Who Are Devising Ways to Remove Appointed of Court Claim to Have Important Witnesses as Regards Bank's Business.

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—No less than seven local attorneys are devising ways of proceeding to oust George W. Hill from the office of receiver of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company. The lawyers represent a large number of depositors, with claims amounting in each case from \$1000 to \$20,000. It is estimated that the total claims of the anti-Hill men will aggregate \$500,000.

"Nothing has been done definitely, but we are conferring on the matters as they are brought to us, and may take action tomorrow," said S. C. Spencer, of Spencer & Davis, who represents C. F. Fisher and many others. "It is plain that under the law Mr. Hill is not a proper receiver for the Title Guarantee & Trust Company. We are credibly informed that the bank paid out money to certain clients since it was closed for the holidays, while it refused payment to others.

"We will produce a woman witness who will swear that a few days before the receivership was declared Hill informed her that the vaults were full of money, and that they only awaited the expiration of the holiday season to pay everybody who asked for their deposits. In our opinion Hill is an absolute tool of Ross, and we might just as well have had Ross himself for a receiver.

"There is no use beating about the bush, and it is just as well to call a spade a spade. Hill was vice-president of the company, and an active officer in the bank, and he must have known the conditions. If I frame a petition for a new receivership appointment I shall use as one of the grounds the fact that Hill has taken the benefit of the bankruptcy law."

C. F. Fisher, a depositor, said he felt it a duty to prosecute the case and show up the facts for the benefit of the community, and as a warning against reckless handling of other peoples' money. He believed the bank had misrepresented the facts regarding Ladd's connection with it, and he had seen bank books issued by the bank officials



The Consumer—I'll bet they are putting their heads together to keep from paying that fine. The Standard Oil lawyers are making tremendous efforts to have the \$29,240,000 fine wiped out. Over twenty-five reasons are advanced.—News Item.

as late as August 25 bearing Mr. Ladd's name as president. He himself had been led to believe by both Hill and Ross that Ladd was one of the principal advisers and backers of the bank.

"I was negotiating for some time with Mr. Ross with the intention of going out for them to sell water bonds and other securities," he said, "and they showed extreme solicitude as to my character. I was convinced from their actions that the bank was all right, and I put some money into it, although I had been hit pretty hard only a short time before by the failure of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank."

E. E. Covert has a claim of E. W. Rees for a deposit of \$20,000, and will take action probably tomorrow with a view to securing the removal of Receiver Hill. Other depositors are represented by C. F. Schnobel, Reed & Bell, and McAllister & Upton.

ALLEGES HE CONFESSED.

Nightwatchman Says Gipple Told of Other Robbery.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Nov. 11.—At the inquest today on the death of V. L. Kline, who was shot while robbing the bank of the Nevada-Goldfield Reduction Works, Samuel H. Jones, nightwatchman at the works, testified that Ralph Gipple, Kline's alleged accomplice, had confessed to him that he helped rob the Gardner Mill. Jones was sharply questioned by the jurors who wanted to know why Gipple, whom Jones said he knew so slightly as not to know his name, should have confessed that he robbed this mill, and should have proposed the robbery of the reduction works. Jones said Gipple had told him they had secured \$800 from the Gardner mine but that he did not implicate Kline in the robbery.

ENGAGEMENT BROKEN.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—A wedding that was looked forward to with interest in Chicago and Pittsburg society was announced canceled by the young woman's mother yesterday without any explanation. The persons interested are Miss Mabel Pontefract, a Pittsburg heiress, and John Cudahy Jr., son of the Chicago packer. Miss Pontefract's father was a merchant of Pittsburg, who left a large estate to his widow and daughter.

John Cudahy is 23 years old and is working in the Louisville Packing Company's office—a plant controlled by his father.

The engagement was announced last summer. The acquaintance began at Mackinac Island, where the Cudahy's have a summer home.

CASHER BUSTED BANK.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 11.—The Peoples' Bank of Portsmouth, which suspended several days ago, went into the hands of a receiver tonight on the petition of the directors, who gave out the statement that the bank had been made insolvent by the defalcation of the cashier.

CARS CRASH IN DENSE FOG

Forty are Injured, Two Perhaps Fatally as Result of Collision.

RECKLESSNESS THE CAUSE

Try to Steal Switch on Coming Car and Collide on Long Trestle But Cars Luckily do Not Topple Over—Several Victims May Die.

SEATTLE, Nov. 11.—Forty men, women and children were injured, 25 seriously, and two perhaps fatally in a collision between Youngstown street cars in a dense fog. Both cars were smashed up and 75 per cent of the passengers injured. The accident was due to the attempt of the conductor and motorman of the city-bound car to steal a switch on the out-bound car. The tracks run over a trestle above the tidflats and the fog made it impossible for the men in charge of the cars to see each other until within a few feet. The coaches narrowly escaped tipping over into the deep water.

Several victims may die, among them Motorman Huffins of the in-bound car. The place where the accident occurred is several miles from Seattle on a single track and the injured were without medical attention or competent aid until a special relief car arrived. A feature of the accident was the number of injured about the head and face, due to striking against cross seats.

Among the injured is C. L. Harbaugh, traveling passenger agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad system. C. W. Smith, assistant librarian of the State University, is also a victim.

FEARED HIS WIFE.

Slept Alone With His Bedroom Door Securely Locked.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 11.—"My brother lived in deadly fear of his wife," testified Clyde Phillips in the preliminary hearing before Justice Brown today in which Charlotte Phillips is accused killing her husband John J. Phillips, coal operator and broker, on the morning of September 2. Clyde, who is a younger brother of murdered man also testified that his brother once told him that his wife, Charlotte Phillips, had attempted to kill him with a beer bottle last summer, and after that he slept alone with his bedroom door securely locked.

The testimony caused a sensation in this unusual case, as this was the first of such evidence that had been heard, although there had been several hearings before the coroner. Dr. Charles L. Richardson, who was called to Phillips' home a few minutes before Phillips died, said he found a beer bottle upon the stair landing where Phillips was supposed to have been shot.

Richardson also told of assisting Mrs. Phillips in changing Phillips' clothes and cleaning up the blood. The hearing will continue tomorrow.

JURY SAYS "NOT GUILTY."

Dollar-Swisher Land Fraud Cases Come to End.

SPOKANE, Nov. 11.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Moscow, Idaho, says:

The seventh day of the Dollar-Swisher land fraud cases came to an end tonight when the jury after deliberating an hour and 20 minutes returned a verdict of not guilty for both William Dollar and Arthur F. Swisher. The entire day has been passed in the pleas of the attorneys. When the verdict was read Mesdames Dollar and Swisher, who sat beside their husbands during the trying week, wept and laughed with joy.

A HOLOCAUST.

Five Persons Lose Lives in Hotel Fire at New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 12.—Five persons

at least lost their lives as the result of a fire in the Hotel Gardo this morning and several others were injured. Fire broke out shortly after 1 o'clock in the servants quarters on the fifth floor and here four persons were suffocated to death. Another man lost his life by falling from a rope he used as a fire escape. The fire was confined to the fifth floor and one below. It was out shortly before 2 o'clock.

POWERS' FOURTH TRIAL.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Nov. 11.—The fourth trial of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the death of William Goebel was called today, but because of the absence of the commonwealth's witnesses the case went over until tomorrow.

BRYAN SPEAKS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 11.—W. J. Bryan was the guest of honor on the twenty-first anniversary of the Jefferson Club of this city at the Plankinton House tonight. Covers were laid for 300 guests. Bryan responded to the toast "Democracy."

FIRE DESTROYS CITY.

IQUIQUI, Chile, Nov. 11.—Two lives were lost in a fire that destroyed a large section of the poorer residential quarters at this port yesterday. Three thousand people are homeless.

MILLIONS IN APPLES

Oregon Crop This Year Runs Into Seven Figures.

EASTERN DEMAND A FACTOR

Will Soon Make Greatest Wealth in the State—Prunes Also Run Over the Million Dollar Mark—Settlers Are Being Attracted.

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—On the basis of reports from county inspectors, the value of Oregon's fruit crop this year is officially estimated at \$4,276,135. This figure, far in excess of any previous year, is based on amounts actually received by growers, and represents an increase of 53 per cent over the fruit crop valuation of last year.

To the high prices now paid for Oregon fruits is partly due the increase in this year's total, but the larger acreage set out in orchards in response to eastern demand is also a factor. The heavy plantings of the last few years are beginning to bear, and the further increase in the value of the crop will probably be very rapid in the future.

According to the President of the State Board of Horticulture, the success with which Oregon growers are meeting "within a short time make fruit growing the greatest of wealth in the State."

The apple crop forms the largest item in the list with a total value of \$1,423,000. Prunes paid Oregon growers this year \$1,590,625; pears, peaches, and cherries all in excess of \$230,000 and strawberries over \$400,000. Oregon pears this year have sold at wholesale in the East at ten cents apiece, Hood River apples as high as \$3.75 a box. At these prices, with cheap land, good transportation and a steady market, Oregon is attracting settlers and prospective fruit growers from all sections of the country.

BREAK WATER MAIN.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 11.—At high tide last night the Edith lost her bearings in the fog while going through the first narrows and ran aground directly off the land in place of the narrow's water mains. The tide going out before the vessel could get off the tug dropping down to secure a berth ran directly in one of the mains. Her weight crushed a pipe which is one of the four supplying this city with water.