



## GOMPERS STANDS ON DIGNITY BEFORE THE FEDERATION

### IF Fined for Contempt Will Go to Jail.

### FEDERATION MENACED

### Assertion Brought Out By a Discussion of the Treasurer's Financial Report.

### INDEPENDENT PARTY URGED

### In Meeting of Federation of Labor Yesterday Question of Safeguarding Funds in Anticipation of Fine on Gompers Raised Discussion

DENVER, Nov. 16.—President Samuel Gompers, in the convention of the American Federation of Labor today declared that if he was found guilty and fined in the contempt proceedings pending against him in Washington, he would go to jail before he would pay his fine or allow the Federation to pay it for him. The statement was made during a discussion on the treasurer's report. The committee recommended that immediately following the adjournment of the convention the executive council take up the proposition of placing its funds where they might be removed from any danger of attachment. The report brought on a political discussion in which several members favored the formation of an independent political party. Treasurer Lenson stated that he had discussed the safeguarding of funds with attorneys and all had agreed that it was impossible without resulting at sometime in perjury. Gompers declared that the standing of the Federation is being menaced by courts of law through the Sherman anti-trust law. He said that no matter how the pending cases resulted, the United States supreme court had declared that organizations in restraint of trade. "Under the Sherman anti-trust law," Gompers went on, "honest business cannot be conducted, much less honest straight forward labor organizations." He further declared that the decision of the supreme court had but one object, namely, to tie up men of labor to their work to cripple men of labor in their right to work or their right not to work.

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## JUSTICE WORKED WITH RAPIDITY

### Peter Van Vlissinger After Securing Over \$100,000 Makes Appeal for Punishment and Gets It.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vlissinger, a real estate dealer, classed for years among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, confessed today to having obtained through forged notes and deeds more than \$100,000. At his own urgent appeal to be punished he was sentenced a few hours later to the penitentiary. Following is the chronology of the episode:

1:30 P. M.—Confronted by detective and asked to go to the criminal court building.

2:00 P. M.—Confessed.

3:15 P. M.—Grand jury indicted him.

4:15 P. M.—Prisoner brought to bar.

5:00 P. M.—Sentenced for a period of 1 to 14 years.

5:15 P. M.—Locked up in the county jail preparatory to being taken to the penitentiary.

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## SHOOTING IN PORTLAND RESULTS FATALLY

### HARRY DALY, BARTENDER, SHOOT'S HARRY KENNEY A SALOONKEEPER.

### DALY PLACED UNDER ARREST

### The Quarrel is Supposed to Have Been Caused by Misunderstanding Over Business Matters—Kenny Thought at First Not Serious.

PORTLAND, Nov. 17, 2 A. M.—During a quarrel tonight between Harry Kenny, a saloonkeeper and a bartender named Harry Daly, who had formerly been in Kenny's employ, Daly shot and killed Kenny.

At the present time the cause of the quarrel is not known but is supposed to have been over a misunderstanding regarding business matters. The bullet from Daly's revolver entered Kenny's left shoulder and at first it was thought that while the wound was serious it was not necessarily fatal.

Kenny was removed to the Emergency Hospital at once and later by the advice of the physician was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital where all efforts in his behalf were made. He gradually sank, though conscious to the last, until 1 o'clock this morning when he breathed his last.

Daly was immediately arrested after the crime and now lies in the city prison and a charge of murder will be placed against him today.

## FIRE AT TILLAMOOK.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 16.—Fire starting Sunday morning in the Olson building, back of Verrick's bakery, destroyed everything in that building and endangered several others, including the Tillamook hotel, the opera house the Sturgeon, Brown's shoe store, Case's machine shop and Edmond's grocery store. F. L. Sappington, groceryman, lost \$5000, with \$2000 insurance. Other losses: Verrick's bakery, \$1000; Talmate & Johnston, attorneys, \$2000; Dr. R. T. Boals, who had just installed an X-Ray machine, \$1200. The Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star had their lodgerooms in the building and lost everything. The building was worth \$4000, and belonged to A. O. Wilson, of Portland. In all the loss will amount to over \$15,000.

There is a strong impression that the fire was started by some drunken men who were loafing in a shed at the rear of the building.

## PROSECUTOR WINS POINT.

LA PORTE, Ind., Nov. 16.—Prosecutor Smith played a trump card today when Andrew Helgelin identified letters written to him by Mrs. Guinness regarding threats of Lamphere, which were outlined in these dispatches the day Helgelin arrived at La Porte. Correspondence between Helgelin and the First National Bank was also offered in evidence. Cashier Pitner having identified a photograph of Andrew Helgelin as the man who came to the bank with Mrs. Guinness in January and drew out \$2500. Mrs. Guinness is supposed to have murdered Helgelin on January 14.

## SECOND BALLOON O. K.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—The racing balloon United States was sighted above Squirrel Point on the top of the San Bernardino range at 7:15 tonight. It crossed the ridge in a northwesterly direction about 6000 feet above sea level.

## CHARGED WITH FLEEING.

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 16.—Rebekah Butler, a Gypsy, was arrested today on a charge of fleeing a farmer of North Yakima out of \$2000. She was released today. The North Yakima authorities have reported that no warrant has been issued. It is claimed that the arrest is the result of spite work.

## MAD DOG BITE RESULTS IN HIS DEATH

### MATTHEW BERMAN DIES AFTER HORRIBLE SUFFERING OVER A MONTH

## GREAT FEARS FOR OTHERS

Just Before he Died the Unfortunate Man Asked That be Strapped to His Bed, and Requested Everybody to Leave the Room.

## ELBERTON, Ga., Nov. 16.

Matthew Berman, the merchant who was bitten by a mad dog on the night of October 1, died yesterday after an illness of two days, of hydrophobia.

Mr. Berman did not become violent until a few hours before his death. One great fear in his lucid moments seemed to be that he would injure somebody. Finally he broke loose from his attendants and jumped through a window. He was brought back to the house, but later broke away again, and running to the bathroom, drank water as if he could never get enough. He seemed to be burning up with thirst. Later he asked that he be strapped to his bed, and this request was complied with.

After one of his paroxysms, just before he died, he asked that everyone leave the room. Though strapped to the bed, his fear that he would injure someone was so great that he wished to be left alone.

## BOUNDARY LINE IS DECIDED

### Oregon Has Jurisdiction Over Sand Island.

### VICTORY FOR FULTON

### United States Supreme Court Renders Decision of Much Importance.

### HAS CAUSED COMPLICATIONS

### Principal Advantage is to be Derived From Fishing Licenses Which Amount to Considerable During the Year.

## WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—

The Supreme Court entered a decree for Oregon in the suit with Washington involving a determination of the boundary line between the two states. The decree maintains the middle north channel of the Columbia river as a legal boundary, and gives Oregon jurisdiction over Sand Island. The decision was rendered by Justice Brewer, and concludes: "When in a great river like the Columbia there are two substantial channels, and property authorities have named the center of one as a boundary between bordering states, the boundary remains the same, and cannot be moved to the other channel, although the latter may by natural causes become the main channel."

Senator Piles represented Washington and Senator Charles W. Fulton represented Oregon.

In maintaining that the middle north channel of the Columbia River is the legal boundary between Oregon and Washington, Oregon obtains control of Sand Island, Desdemona Sands, and a number of other smaller islands. The organic act under which Oregon was admitted to the Union specified that the boundary between the states was the ship channel. At that time the middle north channel was used. Subsequently Sand Island filled out and the old channel became practically obliterated, and was used only as a seining ground. When the old channel passed away and the new channel, near the Oregon shore, became established, Washington claimed jurisdiction over the new channel. This Oregon has successfully resisted.

The boundary dispute has caused endless complications. Fishermen, to be on the safe side, took out licenses from both Oregon and Washington and secured deeds from each state. The government has control of the seining grounds, which further complicated and involved the situation. The government has leased the seining privileges each year to the highest bidder.

Commissions were appointed by both Oregon and Washington to take evidence and at the sessions of the commission pioneer pilots were summoned, who testified as to the channel. In arriving at its decision, the United States Supreme Court has evidently given the testimony of the pilots great consideration. The Supreme Court, holds, practically, that the shifting of the channel toward the Oregon shore and away from the Washington side has not altered the original boundary. The old ship channel, now no longer in existence, therefore continues as the legal boundary between Oregon and Washington.

The principal advantage which Oregon will obtain from the decision is that it will reap the benefit of the fishing license privilege, which

amounts to a considerable sum of money yearly. The fishermen will also be benefited, for they will no longer have to pay fees to two states, and suit will probably soon be brought to compel the State Treasurer of Washington to refund the fees collected for licenses on men doing business on Sand Island and the other islands involved in the litigation.

## MAY OTIS ARRAIGNED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—May L. Otis, charged with inciting a conspiracy against her mother's life was arraigned today in the municipal court and the hearing was set for November 25th. She was accompanied by a number of friends belonging to the Bible class of which she is a member.

## SHONTS A GRANDFATHER.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A cablegram from Theodore Shontz, from Paris received today announces that a son was born to his daughter Duchess De Chalmes. Duke De Chalmes died in Paris last spring.

## MYSTERY IS SOLVED.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—After an autopsy and nearly 24 hours of investigation, the local police announced today that they are satisfied that Mrs. Charles (Chick) Stahl the widow of the American League baseball player, whose body was found in the doorway to a house in South Boston, died from natural causes and that she was not robbed of any jewelry.

## REVISION OF TARIFF HEARING

### SECRETARY WRIGHT ON RECORD AS CHAMPION OF FREE ENTRY OF SUGAR.

## GENERAL EDWARDS PRESENT

### Secretary of War Declares That the Philippines Could Supply the Actual Increase in the Demand For Sugar in the United States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The allegation that the so-called sugar trust controls the price paid the grower and the price charged the consumer, the Secretary of War in putting himself on record as champion of the free entry of Philippine sugar and the general "stand-pat" attitude of the beet sugar growers who appeared before the ways and means committee of the house were the features of today's hearing on the revision of the tariff as it would affect sugar. Secretary Wright and General Edwards, chief of the insular bureau were present. Secretary Wright said it is not possible that the Philippines could supply the actual increase in the demand for sugar year by year by the United States and that in that case there is no reason why the islands should affect the market until beet and cane sugar is produced within the tariff wall shall increase 1,800,000 tons. He said it would be 50 years before the beet sugar industry would increase in output so as to be affected. Chairman Payne said that the objection to a reduction in tariff was on account of the menace of Cuban sugar. Secretary Wright set out that in case of the Philippine product there is no danger of its increasing.

Representative Fordney said the same argument was put forth when the duty on Cuban sugar had been reduced and that while Cuban production had increased large, the beet sugar industry had not increased very much. Secretary Wright said three years ago a trustee said to a representative that the American Sugar Refining Company, owned 51 per cent of the stock of all beet sugar factories, and that that might be a reason why the beet sugar industry in this country had not grown rather than because of the importation of Cuban sugar.

## HENEY'S CONDITION CONSIDERED AS VERY FAVORABLE

## GENDARMES REINFORCED.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Count Khevenhuller, ambassador of Austria-Hungary, has informed Foreign Minister Pinchon that Austria-Hungary as a measure of precaution has strengthened her forces of gendarmes on the banks of the Drina and organized a flying column of police. "So far as I know, no other military measures have been adopted," said the count this afternoon. "And reports that preparations are being made for an imposing military demonstration probably are incorrect."

## EXAMINATION POSTPONED

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—In the taking of testimony in the government anti-merger suit for the purpose of dissolving the Harriman system, which was announced to begin by Special Examiner Williams in this city has been postponed until December 1.

## MUST INTERVENE IN GOVERNMENT SUIT

### JUDGE WOLVERTON RENDERS DECISION IN CASE AGAINST O. & C. R. R.

## DECISION AFFECTS MANY

### John Snyder Brought Suit Against Railroad Company to Compel the Transfer of 160 Acres at \$2.50 Per Acre—100 Similar Suits.

## PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—

Litigation between the United States government and the Oregon & California Railroad Company in which the government is said to have declared forfeit the company's land grant in Oregon, valued at about \$4,000,000 made its first appearance in court today when Judge Wolverton decided that the United States district court could not entertain a separate action against the railroad company instituted by a settler named John L. Snyder, who filed a suit to force the company to deed him 160 acres for a consideration of \$2.50 per acre. The court held Snyder's proper course is to petition to intervene in the main suit of the government against the railroad company. There are about 100 suits similar to Snyder's besides about 700 petitioners who seek to intervene in the main suit.

Judge Wolverton also gave the Union Trust Company, mortgagee of the Oregon & California, 30 days time to demand to the government's complaint, after the date by which the railroad company must interpose any objections it may have.

This, Judge Lawlor granted, ordering the case adjourned until tomorrow morning. Tonight a conference of attorneys for the prosecution was held at which affidavits supporting the contention of the prosecution that fair and impartial trial can be had in this city, were prepared.

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### Bullet Was Successfully Removed Last Night.

### AWBONE SPLINTERED

### Ruef's Case Called in Court and Request for Change of Venue Made

### PUBLIC FEELING IS STRONG

### Judge Lawlor on Request of Prosecution Continues Case Until Today to Allow Introduction of Counter Affidavits by the State.

### SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—

With Judge Lawlor's courtroom thronged with policemen, special detectives, deputy sheriffs and other peace officers and while the streets were guarded by mounted police and many patrolmen, the trial of Abraham Ruef was resumed today. As expected, the court asked for a change of venue, declaring that Ruef could not obtain a fair and impartial trial in this city, which is his right, by law, and supporting the declaration with affidavits signed by Ruef and his attorneys to which was attached clippings from newspapers, describing mass meetings and other gatherings and utterances that followed the attack upon Heney. These, the defense alleges are sufficient evidence of public feeling that would prevent an impartial trial of the defendant. When the defense completed its statement, the prosecution asked for a continuance in order it might have time to prepare counter affidavits.

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## WON'T RECOGNIZE DISQUALIFICATION

### Amateur Athletic Union Again Enters Controversy With Great Britain in Carpenter Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The Amateur Athletic Union which met here today refused to recognize the disqualification of J. C. Carpenter by the Amateur Athletic Association of Great Britain, which occurred after those of the American committee in withdrawing Carpenter. Taylor and Evans from the final of the 400 meter race. Sullivan was re-elected president.

of events is approved by the American Athletic Union. After hearing the report of J. K. Sullivan of the Olympic committee, the union adopted a resolution of the hearty approval of Sullivan's actions and those of the American committee in withdrawing Carpenter. Taylor and Evans from the final of the 400 meter race. Sullivan was re-elected president.