

LABOR QUESTION IS DISCUSSED IN GEN. OTIS' SPEECH

Editor Describes Attitude Toward Unions at Banquet of Employers' Ass'n; Kirby Also Talks.

Portland employers, to the number of about 400 were offered the opportunity last night of hearing General Harrison Gray Otis, champion of "industrial freedom" principles on the Pacific coast...

It was a late hour when the distinguished editor of the Los Angeles Times arose from his seat and received the ovation of the banqueters who under the auspices of the Employers' association had gathered in the spacious dining room of the Portland Commercial club to greet and listen to General Otis and other guests of honor...

Answers Own Question. "Why does the Employers' association of Oregon exist?" asked General Otis. "Why?"

"The reason, I presume, is that your position is threatened—there are many reasons. Employers are slow to repel aggression; they prefer to comply with many unjust exactions. As a rule employers are willing to pay high wages, but there is one thing that they insist upon, namely the control of their own business. This business man and manufacturer must have control of his business; employees should not be employers until they own their own business."

"The organized minority should not dominate the unorganized majority. Only 10 per cent of labor is organized, while 90 per cent is unorganized. I have never opposed organized labor because it was organized, but have opposed it when it has resorted to unlawful measures and oppression of the individual's industrial liberty."

"I have disputed the wisdom of organization of labor because I do not believe that it benefits labor to strike and boycott."

"The only real question of the whole matter is, is organized labor within the scope of the laws of the country? If unlawful, let the law seize it by the throat. All this clamor on the part of the employers is immaterial, if organized labor with its strike and boycotts is within the scope of the law."

Question of Rights. "Organized labor possesses no superior rights by the fact merely of organization. Unorganized labor therefore is possessed of all the rights of organized labor—no more, no less. The cry goes up from organized labor leaders, Gompers and his cohorts, that labor benefits by strikes and boycotts. I deny the allegation. By the time organized labor has suffered losses of a strike they receive no benefits after all—That is, they have not as good results to show at the end of the year as had they worked 300 days of the year and peace and quiet."

"The labor trust is the most menacing monopoly in the country today. No producer, no employer of labor can keep all of his profits even if he tried. There will come a time when it will circulate among the masses as long as wealth is produced and therefore the more wealth that is produced the greater the circulation. Organized labor does not encourage greater production."

"The closed shop is a folly. Every"

Miniature Cyclone Wrecks Home



(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Silverton, Or., Dec. 13.—This photo shows the results of the miniature cyclone which passed just south of Silverton last Thursday afternoon. The house was occupied by Arthur Buell and wife, who were in the house at the time of the displacement.

citizens has lawful rights to pursue unhampered and untrampled any lawful occupation in any lawful way under the protection of the power of the nation. We are 95 per cent of people who wish to be free, and we must come up to that standard."

John Kirby, Jr., president of the National Association of Manufacturers, with headquarters at Dayton, Ohio, advocated organization of employers' association in all communities and formation of a council to meet at stated intervals to discuss matters in a general way. He spoke at great length and went into details of the history of a number of the big strikes in recent years, recounting the number of killed by mobs, the families left destitute and the financial loss to labor, employers and the nation. He also suggested the organization of a labor bureau or exchange, saying that such an institution would get the cooperation of many of the leading railroads in the country. "We must destroy the octopus," he exclaimed, "else it will annihilate our business. This question is not one of sentiment, but of business, pure and simple."

The speaker touched at length upon conditions at San Francisco, giving details intended to show that through the demands of organized labor the city is now suffering stagnation in many lines. Mr. Kirby referred to General Otis as the champion of the Pacific coast and denied that the National Association of Manufacturers had started a war for the annihilation of organized labor on the Pacific coast.

General Otis' Credit. "The National association," he said, "would not take one grain of credit from that which belongs to General Otis."

The speaker explained that the association never was hostile to organization if found under the same rules as the National Stationary Engineers, an educational organization, which in its preamble to its constitution, placed a bar against strikes and boycotts, but he said the association is hostile to organized labor antagonistic to public welfare. He said the purpose of organized labor should not be to quarrel with employers, nor to violate the laws of man and God, nor to seek to define the line of demarcation between labor and employer.

He defined open shops as open opportunities to all and the closed shops as closed opportunities except to a chosen few. He explained the system as one whereby wages are increased at one end and limited at the other. Other speakers were General Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A., retired; Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian; Brigadier General Marion P. Maus, Vancouver; J. P. Bird, general manager of the National Association of Manufacturers; James D. Asher, deputy state president of the National Association of Stationary Engineers, and Max Schmidt, of San Francisco. General Anderson, Mr. Piper and General Maus spoke more particularly in honor of General Otis and recalled incidents in his life, illustrating that he was not only a fighter with the pen, but also a fighter for the government, pointing

JOHNSON COUNTS ON PROGRESSIVES

Says This Element in Congress Unanimous for Frisco as Fair Site.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 13.—Confident that they have sufficient pledges of votes for San Francisco for the Panama exposition, members of the California delegation today concentrated their efforts toward getting an early vote on the question of federal designation of the fair site. They hope for an agreement in the house that will admit of a vote on either Thursday or Friday of this week. Director H. B. Hale and his colleagues hope to win by forcing immediate action before congress. It is conceded by members of the New Orleans delegation that the southern city's representatives will ask for delay.

Washington, Dec. 13.—"A personal man-by-man canvass showed that San Francisco will receive the solid support of the progressive members of congress in her fight for the award of the world's fair in 1915," said Hiram Johnson, governor-elect of California, before leaving Washington yesterday. "Johnson, who for more than a week has been lining up the insurgent congressmen and senators, left yesterday for New York. He said that the part of the boosting entrusted to him by the San Francisco committee was well done."

Johnson made a fine impression while here, according to gossip around the capitol. On his side favorable comment on the way he plunged into the fight is heard.

"The progressives in congress," said Johnson, "will help us for personal reasons as well as because San Francisco's superior claims. Progressives in congress are deeply indebted to California's insurgents and its progressive newspapers for carrying on the battle there. I shall return greatly encouraged and feeling that my mission here was successful."

E. B. Hale, a member of the California boosters' committee was as enthusiastic as Johnson over the prospects for San Francisco. He said several members of the committee would probably remain in Washington until the fight for the exposition was over.

GILLET TELLS WHAT NEXT STEPS WILL BE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 13.—Governor Gillet of California, who is here with the San Francisco committee seeking congressional endorsement of that city as the site for the Panama fair in 1915, issued a statement today setting forth the position of his committee in requesting immediate action by congress. "California is very anxious to have the matter of a site settled before the holidays," said Gillet. "We are in dead earnest and our reason for haste is a desire to send agents to Europe and other foreign countries to advertise the fair as soon as possible. We also want to appear before the legislatures of different states and ask them to make provision for having their states represented at the fair. San Francisco gets the exposition it will give a truly international one."

As evidence of California's good faith Governor Gillet referred to the recent election granting a state bond issue of \$5,000,000 for the fair.

He pointed out the advantage of holding an exposition where there were great natural beauties and attractions in addition to the exposition. "California believes the general government should not be called upon to appropriate any more money for fairs and expositions," added Governor Gillet. "We are ready to finance the project ourselves and to do it in such a manner as to insure its success."

Arrest Alleged Box Car Theives.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Dec. 13.—R. C. Clayton, alias R. C. Padden, is confined in the city jail in this city charged with leading a box car in the O. R. & N. yards and stealing four dozen bottles of whiskey and fourteen shirts, while a woman giving the name of Dorothy Clayton, a woman of ill fame, is held for complicity in the crime. Clayton was a switchman in the local yards until a few days ago when he was discharged for being intoxicated while on duty. Sunday night city policemen searched the room of Dorothy Clayton, and found a portion of the plunder. Others are implicated in the crime and will be apprehended soon.

Coo's Poultry Show Success.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Dec. 13.—The poultry show held in Marshfield by the Coo's Poultry and Pet Stock association was a big success. Many fine birds representing most all of the popular breeds were shown. The exhibition was one highly creditable to the county. Many of the individual birds were especially fine and would have ranked with the best in a larger show. Ribbons were awarded the exhibitors in each class and in addition special prizes offered by the merchants were given to 25 winners.

Massachusetts State Grange.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 13.—Considerable interest attaches to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Grange, which is assembled for three days' session here today, because of the secession movement which has agitated the national organization during the past few months. The controversy will be exhaustively discussed at the meeting, but what action, if any, will be taken is problematical. The opening session this morning the delegates were welcomed by Mayor Logan of Worcester. This afternoon the convention began the consideration of the annual reports.

For Trolley Line Regulation.

Indianapolis, Dec. 13.—With a view to lessening the chances for a repetition of the trolley car wrecks which cost many lives in Indiana the past summer, Governor Marshall today held a conference with the executive and operating officials of the chief interurban lines doing business in the state. The members of the state railroad commission were also present at the conference, which discussed measures to be presented at the coming session of the legislature for the regulation and control of the interurban traffic.

Two Candidates for Mayor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 13.—James W. Packer, present city councilman, and Attorney Frank Bean are the two candidates at present announced for the office of mayor at the spring election. Both are young men and each has a good following.

Be Sure and Come to Toyland In Our Basement Tomorrow Only Ten More Short Shopping Days Before Christmas

Advertisement for Roberts Bros. Toys, featuring the slogan "The Most in Value—The Best in Quality" and listing various dolls and toys for girls and boys.

The Best Doll and Toy Bargains

This Is the Ideal Christmas Store Are To Be Found In Our Basement Toy Department

Never was this store's stocks of gift goods so large, so perfect and so fine as this season. Never did this store offer better opportunities to select high-grade, reliable gift goods at such low prices as are now prevailing.

These Special Values For Wednesday and Thursday

Advertisement for a toy store featuring a large illustration of a doll and a list of various toys and their prices, including dolls, trunks, and games.

Xmas Gathering of Fancy Goods

Unsurpassed assortments of ribbons, handkerchiefs, neckwear, scarfs, etc., at unmatched prices. Come visit our Fancy Goods Section and see how very completely we've anticipated your holiday wants.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS Regular 15c and 18c Handkerchiefs, special at 10c. Regular 25c Handkerchiefs, special at 15c.

CHRISTMAS RIBBONS Lot 1—Regular 25c Fancy Ribbons, special, yard 15c. Lot 2—Regular 35c and 40c Fancy Ribbons, special, yd. 25c.

1000 YARDS OF HOLIDAY RIBBON AT 5 CENTS A special sale of No. 5 or one-inch ribbon. The regular 15c kind, at 5 Cents. A special sale of No. 7 or 1 1/2-inch Ribbon. The regular 18c kind, at 5 Cents.

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR All 35c Neckwear, one in a fancy box, at 25c. All 50c Neckwear, one in a fancy box, at 35c. All 75c Neckwear, one in a fancy box, at 50c.

Christmas Silks

An unsurpassed showing of beautiful new Xmas Silks—they are here in every approved shade, as well as black, and rich color combinations. If you desire silks for holiday sewing or for gift purposes, you could not do better than to select from these special offerings:

75c Messaline at 59c Yd 19-inch Swiss Messaline Silks of beautiful weave and finish, shown in all wanted plain shades—silks of excellent quality at a generous price reduction.

Dress and Waisting Silks at 50c a Yard An unusually attractive showing of this season's styles in both plain and fancy silks—the most desirable colors are represented in neat, small stripes, self-colored figures, polka dots, etc. We know these silks to be unmatched values at this low price.

Double-Faced Black Peau de Soie 19-inch \$1.00, 23-inch \$1.25, 36-inch \$1.50 yard. Yard-wide Black Peau de Soie, 3 qualities, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.

Women's Hand Embroidered and Lace Stockings in beautiful colorings and patterns; best 75c values, on sale at 39c. Women's Silk Hose in black and colors, McCullum and Kayser made. Unequaled value—\$1.50. Kayser's Wonderfast Silk Hose, with lisle-lined heel, sole and toe, on sale at \$2.00.

Xmas Slippers

Few things give as much genuine pleasure to the mother or father as a pair of comfortable slippers—few things would delight the sister or daughter more than a pair of fancy slippers. Our Christmas stock of slippers for men, women and children is the fullest and best we have ever had—here's a few of the specials:

Women's Felt Juliets, in all styles and colors, neatly fur trimmed; all sizes in each color. Best \$1.50 grade, at 99c. Men's House Slippers in all styles, in tan and black colors and in all sizes. Best \$1.50 values. 99c. Women's Carpet, Cravenette and Velvet Slippers, in all sizes and good styles. Best 75c values, priced at 49c. Men's Carpet, Cravenette, Velvet and Embroidered Slippers, in all sizes. Regular \$1.00 values, priced at 69c.

Boys' High Cut Shoes, all sizes from 10 1/2 to 13 1/2. Just the kind the boys want; 12-in. top, with buckle; \$2.50 values, at \$1.49. Women's New Style Shoes, in all leathers, all sizes and widths, in light and heavyweight. \$1.79. Best \$2.50 values, priced at \$1.79. We call your particular attention to our line of Boys' High Cut Shoes, solid leather throughout, 10-inch top. They come in all sizes. \$2.25. Sizes 1 1/2 to 13, regular \$3.25 values, at \$2.50. Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, regular \$3.50 values, at \$2.99.

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