

# LABOR DEFEATED ITSELF AT ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

Group Voting Frustrated Hopes of Workers, Although Ballot in Their Favor Was 51 to 9.

## GARY WAS REALLY WHIPPED

Steel Head's Purpose Is Said to Have Been Unseating of Gompers and Final Fight With Reds

By William G. Shepherd  
Washington, Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Labor almost whipped capital at the industrial conference in Washington. I have had access to the affairs of the public group in the conference and have secured all the information that the members of the labor group themselves could have gained from the public group. The story of the inner affairs of the public group is the real story of the conference.

In the first place, if labor had not insisted on group voting system it might have won a significant victory at the conference. The employers would have found themselves helpless, except for the group voting system which labor demanded.

**RESOLUTION HAD MAJORITY**  
Gompers' final resolution recognizing the right of labor to organize "without discrimination" carried the conference by 51 votes to 9. Taking votes by heads, the labor men would have carried the conference, in fact of things, by a vote of over five to one. It is true that, except for group voting, some of the less liberal members of the public group might not have cast their vote with labor, but it is certain that the labor measure would have carried the convention by at least three to one.

The thing that stuck in the crop of the labor group was nothing that happened in the conference itself. The labor men heard of a dramatic scene which occurred in the country mansion of Judge Elbert H. Gary, on Long Island, during the first week-end recess of the conference.

## GARY IS VISITED

After the conference had been in session a week without arriving at any conclusion regarding Gompers' resolution demanding arbitration of the steel strike, Thomas Chabourne of the public group and Bernard Baruch, chairman of the group, made up their minds to put the steel issue directly up to Judge Gary. On Sunday morning, October 12, Thomas Chabourne went to the Long Island home of Judge Gary and, in an exciting two-hour session set forth a plan for the settlement of the strike.

The plan was this: Judge Gary was to permit his employees in the steel plants to elect representatives by secret ballot, without reference to union lines.

Judge Gary was to meet these representatives for arbitration.

All points that could not be settled would be turned over to a committee chosen from the industrial conference made up of two members from each group.

## LABOR HAD AGREED

The labor group in the Washington conference had agreed to this proposition. It was the biggest concession that the American Federation of Labor has ever made to the shop's council. It was a concession that was made secretly and that never came to light because the voting on the measure was never made public.

Judge Gary was told by Chabourne that the labor group would agree to the plan, and that the American Federation of Labor men did not insist that the steel strikers choose A. F. of L. men to represent them. The Federation leaders would be willing to leave the fate of the strike in the hands of any representatives who were chosen by the men.

## GARY IS FOUND OUT

The Sunday morning session in the Long Island home proved beyond all doubt that Judge Gary would not arbitrate the steel strike with anybody. When Gary returned to the conference the next Tuesday, Gompers and his colleagues knew that their concession had been refused.

From then on they knew that if Gary's influence remained in the conference they would have to go.

Every action was taken from then on

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until the final rupture centered about the stand which Gary had taken in his home on Long Island.

The labor men declared today that, even with the vote of 51 to 9 in their favor, three men had really defeated them. One was Gary, the other was Lenore Loree, railroad president, and the third was Frederick Fish, the lawyer of the employers' group.

**PURPOSE OF THREE**  
These three men, they say, decided that they would not grant even the right of collective bargaining to labor. Their purpose was to unseat Gompers in the American Federation of Labor and permit the most radical elements to take his place. Then with American troops, if necessary, they want to fight out the battle hand with the reddest elements that come to the top. They seem to take it for granted, the labor men say, that extreme radicalism is coming into power for a time. They think that the sooner they can meet it face to face, the sooner they can smash it.

Next week is to see a gathering of the labor forces in Washington for the purpose of keeping conservatism in the saddle, if possible, in the labor world. But there will also be the additional purpose of act-in a great mass against the majority to band with the reddest elements and finally smashed it.

The passage of an anti-strike bill will be the signal for a general attack on capital by means of strikes.

## First Spiritualist Church Buys Lot For New Church

The First Spiritualist church announces that it has purchased a location at East Seventh and Hassalo streets for \$9000, so as to care for its growing congregation.

Mr. Warren Miller, 645 Tenino avenue, president of the church, and chairman of the building fund, appeals to all Spiritualists and those interested in the movement to subscribe as liberally as possible.

"The great world war perhaps is largely responsible for the tremendous psychic wave that is sweeping the world today," said A. F. Smith, treasurer of the church. "We venture to say there are comparatively few homes that are ignorant as to the facts of spirit communion."

The First Spiritualist church has been chartered by the National Spiritualists association, which is now holding its twenty-seventh annual convention in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Etta S. Bledsoe, well known lecturer and message bearer, will serve the Portland congregation until January 1.

## New Directors of Women's Clubs Have Their Initial Meet

The newly elected board of directors of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs held its first meeting Saturday at Central library, the president, Mrs. Ida B. Callahan of Corvallis, presiding.

"Inasmuch as the next meeting will come in May or June, the year will be cut short," said Mrs. Callahan, "and for that reason the federation is desirous of getting its program into workable shape as soon as possible. I made my first visit to an affiliated club last week, when I spent the day with the Club improvement club of Independence, one of the very active and progressive organizations of the state. I am planning to visit all of the clubs of the state, and through personal contact with the women of the state to gain inspiration which I can pass along to other women."

Bela Kun, former bloody dictator in Hungary, has escaped from the internment camp at Vienna and has gone to Italy.

# CUMMINS RAILROAD BILL CHIEF TARGET

Proposed Union of Labor and Farmers Said to Be Aimed at Legislative Coup.

Washington, Oct. 25.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor announced tonight that the Washington conference of representatives of the international unions, the railroad brotherhoods and the farmers' organizations would be held December 13.

Simultaneously the cabinet reached unanimous agreement that the new industrial conference should be called, representing the body of the public, and not divided into groups. This resulted from consideration today of the recommendation of the public groups of the industrial conference that its work should be continued.

The cabinet announcement is that a new industrial conference will consist approximately of 15 of the most prominent Americans. Names now considered by the cabinet will be recommended to the president.

## FARMERS ARE REPRESENTED

The farmers' organizations represented at the National Board of Farm Organizations, the Federation of Milk Producers, the American Society of Equity and the Farmers' Cooperative union.

General discussion ensued regarding legislation pending in congress inimical to the rights and interests of industrial and agricultural workers," said Gompers tonight. "Further discussion en-

sued regarding legislation which should be urged at the hands of congress in the interests of labor.

"It was decided that the call for the conference determined upon by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor should be jointly issued by the executive council and railroad brotherhoods."

## FARMERS AWAIT AUTHORITY

The representatives of the farmers' organizations announced that although in entire sympathy with the discussion and purposes stated, they had no authority from their organizations to join in the call for a conference, but that their conventions which would be held a month from now would be glad to receive invitations upon which to act, and select delegates for the December 13 conference.

Stated generally the purpose of the conference is to determine upon a joint course of action relative to legislation in congress. The chief negative object at this time is to defeat the Cummins railroad bill, which, on account of its anti-strike clause, is regarded by labor as the most vicious piece of pending legislation.

But the fundamental purpose underlying the coalition conference is to map out an affirmative program whereby there will be brought to bear the full pressure of the political influence available to both labor and the farmers in protecting their interests.

## POLITICAL COUP PLANNED

This program will call for an intensive

drive for the election of candidates for congress and the state legislatures who are friendly to labor and to the farmers. There is already discussion to the effect that an organization be formed and modeled after that of the anti-slavery league with a central headquarters in Washington to carry the campaign to every state in the union.

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# Mining Engineer Loses Wallet With \$85 Cash, Check

P. B. Wickham, a mining and metallurgical engineer residing at 501 East Thirty-seventh street, reported to the police Saturday night that he had missed a wallet containing \$85 in cash and a cashier's check for nearly \$1000 upon his arrival at home after he had left the business office of The Journal where he had placed an advertisement.

Wickham said he had paid for the ad-

vertisement with a \$10 bill, receiving his change after he had replaced the wallet in his pocket. As part of the change was in the form of a \$5 bill, he took out the wallet again, he said, and being anxious to get back to his automobile which he had left parked in front of the building, believes he may have left the wallet on the counter.

Whether someone standing behind him in line saw the wallet and picked it up or whether he dropped it on the way to the car or in the car he is not certain.

## Elks to Banquet

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