

NEW LABOR PARTY ENEMY OF UNIONS, ASSERTS GOMPERS

Federation Will Have Nothing to Do With Such Political Mushroom as Suggested, Says Chief

Washington, Feb. 23.—No separate labor party, is the decree of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. In reply to the executives of the Indiana State Labor party, who have condemned the political policy of the American Federation of Labor, Gompers declared that the "effect of a separate political labor party can only be disastrous to the wage earners of our country."

The officials of the Indiana party are in favor of a separate labor political organization.

LABOR SIMPLY INDEPENDENT

Placing the proposal to form a separate party in the category of "fallacies of blind theorists," Gompers made clear that the federation would follow its announced policy of supporting the friends of labor on either of the major tickets and would likewise strive to defeat the enemies of labor on both tickets. On this point he says:

FEDERATION DEFENDED

"By what right do you assume to declare the work and the policy of the American Federation of Labor to be impracticable?" said Gompers, in answer to a telegram from the Indiana State Labor party. "Surely the results

achieved in the interests of workers demonstrated the utter fallacy of your assumption."

"By your declaration, you assert the practicability of the course you declare you will pursue. What experience have you had with your political party upon which to base so absurd a claim?"

"When you shall have learned the lesson of the real struggle of labor and the cause for which our movement stands, you may become penitent for the gross injustice you have done your pretension and your course."

DEFEATS LABOR'S AIMS

"There can be no hope for success of labor party candidates. The effect, therefore, of a political labor party will be to defeat our friends and to elect our enemies."

"Labor can look upon the formation of a political labor party only as an act detrimental to the interests of labor and exactly in line with that which is most ardently desired by those who seek to oppress labor."

"This is no time for experimenting with political theories which are proved false at the outset. The workers of America must use the tactics of success. They must have results."

THEORISTS REPUDIATED

"Those who are determined to be blind to the fact of the present and past will, of course, rush on to disaster and calamity. This the American labor movement will not do. It rejects and repudiates the fallacy of blind theorists and will have nothing to do with those treacherous follies that are suited only to the purpose of labor's enemies."

"Your telegram is an affront to the labor movement and an assault upon the interest of that great body of Americans who are determined that the present campaign shall result, not in the destruction of our liberties, but in the opening of the way to national progress and the enlargement of opportunities for human welfare, safety and happiness."

Newspaper Woman Weds

Klamath Falls, Feb. 22.—Miss Katherine Prehm, former editor and publisher of the Klamath Record and Merrill Record, local newspapers, recently married Charles Terry, a prominent farmer of Colusa, Cal., and will make her home there.

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DOES SIXTY SIXTH CONGRESS CAPTURE DO-LITTLE RECORD?

Craze for Investigations Crowds Out Reconstruction Program of Republican Party Leaders.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Was there ever a congress that did as little in the same length of time as the present, the sixty-sixth congress? This is a question over which the historian may puzzle, for there have been do-little congresses in the past, but the present congress, from its record to date, is clearly a strong candidate for the do-nothing prize.

Heralded as a "reconstruction congress," the country looked forward expectantly when it was called in special session on May 10, 1919. It has been in session practically continuously since and in nine months no measure of constructive importance has become a law. The senate has spent most of its time talking about the peace treaty, and the house dawdled along lazily on small bills while its leaders bickered.

INVESTIGATIONS HOBBY

In one direction the house has been active. The Republican majority has been amusing itself with investigations of every conceivable kind, from army camps, army decorations and the shipping board to spruce production. It has been estimated that the cost of investigating will be from \$200,000 to \$250,000. The senate has been only a little behind with federal trade commission, navy medal and other assorted inquiries. How much the senate investigations will cost is unestimated.

The investigating craze has at least one parallel. The following description of the house of representatives which

assembled in 1827, in the middle of the term of John Quincy Adams, is given by Hubert Bruce Fuller in his book on "The Speakers of the House":

PARALLEL CRAZE CITED

"Investigations, inquiries, examinations into the conduct of the administration were daily voted by the lower house. Public accounts were audited, were reviewed and scrutinized as if some embezzlement were to be discovered in high office. Resolutions of inquiry, constantly voted, were framed so as to insinuate, if not openly charge, that wrongdoing was rampant in official circles. Suggestions were daily made upon the floor as to the best methods of retrenchment in this puritan administration."

There was another point of similarity between that congress and the present. Both houses were controlled by a majority hostile to the president. Concerning the partisan behavior of the majority in that day, the same author says:

CONGRESS OPPOSED PRESIDENT

"For the first time in our history (1827) both houses of congress were organized in opposition to the administration. The president's message (John Quincy Adams was then president) fell on deaf ears, the executive recommendations were ignored—particularly in the second or long session of this congress. The entire six months were devoted to the cause of partisan politics. Efforts were continually made to discredit the administration of Adams, to regard even the most patriotic suggestions with the leer of suspicion—they stopped at nothing which might help elect Jackson to the presidency."

Thus history is running true to form. "Investigations, inquiries, examinations into the conduct of the administration" are again the order of the day and "the entire six months (in the present case lengthened to nine months) are devoted to the cause of partisan politics." To

make the record entirely fair to the present congress, and to illuminate what it actually has done, it may be stated that 120 bills have become laws, most of them bridge bills, private relief measures, matters of purely local importance, appropriation bills carried over by a Republican filibuster in the last few days of the last congress, and some urgent deficiency bills.

FEW MEASURES URGENT

Outside of these there are few measures that rise to the dignity of general interest, and they are named, so the reader may further form judgment as to what congress has done since last May:

Repeal of daylight saving, prohibition enforcement, relief of war contractors, amendment of war risk insurance act, appropriation to complete Alaskan railroad, creating rank of general for Pershing, amendment of food control act, continuing control of dyestuffs, appropriation for Near East relief, additional funds for vocational training, the Edge act permitting formation of international and foreign banking corporations, holding temporary officers of the army to July 1, continuing sugar equalization board, six months' pay for dependents of deceased soldiers, gold certificates made legal tender.

This is the "reconstruction" record of the Sixty-sixth congress, for which so much was promised by the majority leaders when they were urging that an extra session be called so they could "get to work without losing time." The extra session was called, and the record speaks for itself.

Milton High School Site

Milton, Feb. 23.—The committee from the 12 school districts decided that the best site for the proposed new high school would be on the same grounds as the present Central building.

Brides-to-Be Await On Congress Before They Can Get Mates

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—Eight brides-elect of American soldiers and sailors are being held at Ellis Island because of inability to pass the literacy test, it was learned at the bureau of immigration tonight.

According to Commissioner Caminetti, the women, the majority of who are in their twenties, have been held there for six weeks. The question of their admission to the United States depends on action by congress. A bill which would allow them to come in already has been passed by the senate and has been favorably reported by the house commission on immigration.

"If congress passes the bill they will be admitted," said Caminetti, "otherwise they will be deported."

The women who come from Italy and France, met their soldier and sailor sweethearts on the other side and came to this country to be married.

Schwab Says, When Roads Are Returned Look for Prosperity

New York, Feb. 23.—A new era of prosperity is about to begin in this country following the return of the railroads to their owners, Charles M. Schwab predicted in an interview today.

"Despite the high cost of materials," said Schwab, "the industrial future of the country is assured. With the return

of the railroads to their owners will come enormous orders for steel, as the railroads have been neglected in the last two years. The future of steel is assured. But the steel mills are not idly waiting for these orders from the railroads. We are and have been turning out more steel ever before."

"As to the labor situation, Schwab is confident that the future of the nation is in the hands of the workers."

Alabama Negro With Hydrophobia Is Shot To Death by Police

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 23.—Jesse Tolliver, a negro, who became afflicted with hydrophobia here Friday, was shot and killed Saturday by police.

Tolliver was bitten by a rabid dog about three years ago. He became violent late Friday and was removed to the hospital, but he continued to grow worse and police were called. The police struggled with the negro for three hours and were finally forced to shoot in self-defense, they said.

Wreck Stops Traffic

Freewater, Feb. 23.—The freight train on the Interurban ran off the track at Twilight station and stopped the passenger service for the day. A car load of apples turned completely over, but not a box or a brace was broken.

Milton Club Elects

Milton, Feb. 23.—The Milton Commercial club elected the following officers at its regular business meeting: President, C. S. Cheshire; vice president, F. A. Galloway; secretary, N. J. VanSkiel; treasurer, T. S. Frazier.



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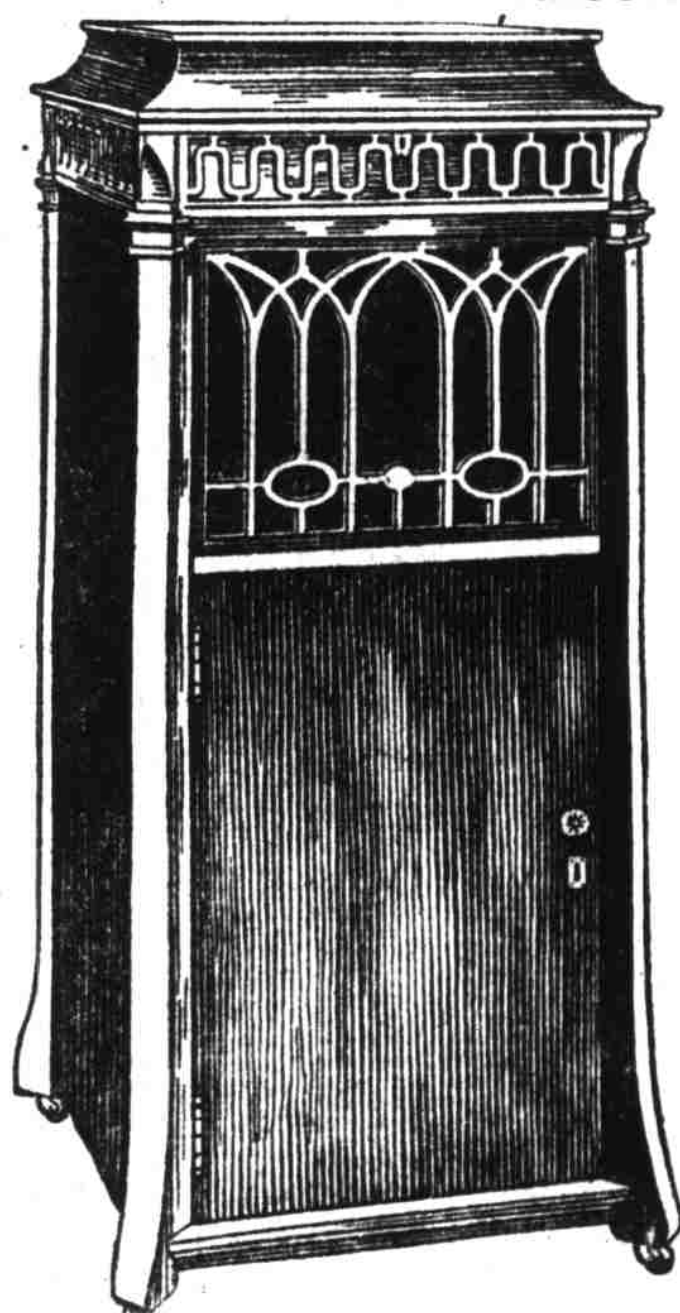
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