

CONGRESS SCORED BY GOMPERS IN WORKERS' APPEAL

Washington, April 26.—A declaration of war upon the present congress for its failure to pass legislation beneficial to the millions of workers in the United States is made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a leading article in the Federationist made public today.

The article calls upon the 4,000,000 members of organized labor to vote for the defeat of those members of congress who have "crowded men and women in industry backward and downward."

DEMANDS NEW MEMBERS

Gompers' article is headed: "A Congress of Negation." It bitterly criticizes the present congress for its failure to lower the cost of living and to enact constructive measures in the interest of all the people. He demands that it be supplanted with a new membership which will oppose "coercion and repression" and which will "turn its face to the task confronting the American citizenship in the true spirit of American institutions."

In the article Gompers says in part: "America must get rid of its veto congress and elect an action congress."

"The 'No' congress must give place to a 'Yes' congress."

"The present congress has done little except to apply the brakes and say 'No' to one constructive proposal after another."

"It has failed us on the peace treaty. It has failed us in reconstruction."

"It has failed us in the high cost of living."

"It seems difficult for congress to understand, but the things which most intimately concern the multitude are such commonplace things as prices of commodities, rental of homes, wages received, conditions of employment, the right to speak freely, to write freely, to assemble freely, and to move freely from place to place."

STRIKE AT WORKER

"Lay upon any of these subjects violent hands that repress and restrict and you enter into the inner happiness and well being of the masses."

Gompers speaks of the "powerful forces in the United States which are seeking to cripple democracy" and cites the passage of the Esch-Cummins railroad bill, the Kansas court of industrial relation law, and the conduct of the steel companies in the late strikes of steel workers as evidence of the activity of these forces.

He declares that the congress now in session has "closed its ears to the great hymn of sacrifice and service with which the nation's millions plunged into the war to save humanity from destruction."

The article adds: "Repress, repress, repress! From whence comes this sullen mood of legislators, this hostile attitude of great wealth? It comes from the deep rooted desire of those who possess great power to keep that power and to surrender nothing to those who toil and give service to the world."

DR. TRIMBLE DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, April 26.—(U. P.)—Rev. Delmar H. Trimble, former pastor of fashionable West Adams Street Methodist church, is dead of tuberculosis at his home here. Dr. Trimble was well known in several Pacific coast cities, having been pastor of Methodist churches in Tacoma, Wash., Portland and Eugene, Oregon.

Two years ago Dr. Trimble suffered a physical breakdown while pastor of the First Methodist church of Champaign, Ill.

Dr. Trimble was born in Canada and spent his early life there. He was about 45 years of age at the time of his death, which followed a serious illness of nearly three years' duration. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Dr. Trimble spent several years in Eugene as pastor of the First Methodist church, where a new church building was erected during his work there. He came to Portland from Eugene and for five years was pastor of the Centenary Methodist church. Here also a new building was erected and a strong church organization built up. From Portland he went to Tacoma, where he spent several years as pastor of the First Methodist church. It was during his work in the Northern city that his health began to fail. He was especially anxious to see the completion of the new church building there, and it was during this period that the foundation for his later illness was laid. On the completion of the new church at Tacoma, Dr. Trimble, with his family, went to Champaign, Ill., but during his first fortnight in the new field he suffered a severe hemorrhage of the lungs and was forced to leave at once for Southern California, where he had been in a serious condition for three years.

Dr. Trimble had an unusually wide circle of personal friends in cities in which he had been in service. His special forte was in general pastoral work and organization, which led to the success of the building of the church. In way of contrast, he repeated the statement of Attorney Thompson that all the records could not be read before the grand jury in a year.

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the cost plus contracts the costs were fraudulently increased, thus increasing the amount of the 10 per cent profit payments.

No question of cost plus contracts arose in connection with the Northwest Steel company, he said, because every vessel was built on a lump sum basis. But the bonus payments amounted to \$250,000; 421 day extensions were given on contracts, and the construction extras, which were said to be irregular, amounted to over a million dollars.

The grand jury, now in session, has heard considerable evidence on the shipyard cases, Moore said in his argument, and has asked for further information.

Special agents of the department were denied access to the plants except under impossible or impracticable conditions, he said. A similar request made before the federal court, in Seattle investigations with regard to the plant of J. F. Duthie & Co., Moore said, offered a parallel for the order now demanded.

The invitation for the United States attorney to inspect the shipyard records personally, Moore derided as impossible, as that official is not an investigating officer. These duties, he declared, are charged upon the special agents of the department of justice.

LIST OF RECORDS ASKED

This is the list of records asked for by the government from each yard: All general and correspondence files relating to the contracts; yard records on steel for government work; hull cost accounts; articles of incorporation and by-laws; minutes of directors' and stockholders' meetings; stock certificate book and journal; ledger accounts covering dividends, profit and loss, surplus, capital expense, contributions, donations, commissions, bonuses and fees; salary account covering executive, administrative and clerical payrolls; roster of employees agreement covering employment of Captain Blain, names of the latter's employees, salaries and periods of employment.

From the Columbia River yard alone, W. Lair Thompson declared, reading from the affidavit of President Smith, the aggregate weight of the documents demanded would be upward of several tons, and that they could not be packed in a room 25 feet in length by 20 feet in width and 15 feet in height.

REASONS FOR OBJECTION

Half a dozen reasons why these records should not be carted away from the shipyards to the grand jury rooms were given by him. Claims for breach of contract pending against the government and are in process of settlement as a result of the cancellations made immediately after the armistice.

The amortization board of the treasury department, for the purpose of determining the amount of plan amortization losses to be allowed the shipbuilding concerns in connection with income tax payments, motioned to the coast and the records are necessary for these adjustments, it was declared.

Both plants are in process of liquidation, the Columbia River going out of business, and the Northwest transferring its properties to the Northwest Bridge & Iron company, Thompson declared.

LOSS MIGHT BE COSTLY

The loss of documents necessary in these things, it was declared, might cost the companies hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mention was made of the fact that the Northwest plant's books are being used for compilation of income tax returns, an extension of until May 15 having been granted by the internal revenue collector. Settlements amounting to over a million dollars with the Williams Iron & Steel company are also pending, it is declared, together with a multitude of other small claims.

"When specific documents are not asked for, then such a request becomes, not a duces tecum process," the attorney declared, "but a search warrant, and as such the constitutional guarantees to citizens under the fourth and fifth articles guarding against search and seizure are violated."

The attorney said the yards had agreed to allow government agents to inspect records, assigning one chief accountant and two assistants to the task, with a like number of accountants from the yards also in attendance to see that nothing is extracted, and that the records are maintained in good order.

Alleged Bootlegger Captured in Hotel

Arrested in the belief that he is a bootlegger about whom complaints have reached police for many weeks, Mike Tokas, Austrian, was placed in jail Saturday night on charges of violating prohibition laws. He was captured at the Bellevue hotel, Second and Yamhill streets, and in his possession, say Patrolmen Huntington and Russell, was found one and a half quarts of moonshine. The policemen think more moonshine is cached elsewhere.

Found in Faint on Boulevard

Vincent Elderken, 20, a resident of Newberg, was found lying in a faint beside the Sandy boulevard Sunday afternoon about half a mile from Fairview. Several Portland newspapers who happened to be returning from small fishing put Elderken in their automobile and took him to the emergency hospital. After receiving medical attention and food Elderken left for his home.

Men, like tools, are useless when they lose their temper.

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SALARY INCREASES ARE GRANTED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES

After a period of much uncertainty, employees of the county today were greatly relieved when the county commissioners decided to grant the increases of salaries amounting to approximately \$16,000. The raise was attempted a short time ago, but District Attorney Evans held that it was illegal under the steps taken. The result was that the

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SCARLET DAYS

TALE OF THE OLDEN WEST GALVANIZING—FASCINATING

Peoples

SATURDAY "The Fortune Hunter"

heads of departments, according to his suggested line of procedure, filed with the county commissioners affidavits in which they set forth that they found it impossible to secure competent deputies to perform the duties of their offices at the old salaries.

The schedule approved by the commissioners today is in excess of the provisions of the state law on salaries

for these deputies, and is based entirely on the affidavits of the heads of departments declaring the necessity of making the increases in order to maintain efficient service in their respective offices.

It provides for increases for 51 deputies in the office of the county clerk, 20 of whom are raised, these salaries now ranging from \$115 to \$225 per month. In the sheriff's office, 37 deputies will get raises from \$125 to \$145 per month. Deputies of Constable Pe-

tersen are raised from \$125 to \$145, and the raise for deputies in the assessor's office ranges from \$115 to \$225. W. J. Richmond, clerk of the district courts, is raised from \$150 to \$175, and deputies are raised from \$100 to \$115.

Silas Holcomb Is Dead
Lincoln, Neb., April 26.—(U. P.)—Silas Holcomb, a former governor and supreme court judge of Nebraska, died Sunday night at Beilleville, Wash.

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