

GOMEZ, PICTURESQUE CUBAN LEADER, DEAD

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United News Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, June 14.—General Jose Gomez, former president of Cuba, is dead. In the passing of Gomez, the little island republic suffers the loss of one of its most picturesque figures—a revolutionary leader of the true Central American type. He had not only served as his country's chief executive, but had been captured as a rebel by troops of the president who succeeded him as he slept in a hammock on the "bat tiefield."

General Gomez was known as "Jose Miguel" by his countrymen. To the American colony in Havana he was known as "Jose Mike." His last experience as a revolutionist was in 1917. Then he led a revolt against President Menocal, who had succeeded him as chief executive. Gomez toured Europe for a time after his retirement from office and it was reported that he was organizing a revolt against his successor. But Gomez returned to Havana peacefully enough and although reports of revolutionary plots continued, "Jose Miguel" was merely watched. Then one day he disappeared and the word was passed that he had "taken to the woods."

When a leader "takes to the woods" in Cuba, it means he has gone out to organize his followers into an "army" and revolt. Havana was reported to be full of Gomez sympathizers who would dig up hidden guns and ammunition and start fighting in the city the moment "Jose Mike" appeared on the outskirts. Federal troops were consequently hurried out to "beat the brush" for Gomez and his army. The writer, "covering" the revolution got word of several minor engagements before the decisive "battle" came.

In all probably a dozen men were killed and then came the master stroke.

The federal troops located the main body of the Gomez army. There were clashes between outposts on morning and several men were killed or wounded. The federals then decided to charge boldly into the Gomez stronghold immediately after lunch and make a complete clearing. They did not fight for lunch was a most unfortunate time for Gomez. The general was having his afternoon nap in a hammock, swung between two trees, and he was captured without firing a shot. The moment Gomez was taken his army scattered or surrendered. "Jose Miguel" was brought back to Havana in chains. His property was confiscated and he was imprisoned. In 1918 however, he was granted amnesty by President Menocal and his property was returned.

General Gomez was born in 1855. He became a major in the Cuban army of liberation in the war against Spain in 1898. He was one of the leaders of the revolution of 1906, which resulted in the overthrow of President Palma and intervention by the United States. He was arrested and imprisoned for his part in this revolt, but was released and appointed to one of the commissions organized by American Governor Magoon.

In 1908 he was elected president, serving four years.

General Gomez died at the Plaza hotel in New York Monday.

NEWSPAPER PRINTERS

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Monitor Union officials claimed that between 250 and 400 men had walked out, but a handful stuck to their jobs. At midnight, publishers were making heroic efforts to issue eight page editions and officers of the union men were in conference at a local hotel.

"The compositors employed by Boston newspapers last night went on an unwarranted and illegal strike," read an announcement which appeared in all Boston papers Tuesday morning. "The Boston newspaper publishers have with the International Typographical Union an arbitration agreement which provides that there shall be neither strikes nor lockouts under any consideration whatsoever."

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 14.—Newspapers here were helpless today because of a compositors' strike. The men walked out, declaring the publishers failed to appoint members to a board of arbitration to draft a wage agreement supplanting one which expired last October.

VOLUNTARY TRAINING SYSTEM WANTED

By United News
WASHINGTON, June 14.—President Harding hopes to see established during his administration a comprehensive system of voluntary military training, under which at least 100,000 men will receive instruction each year.

The president made this statement in urging support for citizens' military training camps which are to be operated this summer. The president expressed hope that as many young men as possible will attend these camps.

"I hope every young man who can arrange it will attend one of the citizens' military training camps to be conducted this summer by the war department in each of the nine

army training corps areas," said the president.

"In this way he will increase his worth to the nation and obtain individual benefits of priceless value to himself and to the community in which he lives.

"I hope to see established during my administration a comprehensive system of voluntary military training for at least 100,000 men each year. Every young man who is willing to prepare himself for the defense of his country should be given an opportunity to do so.

"Our present national defense law established an economical and democratic policy thoroughly consistent with our national traditions. It provides for a small regular army to be augmented by great citizen forces in event of national emergency. This is our traditional military policy."

The president points out that the army of the United States comprises the regular army, the National Guard, and the organized reserve and adds:

"Every patriotic citizen should encourage the development of these forces, each within its proper sphere."

PLAN HUGE COLORADO RIVER RECLAMATION

By United News
SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—If the proposed Boulder Canyon dam across the Colorado river between Arizona and California is built, more than 5,000,000 acres of barren desert can be turned into rich farming land, according to J. P. Lippincott, reclamation engineer and formerly of the United States government survey.

The proposed dam is to be 559 feet high, the highest in the world. It will be capable of storing 24,000,000 feet of water and will develop more than 1,000,000 horsepower, more than the total of hydro-electric power now developed in California.

Lippincott compared the Colorado river to the Nile in that both rivers deposit large quantities of silt on the lands they irrigate. This silt, he said, acts as a regular fertilizer, and lands irrigated with water from these rivers require no other fertilizer and will grow practically anything.

The United States government owns more than 1,000,000 acres of land which would be turned into valuable farms by the project.

FORTUNE TELLER IS 5TH WOMAN IN KABER CASE

By United News
CLEVELAND, O., June 14.—The web of intrigue in the murder of Daniel Kaber is stretching out to ward the indictment of a fifth woman who is suspected of having played a prominent part in setting the trap which resulted in the assassination of the wealthy invalid.

While the police were searching for the "murder pair" the two hired assassins who actually committed the crime, Prosecutor Stanton and heads of the detective bureau were grilling the daughter and son-in-law of a Cleveland fortune teller in an attempt to piece together the missing threads in the plot which has already led to the indictment of four women.

The fortune teller is said to have been the one that Mrs. Kaber visited before her husband was slain and the person the police say was paid the assassins \$500 for committing the crime.

Whether Tillamook Consolidated Industries, Inc., with capital of \$100,000 organized, purchase local salmon canneries will develop loganberry and other fruit industry.

GOVERNMENT BUYING AGENCY PROPOSED

By John M. Gleissner
(United News Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, June 14.—Creation of a central board to make purchases for all branches of the government will be one of the first recommendations of the joint committee on executive reorganization, in the opinion of Representative Reavis of Nebraska. A single selling agency also is contemplated.

Reavis said these reforms could be accomplished with little delay, where, as the overhauling of the department will necessarily be an extended process.

"Millions will be saved, Reavis believes, if all supplies needed by the government, including those of army and navy, are bought through a single office. It will eliminate competitive bidding, he pointed out, and will give an advantage in buying in huge quantities.

"When the war ended the war department had on hand millions of pounds of frozen beef," said Reavis. "This was only sold after much difficulty at ruinous prices, while at the same time the navy was buying large quantities of frozen beef at high prices. If there had been a buying and selling agency this would not have happened."

Now practically all the departments and independent bureaus do their own buying. Scores of offices requiring almost identical equipment and materials make individual purchases when need arises, without regard to what other offices are doing. During the war various branches of the army were bidding against each other and

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The navy was bidding against these. The joint commission is to hold its first meeting Monday, to begin work on the reorganization of the departments.

CHORUS GIRLIES HAVING ROUGH TIME

By Westbrook Pagler
(United News Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, June 14.—"A sweet little blonde tell you, when my gray silk stockings ripped as I was dressing only this afternoon to go keep a date with a certain party, I just had to sew 'em up again. Imagine! Me, that paid \$7.50 for a seal wrap up in Montreal last winter—me that did specialty numbers and 'always' worked! And now I'm looking for a job in a department store! Describe you know that ain't right?"

Over the coffee-spotted marble topped tables of the come-and-get-it lunch room you get the real "situation" in the Broadway show business. The chorus girls know when things begin to sag, let the mannae while whatever tune they like for the good of their own courage.

Its awful—Jeanne La Pearl, late of the ensemble of the Chic and Cheri shimmyshakers, 17 weeks on tour but a doc's death on Broadway will tell you its awful.

But Jeanne called Jennie by the folks out in Terre Haute maybe prejudiced.

Take, then, the word of Ruby Belle, the lady with the lowdown on what's what and such as that from Times Square to the forties explorations of the educational trouper and the tent shows. Ruby is the girl who gives them a dab of powder as they're rushing for their trains to go on tour with a new expedition and the girl who welcomes them back with a committee check when they come dragging in from five days in the day coaches after disbanding in Winnipeg. Ruby is the first aid in the chorus girls' casual club, the dressing room of a Broadway hotel.

Says Ruby:

"Of course every summer is bad, but I never knew it to be so bad that the girls had to go to checking in department stores or mannequins for a living. That's what they're doing this summer, poor kids. They're so good when they've got it, too. All the girls come in and

tell me about this show and that show closing and they have to give up the stage and their hopes. But what else are they going to do?"

As an authority on box things are breaking for the showgirls, Howard Kyle concedes no one the edge, for Kyle, late of Margaret Anglin's "Joan of Arc," is secretary of the Actors' Fidelity League.

"I know of girls all around here who have left the profession to sell powder and candy and women's wear in stores they used to patronize," said Kyle. "Girls who used to get as much as \$175 a week are working for \$20 and glad to get that."

Things are not so good on Broadway.

BRITISH LABOR

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his men's welfare when he forces them to work 12 hours a day and cuts their wages at the first opportunity," said Morrison.

"The convention proper marked time today while the various committees were at work considering resolutions reports and other routine matters. Main work of the convention will not be taken up until the latter part of the week.

Little sentiment had developed today in opposition to the re-election of Samuel Gompers as president of the federation. His address at the opening of the convention was generally approved by the delegates and absolutely solidified his position as leader.

Close friends of John L. Lewis, mentioned as possible opponent of Gompers for the job, admitted there was little chance for getting over the head of the mine workers for the position.

DAIRY INDUSTRY IN OREGON FLOURISHING

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, June 14.—The dairy industry in Oregon is in a healthy condition and offers promise of good future business to dairymen with good cows. There is no actual surplus of dairy products in the country and it will be years before the increase in the number of dairy cattle will be sufficient to meet the normal demand of our people for dairy products, says E. B. Pitts, extension dairyman of the Oregon dairymen of Oregon Agricultural college.

Many herds of dairy cattle were

dispersed during and just after the war and a report of the United States bureau of markets recently issued reveals the fact that the amount of butter manufactured during 1920 was 300 million pounds less than in 1914. Yet in 1914 the amount of dairy products made in this country was less than the amount consumed, the nations' imports during that year being greater than the exports and no abnormal surplus remained on hand at the close of the year.

During the war, owing to the conservation generally practiced and also because of high prices, the average per capita consumption of dairy products was very materially reduced. Now with conditions rapidly approaching normal a market increase in the consumption of dairy products is developing. Reports of dealers in dairy products attest to this fact. A further proof of this condition is the gradual increase of prices taking place at present even though we are now in the season of greatest production. A liberal use of dairy products is essential to the health and welfare of human kind, and as people come to a full realization of this important fact the per capita consumption is sure to increase to a point above that of 1914.

BANDIT GARDNER

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near Silver Lake. A youth today reported having seen a stranger dodging through the brush there.

The Castle Rock episode makes the third place Gardner is supposed to have been seen; once in a swamp near Kelo, then at Silver Lake and now at Castle Rock. Posses are working on all three clues, hoping that one may be right.

United States Marshal Holman of San Francisco is untiringly directing his posses, urging the importance of speed in order to prevent Gardner from getting far.

Escape from the Silver Lake country seems unlikely, due to the lack of food and the wildness of the country.

PORTLAND, June 14.—Apparently a definite clue to the whereabouts of Roy Gardner was today telephoned from Castle Rock. A man with large gold teeth entered a restaurant and ordered food.

When he saw several persons in the restaurant observing him, he hurriedly left without touching his food.

Sheriff Hoggett and a posse left at once in pursuit. The man answered Gardner's description.

LABOR REPRESENTATIVES

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make our record and fight upon the platform found in that record.

By United News
DENVER, June 14.—Labor's greatest parliament, meeting here tonight, consulted with its friends and threw itself "wide open to its enemies."

More than 500 delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor rose with a great cheer as Samuel Gompers, for 39 years head of the organization, thus outlined the intentions of the labor leaders.

Gompers' speech was an arraignment of the open shop movement as backed by "enemies of human progress," and the sounding of the claim of victory for unionism "still standing intact, with ranks unbroken."

The address came as a final denunciation of the campaign to place the "American plan" of open shop in all factories.

All speakers claimed the open shop had failed as yet to make an inroad on the labor movement.

Effects of the open shop campaign were seen, however, by union leaders in the addresses of welcome delivered by Mayor D. C. Bailey, of Denver, and Governor Oliver C. Shoup, of Colorado. Both failed to mention labor in their speeches.

Gompers was the only federation official to comment publicly on the action of Bailey and Shoup. Opening his speech, the president of the federation said:

"We are meeting in Denver not only

at the invitation of the authorities of the city and state, but on the invitation of the women and men of labor in Colorado. We come because we want to come and because it is our right to come."

Bailey and Shoup were just leaving the platform as Gompers spoke and the tenseness of the situation could be felt as they passed down the aisle of the huge auditorium to the street.

Gompers declared that no movement or organization had ever been put to a greater test "by the fire of antagonism" than trade unionism had during the last year.

The open shop movement, he declared, was intended to "break the spirit of labor" and force a further reduction of wages.

The federation's president sounded a call for an offensive among the workers of America and declared that

the American Federation of Labor would have 5,000,000 members before the year ends.

Gompers coupled labor and the farmer by declaring the "same type of enemies who are attacking labor, are attempting to wrest from the farmer what he gained during the last year." He pleaded for greater cooperation among the farmers and the laborers.

The report of the executive council was devoted largely to an outline of the steps taken in fighting the open shop movement and an indictment of Russian bolshevism as an enemy of trade unionism.

A report presented by the executive council urging support for the flood-stricken city of Pueblo and vicinity was unanimously adopted.

The convention will mark time during the next two or three days while resolutions are considered and committees finish their work.

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