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TAFT PRAISES LABOR LEADERS FOR WAR WORK

Samuel Gompers Eulogized by Ex-President at Luncheon in New York

RESPONSIBILITY GREAT

American Delegates to Paris Win Share of Appreciation for Strenuous Hours

NEW YORK, April 12.—Samuel Gompers, America's veteran labor leader, was eulogized here today by former President William H. Taft as the man who in 1918 had "stabilized" the workers of the world and helped win the war when German propagandists had divided the ranks of labor abroad and were scheming to bring about a negotiated peace. Speaking at a luncheon given by the National Civic Federation to the president of the American Federation of Labor and his four colleagues on the American labor mission, who have just returned from the peace conference, Mr. Taft said he wished to pay his respects to "union labor leaders who achieved a great thing not only for organized labor, but for

the allies and toward the winning of the war."

Mr. Taft declared a great responsibility now rested on organized labor and capital to avert the spread of insidious and destructive anarchistic doctrines from abroad. He advocated "collective bargaining" and said that his experience as a member of the war labor board had convinced him that the workers have a right to sit in counsel with employers and discuss such questions as production, costs, wages and the hours of labor.

"We must all—capitalists and workers and the people between—welcome and encourage that part of labor which has a sense of responsibility for the government and for the country," he asserted, adding, "that responsibility is to be found in the ranks of organized labor and among their present leaders."

Mr. Gompers told how the five American delegates to the Paris conference had fought at 35 "grinding daily sessions of from three to seven hours each," to uphold the ideals of democracy and, by argument and persuasion, finally won a majority of their 88 foreign co-delegates to their point of view.

STUDENT BODY MUCH AROUSED

Reinstatement of Benjamin R. Perkins of I. C. S. Is Demanded

Headed by Guy C. Nugent of the Salem Kings Products company, the Salem student body of the International Correspondence schools, held an indignation meeting at the Commercial club last night to protest at the recent removal of Benjamin R. Perkins, who for several months has been in charge of this district for the schools. He recently has been replaced by a man named Green. As a result of the meeting last night the student body formed an organization and addressed the following telegram to Ralph E. Weeks, president of the International Correspondence Schools at Scranton, Pa.:

"We the student body of Salem, Oregon, do hereby respectfully request that Representative Benjamin R. Perkins be reinstated in this territory as he is the only representative that has cooperated with the students in any way."

This was signed by G. C. Nugent, president; J. W. Ruble, vice president; Mrs. Eva H. White, secretary; and Carl F. Smith, treasurer. At the request of Mr. Nugent, L. C. Elwell presided over the meeting last night. The grievance against Mr. Perkins on the part of the Oregon manager appeared to be that he deducted his commission and the bonus money due him before turning in money received to headquarters. Mr. Perkins, in addressing the students last night, frankly stated that he had done this in defiance of the order for the reason that the money belonged to him and that it was necessary to the welfare of the business that he deduct it rather than await several weeks for the checks.

The students were agreed that Mr. Perkins is different from other men who have been in charge in this district in that he has taken a personal interest in each student and endeavored to place all in positions. One or two students complained that Manager Snyder of Portland, who is in charge of the Oregon field, has not shown such interest. Criticism was leveled at Snyder because he recently appeared in Salem and solicited for students on the streets. Perkins, since coming to Salem, has established offices in the Commercial club building. Another meeting of the student body will be held Wednesday night.

CHEMAWA BEATS SALEM SCHOOL

Proneness to Err Makes the Heavy Hitting of Local Players of No Avail

Salem high school was forced to yield to the Chemawa Indian school in the baseball game at Chemawa yesterday afternoon by a score of 14 to 2. Numerous errors on the part of the Salem team while the Indians did not commit a single error were responsible for the victory of the Indians.

Salem led in the hitting by a strong margin. Nine of the Indians were struck out and eight of the Salem men fanned. Grace for Salem secured a three-bagger and Gregg and Latham each made a two-bagger. The teams lined up as follows: Salem—Hicks, c; E. Gill, 2b and p; Lynch, 2b; Latham, 1b; Nuttall, cf; A. Gill, ss; Albrecht, cf; Gregg, c and 3b; Grace, rf; Fischer, p; Ashby, 2b.

Chemawa—Liphart, lf; Davis, 2b; Asbill, c; Berry, cf; Hines, 1b; Kipp, 2b; Knuckles, ss; Hinkel, rf; Lawrence, p. The Indians worked another pitcher whose name was not ascertained.

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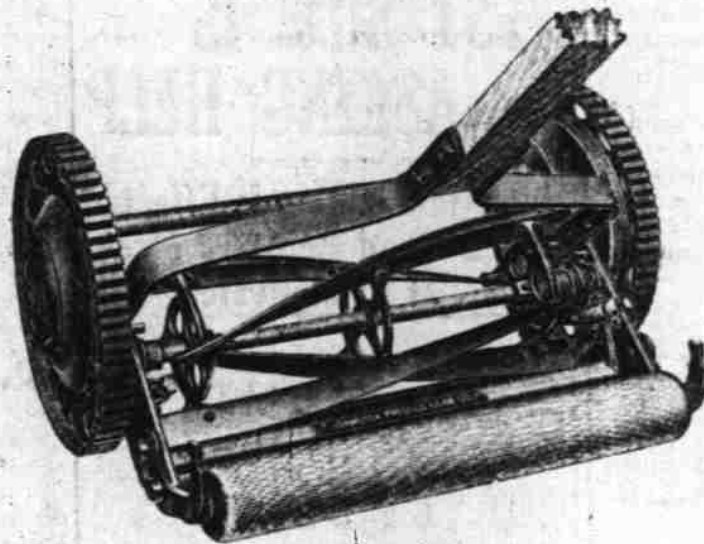
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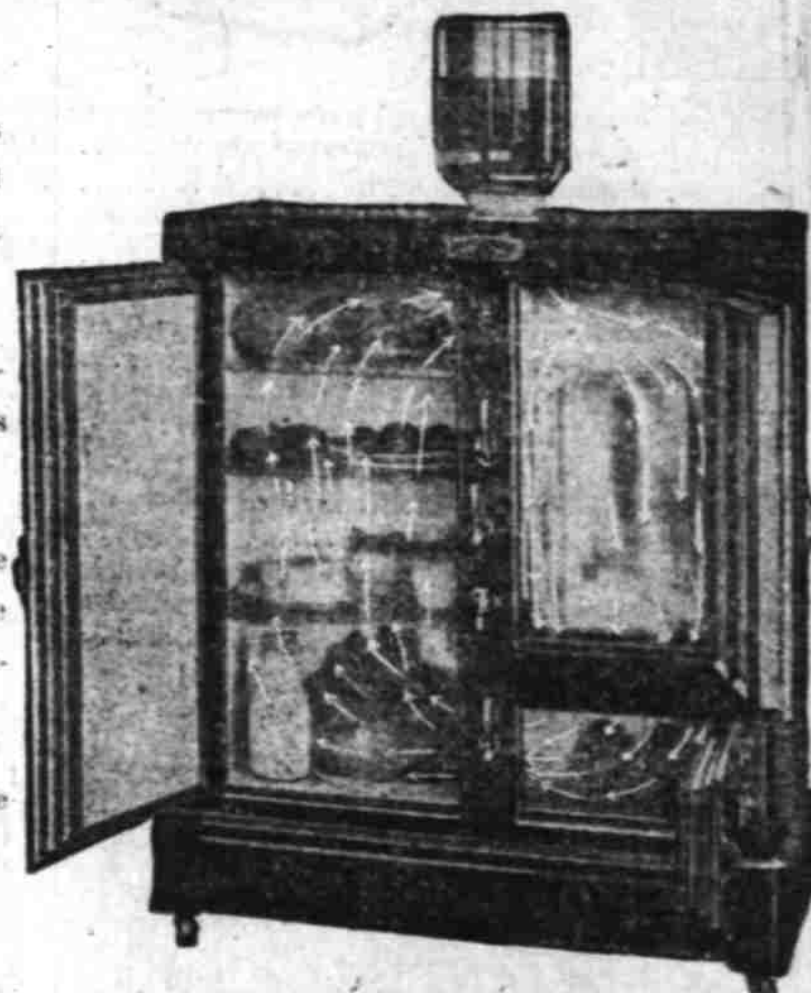
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