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SAM GOMPERS BLOWS UP AGAIN

(New York Herald, Nov. 4)

Before the primaries and before the election Mr. Sam Gompers went storming up and down the country with his blatant threats that he had millions of American Federation labor votes to launch against public officers who had refused to be his political lackeys and to deliver to candidates for office who would lick his boots.

Mr. Sam Gompers had tens of thousands of labor votes in Iowa with which to defeat Senator Cummins for having prepared a railway measure to serve the people of the United States rather than the professional labor politicians. But with all that Mr. Sam Gompers could do and with all that the Plumb leaguers could do against Cummins, and in spite of the fact that the Senator has scarcely been able to leave his sickbed throughout the campaign, Cummins is reelected by 100,000 to perhaps as much as 200,000—anyhow, by a landslide plurality.

Mr. Sam Gompers also had tens of thousands of labor votes in Kansas with which to obliterate Governor Allen because in the coal strike the Governor mined coal to save the people of Kansas from freezing to death and afterward got laws passed to prevent the recurrence of such sacrifices of the public's comfort, health and safety. But Governor Allen isn't obliterated. He is still going to be right on the job with a good fat majority.

Mr. Sam Gompers had hundreds of thousands of labor votes in New York to deliver to Mr. Cox. But in the whole state of New York, with perhaps a full million of women voting, Mr. Cox polled only a meagre, pitiful half million votes. In the city of New York alone the Democratic party, without the assistance of Mr. Sam Gompers and the Plumb leaguers, and with no women voting, has been able to do almost as well as that.

Mr. Sam Gompers had millions of labor votes in the United States to deliver to Mr. Cox. But they didn't show up anywhere in the ballot boxes. And Mr. Sam Gompers never has been able to convert his political bullying into ballots from the day he first tried it, years ago, on Representative Littlefield in Maine, down to his latest fizzle in trying to Gomerize the American nation.

It is as much to the shining credit of American labor, organized as well as unorganized, that it cannot be led to the polls in a Sam Gompers halter as it is to the grotesque discredit of Mr. Sam Gompers that he keeps on with his braggar threats that he can do such an ignoble thing to American labor, but always, on the day of election, blows up like a wind-bag.

Oh, yes, the women voters had their hats on straight when they went to the polls.

The "heart of the world" is feeling all right these fine November mornings.

No more wiggling or wobbling. Uncle Sam is clothed in his right mind.

If David Lloyd George was waiting to hear from America, he got an ear full a week ago Tuesday.

Henry Waterson once said that at the end of the second term of Wilsonism there would be a Wilson but not a Democratic party. As true as gospel.

A lot of folks thought Chairman Will Hays crazy in his estimate of the electoral vote that Senator Harding would get. But

the Indiana man came mighty near it. A great chairman, that little man from the Presbyterian congregation in Indiana.

That tall gentleman in the rear of the hall who is laughing up his sleeves so loudly as to disturb everybody sitting near him is the Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo.

The majority in the United States senate seems to be so large that Johnson will not be able to swing it by the tail. That is another of the encouraging features of the election returns.

Loafers boldly make fun of the "tired business man;" that is, the worker, the man who amounts to something, and performs the world's necessary tasks. The men of consequence, of industry, have found a certain plan best after long experience. The loaf-

ers laugh at it, and say they know of a better way of running banks, railroads, factories, farms and homes. They are liars; they don't know of a better plan.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

After March 4, 1921, it won't be necessary for callers at the White House to sit and toast their shins with Joe Tumulty in the ante-room. There will be a full-blooded American in the adjoining apartment.

The day when beating the prohibition law was considered quite the proper thing to do, and rather clever withal, is passing. The everyday citizen is beginning to realize that whiskey running is pretty dirty business after all; that blind pigging is no more respectable than it ever was, and that the man who buys whiskey nowadays is encouraging whiskey running and blind pigging and morally is guilty with these outlaws. The man who violates the enforcement act cannot, with a clear conscience, urge respect for the laws against theft or murder or riot. He cannot support the enforcement of one law and connive at the violation of another.—Fargo Forum.

SETTLED, AS TO JAPAN.

As for the matter at issue between Japan and this country that has in the past assumed the character of discrimination against the yellow races, Japan itself has proposed that things be allowed to remain in abeyance until the present Japanese residents in California die out or return to their homes, and so the issue would settle itself. As a matter of fact, back of this issue lies the vastly broader one that must at some time be faced, namely, that of the place, if any, of social questions in international political relations; whether countries recognized as upon a parity with others in respect to political status are or are not rightful claimants for equality of status for their populations. There is no war cause here, however.—Baltimore American.

This matter, or rather this principle, has already been settled, as to Japan.

For ages, Japan has maintained the principle that Japan is for the Japanese. It has the sanction of immemorial custom, and the reinforcement of written law. Even Chinese laborers are not allowed to work in Japan in competition with Japanese laborers. The wage scales in Japan are about one-tenth of what they are in identical or similar lines in the United States; but in China they are still lower.

Hence the rule. The very gist of the objection in the Pacific coast states to Japanese immigration is the fact that they remain nationals; they persist in being Japanese, even though born in this country and exercising full citizenship by right.

They refuse to be assimilated; in the very nature of things their assimilation is impossible.

This is true, too, of a great many central European and other peoples pressing for admission into the United States—though, in most cases, to a lesser degree. All the ships of all the world, loaded to the full extent of their passenger-carrying capacity, could not bring all the people to this country who want to come, in a year, or five years.

According to the Republican platform, we are to have a policy of admitting only immigrants who can be, or as fast as they can, "assimilated." But that is a big word—

And it is vague in its meaning, or shades of meaning.

When is an immigrant assimilated, any way?

The above are mere hints at the hot times that are ahead of

FUTURE DATES.

November 11, 12 and 13, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—State penitentiary musical show.
November 11, Thursday—Motorcycle bill climb, Salem.
November 11 to 25—Red Cross roll call.
November 11, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. McMinnville, at Salem.
November 14, Sunday—Red Cross roll call, Sunday.
November 15, Monday—W. C. T. U. drive for \$125,000 children's home begins.
November 16, Tuesday—Football, Salem high school vs. Dallas high school, at Salem.
November 18, Thursday—"Middy and Shirts," day at high school.
November 19, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Puget Sound, at Tacoma.
November 19, Friday 4-15 p. m.—Villaluz Steffenson lectures at armory.
November 20, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Eugene high school, at Eugene.
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November 25, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman college, at Salem.
November 25, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. The Dallas high school, at The Dallas.
November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving day.
December 1, Wednesday—Entertainment by Great Shirley Concert company at armory, under auspices of American legion.
December 7, Tuesday—Annual election of Cherrians.
December 8, Wednesday—Annual election at Commercial club.
December 14, Tuesday—Annual election Salem Business Men's league.

this country. The Republican party has had a great many big jobs wished upon it. And not the least of them, perhaps, is the solution of the immigration questions. Any way it is handled, it is bound to be the cause of many misgivings and millions of heart-aches.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS.

The New York subway road has carried over 4,000,000,000 passengers in the sixteen years of its existence, and in all that time there have been but seven fatal accidents. Riding in the subway seems to be a much safer pastime than sleeping in a steam heated church. Four billion people couldn't be gathered together to listen to William Jennings Bryan without at least a dozen of them dropping dead. Those subway explosions we used to hear about must be as fierce as the exhaust on one of Henry Ford's road rabbits.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Help the Boy Scouts.

Scouting is the boy in man reaching out to help the man in the boy. Play the man.

Scouting is the greatest asset the city has as a safeguard against lawlessness.

A tip: If you are thinking of owning some property in Salem or the Salem district, now is a good time to get a toehold. Real estate here is not going to be any cheaper; but a lot of it is going to be a good deal higher. Salem is going to grow, and it is not going to stop growing while any of us now on deck are extant.

It will be walnuts tomorrow. Don't be a nut, but help the Salem slogan editor, if you can; and do it today.

Again, how is Salem going to accommodate the legislators and the members of the third and fourth houses this winter? The city already is as full as it can be without crowding.

The Phez preferred stock is being bought at Olympia, Wenatchee, Spokane and other points, as well as in Salem and vicinity. The sooner all the stock offered is taken, the quicker will the fruit industry here be stabilized.

So, be a Phezzer, and do not delay.

Salem's big paper mill is running along as smoothly as if it had always been running. But there are a lot of things yet to be done to increase the output and the payrolls and the volume of money paid out for raw materials. It is a great institution for Salem.

AUTOS SHOWING GREAT GROWTH

Total by End of This Year May Reach 104, JJJ, Secretary of State Says

During the month of October 2429 motor vehicles, 47 motorcycles, one dealer and 230 chauffeurs were registered by the secretary of state. From these registrations the total fees aggregated \$15,823.25.

During the same month in 1919, 1976 automobiles, 52 motorcycles, 17 dealers and 124 chauffeurs were registered, from which the fees totaled \$9317.

Thus far during 1920 a total of 102,427 motor vehicles, 3485 motorcycles, 751 dealers and 3264 chauffeurs have been registered, from which the total fees aggregate \$2,041,042.75, while during the same period in 1919, 82,330 motor vehicles, 3549 motorcycles, 583 dealers and 3072 chauffeurs were registered, from which the fees totaled \$576,913. The great increase in the fees received is occasioned from the increase in the rates effective January 1, 1920. In the event motor vehicles are registered during the months of November and December at the same ratio or proportion they were during the same months in 1919, it is not unlikely that the total registrations will aggregate well onto 104,000. This will make over 20,000 more licensed cars in Oregon in 1920 than in the year 1919, when the total registrations numbered 93,332.

Motor vehicle owners are urged to submit their applications for 1921 licenses at once. The records of the office show that more than 50 per cent of the cars are registered by January 1 of each year, and inasmuch as there will be nearly 105,000 cars registered during 1920, it is not unreasonable to assume that 60,000 applications for licenses will be presented to the department before January 1, 1921, as that many persons will wish to operate their cars continuously. In order that the department may have a reasonable time within which to dispose of the business which it must necessarily take care of by January 1, it should have an average of not less than 1,000 applications daily, while it is receiving but 200 or 300. Less than 5000 applications have been received for 1921 licenses, and unless motor vehicle owners act more promptly with regard to applying for their 1921 licenses it will be impossible for the department to issue the licenses by reason of the congestion which will necessarily follow around the first of the year. Many people will be without licenses and by reason thereof subject to arrest for violation of the motor vehicle

laws in not having proper licenses upon their cars.

The secretary of state asks the motor vehicle owners to co-operate with the department and submit their applications for licenses immediately so as to avoid congestion and at the same time avoid possible arrest for driving their cars for failure to have the required 1921 licenses after January 1.

Gas Rate Increase is Sought by Power Company

Authority to increase gas rates at Springfield, Eugene, Marshfield and North Bend is requested in an application received by the public service commission yesterday from the Mountain States Power company. The present rates were fixed by the commission by an order of August 9, 1919.

The present and proposed rates at Marshfield and North Bend are shown below:
First 400 cubic feet or less per month, present \$1, proposed \$1.50; next 2600 cubic feet per month, present \$2, proposed \$2.25; next 700 cubic feet per month, present \$1.70, proposed \$1.75; next 15,000 cubic feet per month, present \$1.40, proposed \$1.40; excess over 25,000 cubic feet per month, present \$1.20, proposed \$1.25.

Present and proposed rates at Springfield and Eugene are:

First 300 cubic feet or less per month, present 75 cents, proposed \$1.25; next 2700 cubic feet per month, present \$1.90, proposed \$2.25; next 700 cubic feet per month, present \$1.50, proposed \$1.75; next 15,000 cubic feet per month, present \$1.20, proposed \$1.40; excess over 25,000 cubic feet per month, present \$1, proposed \$1.25.

PRATUM NEWS

PRATUM, Nov. 9.—A program has been arranged by Mrs. E. Branch and Miss Beatrice B. Burton, teachers of the public school here, which will be rendered in connection with a basket social which will be held at the schoolhouse Saturday night, Nov. 13.

Roger Lambert, who is farming near Molalla, arrived last Saturday night accompanied by several of his friends. While here yesterday they attended church and met a number of Mr. Lambert's former acquaintances. They were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Lambert, parents of Roger Lambert.

John Bain of Albany was a visitor at the A. W. Powell home several days last week.

Miss Lydia Powell is a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Smith, at Oregon City. She will return sometime during this week.

Most of the farmers are busy digging potatoes. Quantity and quality in the majority of cases is satisfactory.
Dr. E. Sherwood of Kimball college will preach here next Sunday morning.

A Special For Armistice Day

THE GREAT HOPE

A Terrific Melodrama

LIBERTY
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

The Badge of Better Boyhood



The Men Who Count In The Life Of This Community AGREE

with President Wilson, Ex-President Taft, Messrs. Harding, Cox, McAdoo on His vital question affecting every citizen of this city.

And They Know That Judge Ben Lindsey Was Right When He Said:

"AFTER 15 YEARS OF JUVENILE WORK, I SAY WITHOUT QUESTION, THAT IF YOU WILL GIVE THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT THE MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT IT RIGHTFULLY DEMANDS, THE JUVENILE COURT SOON WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED"

Scouting's Program is solidly constructive throughout. It is building boys of good character into the very structure of our

Country Life

In Building Boys Right You Build The Nation Right

HUNDREDS OF CHECKS A DAY

THAT is a conservative estimate of the number of CHECKS passing through the United States National Bank every day. And, remember, practically every one of those checks represents a business transaction of some kind—big or little.

It sort of indicates what an important part our facilities and services play in the commercial activities of Salem.

United States National Bank
SALEM OREGON