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Gompers to Head Labor 39th Time

Montreal, June 18.—Samuel Gompers, veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, was unanimously selected for the thirty-ninth time by the convention here today.

Gompers' nomination by George W. Perkins of the Cigarmakers Union, was the signal for a prolonged ovation by the delegates who stood and cheered for several minutes.

James Duncan of Seattle was recorded as casting the only negative vote.

Second Test Failed
Montreal, June 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, faced a second critical issue threatening his power today when that organization, in convention here, came to consideration of its position regarding the league of nations.

The amendment to the constitution to increase the executive council from 11 to 15 members, was rejected by a vote of 23,097 to 13,841. This action prevents the election of four additional vice presidents.

E. F. Carleton Named to Head Eugene Schools

Eugene, Or., June 18.—E. F. Carleton, for the past ten years assistant state superintendent of public instruction, has been elected city superintendent of Eugene schools to succeed W. R. Rutherford, who has resigned to accept a position in the educational department of the United States navy according to announcement today.

The action of the board was unanimous, and they present Mr. Carleton as a man who comes to the field with the finest record as to educational work and who has been free from antagonisms in his own position and in the Oregon field generally.

Mr. Carleton is a graduate of the University of Oregon carrying away from that institution a most favorable impression. One of the best qualifications he brings into the Eugene field is that he is thoroughly acquainted with the situation here, and has brought himself very closely in touch with student life here as in other parts of the state.

Salem Only City of Size On Coast Not Protected With Automatic Alarms

The Capital Journal's contention that Salem should have a simpler and more efficient fire alarm system is right. From what I am able to learn, this is the only town of its size on the Pacific coast that hasn't an automatic system.

That was the statement Friday morning of Fire Chief Harry Hutton, of the fire department. For about \$15,000, he believes, an adequate system might be installed over the entire business district, and following this step a half-dozen boxes might be installed each year.

Urgent need for a new plan of reporting fires was shown Thursday when considerable delay was shown by firemen in getting to the \$42,000 blaze which destroyed the Frank F. Richter store on Court street, due to alleged delay in getting a call through the telephone office.

The new system advocated by Chief Hutton would place fire alarm boxes at convenient points throughout the city. Once an alarm is turned in from these points its locality is immediately registered at the fire station and there is said to be no chance for a mistake.

Today Salem stands alone as being the largest city on the Pacific coast that is still unprotected with a proper fire alarm system. A letter which Chief Hutton recently received from the former superintendent of fire alarm telegraph at Portland, "This includes Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona."

Chief Hutton's one doubt as to the advisability of installing the new system results from his belief that Salem should immediately have a new "pump or" fire truck. This would cost the city in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

When placed in the residential district one fire box would cover a territory of about three squares, Chief Hutton said.

Colby Likely Chairman of Big Convention

Washington, June 18.—Brainbridge Colby, secretary of state, is regarded by most democratic leaders in Washington as the most likely choice for permanent chairman of the democratic national convention at San Francisco.

Mr. Colby was elected a delegate to the convention from the District of Columbia last week, heading an administration ticket in opposition to that put in the field by the Bryan democratic club.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, and Chairman Cummings, of the democratic national committee, who is to be temporary chairman of the convention, also have been mentioned in connection with the permanent chairmanship. Mr. Cummings' friends say, however, that he does not desire the place.

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, who drew the platform adopted by the Virginia democratic convention and since endorsed by President Wilson, has been definitely decided upon as the chairman of the committee on resolutions. The league of nations plank of the platform to be adopted at San Francisco is expected to follow closely that in the Virginia platform.

Forest Patrol to Have Bend Station

Crane prairie near Bend will be used as a temporary landing field by the airplane forest patrol, according to F. A. Elliott, state forester, who returned Thursday from Deschutes county, where he made arrangements for the use of the field. Several other emergency landing fields will be provided, Elliott states, one of these to be located on the summit of the Cascades just south of Mt. Jefferson.

Illness Neither Daunts President's Spirit Nor Impairs Great Intellect

New York, June 18.—President Wilson's nine months of illness "have neither daunted his spirit nor impaired in the slightest degree his splendid intellect," according to the New York World, which today published a copyrighted interview of its Washington correspondent with the president.

Within the last two months, the correspondent says, the president has gained more than twenty pounds and his ultimate complete recovery is assured.

The correspondent says the long discussion of current topics and issues showed that the president "expressed himself with characteristic Wilsonian vigor."

The president told the correspondent, in discussing the political campaign, that the league of nations was the dominant issue and he expects the democrats at San Francisco to approve his challenge for a referendum on the league. The issue is "too deep for political shuffling," the president is quoted as saying.

The president was particularly vigorous in attacking the republican platform, according to the correspondent. "The republican national convention," said the president, "was controlled by interests essentially and scientifically Friedman in inspiration and method." He said he did not see how progress

Childless Folk Barred In New Houses

St. Joseph, Mo., June 18.—Walter P. Fulkerson, St. Joseph banker, is building a row of houses for rent to families in which there are children. Newly married couples also will be allowed to occupy the houses with the provision that if there are no children in their families at the end of one year's residence they will be asked to vacate.

Whenever a child is born in one of his houses, Mr. Fulkerson announced, the rent for that month will be returned to the tenant.

The houses are in one of St. Joseph's most desirable residence districts.

Geo. W. Perkins Financier, Is Called by Death

New York, June 18.—George W. Perkins, financier, died this morning in the Stamford hall sanitarium, Stamford, Conn.

It became known June 11 that Mr. Perkins had suffered a nervous breakdown, but members of his family did not intimate at that time that his life was in danger.

Mr. Perkins was taken to Stamford about ten days ago when his son George W. Perkins, Jr., announced the change was made to afford his father a complete rest and seclusion from his friends who sought his counsel during the political campaign preceding the Chicago convention.

The affection to which Mr. Perkins succumbed is believed to have been the result of influenza and pneumonia contracted while serving with the Y. M. C. A. in France during the war. A statement by the dead financier's physicians given out at Mr. Perkins' office gave the time of his death as 2:15 this morning. Death resulted from an attack of "acute inflammation of the brain, the result of complete nervous exhaustion due to influenza and continuous overwork," the announcement said.

The death of Mr. Perkins was practically unexpected, it was said at his offices, on account of his having recently survived a very serious heart attack, after which his family and friends believed his constitution sufficiently robust to throw off the malady.

It was said the funeral would take place Sunday afternoon at the Riverside Presbyterian church in the Bronx. The services will be private.

Distress over the loss of an old friend was expressed by J. Pierpont Morgan when he was informed of Mr. Perkins' death. He said: "I am deeply distressed at the news of Mr. Perkins' death. He was a friend for more than twenty years and a very active partner for ten years."

With Mr. Perkins at the time of his death were his son, George W. Jr., his daughter, Mrs. Edward Freeman, and his sister, Emily Perkins.

Salem Police Hunt Moral Pervert Who Bothers Children

Intercepting little girls, 11 or 12 years of age in south Salem, and bothering them by performing indecent acts, a man, about 40 or 45 years of age, believed to be a moral pervert, is being searched for by the police.

Complaint was first made to the police department Friday morning by Mrs. J. Sundin, 2505 Lee street. All of her statements concerning the individual were verified by a Mrs. Christensen, 1078 Twenty fifth street. Small daughters of each woman had been bothered.

The man is described as wearing khaki trousers, a brown shirt, and a khaki hat.

The vicinity in which the man has been seen several times will be combed with a view to apprehending him, Chief Jack Welsh said Friday.

Berries Load Of First Portland-Hood River Truck

Hood River, Or., June 18.—The first motor truck of strawberries to roll over the completed Columbia River highway to Portland were delivered yesterday by A. Boxer. The truck carried about 1000 pounds of fruit, for which more than \$450 was paid to growers. The camera later telephoned to L. E. Ireland, shipper, that the berries had arrived in excellent condition.

Tacoma Police Recall Strike

Tacoma, Wash., June 18.—Tacoma policemen, who unanimously voted to walk out rather than work overtime, will not strike, it was announced today. Chief of Police Smith revised an order calling upon police to work four extra hours Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The new order permits those who desire to work overtime at the extra pay.

McAdoo Not Candidate He States

New York, June 18.—William G. McAdoo, in a telegram to J. J. J. Shouse of Washington, made public here today, announced that he cannot permit his name to come before the democratic national convention and adds that "this decision is irrevocable as the path of duty to me seems clear and unmistakable."

Mr. McAdoo declared he must have a reasonable opportunity to rehabilitate his finances, and having been out of office less than eighteen months, he has not yet been able to accomplish this.

Detroit Takes Place as Fourth City of Nation

Washington, June 18.—Detroit, with a numerical increase and rate of growth larger than Chicago's and second only to New York's during the last ten years, is now fourth largest city of the country, displacing St. Louis and outranking Boston, Cleveland, Baltimore and Pittsburgh, all of which were larger than the Michigan city ten years ago.

Detroit's 1920 population, announced today by the census bureau, is 99,739, an increase of 527,973 or 113.4 per cent.

Cleveland ranks fifth. Detroit is the only city of 100,000 or more which has more than doubled its population in the last ten years.

Cleveland, also with a large increase has outranked St. Louis and Boston and takes rank as fifth largest city in the United States.

Its increase during the last ten years has been exceeded only by New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles.

With announcement of the population of Cleveland and Detroit, the definite ranking of the country's eighteen largest cities has been established. New York and Chicago remain first and second largest cities, respectively. Philadelphia is the only one of the 18 whose 1920 population has not been announced but it is not likely that the Pennsylvania city's rank as third largest in the country will be changed. Detroit had jumped into fourth place and Cleveland into fifth position, forcing St. Louis into sixth, Boston into seventh, Baltimore into eighth and Pittsburgh into ninth places.

Washington advances. Los Angeles, with a large rate of growth, advanced from seventeenth rank to tenth and displaced Buffalo as well as attaining the honor of being the largest city west of St. Louis. San Francisco retained eleventh rank and Buffalo dropped from tenth to twelfth while Milwaukee was forced into thirteenth place.

Washington, D. C., moved from sixteenth to fourteenth position, displacing Newark, N. J., which dropped into fifteenth position. Cincinnati, thirteenth largest city in 1910, now ranks as sixteenth.

New Orleans, through the advance of Los Angeles and Washington, was forced from fifteenth rank to seventeenth position while Minneapolis retained its rank as eighteenth largest city.

Harding Willing To Put League Issue to Voters

Washington, June 18.—President Wilson's challenge to submit the peace treaty to a referendum of the American people was accepted today by Senator Harding, the republican presidential candidate.

"I am sure," said Senator Harding, "the republican party will gladly welcome a referendum on the question of the foreign relationship of this republic and the republican attitude of reserved nationality will be overwhelmingly indorsed."

Senator Harding's statement was in reply to the interview with President Wilson, published today in which the president discussed the league of nations issue and the republican platform.

Herbert Hoover, whose name was voted on to the list at the republican convention, had breakfast today with Senator Harding at the senator's invitation.

President Signs Water Power Bill

Washington, June 18.—The water power bill has been signed by President Wilson.

25 Years Ago First Loganberries State Came Here

A quarter of a century ago Oregonians could scarcely be persuaded to buy loganberries and the first yield in Oregon from the ranch of State Senator A. M. LaFollette, 25 years ago this summer, brought \$1.15 a crate, according to Mr. LaFollette who was in Salem Thursday on business.

"At that time it was mighty hard to find a market for the berries," he said. "People didn't know what they were and there wasn't any demand. Originally a Portland firm contracted for my berries but finding that they couldn't sell them, the contract was cancelled. I fooled 'em though, and peddled them at a bigger profit than I would otherwise have made."

No loganberries were grown in Oregon before he received his first tips from Judge Logan, who then lived in Santa Cruz, Cal., Mr. LaFollette says. Since that time prices have risen and dropped through the different seasons, once falling as low as 50 cents a crate.

Mr. LaFollette estimated that there are nearly 2000 acres of loganberries in Marion county at the present time. His present patch of berries, 21 years old, is on a ranch located 10 miles east of Salem.

Salem Will Feed 3,000 Shriners Next Wednesday

Three thousand persons, at least, will be fed by Salem at Wilson park next Wednesday when Shriners from all over the United States will visit the city, it was stated Friday morning by a Commercial club official. Carion lunches will be passed out by 100 local Y. W. C. A. girls.

Concerning the excursion it was learned Thursday that cars are to be at the Portland court house at 9 a. m. Wednesday. The caravan will go east over the Madison street bridge to Milwaukee avenue and turning south will proceed over the Pacific highway to Salem.

Passengers will be unloaded on the north side of the capitol building and will be shown this building first. While the visitors are being shown around, the cars will be parked on State street beyond the state house, and around the supreme court building. The police will keep these places free from general parking, it is announced.

Three hundred and fifty gallons of Pheo, Loju and Appju for the visitors will be donated by the Pheo company. It is announced, and more will be supplied if necessary.

Roosevelt Bird Refuge Petitions Are Circulated

Voters of Salem and Marion county will be given an opportunity to endorse the amended petitions for the Roosevelt Bird Refuge. The petitions have been received in Salem and are being circulated for the Roosevelt Bird Refuge association of which the officers are John Gill, president; W. S. Raker, vice-president; William L. Finley, secretary-treasurer.

The petitions have been amended to eliminate features previously objected to and propose that the native waterfowl of this state be saved from extinction by putting the famous Malheur Lake nesting places under federal protection. This is the Malheur Lake reservation where enormous bird colonies have been protected for years by state and federal laws. The reserve was created by President Roosevelt in 1908.

Protection Urged. Bird lovers who are supporting the measure assert that this measure "will not add one cent of expense to the taxpayers of Oregon." In further argument it is pointed out that the soil adjacent to the lake is useless for agricultural purposes. Governor Withycombe urged the passage of the measure on the grounds that these reservations are considered the best in the United States for affording shelter to migratory waterfowl.

Efforts are being made to have an petition ready by June 28.

Rooster In Place Of Donkey Sought By Women

Chicago, June 18.—The rooster should supplant the donkey as the democratic party's emblem, according to Mrs. Frederick Tahl, chairman of the finance committee of the Illinois democratic women committee. She says that millions of little silver roosters will be taken to the national convention at San Francisco by democratic women. She said:

"The rooster is a proud bird and has something to crow about. I find the donkey was wished on the party just after the Civil war when the demagogue stubbornly refused the reconstruction program of the opposite party. The democrats are not 'mullah,' only firm."

The Illinois delegates will leave Sunday night on a special train for San Francisco.

Reds Evacuate Enzell. London, June 18.—All Russian bolshevik troops have left Enzell, the principal Persian port on the coast of the Caspian sea, according to a dispatch to the Herald from Moscow. The dispatch declares the republic of Georgia has left a protest to the powers against action of the British in assuming control at Enzell.

Hoover Disappointed In Some Republican Policies But Pledges His Support

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No Chance for Gov. Edwards States Bryan

Fargo, N. D., June 18.—"No wet governor from New Jersey will ever be the democratic candidate for president," declared William Jennings Bryan, speaking in Fargo last night. Mr. Bryan also named Governor Cox of Ohio and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska as well.

Mr. Bryan declared he was taking a dry-plank and "a prison term for profiteers" plank to the San Francisco convention.

"I asked the republicans to pass a strong prohibition plank and a strong anti-profiteering plank and told them I would take the two planks to San Francisco and urge the democrats to adopt them word for word so that both questions could be taken out of politics."

Woman Camp Followers of Villa Slain. Mexico City, June 18.—Three hundred women camp followers attached to the government forces have been killed by the orders of Francisco Villa, the bandit, according to El Democra today, quoting Jacinto Trueba, wealthy merchant of Jimenez, state of Chihuahua. Excelsior prints a similar story but does not give the source of its information.

According to Trueba, Villa captured the women during an encounter with a regiment of de facto cavalry between Parral and Jimenez. He ordered the women lined up for review to see whether any were soldiers masquerading. One woman shot twice at Villa but missed. Unable to learn which one attacked him Villa ordered all the women herded together and shot down.

Portland Wants Dope On Salem Excursionists

More definite information must be had before assignment of reservations can be made for Salem drivers who will need reservations in Portland next Tuesday, a communication to the local Commercial club from official headquarters in Portland, reads.

Names must be had, it is said, and Commercial club officials stated this morning that drivers should make known their needs immediately.

"However," the letter stated, "we will be able to take care of the drivers if they will call at our headquarters at Broadway and Couch streets, Portland."

June Regains Prestige With Marion County Couples. Divorces Compared

June, that month over which Capital is credited with regal sway has consigned its own, in Marion county for the year 1920. After several years June promises to regain its former repute of being the "Month of Marriages."

Up to and including June 17, there have been 43 couples who presented themselves at Clerk Boyer's office in search of Marion county's sanction to their marital aims. Of this number, the larger portion were Salem residents.

This compares very favorably with the records of June, 1919, when only 39 licenses were issued during the entire month. In May, 35 marriage certificates were given to Marion county home founders, this being a duplicate of the May marriage license totals for 1919.

Judge George G. Bingham, of the Oregon circuit court, who at sundry times generally performed many marriage ceremonies and who has an official record showing the divorce and marriage records in the courts, the tragic part of the matter is that the thoughtful, sensible marriage relation is compared with those erratic blunders and the parties involved in the latter conclude that they know all about married life, states Judge Bingham.

While Marion county's 1920 record shows that 151 Marion couples were married during the period January 1 to June 17, the divorce court at the county clerk's office shows that during the same period 33 divorce cases were filed. Including current and pending cases, 33 cases were tried in department No. 1. Of this number, three of the divorce suits were contested.

A law on the statute books providing for a lapse of 30 days between the application for marriage license and the issuance of the same would materially aid in reducing this county's divorce record by tending to obviate hasty marriages or those contracted by parents, asserts Judge Bingham.

"There have been several recent cases in this court where the contracting parties had only been acquainted for a few days when they had decided to get married. In these cases it was most certainly an instance of 'marry in haste, repent at leisure.' Court records show that the larger percentage of impulsive and hasty marriages terminate in the courts. The tragic part of the matter is that the thoughtful, sensible marriage relation is compared with those erratic blunders and the parties involved in the latter conclude that they know all about married life, states Judge Bingham.