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## SOCIALIST TO STAND BY GOMPERS UNITED MINE WORKERS DECIDE IT

## LA FOLLETTE DISUUSSES ELECTION-IT WAS NOT A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

LEWIS CONTROLS 23 OF 60

## SOCILLIST VOTES AND SAYS GLisPERS IS ALL RIGHT

Lewis Says He Might port a Man Capable and Willing to Suceed Gompers, But Vo uld Depend on the Man---Says
He Is Free, and Not Bol a to Any Clique or Clan, and Is He Is Free, and Not Bol a to Any Clique or Clan, and Is
Only Interested in the Good of the Federation---A Warm Fight Expected Over Proposal to Amalgamate Carpenter Associations.

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| [UNitid parsa ienabo wing.] <br> St. Louis, Mo., Noy, 17.-Presldent Thoman L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, who controls 23 of the 60 Soclalist votes in the American Federation of Labor, in session here, is belag given credit today for the announcement by the Socialists that they will not oppose the re-election of Samuel Gomperl for the Federation presidency. <br> Heretofore it had been stated that Lewis would support the Socialista agalnst Gompers. His declaration tolay to the contrary is sald to have brought about the endorsement of the veteran leader by the Sociallsts. <br> No man had any right to expect any such support from me," sald Lewis. "I am free and not bound to any elique or clan or individual. If the Socialists nominate a man who is capable and willing to succeed Gompers, 1 might-support him, but that would depend entirely on what I thought of the man's personal qual-1 | When asked how he Hked Gompers, Lewls sald: <br> He is all right. Further than that I do not want to say anything at thls time. I would want to put it in writing. <br> "In two or three conventions there have been certain clans depending on my support of their candidates, basing their campaign on my sanction. They heard from me when the propoaitions came up for final settlement." <br> Lewls added that he was interested in getting an American Federation charter for the Western Sederation of Miners, and that he was in fayor of granting such charters. <br> A fight on the floor of the convention is expected when the proposed amalgamation of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America with the Amalgamated So- clety of Carpenters and Jofners is brought up for discussion. Members of the United Brotherhood charge the |  |
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