

### Gompers Pleads For For Better Beer For U. S. Workmen LIMITS LIBERTY.

13c For a Least 2.75 Per Cent Beer  
And Hopes For More.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Declaring that he opposes the whole 18th amendment as "a violation of the spirit of American freedom," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today told the House Judiciary Committee that the American workman must be given the right to drink beer.

Gompers was the first witness in hearings before the House Committee on various bills to modify the Volstead Act.

Gompers pleaded for liberalization of the enforcement law, declaring that only the return of a "warming and palatable drink" would bring content to the working classes.

"It is with a desire to avoid calamities that I propose modification," he declared. "The disclosure of recent Senate investigations shows where we are drifting."

"The Volstead Act has brought corruption in Government, discontent among the people, death and crime. It is vicious in every respect."

"Permitting the sale of 2.75 per cent beer would transform the people of the United States from a whiskey drinking to a beer drinking people."

Even in the first day the House and the beer bills had stolen the case from the senatorial investigation. A packed gallery greeted the speaker.

"The white ribbon" insignia of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was again in evidence at the Capitol for the first time in five years.

Women made up more than half of the audience and most of them were strict Volstead adherents. A small squadron of pro-beer women made up in applause for their slenderness.

It was a question from Senator Larsen, Minnesota, that brought from Gompers the statement that he disapproves the whole 18th amendment.

"I believe it a violation of the spirit of American freedom," Gompers said. "I want the best I can get. Suggestions of repeal of the amendment are impracticable and I don't propose to beat my head against a stone wall."

Mr. at Mount Allison University Wins Five Coveted Prizes

Mr. Samuel J. Murrey, of Creston, a student at Mount Allison University led his class in every subject in the examination held there recently. Out of a total of nine prizes awarded by the Department of Theology to students of the New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Conferences, five of these were captured by Mr. Murrey. The prizes were as follows:

1.—The Charles H. Paisley Bursary of the value of \$60.00 awarded for the highest standing in advanced New Testament Greek.

2.—The Russell Baskin Memorial prize of the value of \$50.00 for the highest standing in Religious Education.

3.—The John Seely prize of the value of \$20.00 for the highest standing in Church History.

4.—A special prize of the value of \$10.00 for highest standing in systematic Theology.

5.—A special prize of the value of \$10.00 for highest standing in English Bible (Prophecy).

Mr. Murrey is a probationer of the Newfoundland Methodist Conference and graduates next year in both Arts and Theology.

Keynotes of Speeches

SECRETARY HUGHES.

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GOV. SMITH.

"I have done absolutely nothing beyond the power of expression to lead the forces of my party in the next campaign."

"The man who would not have an ambition for that office (the Presidency) would have a dead heart."

"I stand in the position to-day to a higher one was not deserving that I stood in on the floor of the Constitutional Convention in 1915 when I said that the man who used nation, Facing heavy State work, one office and neglected it to climb to a higher one was not deserving of the one he had."

"I haven't got the means" and "I before Almighty God that neither they nor you will ever have any part in a Democratic platform, the only kind that ought to come out of a Democratic Convention."

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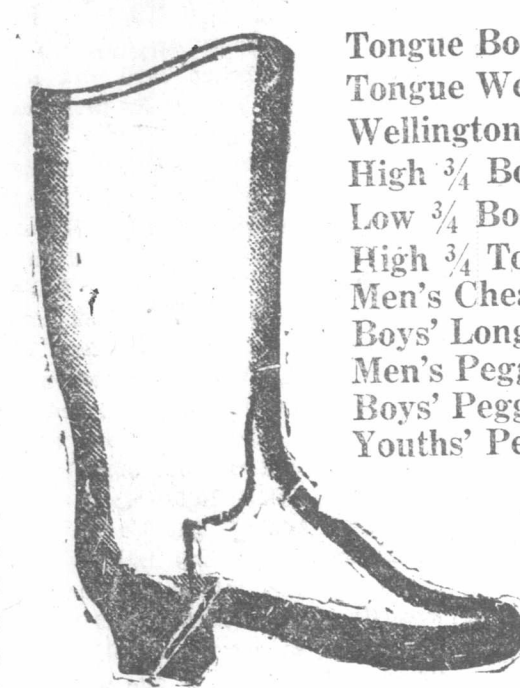
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#### Alleged Pirates' Alibi Challenged

Canadian Government Witness Claims He Saw Cass Aboard His Boat.

BOSTON, April 22.—Ray Cass, Somerville, boxing manager and alleged pirate, was seen on the alleged pirate motorboat K 12113 off Rockport breakwater and later off the Isles of Shoals the afternoon of August 20 last by Herbert L. Saunders, Gloucester fisherman, who as a rebuttal witness for the Canadian Government, gave sensational testimony before United States Commissioner Wheeler in the Federal Court here yesterday.

Two weeks ago Cass in his own defence set up what appeared to be a perfect alibi. Every minute of that day was covered and accounted for. Cass said he spent the entire day in Boston. He was followed by a half a dozen witnesses who corroborated his story. Saunders' testimony challenges all that.

Saunders testified that he had known Cass nearly all his life. On August 20 the witness, with his son and another man, were off Rockport breakwater in a motorboat and passed within 250 yards of K 12113. Cass was standing near the pilot house, said Saunders.

Saunders' son hailed the vessel with "Hello, Cass, you bootlegger," witness testified. He said Cass gave no sign of recognition and made no answer. The time was about 2.30 p.m. when Cass testified he, with others, was seated in the Athens Cafe on Washington Street.

The case was continued until next Thursday, when additional rebuttal witnesses will be put on the stand by the defence and final arguments will be heard.

#### Hobo Prisoners Go Through Fire to Save Six

TWELVE VAGRANTS, GOING TO WORK AS ROAD GANG, BECAME HEROES—GET \$2 EACH AND LIBERTY.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Twelve hobos strolled with the robins into La Grange a week ago. There wasn't anything in their pockets but hands. Policemen arrested the band as vagrants. They were handed picks and shovels to manœuvre the highways under police guard.

Yesterday they were marching past the La Grange sanitarium. Policeman Louis Hunsaker was riding ahead. Flames burst from the sanitarium. A shout went up. Picks and shovels were tossed to the pavement and the twelve bolted.

"Hey!" shouted Hunsaker, his hands instinctively going to the guns as twelve pairs of heels disappeared in the smoke that poured from the hospital door.

Flames were licking through the ceiling of the sterilizing room to the second floor when the prisoners entered. Groping their way through the smoke, they found and carried off five patients. They turned them over to the police and fire departments which had arrived with ambulances.

"Miss Samuels is still in there!" warned Dr. Edwin T. Secor, Superintendent of the Hospital, after a hurried check-up. "She's bedridden—on the second floor."

There was a pause. Flames were racing through the second floor. Suddenly John ("Happy") Weeks, a Negro, darted from the group of prisoners and vanished in the smoke. A few moments' wait and Weeks staggered out into the sunshine again, bearing in his arms Miss Sarah Samuels.

Hunsaker cheered. Chief of Police L. T. Matthews cheered and shook Week's hand.

"Turn 'em loose," said the Chief. At the City Hall the Chief gave them \$2 each and liberty.

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