

ARE SENTENCED FOR CONTEMPT

Terms in Prison Ordered for Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and F. Morrison

BUCK STOVE CASE CAUSE

Labor Organizations Protest and Ask President's Intervention

Washington, Dec. 23.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and one month for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today for contempt of court in violating an order enjoining them from placing on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" list the Buck Stove and Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo. All three of the defendants were in court when sentence was pronounced, and notice of an appeal to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia was at once filed. Mr. Gompers being released on \$5,000, Mr. Mitchell on \$4,000 and Mr. Morrison on \$3,000.

In addition to the wife and daughter of President Gompers, there were present also a large number of labor leaders and others who were attracted by the notice that a decision in the famous case would be announced today. "Mr. Gompers' family were visibly affected by the proceedings. Gompers handed the order of the court which condemned him to prison for a year. Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison seemed stunned, although Mitchell appeared to be the less concerned.

Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from labor organizations protesting against the country in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided. It was stated at the White House today, it was explained there that the President had not read the decision, and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. There was an intimation, however, that some action would be taken if it should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The various labor organizations in protesting against President's action are active in their efforts to prevent the incarceration of the labor leaders. The Illinois Mine Workers sent this telegram, signed by President John E. Walker. The vice-president, secretary-treasurer and members of the executive board:

"In the name of 75,000 mine workers in Illinois we desire to protest against the decision committing to penal servitude those great commoners and representatives of the American labor movement, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. These men may be guilty of a breach of the law, but a law that denies the use of a free press and full speech is a breach of the fundamental principles of our country. Such decisions create only enmity and class hatred. We respectfully solicit your influence to prevent the incarceration of these men."

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—James M. Beck, of New York, counsel for the Buck Stove Co., when informed of the decision in the labor case at Washington, while in Washington today, said: "This case ought to be the death knell of the boycott. If it is the most important decision in a labor controversy since the Debs case of 1905, from which it differs only in the fact that in the Debs case physical violence was used to paralyze interstate traffic, while in the Buck Stove case the industrious and far more dangerous method of a national boycott was employed."

Boston, Dec. 23.—First Vice-President James Duncan of the American Federation of Labor said tonight: "I am of the opinion that the pardoning power of the President could be used right away in causing the release of President Gompers. If President Gompers is compelled to spend the year's term in jail he will conduct the affairs of the Federation in the jail in which he is confined. The decision is the most unjust that I have ever heard of. Other local leaders, including President John E. Tobin, of the local and shoe workers' union, expressed similar disapproval of the decision.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—"I think you will find that Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison never saw their sentences," was the comment of Commissioner General of Immigration D. J. Keefe, former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the Longshoremen's Union, made regarding today's decision in the Buck Stove Company case.

President Roosevelt. "As an official representative of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court's decision in sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. I know of no law that has been violated by Gompers or Morrison in connection with the case in question and I am positive that Mitchell is absolutely innocent."

Toronto Nominations
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Municipal nominations were held in Toronto today. The nominations for mayor and board of control were made at noon, and the nominations for aldermen tonight.

Bonus System Works Well
Montreal, Dec. 23.—Since the close of navigation close upon \$50,000 has been paid out by the various shipping companies to 1600 longshoremen who qualified for the bonus, and who earned it by working well and regularly from the opening to the close of the season.

The development of the scheme has had an effect of doing away with all agitation on the wharves. Since the bonus system was introduced, after the conclusion of the strike in 1906, there has been no shortage of the navigation season. A few years back the last weeks of the seasons were very anxious times for shipowners and underwriters, but this season the situation would be possible to get ships discharged, loaded and away before the ice came.

Railways Purchase Vancouver Property
False Creek Frontage For the Great Northern and Northern Pacific

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—With the object of securing new territory facilities for one or more big transcontinental railroads, the biggest waterfront deal that has been put through in the city for many moons was partially closed today. That is the negotiation of the False Creek waterfront property to the value of \$550,000 was concluded, but the agent of the purchase, the N.P. Ry., is still looking for more waterfront in that locality, provided the price is right.

Quietly and unobtrusively, E. A. Howard, of Chicago, who is said to be purchasing agent for an American transcontinental line, came here today for a moment to make the deal. It had not been idle in the real estate purchasing line. Equally quiet and unobtrusively he has purchased lot after lot, and in some cases whole blocks of waterfront on the north side of False creek, above the Westminster avenue bridge, until when the last of the waterfront was purchased yesterday. Mr. Howard was able to deposit in the registry office the deeds for no fewer than ten blocks of waterfront property.

The property involved in this big deal comprises all that stretch of waterfront on the north side of the upper part of the creek, including the Healey avenue on the east and Boundary avenue on the west.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Immense Amount of Christmas Cheer to Be Distributed by Salvation Army

New York, Dec. 23.—A million and a half of men, women and children throughout the country, including 125,000 in Greater New York City alone, will be supplied with dinners, and upwards of 1,000 festive dinners. The Army headquarters in Brooklyn. Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after a long illness, said today that her idea, and that of the Army officials, was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether called "good" or "bad" characters. Among the donations received by Miss Booth in aid of the work of the Salvation Army is a large 17 room house valued at \$20,000 at Long Branch, N.J., which will be used as a refuge home for children. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who pretends to have her identity remain unknown.

Another acquisition of value to the Salvation Army is a home for young women, a site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building is soon to be erected at a cost of \$25,000, of which \$20,000 has been subscribed by residents of Los Angeles. It will replace the present structure, which has grown inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended.

GRAFT'S REIGN IN PITTSBURGH

The City Aghast at Exposures Made in Trial of Accused Councilmen

SAN FRANCISCO OUTDONE

Practically Whole Body of the Civic Rulers Are Declared Ready for Bribes

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Pittsburg was shaken from end to end today by thunderbolts of sensational testimony in connection with the newly disclosed municipal legislative scandal. The troubles of San Francisco are popularly declared to be far surpassed in the "grafting" necessitated only a few years ago by the developments today are mere preliminaries to subsequent steps against additional councilmen and business men.

The testimony offered in court today intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy to reach," and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and out of a mass of testimony came an apparent disclosure that a majority of the council had "been reached."

In the passage of one ordinance alone, it was testified that sixty councilmen had divided \$45,000. Sensations followed one another in rapid succession today during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officials arrested on charges of bribery and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first called for a hearing today. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who stated that the bank would be made a depository for the city's funds "if the German National bank would do as other banks have done." A witness further declared that after several conferences the bankers placed \$17,500 on a table in a room of the bank and that Councilman Klein and a companion entered the room and shortly thereafter left the bank. The money was gone.

At a meeting held in another local hotel, Klein, it was testified, told Wilson how hard it was to divide money among the councilmen. To illustrate his remarks, it was testified that Councilman Klein told of how \$45,000 had to be split between sixty councilmen.

This money was alleged to have been received in connection with the construction of the filter beds at the new filtration plant of the city. Councilman Klein, Mr. Wilson testified, said that the councilmen had different prices. Some councilmen, Klein told him, wanted \$100, some \$75, and some \$25, and still others \$5. According to Councilman Klein, Wilson related, the \$5 councilmen were known as "hoodlums" and were paid for their services in return for a suit of clothes or for street car tickets.

With the exception of Klein and Watson, all of the defendants immediately renewed their bonds for appearance for court trial and were released. In the aggregate the bonds amounted to \$118,000.

TORONTO BURGLAR

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Burglars last night got away with \$5,000 worth of furs from the premises of Wagner, Braister & Company, Bay street.

OLD CHURCH BURNED

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Roman Catholic church at Coteau du Lac, forty miles from Montreal, was destroyed by fire tonight. It was fifty years old and valued at \$60,000.

TO BE PARTY WHIP

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that Dr. McGuire is likely to be the party whip, in succession to Thomas Taylor, who has been appointed minister.

DIED ON STREET CAR

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Jeremiah Mullin, who was secretary to Hon. J. J. Gurney when the latter was collector-general for Canada, and was also secretary to Charles Fitzpatrick when Minister of Justice, died of heart failure while on a street car this morning.

THE POPE'S HEALTH

The Pope today received the Right Rev. Richard Scanzoni, of Ottawa, a private audience. All the customary recitations to the cardinal, the members of the diplomatic corps, the aristocracy and persons of the court, who are wont to come to the pope every year to present Christmas and New Year's greetings, have been suspended this year. This is partly because of the Pope's poor health, and partly because of the usual strength after his recent indisposition. The physicians of the Pope do not wish him to be subjected to unnecessary fatigues.

MARINE DEPARTMENT ENQUIRY IS CLOSED

Judge Cassels to Have Report Ready Before Opening of Session

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The inquiry into the marine department was concluded this afternoon. Mr. Justice Cassels has to have his report ready soon after parliament opens next month.

At this morning's session Mr. Watson, counsel for the government, delivered a number of papers referred to in the report of the civil service commission, but this official had no knowledge of any portions of the files having been destroyed or altered.

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AGAIN FRIENDLY WITH VENEZUELA

United States and Other Countries Gratified by Change of Government

NEGOTIATIONS NOW GO ON

Decree Aimed at Dutch Commerce Suspended by Acting President

Washington, Dec. 23.—After an interval of eight months, the United States has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela, and Wm. L. Buchanan has left this country on the cruiser North Carolina as a special commissioner to report upon the situation. This question whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the new government will depend largely upon Mr. Buchanan's report as to its ability to maintain a stable government, and to fulfill its obligations. It has not yet been fully established by the Gomez government that it will retain its powers without trouble for there still remain adherents of President Castro. A possibility that disorder may arise is indicated in a request for an American warship at La Guayra, to which the United States government promptly responded.

Secretary of State Root was pleased when he announced today that President Gomez wishes to settle all international questions. He has felt all along that the situation in Venezuela would work itself out if the Venezuelan government would be ready to recognize the fact that Mr. Root had referred to Gomez as president in his statement to the press last week. Some indication of the attitude of the government. It was explained that such a reference had been made in the communication which came to the department through the Brazilian officials.

It is expected that the Dutch warships will be withdrawn from Venezuela and that friendly diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela are resumed or a commissioner would be dispatched to Caracas, as in the case of the former president. The former president in March last by the Castro suspension of his powers.

One department official admitted that Mr. Fraser had extracted from the files a number of papers referred to in the report of the civil service commission, but this official had no knowledge of any portions of the files having been destroyed or altered.

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NEW MINISTER TAKES HIS OATH OF OFFICE

Both the Bye-Elections Will Be Held on 9th of January

Thomas Taylor, M.P.F., was sworn in as a member of the ministry at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The ceremony was held in the presence of the Premier taking the new minister up to the lieutenant governor's office where Mr. Taylor took the required oath of office. Mr. Taylor is expected to spend Christmas at home, and expects to be back in Victoria some time next week to take up his official duties.

Small Blaze in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Spontaneous combustion set fire to a desk in the rear of the Paterson Timber company's office, about noon today. A lot of papers in the desk were destroyed, but besides that no damage was done.

PAPKE AND KELLY IN RETURN MATCH

Another Bout Likely to Take Place Sometime Next Month

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Manager Long of the Jeffries Athletic club, this evening proposed a return match to Papke and Kelly for January 17, offering them 60 per cent of the gross receipts, to be divided as they may see fit. They are considering the offer. Kelly has had a terrible injury to his hand, which he is expected to look good to 20th.

PHOTOGRAPHY USED IN BRIBERY CASE

Flashlight Pictures of Pittsburg Councilman Reaching for Money

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—A flashlight photograph of a member of the council in the act of accepting money from a decoy promoter, it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented tomorrow morning, when seven members of the council and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts, brought by the "Citizens League."

In a downtown hotel last night, immediately before the council members were arrested. Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent of the Harding detective agency, of Stratton, Pa., who worked up the case. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to make a large payment to the city, and to have become very intimate with the councilman.

With other detectives concealed within hearing distance, the councilman alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name the other members who were to share in the bribe and to say that the members were tired of promises and wanted to see his real money.

It is reported that some of the bribery money was paid in checks, and that the stubs will be offered in evidence. It is practically admitted that a number of decoy contractors and promoters were introduced to trap councilmen, and that many temptations have been offered councilmen during the past month. In some quarters it is believed that Mayor Guthrie was back in the probe, having been an attorney for the Voters League some years ago. Attorney John Hershey, attorney for the Hebron Street Railway company, whose ordinance is mentioned in the charge against the councilmen, today denied receiving a letter from a councilman saying "Your ordinance is ready to pass. Come on and bring \$5,000 with you." Such a letter, it is said, is to be offered against the accused men.

Vijden Election

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The writ for the bye-election in Vijden made necessary by the death of Hon. J. H. Agnew, provincial treasurer, was issued today by the clerk of the executive council. The election will take place on January 9, with the nomination one week earlier.

Supposed Train Robber

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Geo. T. Frankhauser, believed to be the man who shot at the passenger train of the Oriental Limited train on the Great Northern railway near Rondo, Mont., on Sept. 9th, 1907, of about \$40,000, is now in the hands of the St. Paul police, having been captured by the police. He is expected to be released after a hearing today.

TERRORIZED BY NIGHT RIDERS

Remarkable State of Affairs in Reelfoot Lake District of Tennessee

THE LAW SET AT NAUGHT

Stories Told at Trial of Alleged Murderers of Lawyer Rankin

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson one witness this afternoon in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the court room without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several trials of the night riders, corroborating Fehringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an 18-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother's evidence.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another of the alleged night riders who has turned state's evidence. Russell testified that he was with the Rankin killing, and made a confession. He was trembling with fear, and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney-general told to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard. He fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehringer.

The eight defendants in the night riders' case were brought into court today handcuffed in pairs and with a detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers, with rifles halted at the courtroom door, and other soldiers armed with revolvers, met the prisoners at the threshold and escorted them to the bar.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He was the proprietor of the store near Reelfoot lake. He said the riders forced him to give them oil to pour on their lamps, and that they were Shaw said the night riders wore "mother hubbards" and black masks, and tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into the courtroom. The riders caught him and threatened to kill him, finally they gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told now he was not anxious to endorse either, but that if he had to make a choice, he would prefer the whipping. "After the riders whipped him they told him to jump in the water."

"Did you run?" enquired the court.

"You oughter have seen me," retorted the witness.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reelfoot lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days' money under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved, he observed that he was still alive. He added that his home was burned. Witness Leonard told of visitations by the riders, but there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murder of Captain Rankin.

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