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FARMERS AND LABOR OUGHT TO BE UNITED

Sam Gompers, Veteran Labor Leader, Declares This Must be Aim of A. F. of L.

FIRM AGAINST MORE WARSHIPS

Predicts Day When Disarmament Will be Based Upon Universal Agreement.

Denver, Colo., June 13.—President Samuel Gompers, addressing the opening session of the 91st annual convention of the American Federation of Labor here today declared, that the enemies of labor and the advocates of "the open shop" had failed to crush organized labor, and the ranks of the trades union movement held intact. Similar sentiments were expressed in the report of the executive council of the federation.

A year of progress was predicted for 1921, President Gompers declaring that "before the next snow falls we shall have passed the 5,000,000 mark in the American Federation of Labor."

Closer alliance and co-operation between the organized industrial workers and the farmers was urged by the veteran labor leader in "order that we shall not be crushed by the reaction of industrial captains or princes of finance."

Against Ship Bill.

The first official action of the convention was to adopt a resolution to be submitted to congress protesting against the Scott bill now pending, which it was alleged it would increase the length of the navigation season on the Great Lakes, reduce the number of skilled seamen employed on ships and increase the hours of labor. This action was proposed by delegates of the international seamen's union, who declared that the bill would eliminate provisions in the seamen's act and would increase the dangers incident to navigation.

The convention unanimously adopted a declaration of the executive council calling upon all local and international unions to aid the Pueblo flood sufferers.

Disarmament.

Urging world-wide disarmament in his address at the opening of the convention, President Gompers said: "I believe that the time will come, and we have earnestly striven, and we will continue to strive, for the time when there shall be total disarmament in all the countries of the world and that disarmament will be based upon universal agreement." He made an emphatic appeal to the workers to unite in opposition to the movement designed to create a department of public welfare.

"Under the pretense of trying to create the department of labor and the department of agriculture," he said, "No one can foretell where reaction leads.

"As a matter of fact, these are the only two departments in the government of the United States that represent at all the producers of the wealth of our country, and it is seriously proposed to destroy these two departments."

The labor leader urged the delegates to discuss the questions confronting the convention "with moderation, with interest, with intelligence, with intense feeling, always driving at the just point.

"While we love every human being," he added, "no matter where he may have been born, or where he now resides and will help as best we can, there is one principle from which I feel we cannot depart—'American first.' "

POWER PLANT UNDER WATER

Two Employees Had Narrow Escape When Flood Poured Into Engine Room.

Peterboro, Ont., June 13—Flooding of the Hydro-Electric Commission's Generating Plants at the Healey's Falls late Saturday night, resulted in practically all the hydro power being cut off in this city this morning. Two private concerns this afternoon came to the rescue and gave a partial supply of electric power. It may take a week or longer for the necessary repairs to be made at the Healey Falls plant for the service to be restored.

Dam Gave Way

The flooding was caused by the stop logs at the dam giving way. The dam burst, and the water poured through an open manhole and filled the building to the depth of four feet. Two employes, Richardson and Hoyle, were repairing a turbine at the time and were in imminent danger of being drowned. They jumped through a window into the raceway and swam ashore. The extent of the damage done to the machinery at the Healey Falls plant has not yet been ascertained.

CENTRAL VERMONT BONDS

Washington, June 13—The Central Vermont Railway Company has been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue $100,000 of refunding mortgage 5 per cent. gold bonds and to pledge them as collateral security for notes which it may hereafter issue.

COTTON WORKERS' STRIKE PAY NOW $2,000,000

Toronto and Montreal Raised $40,000 to Help the 177,000 Operatives Out of Shops.

Montreal, June 13.—The seven months' strike of the Amalgamated Cotton Workers of America in the United States and Canada cost $2,000,000 in strike pay, it was announced at the meeting of the executive of this union in the Windsor Hotel today. The money for the strike was raised by voluntary assessment, New York contributing $1,000,000; Chicago $750,000; Rochester $150,000; Montreal $25,000, and Toronto $15,000. None of the original funds of the organization were touched, it was announced. The number of union operatives affected was 177,000. The executive reported the strike had ended by the recognition of the union shop, but arbitration machinery was introduced and the union became responsible for the production standard of its members.

GENERAL GOMEZ, FAMOUS CUBAN LEADER, IS DEAD

From Palace to Prison Part of the Romantic Life of the War Veteran.

REBEL LEADER AND ISLAND'S PRESIDENT

For Many Years He Was One of the Chief Opponents of the Spaniards.

New York, June 13—General Jose M. Gomez, former president of Cuba, died today at the Hotel Plaza at 1.45. He had been ill for some time with pneumonia. Members of the family were at the bedside when the end came.

General Gomez, second president of Cuba, leader of the Liberal party, and popular army commander, led a life of many vicissitudes. From battlefields to quiet government and from palace to prison was his lot. The troubles of his island country were his own and he played a leading part in most of them.

"Jose Miguel," as his countrymen loved to call him, was one of the most active of Cubans in the political and military life of the repubic. He was extremely popular as revolutionary leader, general and finally as chief executive.

He was born in 1855 of a well-to-do Santa Clara province family. Most of his wealth was held in lands, much of which included sugar estates and cattle ranches.

CHURCH AGAINST MODERN DANCE

Plea for Modesty Made at Orillia Conference of the Methodist Church.

Orillia, Ont., June 13 — Making a "plea for modesty," the committee on evangelism and social service of the Toronto Methodist Conference, at today's session, brought in a resolution that specially condemned the modern dance.

A resolution commending Attorney-General W. T. Raney for law enforcement and for his stand on gambling was passed.

Against Tobacco

Among other resolutions passed was one asking the members of the Methodist Church to practice self-denial in relation to the use of tobacco as an example to boys. Another deplored the increasing number of application for divorce. A resolution on moving pictures characterized some pictures as "highly detrimental to the morals."

Increased Acreage In Alberta Province

Edmonton, Alta, June 13—An increase of nearly 200,000 acres in the 1921 grain area of Alberta is now estimated by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The total is put at 7,831,564 acres distributed as follows:—Wheat, 4,889,380, an increase of twenty per cent.; barley, 624,809, an increase of 30 per cent.; oats, 2,317,275 a decrease of 25 per cent.

MUST RAISE TAXES

Berlin, June 13—Minister of Economies Schmidt today informed the Imperial Economic Council that in order to meet the demands of the Allied Reparations Commission the German Government would be compelled to impose a turnover tax, increase the coal tax and create new monopolies. Even this, the minister added, would not suffice, and the government contemplated taking measures for its participation in the profits of private concerns.

FOUGHT TWO DAYS TO GET INSANE MAN

Farmer in Ontario Held Posse at Bay All That Time by Rifle Fire.

BARRICADES DOOR TO FAMILY HOME

Captured by Plucky Officer After the House Had Been Shot to Pieces.

Chatham, Ont., June 13.—The residents of Kentbridge were given a small taste of life in a war zone this afternoon, when High Constable George Peters of this city went out and made a determined and successful attempt to arrest Joe Smith, the demented farmer who has been threatening the lives of the people of that vicinity for some weeks. Mr. Peters and a posse of farmers tried to arrest Smith yesterday afternoon, but gave up the attempt when their quarry retreated to his house, which is situated on a small farm about three miles from Kentbridge, where he barricaded himself in and offered a strong resistance, keeping the officers at bay with rifle fire.

Posse Surrounds House.

A guard of at least twenty men surrounded the house all night to prevent Smith from making his way into an adjoining wood. Several times during the night Smith made sorties upon the watchers, driving them away with a rapid fire from his rifle, but he made no attempt to hide himself in the woods, preferring his own fireside in spite of the uncomfortable conditions.

This afternoon when Peters arrived on the scene with Henry Smith, Wilfred Peters, Joseph Wallace and Alex. McDonald as his assistants, Smith was still in the house, keeping up an intermittent fire on the watchers. Twenty rifles were secured, and the house was practically riddled with bullets, but Smith refused to come forth. Finally Peters directed all of the fire at his control to be directed on one end of the house and he made a dash for a window at the other end and entered. He saw Smith crouching in a corner of the room still using his rifle. Peters fired several shots with his revolver to confuse the hunted man, and suceeded in grabbing him and taking his rifle away from him. He was brought to this city, and is tonight in the jail. He will appear tomorrow on a charge of being a dangerous man to be at large, and probably placed in an asylum.

House Shot to Pieces.

During the whole of the firing no one was wounded. Smith is known as a crack shot, but the watchers were wary. The firing with the high-powered rifles was directed high in order to avoid hitting the man inside the house, which was a small log structure. And it was noticed afterwards that none of the bullets had penetrated both walls. The chimneys had been shot off the house, and not a single pane of glass remained. A large part of the roof itself had been removed and shattered by the rifle fire from the outside. When Smith was captured it was found that he had about 20 rounds of ammunition left, but at the time Peters made his rush it was believed that he possessed much more.

Blind School Has Fiftieth Anniversary

Woodstock Student is a Prize Winner at the Halifax School.

Halifax, N. S., June 13—Celebrations attending the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Halifax School for the Blind here tonight were especially marked by the singing of a jubilee chorus written for the occasion by Sir Frederick Palmer, principal, and J. Hollis Lindsay, musical director of the institution. Lieut. Governor Grant presented diplomas of graduation to eight students among whom were Patterson Williston, Bay Du Vin, N. B.

Among the prize winners was J. Wesley Gillespie, Woodstock, N. B.

TEN CENT STRAWBERRIES

Brantford, Ont., June 13—While the strawberry patch owners of this district would like to see some light but continued showers, to bring along the second crops, all reports from this district indicate a heavy yield, and home grown strawberries are now being offered here at 20 cents a box, wit ha heavy drop predicted for Saturday. Local dealers handling the berries predict that the maximum price when the ful crop comes on the market will be ten cents a box while they expect that at the peak they will be offered at three for a quarter.

FELL SIXTY FEET.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 13—Arthur Knight, 26, of Newfoundland, employed on the Chippawa power canal works, was fatally injured last night in the collapse of a scaler on which he was working. He fell sixty feet and never regained consciousness.

World News Today

CANADA

Henry Jones dies at Brookdale, N. S., at the age of 107 years.

Former Speaker Lowther is guest of the Canadian Club at Toronto.

Devon, N. B., school board would call a conference of all school bodies to consider demand of teachers for raise in salaries.

UNITED STATES

Five men charged with kidnapping Italian baby in New York held in $500,000 bail.

United States adopts by a five to one majority resolution to make peace with Central Empires.

Sam Gompers tells A. F. of L. that Labor and the Farmers must unite for self protection.

Boston compositors went on strike late yesterday and papers will be issued in small size today.

CUBA

General Gomez, famous Cuban patriot and first president, is dead.

EUROPE

Germans deliver to France one of their latest and best Zeppelins.

LOWTHER TELLS STRANGE TALES ABOUT SPEAKER

One Made a Reputation as a Consumer of Porter in "Pork Pie" Days.

FIRST SPEAKER WAS CRUSADER

Distinguished Visitor to Canada Had to Put Motion That Recited His "High Crimes."

Toronto, June 13—Rt. Hon. James W. Lowther, former Speaker of the British House of Commons, addressed the Canadian Club here today and received an exceptionally hearty welcome. "The speaker's chair" was Mr. Lowther's subject, which he dealt with as symbolic of the speakership itself. He remarked that the days of his own political activity were so remote that he had almost forgotten to what party he had once belonged.

In the old days, Mr. Lowther said, the speaker in the British House of Commons was recognized as the first commoner. That distinction, however, had passed to the prime ministers.

Historic Office

In the passage of time the speaker had ceased to be the servant of the monarch, spokesman for the House of Parliament, servant of the government and expotnent of party wishes. The office of speaker had become, in its development, judicial rather than controversial or partisan; his duty was to assure free liberty of discussion in all public matters—the safe foundation of democratic government.

Recalling some of his predecessors in the speaker's chair, Mr. Lowther referred to Thomas Hungerford, the first speaker, who took his seat in 1357, as a fighter of the crusades. Speaker Chaucer was a son of the famous poet. Sir Thomas Moore, speaker, died a martyr to his devotion to the liberties of the people.

Not All Angels

"All our speakers have not been angels of light," Mr. Lowther said. "There was one, whom I shall not name, who got himself into unsavory notoriety and was obliged himself to put the question that he (the speaker) had been guilty of high crime and misdemeanor, in which case it carried unanimously." Speaker Cornwall had been chiefly distinguished for his addiction to porter. In those days porter was served by Bohamy, who was also purveyor to parliament of delectable pork pies. "Historians have recorded," Mr. Lowther confided to the audience, "that William Peel's last words were: "Oh England, Oh My Country." As a matter of fact, what he said was "I believe I could eat one of Bellamy's pork pies."

Temple of Free Speech

The proceedure of parliament, Mr. Lowther continued, had changed with the times to meet difficulties as they had arisen. Parliament, he said, was the temple of free speech, of liberty, of discussion, within defined rules. "It is only by sound discussion and free speech," he said, "that we arrive at stability for the state. The best guarantee for the liberties of the House of Commons and sound administration of the country's affairs is fair and free discussion in the House, and to have that you must have an impartial speaker."

AIRMEN GET SMUGGLERS

Mexico City, June 13.—Mexican aviators patrolling the Rio Grande border are declared to be doing good work in the apprehension of smugglers, according to an official announcement. They are keeping up a rigid inspection from Piedras Negras to Matamoras. To date most of their captures have been persons bringing tobacco into Mexico.

NOW A JUDGE.

Ottawa, June 13.—Donald Mcclean, barrister, of Saskatoon, has been appointed a judge of the court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan, it was officially announced today.

AMERICA ENDS WARS AGAINST CENT. EUROPE

By Vote of Five to One—305 to 61—Porter Peace Resolution is Adopted.

TWO-DAY DEBATE NEVER CHANGES VOTE

Charge Made That Agreement Does Not Guard Property Rights of States.

Washington, June 13—By a vote of exactly five to one the House tonight passed the Porter resolution to terminate the state of war between the United States and the Central Powers.

As a substitute for the Knox resolution, already passed by the Senate, repealing the declaration of war, it was put through, 305 to 61, as a Republican measure with the loss of only one Republican vote—Kelly of Michigan. Forty nine Democrats joined in the landslide.

Rule Order Point Out

First throwing out a point of order a motion by Representative Flood, Democrat, Virginia, to send the resolution back to committee with instructions to report a substitute requesting the President to negotiate with the enemy countries for a treaty of peace, the House voted down, 264 to 112 another re-committing proposals relating to disarmament.

There was no debate on the latter motion, which provided for an amendment to the pending resolution reserving the right under the Treaty of Versailles to enter into "an agreement with Germany and her Allies and the powers associated with the United States in the war for joint disarmament."

Minority Crumbled

The effort of Democratic leadership to hold the party in line against the resolution failed, and the minority crumbled on roll-calls.

The crack of the gavel, ending the two solid days of debate, which leaders agreed had not changed one vote, brought a sigh of relief to weary members.

Mr. Kelly, who is chairman of the House conferees at work on the Naval Bill with its disarmament amendment, made a bitter attack on the resolution, declaring Congress would live to apologize for its act, which he described as making peace with a mere clasp of the hand, after the fashion of professional wrestlers.

Against U. S. Rights

The principal attack on the resolution was based by the Democrats on the ground that it did not properly protect United States rights and that the United States in attempting to negotiate a treaty with Germany and her Ally, would sit down with feet and hands tied and without being able to demand the rights won by war. Republicans held, however, that all rights were safeguarded.

Failure of the Senate to accept the House substitute will send the whole question of peace to conference.

MURDERER IS INSANE

New York, June 13 — Charles T. Davis, a wealthy Brooklyn manufacturer, charged with shooting to death a detective in his office last February, today was declared incurably insane and a menace to society by three physicians. The statements were made before Justice van Siclen in the Brooklyn Supreme Court .

Henry Jones Dead Aged 107 Years

For Sixty-Five Years He Was a Farmer at Brookdale, Nova Scotia.

Amherst, N. S., June 13—At the age of 107 years Henry Jones, Cumberland County's oldest citizen and possibly the oldest Nova Scotian, died this morning at the residence of his son, Charles, at Brookdale, N. S.

Until about a year ago, the late Mr. Jones had been in excellent health. Henry Jones was born April 6, 1814 at Amherst Point, N. S. He married early and took a farm at Brookdale where he lived with such probity and thrift for over 65 years that he was able to build up a considerable property as well as earn the respect and admiration of his neighbors.

Wife Aged Also

His wife died at the age of eighty-six, predeceasing her husband by nine years. For the past few months Mr. Jones has not been feeling as well as usual and has been confined to the house. Some weeks ago his house and barns were burned to the ground and he went to live with his son at a nearby farm. The shock of the fire is thought to have hastened his death. He is survived by a number of children—Mrs. Julia Bowes of Amherst, Mrs. Brown of Boston; Harry Jones of Philadelphia and Charles Jones of Brookdale.

NO WORD OF KRASSIN

Ottawa, Ont., June 13—Official word has not been received at Ottawa with regard to the reported coming to Canada of Leonid Krassin, the Russian Soviet trade minister. It is assumed here that he intends to negotiate business with individual firms and not with the government.

SINN FEIN SNIPERS BUSY IN BELFAST

Police Return Fire of Hidden Marksmen Until Motor Car is Brought to Give Aid

Belfast, June 13.—Notwithstanding the patrolling of the vicinity, rioting was renewed in the neighborhood of York street this forenoon. The Sinn Fein side had marksmen engaged in sniping virtually all the morning. When the police appeared within range they were fired upon. The police returned the fire, and later an armed car arrived in the district. Two persons were wounded and sent to hospitals. Throughout the afternoon the feeling in the district continued tense.

CLAIMS BRITAIN WANTED EMBARGO FOR WAR PERIOD

Hon. Duncan Marshall Declares the Rule Was for World War-Time Only.

CANADIAN HERDS IN GOOD HEALTH

British Market Attractive for the Western Producers of Fine Beef Animals.

London, June 13.—Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for Alberta, gave evidence at the cattle embargo enquiry today on behalf of the provincial legislature. He said the Alberta assembly was unanimously in favor of the removal of the embargo and that there was strong feeling among Canadian farmers on the subject. No promise could be more definite than that given at the conference of 1917 to the effect that the embargo would be raised at the end of the war, and it was i nhis opinion a breach of faith with Canada that this had not been done.

Why Embargo Imposed

The embargo was imposed because of pleuro-pneumonia, and as that disease had disappeared the embargo should be removed. The greatest care was taken in Canada over the health of the herds. If the British government chose to put a tariff on imported cattle it was not the business of Canada. British farmers' interests could be considered in fiscal policy just as those of Canadian farmers were consulted in a similar way.

Asked if Canadians expected that it would prove profitable to sell their cattle in Great Britain, witness replied that it would be more profitable than selling nowhere. It was foolish to suggest that Canada should guarantee a certain supply of cattle if the embargo were removed. aCttle would always go to the best market.

ZEPPELIN GIVEN UP BY GERMANS

One of the Biggest and Most Modern is Surrendered to France.

Versailles, June 13—The dirigible balion Nordstern, built in Germany, was delivered to France today under the stipulations of the Versailles peace treaty. The dirigible arrived at St. Cyr at 8.30 o'clock this evening. It is one of the largest Zeppelins ever built and only recently was completed on Lake Constance.

HARD TIMES IN RUSSIA.

Copenhagen, June 13—Latest reports via Helsingfors paint a dark picture of conditions in Russia, growing worse every day on account of lack of victuals. In every part of the country there is now revolting hunger and plundering of stocks belonging to the state, especially at Jarsolav and Nishni-Novogorod. At Saratow, Samara, great crowds are murdering and burning. In South Russian districts, the moderate Socialists are now coming to the front and the People's Commissaries are losing power. The Finnish trade delegation now returned, saw big stocks of goods ready for export, but impossible to get out as the railroads are occupied by military transport.

"SWAT THE FLY" COSTLY.

Pana, Ills., June 13—Facing depletion of its treasury through popularity of a swat-the-fly campaign, the Women's Club today announced the body could no longer pay a bounty of 10 cents promised to children for each 100 flies killed. The campaign was started on May 24 and to date 256,000 flies have been turned in.

GIRL GUIDES' RECEPTION.

Four hundred Girl Guides assembled recently at Government House, Ottawa, where they were addressed by Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR BAIL IN BABE CASE

Five Charged With Slaying Kidnapped Baby Held in $100,000 Bail Each.

GANG EXPECTED RICH TO PAY UP

Knew Italian Mother Was a Protege of Millionaire Families.

New York, June 13 — Five men charged with kidnapping five-year-old Giuseppe Varotta, whose body was found in the Hudson Saturday, today were held in bonds of $100,000 each, after the district attorney's office had tried to have them detained without bail.

Assistant District Attorney Sullivan told the court that immediate indictment of all five on a charge of first degree murder would be sought.

First Case of Kind

He declared this was the first case that had even come to the attention of the authorities where a band of blackmailers had carried out their threat to kill.

The police say that the kidnappers learned of the interest in Varott family of Mrs. A.J. Drexel Biddle and other wealthy persons, and believed they would pay the ransom money. Mrs. Biddle aided the family financially when a brother of the murdered boy was badly burned in an automobile accident several months ago.

African Chief In Court In London

Comes to Privy Council With Claim for 250 Acres of His Tribal Land.

London, June 13—A West African chief attended in state the meeting of the privy council and asserted his rights of ownership in 250 acres of land in Lagos, taken by the colonial government there for public purposes. His private secretary carried a staff sent by the Prince of Lagos to identify the appellant. On this staff was an inscription certifying that it had been presented to the prince's grandfather by the British government as a token of appreciation of assistance rendered the British in suppressing the slave trade and protecting missionaries. The appeal of the chief was adjourned.

Harvey And Sims In More Trouble

Senator Would Ask President What He Thinks of Ambassador's Pilgrim Day Speech.

Washingon, June 13—Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, introduced today a resolution requesting President Harding to inform the Senate whether "there is as much reason and justification for a reprimand or the recall of Ambassador George W. Harvey for his Pilgrim's Day speech of May 19, 1921, as for the reprimand or recall of Admiral Wm. S. Sims for his speech of June 7, 1921."

HALIFAX RUSSIAN JAILED

Halifax, N. S., June 13.—Three years in Dorchester penitentiary was the sentence given today in the police court to Bill Kenny, a Russian, who was convicted on a charge of "inflicting grievious bodily harm." On June 5, on a crowded city street, Kenny struck a fellow countryman Nick Melleneck, on the head with an axe. Melleneck, was able to appear in court today to give evidence against Kenny.

WIDOW'S BODY FOUND

Haileybury, June 13—The body of Mrs. Evelyn Murphy, a young widow who had been missing from here for nine days, was recovered from Lake Temiskaming this afternoon. Chief of Police Newton commenced dragging operations after he had received information to the effect that the woman had been seen to leave the home of Judge Hayward, where she was employed, late on the night of June 1, and after she had bade good-night to Charles Elpett, of New Liskeard.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Wm. Farnum in "If I Were King."

OPERA HOUSE — Margaret Ford, extraordinary singer; Al and Angie Knight; Victoria; other big features and Serial Drama, "Fighting Fate."

QUEEN SQUARE—Hope Hampton in "The Thief."

EMPRESS—An All British Production, "The Great Coup."

STAR—Alice Calhoun in Princess Jones Serial, "Phantom Foes."