

## GOMPERS PLAYS THE EMPLOYERS

Replying to Dynamite Case Critics, He Asks "What of Conspiracy of Organized Capital?"

BLOW TO ORGANIZED LABOR, HE ADMITS

But Says He Will Not Abandon Wrecked Union "at Mercy of Organized Capital."

Washington, Jan. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking today before the senate sub-committee on judiciary in favor of the Clayton anti-injunction and contempt bills, gave answer to criticisms aimed at the organization of workers which he had received because of the trial and conviction for dynamiting officers of the structural iron workers' union.

Labor but his own, and after a thorough scrutiny and investigation they were returned to him and now are at our office. Not a scintilla of evidence or suspicion of wrongdoing could be discovered; not a scintilla existed or exists."

The federation leader referred to a statement made by John Kirby, Jr., president of the National Manufacturers' association; William Burns, the detective who caused the arrest of the McNamara after the Los Angeles Times explosion; Harrison Grey Otis, editor of the Times, and others whom he characterized as "enemies" of organized labor.

## CHEMICAL BILL IS CONSIDERED

Proposed Revision of That Schedule the First Matter Before Ways and Means Committee.

WITNESS ADVOCATES EXPERT COMMISSION

Manufacturers' Representative Says Enactment of the Vetoed Schedule Would Be Ruinous.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Democratic revision of the tariff got a start today when the house ways and means committee began hearings which will be the basis of the new tariff bill of the next congress to repeal the Payne-Aldrich law. Today's hearing was on schedule "A," the chemical schedule. The committee plans to go down through the list, taking a new schedule every other day, until all have been covered. With the full membership of the committee sitting in the big hall in the house office building, the first hearing of a month-long series aiming at the preparation of a law to carry out the plan of an "immediate downward revision" and "tariff for revenue only" was begun.

## CARRIERS WIN IMPORTANT CASE

Supreme Court Declares Contracts Limiting Their Liabilities for Loss of Shipments are Legal.

ANNULS STATE LAWS VOIDING CONTRACTS

Low Rates in Consideration of Small Liability Not Violative of the Carmack Amendment.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Railroad and express companies won a revolutionary decision in the Supreme court today, when it was held that contracts limiting liability for loss of shipments were not subject to state laws, but to interstate laws. It was further held that contracts limiting liability to a small sum in return for a low rate were not in violation of the interstate commerce law, particularly the Carmack amendment. Scores upon scores of such contracts have been held void under state laws.

## MINNESOTA ACT DECLARED VOID

Reciprocal Demurrage Law Is Declared Unconstitutional By the United States Supreme Court.

STATUTES OF OTHER STATES AFFECTED

Federal Government Is Declared to Have Exclusive Right to Legislate on the Subject.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Minnesota reciprocal local demurrage law of 1907 was today annulled as unconstitutional by the Supreme court of the United States. The court held that the federal government had legislated on the subject and so taken away all power, if any existed, from the states to legislate on it as far as interstate commerce was concerned. Several states have similar laws.

## HOLDS "CORNER" LAW VIOLATION

MANY GATHERING FOR LEGISLATURE

Indications Are That Practically All Old Officers Will Be Re-Elected.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Owing to the illness of Judge M. P. Justice at his home in Rutherfordton, the Wake Superior court did not convene today. The judge is not seriously ill and expects to open court tomorrow.

Supreme Court Holds that if Patten et. al. "Cornered" Cotton They Violated Sherman Law.

SENDS CASE BACK TO NEW YORK FOR TRIAL

Guilt or Innocence of Defendants Not Passed on, but Important Principle Laid Down.

## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION MEASURE IS PRESENTED

Senator Bristow Proposes Regulating Concerns Doing Interstate Business.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Bristow of Kansas presented to the senate today a proposal for an industrial commission of seven members to take over the work of the bureau of corporations and exercise control over all persons, firms or corporations doing an interstate business with gross receipts of more than \$5,000,000 per year.

## JURY FOREMAN MENAGED, LEAVES FOR FLORIDA

Head of Panel Which Convicted Dynamiters Gets Threatening Letters.

Newcastle, Ind., Jan. 6.—Frank Dave, foreman of the jury which returned a verdict of guilty against the alleged dynamite conspirators, who have received two letters threatening his life, left today for Florida to spend the winter. His health has been impaired by worry over the letters and by long confinement during the trial.

## REJECTS THE PLAN OF UNION PACIFIC

Supreme Court Holds Proposed Stock Distribution Plan Doesn't Dissolve Merger.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Supreme court today held that the plan advanced by the Union Pacific attorneys for the disposition of the entire stock holding of the Union Pacific railroad company in the Southern Pacific company by transfer to the stockholders of the Union Pacific company would not so effectually end the Union Pacific merger as to comply with its dissolution decree.

## ARCHBOLD ON STAND

Climax of Impeachment Trial of Commerce Court Judge Reached With His Appearance.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The climax of the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archbold of the commerce court was reached when the senate court reconvened today prepared to hear the testimony of Judge Archbold himself and of Mrs. Archbold. The accused jurist had determined, after consultation with his attorneys, to take the stand to answer personally questions as to his relations with railroad officials and charges that he had used his judicial office to influence railroad deals with him in the Scranton, Pa. field.

## GIVES TAFT A MEDAL

The D'nal B'ith Presents the President With Token of Appreciation for Torky Denunciation

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Taft today added to his collection of decorations a gold medal presented to him for his championship of the Turkish cause in the recent diplomatic imbroglio with Russia, which resulted in the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with that country. The medal is the gift of the D'nal B'ith, the constitutional executive committee of which is meeting here.

## MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS THAT OF TAXATION

Legislator Devising Scheme to Equalize Taxation Will Be Hero of Session.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The most serious problem of the legislature will be the taxation question. The initiative, referendum and recall, freight rates and other matters may receive consideration, but the legislator who devises a scheme to equalize taxes and lessen the burden will be accounted the real hero of the 1913 session. It is admitted that North Carolina's system amounts practically to self-assessment and that as a result much property is never touched. West Virginia has the best taxing system of any of the states. It is said, but the corporations, oil wells, mines and other industries provide almost enough revenue to carry on the state's business, whereas in North Carolina this is not the case.

## Man not Improving, Says Wallace, Aged Scientist

No Betterment in Either Intellect or Morals in the Past 7000 Years, He Asserts, Despite the "Great Accumulation of Human Knowledge."

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## NEIL RENOMINATED LABOR COMMISSIONER

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 6.—President Taft today renominated Charles P. Neill to be commissioner of labor. Other nominations included: For postmaster, G. F. Rockhold, Dallas, Texas.

## HEISKELL APPOINTED TO SUCCEED DAVIS

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