

## Gompers And Mitchell Get Jail Sentence

Supreme Court Decides the Famous Buck Stove and Range Case Adversely to American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers Gets 12 Months; Vice President Mitchell 9 Months and Morrison 6 Months Origin of Case.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—The famous contempt case of the Buck's Stove and Range Company against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, was decided today by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, adversely to the Federation officials.

Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment. Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months.

The case grew out of alleged boycott of the company's products, and putting of the company on the "unfair list" and the Federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus, has attracted wide attention.

Justice Gould, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, issued an injunction which was later made permanent, forbidding the publication of the company's name in these lists.

President Gompers, in an editorial in "The Federationist" of last January, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunction issued was in violation of the rights of labor and an abuse of the injunctive power of the courts.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison subsequently were cited for contempt and this phase of the case has been before the court for many months, the proceedings taking the form of a hearing of testimony before an examiner and many arguments.

Released on Bail. Pending appeal to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, all three defendants were released on bail.

### "Whole Country Rose Against Castro"

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 23.—The foreign office here morning received advices from Caracas confirming the press report of the overthrow of President Castro.

"The whole country rose against Castro," the communication said.

The government of Juan Vicente Gomez has been greeted with much sympathy by native population and a large proportion of foreign residents.

A good impression has been created by the fact that Gomez already has taken steps to re-establish good relations with the powers and re-open navigation on Orinoco river.

Castro Very Sick. Cipriano Castro, dictator of Venezuela, deposed by his people and discredited by his government, is lying on a sick bed in Berlin in complete ignorance of the events at Caracas that have resulted in his downfall.

Member of the president's entourage said this morning Castro had received no news from home and did not know what had taken place.

### Trial of Night Riders.

By Associated Press. Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When William Russell self confessed night rider, was called for cross-examination in the night rider case a revolver protruded from his pocket, which was removed.

The defence elicited from the witness that after his arrest he was told by some men that he knew about the murder adding that they would not always be under guard, and they often punished him through the test. This testimony was not admitted.

## NIGHT RIDERS IDENTIFIED BY WOMAN

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses yesterday 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 visits of the riders, corroborated Fred Fehninger's testimony in many details by name at least 27 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.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider, who has turned state's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Ranken killing and made a confession. He was trembling with fear and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney general had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard, but says he fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions.

Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehninger, and corroborated it in every essential detail. Cross examination was deferred until Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Emma Jackson said the night riders came to her home, forced her to dress and accompany them to her father's with her husband and daughter. They ordered her to kill some dogs she owned, and burned her father's house. She identified Garrett Johnson as the leader. The riders came back two nights later, she declared, forced her to go to her father's with her husband, and there had been some talking done. They whipped her father and then her sisters. She said she again recognized Garrett Johnson and several others.

A third time they called to force her to get rid of her sister's little child because "her father had quarreled with another neighbor's child. They told Mrs. Jackson that if they had to come again they would whip her. A fourth time they came to whip her father, because he testified before the grand jury. On her last visit Garrett Johnson said the witness, asked her if she had talked she replied, "No, Mr. Johnson, I have not."

"If you were a man," Johnson retorted, "I'd blow your brains out. We will hang you if you talk."

Judge Shaw, a witness, said the night riders and their henchmen and black masks tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Judge Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into the town at night.

The riders caught him and threatened to kill him. Finally they gave him his choice of switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to undergo either, but if he had to make a choice he would prefer the whipping. He got it.

Shaw amused the court by his quaint answers to questions of counsel. After the riders whipped him they told him to run.

"Did you run?" inquired the court. "You ought have seen me," retorted the witness.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reel Foot Lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days to move under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved he was still alive, but his home was burned.

Witness after witness told of visitations by the riders and there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murder of Captain Ranken or his murderers.

One witness, Mrs. Leonard, when asked how many there were in the band which visited her, said: "About two hundred, I reckon. The woods were full of 'em."



"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!"

## MANY ATTEND TRIAL OF HIGH OFFICIALS

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Penn., Dec. 23.—When the seven councilmen and two former bankers, arrested in sensational manner, as the result of alleged corruption in the cities' legislative circles, were arraigned before police magistrate for preliminary hearing, a great crowd were gathered in the vicinity of the central police station.

The first case taken up was that of W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Viseack, former President and cashier of the German National Bank.

Both defendants were held for trial on charged of alleged conspiracy and bribery.

## ONE THOUSAND MADE HOMELESS BY A BIG FIRE

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless and one hundred thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed in a fire which burned out an entire block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth street, Brooklyn.

Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but they were rescued by the firemen and carried from their burning homes to places of safety.

## Steamer in Storm.

By Associated Press. Hull, England, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Parkwood, which arrived from Savannah and Norfolk, experienced severe weather and sustained considerable damage.

## Diplomatic Relations With Venezuela Resumed

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The resumption of American Diplomatic Relations with Venezuela is at hand.

The official communication has been received at the State Department expressing the wish of Vice President Gomez to settle satisfactorily all international questions between the United States and Venezuela and for presence of American warship at Lamauira. W. I. Buchanan has been appointed as special commissioner to represent the United States in any negotiations which may be had and is now aboard the cruiser North Carolina on her way to Venezuela.

## Looks Like Adams Will be Judge

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Republican circles here conceded the appointment of the United States judge, to succeed Purnell must go to State Chairman Spencer B. Adams, who has endorsement practically of the entire state party organization.

## Christmas For Needy Children

The following subscriptions have been handed The News for the purpose of making a better Christmas for needy children who would otherwise not be remembered by Santa Claus. A number of ladies are engaged in applying these funds to the buying of toys and necessities, which will be placed where they will do most good.

- Any further contributions may be sent in either this afternoon or tomorrow, and The News will see that they are properly used. In this joyous Christmastide, it is well to remember others who have not been as fortunate as we.
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| Dr. Zieker                   | \$ 1.00 |
| Unknown friend               | 5.00    |
| L. L. Ledwell                | 2.00    |
| L. L. Wheeler                | 1.00    |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Friend                       | 25      |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Friend                       | 25      |
| Friend                       | 25      |
| Friend                       | 11      |
| Tryon Drug Company           | 1.00    |
| Blitrie Shoe Store           | 50      |
| Hamilton-Martin Drug Co.     | 50      |
| Cabiness & Co.               | 50      |
| Cash                         | 50      |
| Gen. Restaurant              | 50      |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Jas. P. Stowe                | 1.00    |
| Stone & Barringer            | 1.00    |
| Gilmer-Moore Co.             | 50      |
| Friend                       | 25      |
| Friend                       | 25      |
| Cash                         | 5.00    |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Cash                         | 1.00    |
| Friend                       | 1.00    |
| Meyers Grocery Co.           | 2.00    |
| C. B. C. Co.                 | 1.00    |
| Cash                         | 50      |
| Cash                         | 1.00    |
| R. H. Field                  | 1.00    |
| New Grocery Co.              | 1.00    |
| Cash                         | 25      |
| Irwin-Graham Co.             | 1.00    |
| Dr. A. Fisher                | 1.00    |
| Cash                         | 70      |
| Cash                         | 58      |
| Cash                         | 25      |
| Cash                         | 25      |
| Cash                         | 50      |
| Hand Drug Co.                | 1.00    |
| Cash                         | 25      |
| Loring-Robbins Furniture Co. | 1.00    |
| Miss Lucy Oates              | 1.00    |

## OIL COMPANIES OUSTED FROM MISSOURI

By Associated Press. Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The supreme court of Missouri handed down a decision this morning, ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company from the state of Missouri, forbidding them ever again to do business in Missouri and dissolving the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis.

In addition each of the companies is fined \$50,000.

## Court's Findings.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The court finds that the companies conspired to regulate and fix prices to retail dealers, to control and limit trade in refined products of petroleum, and to mislead the public into the belief that they were separate corporations.

## MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL AT GREENSBORO

Special to the News. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—Dr. J. F. Barbanks, an optician who came here Sunday to open a business, was found dead in his room at the Benbow Hotel this morning, evidently a suicide.

The discovery was made by the effort to deliver a telegram announcing the death of his wife in a hospital at Durham this morning at 6 o'clock.

Barbanks lived here six years ago, coming from Massachusetts. After an unsuccessful attempt at suicide he left for Chicago where he said he had been and had married upon returning Sunday. Nothing is known of his people. Physicians say he evidently died almost the same hour that his wife did.

Death Due to Accident. The family physician said death undoubtedly due to accident by gas escaping from a gas stove.

Coopers Ask for Bail. By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—In the hearing on application for bail of the two Coopers and John D. Sharpe, charged with the killing of Senator Carmack, Patrolman Vaughan, who was on the scene immediately after the killing told of Carmack's pistol being handed to him with two empty shells which recently had been fired.

## Progress Made in Hains Trial

By Associated Press. Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Witnesses at the trial of Thornton J. Hains were Herman H. Kimmell, member of the Bayside Yacht Club who went to the boat immediately after the shooting.

John A. Clark, colored, sailing master of the yacht, who saw part of the tragedy, and Patrolman Baker, who arrested the Hains brothers.

Nothing sensational was brought out except Clark said he ate lunch with John Tinning, the missing boat man, in Manhattan four weeks ago. He gave Tinning's address to the counsel.

## Three States Buried in Blanket of Snow

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are buried in a blanket of snow from six inches to a foot in depth.

Woodmen Elect Rulers. An interesting meeting of White Oak Tent No. 2, Woodmen of the World, was held last night, the following officers being chosen: Past Council Commander—M. Kirschaum. Council Commander—W. R. Matthews. Advisor Lieutenant—N. Paul. Banker—R. K. Blair. Clerk—E. L. Keesler. Escort—E. D. Rieger. Watchman—C. E. Holton. Sentinel—C. S. Green. Physician—Dr. C. G. McManaway. Managers—John Van Landingham, P. M. Brown and Willis Brown.

## Why Don't You Win That Auto The News Gives

A STRONG PROGRAM.

Southern Textile Association Meets Here Dec. 26th.

The Southern Textile Association will meet in this city Dec. 26th. The following program has been arranged for it:

Morning Session—10 A. M. Meeting called to order by President J. A. Dean.

Address on "Earning Capacity of Mills" by E. A. Escott, secretary of Raleigh and Neuse River Cotton Mills. Address by B. C. Cottrell, of G. M. Parks Company, on "Value of Humidification."

Discussion of practical subjects by members.

Afternoon Session—3 P. M. Address on "Lower Tariff," by W. S. Lee, Jr., of Southern Power Company.

Address on "Foreign Methods of Utilizing Waste," by W. A. Graham Clark, special agent of Department of Labor and Commerce.

Discussion of practical subjects by members.

Business meeting.

BIG CROWD HERE.

Hundreds of People Throng the Streets After a Rainy Day.

Unwilling to risk the chances of another rainy day before Christmas, for the only day remaining is tomorrow, hundreds and hundreds of late shoppers crowded the streets and stores today. The crowd was the largest of any day, except Saturday, since the rush started.

Shut up in their homes for two days on account of disagreeable weather everybody was anxious to get out again and do what shopping they had to do. There was an unusually large number of people from the country in town.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Two More Issued Today—Mr. J. P. Hunter's Son to Wed Miss Sherrill.

Two marriage licenses were issued today by Register of Deeds W. M. Moore one to Mr. Harvey Beatty and Miss Kate Head and the other to Mr. L. P. Hunter and Miss Margaret Sherrill.

The marriage of Mr. Beatty and Miss Head will be solemnized in Charlotte tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Beatty is the son of Mr. M. L. Beatty, of Croft. His bride-elect is from Huntersville.

Mr. Hunter and Miss Sherrill will be married tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Nancy Sherrill, near Derita. Mr. Hunter is the son of "Square" John P. Hunter, who lives near Croft.

POP STILES.

Mayor Franklin Permits Their Use From 8 p. m. Christmas Eve.

Chief Christenburger phoned to the News office this afternoon to say that Mayor Franklin had decided to allow the boys to begin to play with their pop sticks to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The pop stick carnival may last through Christmas day.

Musical at Mrs. Simmons Jones.

The musical entertainment for the benefit of the poor children of the city, which is to be given at Mrs. Simmons Jones' residence in Ransom Place tonight, would not be forgotten. Prof. J. H. Craighill has arranged a delightful program. Among those who will participate is Miss Minnie Bebe, of Easton, Md., who is the guest of the Misses Jones. A silver offering will be taken and turned over to The News' Christmas fund for the poor children.

Municipal Banquet Liquor a Mystery.

That Solicitor Clarkson is trying to find out who got the liquor for the municipal convention banquet is evident from the fact that he had Alderman G. G. Scott haled before the grand jury. The question was asked: Mr. Scott and his reply was that he knew nothing whatever about it.

Christmas for Crittenton Home.

The board of managers of the Crittenton Home asks that the public not forget them during the Christmas holidays. In the home now are nine adults an eight children and all such articles as are serviceable are desired and will be appreciated.

Dry Xmas for the Old Dominion.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23.—As a result of the operation of the far-famed and much-discussed "Byrd law," Virginia is to enjoy its first "dry" Christmas this year. The holiday will be observed throughout the state for the first time in history with the same rigid abstemiousness as characterizes Sunday.

At midnight tomorrow night the saloons everywhere will cease to dispense their wares. The law requires that the blinds shall be thrown open so that the passers-by may see that no business is being done within.

As a result of the new laws and their strict enforcement the liquor traffic, it is believed, will show a material falling off in Virginia for the year 1908. An even greater decrease is anticipated for the coming year.

Lynchburg and several other large cities have recently voted out the saloons and the number of "dry" cities and towns will probably be increased as the result of local option elections to be held in the near future.

How to cure utes in News' Great Contest.

In addition to the ballots published daily in The News, votes may be secured by turning in paid-in-advance subscriptions, which will entitle a candidate to votes according to the following schedules:

Old Subscribers.

\$5.00, One Year	5,000 votes
\$2.50, Six Months	2,000 votes
\$1.50, Three Months	1,000 votes
\$1.00, Ten Weeks	600 votes
\$1.00, Two Years	15,000 votes
\$1.00, One Year, Times Democrat	600 votes
\$2.00, Two Years, Times-Democrat	1,500 votes

New subscribers will be entitled to double the above number of votes.

Awarding of Prizes.

First Grand Prize.—The candidate securing the greatest number of votes in the entire contest, regardless of district, will be awarded the first (Continued on page 3)

## Burnham Found Dead In Bed

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, was found dead in bed in his home this morning, gas poisoning.

The police say death was due to suicide.