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## FIRE BEHIND MR. GOMPERS

### Labor Leader Will be Made a Target

#### TO SEND NEGRO SPELL BINDERS.

Negro Vote in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas and Other States Will Be Looked After—Offices to Be Opened in New York.

By Wire to The Sun.

When the national republican organization is in complete working order for the presidential campaign, two of its most important component parts will be a labor bureau and a negro bureau.

Secretary Taft, having lucidly defined his position with respect to anti-injunction in his speech in Cincinnati, leaves no doubt as to the character of the campaign which the labor bureau will conduct. Necesarily, Mr. Gompers will be made a target, inasmuch as he has, in his official capacity, openly associated himself with the democratic cause, and no pains will be spared to explain to all republican trades unicists that the head of the American Federation is now and always has been a member of the democratic party. If the work of the labor bureau is done in accordance with present expectations, brush fires will constantly be started behind Mr. Gompers and an organized revolt instituted against him in the federation, which will be designed to menace his re-election to his present office. In fact, a rebellion against him already has begun in Philadelphia and New York among bodies affiliated with the national organization.

Some of the best negro orators and spellbinders in the country will be put on the stump by the negro bureau, and their eloquence will be heard in such states as Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky, Kansas, and other localities where the negro is a palpable factor at elections. The republican managers do not apprehend a heavy disaffection on the part of the negro from their ticket, but there have been sufficient indications to convince them that some ardent and sagacious work must be done to prevent a material loss among this class of voters. The negro feature of the campaign promises to be of an entertaining and even spectacular character, as may be imagined by what already has happened right here in Washington, where the Baptist ministerial conference issued a fulmination against the philippine delivered last Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Waldron, a preacher of that denomination, and president of the Negro American Political League.

Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the republican national committee, arrived in Washington yesterday to attend to some business at headquarters here, preparatory to going to New York to open up the headquarters there on August 1.

When the chairman was asked last evening about carrying the fight into the solid south, he said the committee would not neglect that section but did not forecast the result of its work.

The quadrennial crop of southern prophets already has made its appearance, and diagrams of how states which have always gone democratic can be carried for Taft are being produced. They are the same old diagrams, offered by the same old prophets, or the sons of former prophets. They show how, by the plentiful expenditure of cash, their states will turn their backs on Bryan, and trample upon time honored traditions by delivering their electoral vote to the republican nominee.

Experienced republican politicians, who have been up against the southern game, are no longer attracted by the allurements put in their way by southern leaders. The time was when in their innocence they followed the will-o'-the-wisp into that region. Even Mark Hanna, admitted to be the greatest political chieftain of his time, was indeed to make a serious effort to carry two or three southern states, chief among them Georgia.

Chairman Hitchcock will continue his series of conferences with state republican leaders when he goes east.

He announced last evening that he would summon the chairman and secretaries of the state committees of New England, also the national committeemen, for a conference, either in New York or Boston, similar to those he held at Colorado Springs and Chicago, early next month. He is firm in the conviction that these meetings are of material benefit, both to the state leaders and to himself, for the politicians of one state can learn much from those of another state who are more up to date in their methods and exercise a higher degree of skill in the matter of organization.

Most of the work thus far done by the chairman has necessarily been of a preparatory nature, and for this reason he is not ready to enter into a discussion of conditions in any particular state. He believes Secretary Taft will be elected, but beyond this he will not talk at this time.

#### RAID ON MOONSHINE PLANT.

Revenue Officers Destroy a Still Near Durham.

By Wire to The Sun.

Durham, July 31.—Revenue officers returned from a raid that was a success in landing a moonshine plant on one side of the town and in getting a prisoner on the other. The distillery captured was about nine miles southeast of Durham. It was found running in full blast and being looked after by two negroes. They made their escape by running as soon as the officers came in sight. The officers then cut up the still and other fixtures, cut down some ten or twelve fermenters and poured out about 600 gallons of beer. The still was of 75 gallon capacity.

John Harris, colored, is under arrest on the charge of blockading. He was arrested by United States Commissioner Moyer and Deputy King and is in jail. About two weeks ago revenue officers raided and captured two moonshine plants west of the city, within three miles of the city limits, but the blockaders escaped. Harris is now arrested as one of the blockaders and the government believes that there is a strong case against him. He was given preliminary hearing today.

#### TORPEDO NETS A SUCCESS.

Secret Tests of New Steel Mesh Made By Little War Vessels.

By Wire to The Sun.

Newport, R. I., July 31.—Important secret tests were made at Coddington Cove and in Buzzards Bay today with the new torpedo nets, a steel mesh, which is supposed to be able to withstand the shock of torpedoes fired at close range.

In Coddington Cove the torpedo boats fire ranges and different speeds at the nets, placed above water, while at Buzzards Bay the tests were made by firing the torpedoes under water, the second submarine flotilla being engaged in the experiments. It was said, unofficially, that the tests were satisfactory.

The nets are designed to be placed about armored cruisers and torpedo boats for protection in time of war against torpedo attack.

#### YOUNG SEAMAN WINS MEDAL.

Captures Trenchard Trophy for Marksman from 600 Competitors.

By Cable to The Sun.

Newport, R. I., July 31.—The gold medal offered by the Admiral Trenchard section of the Navy League of New York, as a marksman prize for apprentice seamen at the naval training station here, was awarded today to Apprentice H. H. Swafford, he having made a score of 432 out of a possible 500.

Six hundred apprentices participated in the contest, but Swafford kept a safe distance ahead of all of his many opponents. The winner is but 18 years old, and enlisted in the navy at Fort Worth, Tex., on July 11.

#### STRUCK ON THE HEAD BY CAR.

Jump Across Track May Cost Carriage Manufacturer His Life.

Norfolk, Va., July 31.—Dennis Sullivan, a carriage manufacturer of Portsmouth, Va., met with an accident near Ocean View last night which will probably cost his life.

Jumping across the track ahead of a rapidly moving trolley car, he fell back from an embankment, striking his head against the car and fracturing his skull. He was picked up unconscious, and physicians do not expect him to live.

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## MINE OUTRAGE IN ALABAMA

### Non Union Miners House Blown up

#### FAMILY THROWN FROM BED.

Prominent Citizens Hold Indignation Meeting—Threaten to Make Union Men Move Out of Their Houses—May Declare Martial Law.

By Wire to The Sun.

Emsley, Ala., July 31.—The last mine outrage to occur was the blowing up of a house belonging to George Banks, colored, a non union miner. His wife and children were thrown from their beds and the house was ruined.

Banks was prosperous and respected negro.

A number of prominent citizens held an impromptu indignation meeting today and threaten to make the union miners vacate their houses here.

Martial law seems to be imminent.

Birmingham, Ala., July 31.—Sheriff Higdon stated today that he does not think the conditions in the mining districts warrants Governor Comer to declare martial law, though such request is likely.

Alarming reports, not authentic, come in of a battle at Jefferson. One report says twelve new graves are in the vicinity of the battle.

#### DEATH BATTLE WITH MINERS.

Non Union Man Returned Fire of Strikers Until He Is Shot Down.

By Wire to The Sun.

Birmingham, Ala., July 31.—Lige Nelms, a non union miner at the Pratt mines, was fired on late last afternoon as he was going to work. He answered the fire until he dropped dead in his tracks. Deputies and others who rushed to the scene found E. Miller, a union miner, seriously wounded and another union miner shot in the head. A posse is looking for more men.

The strike zone in the Alabama mining district is greatly worked up tonight and killings promise to be promiscuous. The sheriff is sending out more deputies rounding up miners, while the military is ready to move at a moment's notice. Supt. Faulk, at the Arcadia mines, shot last night, is recovering.

#### LOCOMOTIVE KILLS MUTE.

Teacher of Deaf and Blind Run Over After Welcoming Relatives.

By Wire to The Sun.

Romney, W. Va., July 31.—H. Chidester, active at 80, a mute and teacher in the West Virginia Institute for the deaf and blind, was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger engine backing over him on the "Y."

He met some relatives from Virginia and Baltimore, one a niece whom he had not seen for 40 years, and after placing them in a carriage, insisted upon walking. They drove on and he started behind. He was passing over the "Y" when the tender backed over him, killing him instantly.

#### MR. E. P. WHARTON RESIGNS.

Leaves Southern Life and Trust Company to Devote His Time to Banking.

By Wire to The Sun.

Greensboro, N. C., July 31.—Much interest in business circles attaches to the resignation of Mr. E. P. Wharton as president of the Southern Life and Trust Company, a position he has occupied since the formation of the company. He retires in order to devote his entire attention to the American Exchange Bank, of which he is president, and other business enterprises with which he is connected. Mr. A. W. McAllister, formerly vice president, becomes president of the Southern Life and Trust Company. He is succeeded as vice president by Mr. A. M. Scales, who has purchased Mr. Wharton's interest in the corporation. The Southern Life and Trust Company conducts a life insurance and a trust business.

Mr. McAllister will remain at the head of the life insurance branch and the trust department will continue under the control of Mr. Scales.

#### GO AHEAD IN OIL CASE.

Bonaparte Says Reargument Will Be Asked for Soon.

Lenox, Mass., July 31.—After an all day conference of the leading government prosecuting officers and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, one of the special counsel for the government in certain civil suits, it was announced by Attorney General Bonaparte that every effort would be made to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and that an application for a reargument of the case and a motion for a modification of the opinion would be submitted to that court.

Although no time is fixed, this action by the government will be taken at the earliest possible moment, while the pending prosecution against the Standard Oil Company and all other prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates is charged will be pressed to trial. The decision to take this action was unanimous on the part of the five men who participated in the conference.

Attorney General Bonaparte called to the conference Solicitor General H. M. Hoyt, of Washington; Edwin M. Sims, of Chicago, United States district attorney for the Northern district of Illinois; James H. Wilkerson, of Chicago, Mr. Sims' first assistant and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota. The conference ended with the giving out of the following statement by Attorney General Bonaparte:

"The government will make every effort in its power to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the circuit court of appeals for the Seventh circuit court in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, either by the court of appeals itself, or if necessary, by the Supreme Court of the United States. The gentlemen who have been in consultation with me all unite in my opinion that, in the interest of the impartial and effective administration of our laws such action on the part of the government is imperative demanded by the circumstances of the case and the possible consequence if this opinion should stand as authority without question by the government.

"To this end an application for a reargument of the case and a motion for a modification of the opinion will be submitted to the circuit court of appeals in behalf of the United States at the earliest possible moment. Other appropriate steps will be taken afterward, their character to be determined by the court's action upon this application.

"The pending prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates or offenses of like character are charged will be pressed to trial and judgment by the government with all possible energy and as promptly as may be practicable.

"In the view of the government's legal advisers the reversal of the judgment in the case recently decided in no way affects the merits of that controversy or the necessity and duty of bringing to punishment if possible in this and any other cases any individual or corporation shown to have evaded or defied the laws."

In discussing the various aspects of the case, Attorney General Bonaparte took occasion to refer to the report published in certain newspapers to the effect that W. Parmelee Prentice, the son in law of John D. Rockefeller, had given, or was to give a dinner to the Attorney General, Mr. Rockefeller and Judge Grosscup. Mr. Bonaparte said in this connection:

"I have not the pleasure of Mr. Prentice's acquaintance. I did not know that Judge Grosscup was here until after he had left, and the dinner is entirely a figment of a lively imagination."

#### New President for College.

By Wire to The Sun.

Columbia, July 31.—The trustees of the Newberry College (Lutheran) this afternoon elected Rev. John Henry Harms, a native of Savannah, Ga., as president. He is 32 years old and was pastor of a Tabernacle church in Harrisburg, Pa.

Washout at Kinston.

By Wire to The Sun.

Kinston, N. C., July 31.—Rain fell in torrents for 48 hours causing a washout on the Norfolk and Southern and several on Kinston and Snow Hill road. No trains running this afternoon on either road.

## WORST STORM IN 30 YEARS

### Another Storm Moving For Hong Kong

#### DEVASTATES LARGE TERRITORY

Ten Thousand Mortality—Floating Bodies a Menace to Public Health—Communication Cut Off—Wires Are All Down.

By Cable to The Sun.

Hong Kong, July 31.—Another typhoon is reported moving towards Hong Kong and the inhabitants are preparing for the worst.

Forty junks are ashore at this port. Canton was the heaviest suffered. Hundreds of junks being destroyed.

The mortality on the Pearl river is fully ten thousand.

Floating bodies are a menace to the public health.

Wires are all down and details are coming in very slow.

#### DREW CASE ENDS.

Jury Renders Verdict With a Peculiar Wording.

By Wire to The Sun.

Troy, N. Y., July 31.—Coroner Strope who ended the inquest into the tragic death of Hazel Drew, the victim of the Teal Pond mystery, made public his verdict today.

He finds death due to a blow on the back of the head inflicted with blunt instrument in some manner unknown.

The peculiar wording of the verdict causes dissatisfaction. It is felt that the verdict gives officers excuse to drop further investigation.

It is the general belief that the wound was not self inflicted.

The authorities have given up the chase for the murderer and the Drew case may always be a mystery.

#### MR. GILL'S DEBUT.

All Around Sportsman Wins Laurels in New Fields.

Baltimore, July 31.—Ernest A. Gill, sportsman, and particularly a lover of speedy and dangerous sport, proved conclusively yesterday, all former scoffers notwithstanding, that he is no mollycoddle, nincompoop or anything else that has milk and ice water in its veins, by taking the dare of his cousin, Howard W. Gill, ascending from Electric Park in a balloon and sailing 125 miles to Night's farm, four miles west of Hagerstown, in the good time of a 3 hours and 55 minutes.

Just what Ernest Gill thinks of Howard Gill, who owns the balloon and arranged the trip but who was not there when the time for flight arrived, could not be learned by wireless from Ernest. And just what Mr. Howard thinks of his cousin's successful flight cannot be learned, because no one seems to know definitely just where the "was-to-be" aeronaut was last night.

One thing known positively is that Ernest Gill made the successful trip and that although nothing was heard from him to the contrary, Howard Gill who was expected to sail up to the moment of ascension, failed to appear.

It is also known that Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gill, mother of Ernest Gill, have promised to scold Mr. Howard when he does show up. Time may heal the breach. Maybe Mr. Howard explanation will be plausible and he may scold Mr. Ernest for taking his big gas bag and speeding it through the clouds without his permission.

Accompanying the successful amateur were Lincoln Beachey, the airship navigator, who recently sailed over the city from Electric Park, and his brother, Hillary Beachey, to whom sailing in cloudland is no novelty. The trip was as successful as it possibly could have been, barring the non appearance of Mr. Howard Gill.

Not minding a little thing like a cloud the big pushed its nose into it, and it is to be supposed Mr. Ernest

being new to such things got a grip on something. But, nevertheless, he was professional enough by 2:15 o'clock to write a note to his parents saying that Lincoln was at the valve. Hillary was at the helm and that Ernest was "enjoying the scenery