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## Cannot Aid Mr. Gompers

PRESIDENT'S HANDS TIED.

Appeals of the Labor Leaders Continue Their Case Before the Court and the President Has no Power to Assist Them—Has Asked the Department of Justice to Keep Him in Touch With the Case so That in the Event of a Settlement He Can Take Action.

Washington, Dec. 26.—In an official statement issued at the White House to-day in regard to presidential interference in the cases of President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, now under sentence for contempt of court, attention is called to the fact that the cases are still before the courts and no matter what the President's opinion as to the merits of the cases.

The text of the statement follows: "Various appeals have been made to the President to interfere by pardons in the case of Mr. Gompers and his associates. Those making the appeals are unaware of the fact that the matter is still before the courts. It is a civil suit between private parties and there has been no way by which the government could have interfered even if it had desired to do so. Whether the President does or does not think the sentence of Mr. Gompers and his associates excessive is not at present of consequence because he cannot take any action or exercise any opinions while the case is pending before the court. When the decision is made then the President can promptly consider whether the terms of imprisonment are excessive or improper.

"But it is of course, impossible for the President to act while an appeal is pending, for he has nothing whatever to act about. The courts must finish with the case first and the defendants are at the present moment liberty on bail. If the defendants see fit to abandon their appeal the matter then, of course, be brought before the executive, in which case it will receive immediate and most careful consideration. But the defendant has a perfect right to prosecute their appeal, and if unsuccessful as long as they are prosecuting an appeal the President has nothing to do with the matter.

"The President has already instructed the Department of Justice to keep him fully informed as to the progress of the case so that in the event of its becoming proper for him to act he may have at his disposal all of the facts which will enable him to decide whether there was justification for some punishment, whether the sentence is or is not altogether too severe. But at the present the President has no more to do with the case of the \$25,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard Oil Company, which is also on appeal and concerning which the President has also been repeatedly asked to interfere by well meaning persons who did not know that he could not interfere while the matter was still before the courts on appeal.

### Was She to Blame.

"Was She to Blame," at the opera house, one big night, Saturday, January 2, 1909.

Itching piles provoke profanity, but profanity won't cure them. Doan's Ointment cures itching, bleeding protruding piles after years of suffering. At any drug store.

Mr. Wm. Westmoreland, the liveryman has issued one of the most beautiful calendars seen in the city in a long time.

Mother do you hear that rattling in your babies throat? Put a little Mothers' Joy on it and stop it at once.

## RUNAWAY HORSE LEAPS OVER TWO CHILDREN.

Intelligent Animal Takes Care not to Harm Youngsters, but a Man is Injured.

New York, December 25.—Matthew Smith, a liveryman of No. 241 East Twentieth street, has a bay horse that is as intelligent as it is mettlesome. Last night the horse, frightened in his stable, bolted through the door and ran east in East Twentieth street.

Several children out coasting fled to the sidewalk and several men tried to stop the runaway. Their attempts proved futile because there was no harness, the horse to seize.

At first Avenue, two little girls, both under seven, stood directly in the animal's path, paralyzed with fear. Several persons shouted to them as Policemen Hearn and Cahill vainly tried to grasp the horse by its name. It did not swerve a foot, but just before reaching the children it leaped into the air and cleared their heads with the ease and grace of a hunter taking a hurdle. Persons who had turned their heads away in horror heard a cheer and could scarcely believe their eyes when they saw the children unharmed and the horse continuing on its way.

The animal was not stopped without an accident. It ran into an ash cart a Avenue A and knocked Michael Callahan, an employee of the Street Cleaning Department, from his seat with such force that he was taken to Bellevue Hospital, suffering from contusions and internal injuries. The horse was none the worse for its steeplechase.

### PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. H. W. Courtney of Lenoir, was in the city Friday.

Mr. P. M. McNeely of Mooresville, was in the city Friday.

Mr. T. J. Dotson of Mocksville, visited friends here Friday.

Mr. Ollie Owen of Gibsonville, N. C., was a Statesville visitor Friday.

Miss Annie Sizer of Charlotte, is visiting Miss Annie Alexander on Front street.

Mr. Hazel Pharr of Charlotte spent Xmas at the home of Mr. W. H. Crawford near town.

Miss Flora Taylor of Charlotte, spent Xmas at the home of Mr. J. C. Dunlap in Bethany township.

Mr. A. G. Foard of Lenoir visited at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foard's Friday, returning home Saturday.

Mr. F. L. Page of Greensboro, came up Thursday night, and spent Friday with his wife at Mr. D. A. Miller's home.

Misses Edith and Noua Conger of the Sunderland school at Concord are at the home of their father, Mr. T. J. Conger for the holidays.

Messrs. J. E. Nichols of Marion, Chas. E. Platt of Charlotte, Jno. T. Walston of Asheville and F. Allen Holt of Oak Ridge were at the Iredell yesterday.

### Negro Located.

It is reported that the negro who so severely shot up Policeman Goforth at Newton some months ago has been located at some town in Kentucky.

The Mascot is unable to get the particulars about the place he was caught at, but it has the information that the negro made his brags about killing a policeman back in North Carolina in a town called Newton, and making his escape.

He was immediately arrested, and Goforth of Newton was notified and will go for him this week.

### Lawrence Put in Jail.

Milas Lawrence, colored, who was arrested in Mooresville last week for abandonment, was brought here today and lodged in jail in default of a \$50.00 bond.

He was tried before Squire A. M. Walker of Mooresville.

## Started to Kill

Mr. J. E. Long

WANTED GOODS ON CREDIT.

Richard Potts Wants Goods on Credit, is Refused and Threatens to Kill Mr. J. E. Long at Elmwood on Thursday Night.

Richard Potts, who is held for the murder of Lon Summers at Elmwood last Thursday night, also threatened Mr. J. E. Long who runs a store at Elmwood.

It seems that Potts ran an account with Mr. Long at his store, and would not pay what he owed.

Not being able to collect the account in any other way, Mr. Long had him cutting wood and doing other work to pay this account.

On Thursday evening Potts went to Mr. Long's store, asking for some goods on credit. Mr. Long refused him, and Potts with an oath said he would kill him, and walked out of the store.

Later he was seen standing peeping through the window of the store with his hand on his gun in his hip pocket, but a large crowd was in the store, and he did not do the shooting.

### Reward For Potts.

Before going to Elmwood, Potts formerly lived at Huntersville, Mecklenburg county.

While living there he seriously cut his wife and was put on the chain gang of that county for a long term.

He escaped from the gang, and his arrest here was the first the Mecklenburg authorities had heard from him.

They have applied to Mr. Ward deputy Sheriff, for him but it is not likely he will be turned over to them as the case here is too strong against him.

### Was She to Blame.

The beautiful pastoral comedy drama, "Was She to Blame" as presented by Jed and Emma Jean Carlton and company at the opera house on January 2nd is a story that for dramatic intensity and power has never been excelled. With special scenery and a carefully selected company, the intermingling of pathos make an entertainment never to be forgotten.

Before signing the contract with the opera house manager to present this play in this city, Mr. Reo, the advance agent prevailed on him to place more stoves in the opera house, so those attending can rest assured that they will not suffer from cold.

### Six Injured in Wreck.

Lumber City, Ga., Dec. 27.—Six persons were injured, none fatally, when a special freight train on the Southern railway jumped the track near here before daybreak today and rolled down a high embankment to become a mass of wreckage within a few yards of the banks of the Ocmulgee river.

A split switch is believed to have caused the accident. Traffic was delayed over the road for many hours.

License were issued this afternoon to Mr. Chas. Lacy Morrison and Miss Connie Bell Morrison.

Mr. W. E. Sloan has purchased a handsome lot from Mr. A. F. Heath, adjoining Mr. Sloan's property on East Broad street, the consideration being \$700.

## More Arrests

In Pittsburg

BANKS BEING INVESTIGATED

From Seventeen to Forty Persons Are to be Apprehended for Part in Affairs.—Efforts Being Made to Find Out Truth in Connection With Reports of Cash Payments for the Handling of the City's Funds.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Contrary to expectations, there were no additional arrests today in councilmanic bribery cases, which have furnished Pittsburg with a number of sensational developments since the arrest Monday night of seven councilmen and two former bankers on charges of corrupt practices.

However, an authoritative statement that other persons will be arrested was made by Attorney A. Leo Weil, president of the Voters League.

These additional arrests (the number is estimated at from seven to forty) are not expected to be made now until Monday and probably not until the first of the year.

According to the officers of the Voters League, they have plenty of evidence against many other persons, who, it is stated, will surely be taken into custody, but when this will be the investigators are reluctant to say.

Many rumors were in circulation, and a few interesting developments occurred today. Among the rumors was one to the effect that a number of national banks were undergoing a thorough examination in connection with the report that certain financial institutions had paid \$176,000 for the privilege of handling the city's funds, but the government officials refused to either to confirm or deny the story.

It was also claimed that the accused councilmen knew they were being investigated and were simply playing a game of politics for the purpose of seeing how far the detectives would deal with them. This, it is said, will be their defense.

### Pope Sees Vision.

Rome, Dec. 27.—The Italia publishes a report which has caused a sensation in ecclesiastical circles, that Joan of Arc recently appeared in a vision to the pope and addressed to him solemn words of encouragement, exhorting his holiness to continue his present policy, which she promised would dishonorably be crowned with triumph.

### Negro Shot.

Saturday night as Tom Moore colored was trying to make an escape from the chain gang, Anderson Gaither colored was accidentally shot, the ball from the gun inflicting a serious wound. Dr. Frank Tharpe dressed the wounds. Moore was captured.

Builds you up physically and mentally, keeps your digestion organs in condition, regulates the bowels, cleanses the blood, gives you perfect health. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. Statesville Drug Co.

A happy heart is better than a full purse.—Italian.

Mothers how can you take chances—keep a bottle of Mothers Joy in your house. You need Mothers Joy every day.

## DURHAM YOUTH IN TROUBLE

Warrant Issued for His Arrest for Theft of a Horse and Buggy.

Durham, Dec. 27.—Mr. J. T. Fowler, manager of the Fowler Stock and Livery Company, last night at midnight issued a warrant and a reward for Kid Morris, well known as a printer and a local reporter for The Herald sometimes, charging him with stealing a horse and buggy. Morris went to the stable yesterday morning and hired a horse, paying in advance for the turnout. He returned at dinner, had the horse fed and ordered it sent back afternoon. He promised to return at 6 yesterday evening; but six hours later, failing to come in, Mr. Fowler issued the warrant and attached \$100 reward for the horse, buggy and man.

Morris was in trouble of some kind yesterday, but the officers would not indicate what it was Mr. Fowler did not at that time know of that trouble else he would not have allowed him to use his horse. The turnout is worth \$300, hence the big reward.

Morris is a cripple and when not on a whizz is a very likable fellow. He lives here and belongs to a good family. He has had trouble before.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

The old town clock even had to take Xmas by stopping yesterday morning at 5:15 o'clock.

Application has been made to get Emma Keaton, the crazy colored woman who is in jail, admitted to the insane asylum at Goldsboro.

License have been issued to Will Rankin and Cora Miller, Rome Ladd and Loney Moore, white, and Andrew Carson and Mary Lee Young, colored.

Mr. L. B. Bristol has bought from Dr. J. J. Mott the fine strawberry roan saddle horse "Riddle." Mr. Bristol is very proud of his new possession as it is the finest one in the state.

Mr. C. M. Miller, a civil engineer of Salisbury, arrived in the city this morning and went to the convict camp where he will survey an extension of the macadam road and estimate the cost of extending it to the river.

Mr. Lawrence Mills who went to Baltimore last Saturday week for treatment, was operated on at the University of Maryland last Wednesday by Dr. Wilcox, surgeon of that college. At last reports he is resting well.

### Dave Hunt Sent Up.

Dave Hunt, colored, was sent up to jail to await court on Saturday in default of a \$100 bond for retailing, by Squire King.

It seems that one Pork Warren became intoxicated on whiskey purchased from Hunt, and was arrested. At his trial he was put on his oath, and asked where he got his "licker."

He stated that he had got two quarts from Dave Hunt paying him cash for it. It resulted in Dave being arrested and sent to jail.

### A Correction.

In last Thursday's issue of this paper a mistake was made which would have been corrected ere now but for the the break down in our linotype machine Saturday.

In announcing the marriage of Miss Ladd to Mr. Edison, the operator of the machine made a mistake in reading the copy and set Miss Ladd's name as Miss Todd. The man who read the proof not knowing the parties, let the name go as Todd, and hence the mistake, for which we are very sorry.

## Claus Spreckles is Dead

HE LEAVES MANY MILLIONS.

Succumbs After a Brief Illness of Pneumonia—Was a Native of Germany Left an Estate Valued at About \$50,000,000.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckles, widely known as "the sugar king" of the Pacific coast, died at 4:30 a. m. today at his home in this city in his eightieth year. The immediate cause of his death was an attack of pneumonia, which had developed with alarming symptoms during the past few days.

Claus Spreckles was born in Lamstadt, Germany, in 1828, and came to the United States in 1846. After being employed some time in Charleston, S. C., and New York, he came to San Francisco, reaching this city in 1856. He established a store here and later conducted a brewery. In 1868 he built the Bay Sugar Refinery and began the importation of raw material from Hawaii. Prospering in this business, he established other refineries and promoted the beet sugar industry by establishing refineries and engaging in the farming of beets on a large scale.

The will is in the possession of the widow, Mrs. Anna Spreckles and will be opened Monday. It is said that all of the dead capitalist's children are mentioned in the will and each given a share of the estate, the value of which is variously estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. It was stated in court that the income from the estate exceeded a quarter of a million dollars a year.

### Among the Sick.

Mrs. Mary E. Rankin is very ill at her home in Mooresville. She is 88 years old and very little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Miss Lillian Sharpe, one of the Bell telephone operators has been very ill with appendicitis, and was operated on at Long's sanatorium today.

Mr. J. G. Gray who has been very ill with appendicitis for some weeks was operated on at Long's sanatorium today.

Jim Gant, who was hit on the nose with a brick by Bob Follet in Mooresville last week is in a serious condition.

Legett, the small son Mrs. W. B. Blythe of Huntersville, who is visiting at Mr. R. L. Sloan's, fell from a see-saw yesterday, striking his head against a fence, inflicting a wound which required one stitch to sew it up.

Mrs. H. Scott is critically ill at her home on Western avenue. She is suffering with cancer of the stomach.

### John King Caught.

Jno. King, colored, who was wanted here for larceny, was arrested at Winston on Thursday, and brought here Saturday morning by Sheriff Deaton.

The offence was the larceny of a hat from Mr. A. A. Turner of this city, and it was committed on the 27th of last November.

### Free Lecture Tonight.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the court house, Mr. Enos Mills of the Forestry Department of the United States will deliver a free lecture on the "Preservation of Our Forests."

This is free and a large audience is requested.