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GOMPERS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

Other Federation Officials Were Included

Court Puts Jail Sentence Upon Prominent Labor Men Charged With Contempt—Cases Appealed and Heavy Bonds Given—The Buck Stove Company Case.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Samuel Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, John Mitchell to nine months and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, to six months by a decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, written by Justice Wright, in the case growing out of an injunction restraining them from attempting to enforce a boycott against the Buck Stove Company. The case has been pending in the court several months. Judge Parker was one of the attorneys for the Federation. What action will be taken by Federal officials is not known, but it recalled that Gompers and Mitchell said they would go to jail before they would pay a fine. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison have appealed. Their bonds are \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000, respectively.

MORE DAMAGING EVIDENCE.

State Making-Up a Strong Case Against Thornton Hains. Flushing, Dec. 23.—Thornton Hains today came into court entirely recovered from the nervous spell that followed the damaging testimony for the State. Hubert H. Kimmell, beside a reporter, was a witness today. His testimony was very damaging to the defense. He heard the shots and ran to the boat. When a policeman started to lead Pete Hains away he said to the officer: "Better take charge of Thornton Hains. He held off the men while the other did the shooting." Thornton said: "I know I did. If I had been in his place I would have done the same as he did." Lawyer McIntyre sought to have the evidence stricken out, but the Justice over-ruled every objection.

DISASTROUS FIRE

Destroyed An Entire City Block in Brooklyn Today. New York, Dec. 23.—An entire city block, closely built with apartment houses, was wiped out early today in Brooklyn, and over a thousand persons were made homeless. They were driven half clad into a bitter snowstorm. The fire is most disastrous which has visited Brooklyn in many years. Not until a whole block was in ruins did the firemen gain control. Twenty persons were overcome by the smoke, but no lives were lost. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property were destroyed. There were many thrilling, narrow escapes. One instance was a policeman with a child clasped in his arms who was dragged unconscious from a hallway. The fire started in an amusement house.

MUST GET OUT OF MISSOURI

State Supreme Court Hands Down Decision As to the Standard Oil. Jefferson City, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court handed down a decision today barring the Standard Oil Company from business in Missouri, the Republic Oil Company is fined fifty thousand dollars the Waters Pierce Oil Company ordered dissolved and fined fifty thousand. This follows the prosecution by Attorney General Hadley.

Stock Report.

New York, Dec. 23.—Stocks opened active and strong with gains in standard issues ranging from a fraction to over a point. Kansas and Texas and New York Central made wide openings from yesterday's close. Many other issues also moved up.

RIVER IS RISING.

Raleigh, N. C. December 23.—The Cape Fear river will rise to about flood stage at Fayetteville by Thursday morning or night. THIESSEN.

The latest in Xmas Slippers. Hewlett & Price.

Regular Interest Period. Of the People's Savings Bank, begins January 1st. If you deposit now with this bank you will receive your interest in Three Months. It.

Attractive, soft and warm Xmas Slippers. Hewlett & Price. 2t

ON WATERWAYS.

Important Letter Written by Mr. D. L. Gore on This Vital Subject—Detailed and Interesting Report Made as a Representative of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. D. L. Gore, one of Wilmington's representative citizens who attended the meetings in Washington of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, has written a decidedly interesting report of the convention. Mr. Gore went particularly as a representative of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association and makes this report to Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, president of the Association, and which Mr. Miller has made public. The report follows:

Washington, N. C., Dec. 14, 1908. Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., President, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir: As per your request I attended the rivers and harbors convention on the 9th instant at Washington, D. C. I got there in time to attend the opening Wednesday and stayed until 11 p. m. Thursday, or rather, I left the convention hall at that time but left the city at 4:20 a. m. on the 11th. I should have stayed to have heard the reports on the morning of the 11th, but a telegram from home reminded me that I ought to be there. President Fairbanks made the opening speech, which was splendid. He spoke from notes but the matter was good, but the ones that impressed me as being the best were Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri; Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois; Governor Deaneen, of Illinois; Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; Mr. C. P. Goodyear, of Georgia; Governor Broward, of Florida, and Hon. Jas H. Davidson, of Wisconsin.

The matter was discussed from the point of view of navigation, irrigation, reforestation and mechanical power as well as from a financial and political point of view. Mr. Cannon and Mr. Clark, being one speaker and the other minority leader of the House of Representatives, of course spoke somewhat from a financial point of view, with its bearing on politics, and both made some very good points. As viewed from the inside, they must look at the matter from the financial or raising-the-money side, and last, but not least, from the re-election or going-back-to-Congress side. Each of them gave us to understand it would take time to work up a large matter like this; that the people must be thoroughly educated up to the idea before we could have them approve a large bond issue for continuous large appropriations. Mr. Cannon did not promise any big things but said when Mr. Burton and his committee on appropriations approved the project he would do all he could to have it passed. Mr. Clark spoke along the same line and seemed equally willing to help us when we formed a sane and safe common sense measure that the country could endorse.

Mr. Garfield endorsed the measure and made an excellent talk on the matter along general lines. All the other speakers approved the measure; some very enthusiastically and wanted at least a five-hundred-million bond issue and wanted it now. Others wanted the project carried out but did not name the amount of the bond issue or point out the way it should be done. Our waterways from our great harbors to our most remote rivers should be improved so as to get the best results from them. Germany, I think, utilizes its harbors and rivers to the greatest extent of any nation; and France utilizes her rivers and harbors to a great extent and has more canals than Germany and in fact more canals (according to size, except Holland) than any country in the world. Both France and Germany are as well or the best developed nations in the world and they have mastered the transportation problem, which one of our speakers said was the greatest and most important problems on earth, and I think he was right. Cheap freight rates are what the world needs.

Suppose we could make 100 bushels of corn per acre and it took 50 cents per bushel to get it to market and the same rate in proportion to get return freight. It would pay better to live where the soil was much less fertile and freights cheaper.

Maj. E. J. Hale, who was chairman of the North Carolina delegation, told us they were preparing a bill to be introduced in Congress by which there would be a bond issue and continuous appropriations made from year to year, and when an appropriation was made for an object and the work not done in one year the appropriation would be continuous from year to year until it was finished. Hence, no work would be started and allowed to wash away because it could not be finished.

What we want now is to educate public opinion. The Congressmen have their ears to the ground listening all right. Now we must get our people, and especially our more prominent people, to write their Senators.

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HUGE SAILING VESSEL ARRIVES

The Largest Yet to Make This Port

The Kinco is a "Whale" of a Five-Master and Brings in a Cargo of Phosphate—Other Big Sailing Vessels Recalled—Two Other Port Arrivals Today.

The largest sailing vessel that has ever made this port arrived today and is the huge five-master, steel Kinco, loaded with acid phosphate for the Foomoke Guano Company. The Kinco comes from Carteret, N. J., and will discharge at the Seaboard Air Line. Her master, Capt. F. W. Potter, reports to Capt. C. D. Maffitt. The Kinco has been viewed with much interest here and will, no doubt, prove a decidedly interesting sight to those along the water-front during the next week or so. She is huge in appearance and is owned by Arthur Seawell, of Bath, Me. She is of 1,867 tons net, 2,128 tons gross, 259 feet, 5 inches overall, 45 feet, 3 inches beam, and 22 feet, 9 inches depth of hold.

Up to the arrival of the Kinco the largest sailing vessel to make this port was the Fritzjames, which came several years ago with a similar cargo. She was a three-master, but was a huge craft, being 1,831 tons net, 1,931 tons gross and she came from Chill.

The largest five-mast boat heretofore, ranking now third in size as to sailing vessels that have made Wilmington, was the James Pierce, of 1,500 tons net and 1,664 gross. She was commanded by Capt. Vale and came here from Baltimore.

Two other port arrivals today are the schooners Joel F. Sheppard and the John H. May.

The Sheppard is 493 tons and is mastered by Capt. Powell. She brings a cargo of fertilizer from Elizabethport, N. J., for Armour & Co.

The May is 819 tons, is mastered by Capt. Stille and has a cargo of salt for the D. L. Gore Company. Both these schooners report to Capt. Maffitt.

A HANDSOME DONATION.

Fifty Dollars in Cash Received by the Salvation Army Today. Adjutant Teed, of the Salvation Army, this morning received fifty dollars in cash from Mayor William E. Springer, sent in behalf of the city for the great work of the Army in bringing sunshine this Christmas to the poor. It was a glorious gift and is greatly appreciated.

THE RED CROSS STAMP.

I've done my Christmas shopping, And I'm might glad, you bet; I've fixed up every package, But haven't sent them yet.

I must buy the pretty Red Cross Stamps
To stick upon them all;
'Twill enhance their value greatly, Even though the gift be small!

And all the Christmas letters
And the New Year's greetings too
Must bear the Red Cross message—
To omit it wouldn't do.

Bill of Sale.

A bill of sale was recorded at the office of the register of deeds in the court house today transferring from J. W. Knowles to the F. E. Hashagen Company, a number of fixtures and furniture in a store located at the corner of Seventeenth and Market streets. The consideration named in the deed is \$5.

A BIG CUT IN PRICES. Wilmington Furniture Company Makes a Further Interesting Announcement. We now have left one each of a great many half dozen to dozen lots of rockers, chairs, Morris Chairs, tables, hall racks, pictures, mirrors, rugs, art squares, doll carriages, wagons, Irish malls and a hundred other articles. To get rid of the odds of which we have left only one of a kind, we will sell them today and tomorrow at the cut price rate. No such prices ever made in Wilmington before.

PIPE FOUND GOOD

Examination This Morning of 6-inch Waterworks Pipe That Had Been in the Ground Twenty-Seven Years—Found in Splendid Condition, But Other Tests to be Made—Meeting of Aldermen.

First blood, so to speak, for the Clarendon Waterworks Company. This morning the tests of the condition of the pipes were started and the particular test made showed-up victory for the waterworks company. Not victory, perhaps, in its most austere, conquering sense, but simply that it has gone far to put an end to speculation as to the condition of the pipe. The test was made of six inch pipe at Front and Dock streets—pipe that had been in the ground twenty-seven years and at what might be called a sort of "dead point," as the section at Front and Dock is not in frequent use and consequently does not get the circulation other pipe gets. The joint taken out was in fine condition, it must be admitted, and was pronounced so by many onlookers, by Alderman T. W. Wood, chairman of the Waterworks Committee, and by several machinists who examined the pipe and gave expert opinions. The machinist said it was better than the pipe of today, because in the old days they made pipe better. The section Chairman Wood has and states he will be glad to show it to any one who desires to see it.

After the holidays a test of some 4-inch pipe is to be made. These tests are decidedly the proper thing and should have been made some time ago. There has been speculation, and rightly so, as to whether the pipe was in good condition or not and as it was underground and had been there for years and years why the best way to see was to examine. This was the fair way to both company and the city. The city should know precisely what it is buying, if it does buy, and there is no way of telling half so well as by personal investigation and examination.

The meeting of the aldermen at which the waterworks matter will be taken up again will not take place until after the holidays and not until the bond money has been paid. The purchasers of the bonds have not paid the money yet, but are now looking into the legality of the act and the creation of the boards of aldermen and audit and finance. Time they satisfy themselves as to this, according to letter, the bond money will be paid.

At the Bijou. The feature films at the popular Bijou theatre today is called "Hired, Tired, Fired," and "Never Again." Both are of an amusing nature and will please and entertain the patrons of the theatre.

"BEYOND THE ROCKIES."

Stirring Drama Tonight at the Academy—Free Turkey Also. The Demorest Comedy Company greatly pleased again last night at the Academy. Tonight the company will present the delightful modern success, "Beyond the Rockies," and will introduce between acts some splendid specialties. In fact, vaudeville is a strong part of each performance, which really gives two big shows in one for popular prices.

CAROLINA INSURANCE CO.

Big Local Company That Rightly Makes a Bid for Business. In today's Dispatch appears an advertisement from the Carolina Insurance Company inviting business. This company is a home concern and has a justified right to expect large Wilmington patronage. Its business is handled by the different insurance companies of the city who will take pleasure in writing a policy for you. The staunch Carolina has been in operation for more than twenty-five years and during that time has paid losses of over \$160,000, and it makes a practice of paying losses time proof, is presented, and without discount.

RUGBY HANDLERS.

List of Those Selling the Weed, But More to Come. In the advertising part of today's Dispatch appears a list of those dealers who are now selling the well known Rugby cigar. The list is nothing like as large as it will be, but the pretty Rugby souvenir pins gave out, so great was the demand, and others had to be ordered; consequently the list of dealers will not be increased until the second big shipment of pins arrive.

All boys and girls that have been working for the bicycle will have their card in by 9 o'clock morning of 25th. J. M. Solky & Co. If. Let us show you our Xmas Slippers. Hewlett & Price. 2t

The Carolina Insurance Co.

Has secured this space for the purpose of calling the attention of property owners in Wilmington to the fact that it is the only local fire insurance company in Wilmington; that it has been in successful operation for the past twenty years; that it has paid in losses during that time more than one hundred and sixty thousand dollars; that it pays all of its losses without discount on the day proofs of loss are signed by check on a city bank; that it is represented by every insurance agent in Wilmington, any one of whom will be glad to place your business in this company upon request; that all of its investments are made here in Wilmington; and that it solicits the patronage of every property owner in Wilmington who is interested in building up Wilmington institutions.

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