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GOMPERS WARNS MANUFACTURERS

Says Lives Of Workingmen
Count For Nothing In The
United States

HORSE OF MORE VALUE

Head Of American Federation
Of Labor Before Congres-
sional Committee

Washington, Sept. 12.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, closed his two days' testimony before the House lobby committee last night with a dramatic warning to the manufacturers of the country, a warning that the legislative activities of the Federation and a bitter attack upon the Sherman anti-trust law as applied to labor unions.

Gompers spoke at a deep feeling devoted to an inquiry into the political and legislative efforts of the Federation. He began with a statement that in the United States, which has "burst" into industrial life, there is no feeling between employer and employe such as is found in European nations where industrial life has to some extent taken the place of serfdom and of relations between master and man the product of centuries. In Europe he said this transition had been accompanied by a deep feeling for the employe, and in consequence these countries were decades ahead of the United States in legislation for the protection of the lives of workmen.

"The lives of workmen count for nothing in the United States," said he. "It seems to me that the life of a horse is of more value than the life of a human being to our manufacturers. If this slaughter does not end I do not know what our industrial, commercial, political and particularly our human life is worth."

Reviewing some length the court decisions against labor organizations under the Sherman act, the witness said: "The federation exists at the sufferance of an administration. Under the Sherman law and the procedure of the courts, the normal activities of the association in the exercise of power no more than the individual exercise of power are restrained, and three-fold damages can be claimed and obtained."

"It seems to me the law is a bit awkward otherwise it would not permit such a thing," he added with a shake of his head.

The witness testified that he had recommended to the house committee the appointment of either Representative Lewis of Maryland or Representative Buchanan of Illinois as chairman of the labor committee. Lewis was appointed, although not the highest man on the list of Democratic members.

He was asked at length about Martin M. Mulhall's effort to get the federation to print his now famous letter, but he said that Mulhall's supposed repentance was not genuine and only a ruse to get the federation in the clutches of the manufacturers' association.

Mr. Gompers said Wednesday's testimony by stating that the federation spent about \$1,500 in its campaign against the re-election of former Representative Charles E. Littlefield of Maine in which the "ring" done by the federation, he thought, was justified and in the open.

MAKES NO COMMENT

Road Has Nothing To Say About Possible Sale of Trolleys.

New Haven, Sept. 12.—No comment or statement whatever is being given at the offices of the New Haven road here in connection with the report that negotiations were on with Stone & Webster in Boston for the sale to them of the Connecticut Co. lines. Stone & Webster have a large number of electrical properties about the country and it is reported that they are after the Connecticut Co. in the belief that the New Haven road would be willing to dispose of its electrical appendages.

VISITING SCHOOL

Formerly if a parent visited school, a tremor of awe and embarrassment swept around. The unfortunate offspring of the venturesome parent was pestered at recess, for his mother's unwillingness to let him out of her sight.

The parental visit to the school room is a little more common nowadays. It is admitted to be the correct thing to do. But as a whole the parents are more interested in inspecting the wails and shoes the children are buying than the interior furnishing with which their heads are being stocked.

BRANFORD LOSES NOTED CITIZEN

Ralph Blackstone, 91 Years Old
Age, Came Of Famous Old
Family There

In the passing of Ralph Blackstone, Branford has lost its oldest resident, and in many respects one of the most remarkable men who have ever lived in the town. Mr. Blackstone was born in the old Blackstone home March 22, 1822, a descendant in the sixth degree from the Rev. William Blackstone, the first white settler of Boston, who was a graduate in 1617 of Emanuel College, Cambridge, England. He was also in the fifth degree from the famous English jurist and was second cousin to F. B. Blackstone to whom Branford is indebted for her beautiful library. In fact of such extreme interest and importance is the lineage of the Blackstone family that a large volume containing only a history of this family was printed in 1907, written by John Wilford Blackstone of Minneapolis, Minn. Principal among Mr. Blackstone's own characteristics was his extreme fondness for nature, the sea and all kinds of cattle. Always living apart from the town proper Mr. Blackstone reigned supreme in the little hamlet near the sea, and his individual existence created about him a certain fascination and interest for all. Of his character and personality the highest words of praise can conscientiously be paid. This "grand old man" of the town lived a quiet, uneventful life, and possessed the matured wholesome charm with which only the venerable are gifted. He was an excellent story teller and with his own personal experiences at war time, was able to give a delightful atmosphere to his every tale. Mr. Blackstone always preserved his cheerful disposition, not being an old man "in the way" sense.

His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from his late home in Hotchkiss street, and was officiated by the Rev. George R. Johnson. The interment was in the Center cemetery. The services, like all events in Mr. Blackstone's life, were simple but sincere.

KIDNAPPING FEARED

Believed That "Big Tim" Sullivan May
Be Held For Ransom.

New York, Sept. 12.—Fears of this family and his friends that "Big Tim" Sullivan, missing since August 31, has been kidnapped, were revealed when it became known that another such attempt by men posing as friends of the Sullivans had been carried out last week.

Two other new features of the kidnapping story are the fact that the representative tried to leap into the ocean while returning from Europe aboard the Imperator recently, and a statement, believed to be reliable, that Mr. Sullivan was in Fifth avenue near Twenty-seventh street, last Sunday night.

The first attempt to kidnap "Big Tim" was what finally convinced his family that they must overcome their prejudices against court proceedings and have Mr. Sullivan declared incompetent.

Although unsuccessful in carrying Mr. Sullivan off, the four would-be kidnapers succeeded in obtaining about \$50,000 from the representative, who is worth about \$4,000,000.

GOAT KIDNAPPED

Warrants Out For Arrest of Two
Prominent Shyners.

New Orleans, Sept. 12.—Two Shriners of Heila temple, Dallas, Texas, "kidnaped" Osman temple's goat yesterday when the mascot was released from quarantine after its return from Panama. When the Osman temple Shriners of St. Paul went to claim the animal they discovered two Dallas Shriners already had obtained "L. Arthur," eluding pursuit until they boarded a train for Texas. The goat is said to be the property of J. Harry Lewis of St. Paul.

After a consultation with two indignant St. Paul Shriners Assistant District Attorney Daily filed informations charging Currie McCutcheon, district attorney of Dallas county, Texas, and Paul Vandeveld of Dallas, Texas, of larceny and having possession of stolen property. "L. Arthur" is valued at \$100, real money, "and \$1,000,000 sentimental." The local police telegraphed to the police of Shreveport to intercept "the goat" when the train from this city arrived there.

MAN AND WIFE DEAD

West Hartford Gas Poisoning Case
Was Accident.

Hartford, Sept. 12.—Patrick Broderick and Elizabeth, his wife, aged inmates of St. Mary's home in West Hartford, were found dead in bed yesterday from gas poisoning. The medical examiner pronounced death to be accidental. Mrs. Broderick was ill and her husband had been for some time. It is supposed that after turning off the gas he in some way struck the cock, turning it on again. They leave a son who is a member of the Hartford police department.

HIS SPECIES

The teacher in a country school always tried to make the lesson as interesting as possible, relates Lippincott's "Now, children," she said, "let me see what you remember about the animal kingdom and the domestic animals that belong to it. You have named all the domestic animals but one. Who can tell what that one is?" There was no reply. "What!" exclaimed the teacher. "Does no one know? It has bristly hair, like the dog, and is fond of getting into the mud." A small boy at the end of the class raised a timid hand. "Well, Allan?" said the teacher. "Please, ma'am," said the boy, "I've reflectively, 'it's me.'" Troy Times.

MORGAN & CO. GIVE NEW HAVEN ROAD FIGURES

Firm Has Furnished \$163,627,000
In Three Years With Profit
Of \$889,405—New
Bond Issue Hear-
ing

Boston, Sept. 12.—Those who oppose the \$67,500,000 bond issue by the New Haven railroad will have an opportunity to state their objections today. The Public Service Commission tomorrow suspended the questioning of Vice-President Kochersperger yesterday until the New Haven has furnished the commission with statements of the income account and other figures relating to the proposed issue.

"After this statistical conference has been completed," said Chairman MacLeod, "the public hearings upon this phase of the question will be resumed. In the meantime the general hearing will proceed uninterrupted."

Through an exchange of telegrams between President Elliott of the New Haven and J. P. Morgan & Co., it was made known last night that the fiscal agents had furnished the New Haven, the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central railroads for refunding and other purposes the sum of \$163,627,000 since November 17, 1910. Of this the banking house received commissions amounting to \$889,405.

It was also given out that Morgan & Co. is underwriting the \$67,500,000 debenture issue which will receive a total possible profit of \$212,687. These figures came from Morgan & Co. in response to the following telegram sent to the company by President Elliott: "In view of questions raised before the Public Service Commissioners of Massachusetts, if you do not object to stating and making known the particulars which you kindly inform me as to the total amount of money obtained for the New Haven, the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central for refunding and other purposes and of other purposes since the date of your fiscal agency agreements and also as to your possible profits under your pending contracts for the proposed new debenture issue."

The reply from J. P. Morgan & Co. was as follows: "Answering your telegram of this date. First: Since November 17, 1910, the date of the fiscal agency agreements, we have obtained for the New Haven, the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central for refunding and other purposes the sum of \$163,627,000 in the aggregate to \$163,627,000. The amount paid by the companies as commissions covering these transactions is \$889,405, being approximately one-half of 1 per cent, the total profit to our firms here and abroad being \$441,000, or approximately one-quarter of 1 per cent. The remainder of the commission is being paid to others here and in New England.

"Second: As to our possible profit on the proposed issue of \$67,500,000 debentures, we have approximately one-third of the bankers' undertaking originally assumed by ourselves alone. For this our one-third share of the commission for all services of every kind will be \$112,687. If the issue is subscribed \$5,000,000 to the syndicate, upon the same terms as every other subscriber, including the cost of issue of 3 per cent, or \$150,000, our total possible profit, including all commissions, is \$212,687, or approximately three-tenths of 1 per cent. If the total debenture issue should not be taken we should be obliged to return our share of the undertaken debentures, with results which cannot now be foreseen."

HORSE PULLED THE AIR CORD.

And Put the Railroad Schedules Out
Of Order.

"Who pulled that cord and cut off the air?" asked the conductor of freight train No. 48, on the Pennsylvania railroad, when the train suddenly came to a stop two miles east of Johnston station yesterday afternoon. All the brakemen denied bringing the train to a stop. The train started again, and when it had gone about a mile the air was cut off again and the train came to a second stop.

A search of the train was made. Not finding any trespassers, the conductor ordered the engineer to start the train again. Before the train had gone a half-mile the air was mysteriously cut off again and the train came to a sharp stop for a third time.

Again the crew made an investigation and the conductor became angry. Everything was found to be intact on the train, and the conductor ordered the crew to take positions along the top of the freight cars.

The train had gone about a mile when the air cord was pulled again in some mysterious manner and the train brought to another stop. The crew reported that they had been unable to observe anything wrong.

"That train must be haunted," said the conductor. "We must find out what is wrong."

A brakeman in passing a car in which was a horse observed its head over the emergency cord. The emergency cord was adjusted so that the horse could not get its head over it, and the train proceeded.

The schedule on the western division was thrown out of order for nearly two hours by the "spook" horse. Altoona Dispatch to the Philadelphia Record.

THE VIEWPOINT.

The pessimist said, as he nursed his blues: "I never had aught that I didn't lose." The optimist said—and his emile was glad: "I never lost aught that I hadn't first had."

WHITE MOUNTAIN WAS SIDESWIPE

Something Sticking Out Of A
Freight Train Hit Her Near
Wallingford—Passen-
gers Had A Scare

The White Mountain express of the New Haven road leaving New York at 9 o'clock was sideswiped by a freight train five miles north of Wallingford at 11:45 o'clock last night. No one was hurt, but two hundred passengers who felt the bump piled out of the express to the edges of the track. The baggage car and the passenger coach at the front of the train were scraped and broken.

Only a few minutes before at West Haven, the White Mountain train was held for seven minutes after a signal delay, for the rear brakeman to catch up. The wait was enough to startle most of the nervous passengers out of their berths and the jam and rattle of the sidings brought the rest of them to the platforms.

When it was found there was no loss of life the freight and the express went on their way.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FACES BUSY EVENING

One Proposed Measure Calls For
More Fire Precaution In
Theatres.

Among the petitions and resolutions which the Ordinance Committee of the Common Council will consider at its meeting this evening are the following:

A communication from the Fire Commissioners recommending that theatres having a seating capacity of 300 or more be required to place on their stages fire alarm boxes of the standard pattern, the expense of installing the same to be borne by the theatre.

Zalmon Goodsell asks the enactment of an ordinance to prevent the taking of turf or gravel from city property.

Former Alderman Garlock asks the adoption to restrict the erection, maintenance and use of billboards which he refers to as a "common nuisance."

He also desires the aldermen to regulate by ordinance the length, breadth, size and the weight and burden to be carried by vehicles in the city.

Alderman Miller proposes that the layouts of public improvements shall be made by the city engineer, the city engineer's force, the city clerk, assistant city clerk and the assistant city auditor. He would also prohibit and restrict the use of automobile headlights within the city limits.

Walter Nichols desires an ordinance prohibiting the building of fires within 20 feet of any building unless the same be confined in a fire proof receptacle, the penalty for infringement to be \$10.

Chairman A. E. MacDonald of the Board of Contract and Supply asks

FIRST SUIT IN NEW HAVEN WRECK

Miss Jean Stoddard Of New
York Asks \$50,000
Damages

New York, Sept. 12.—Miss Jean Stoddard, victim of the railroad wreck at North Haven, Conn., has entered suit against the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad in the United States district court for \$50,000 damages. This action is believed to be the first of many similar suits growing out of the disaster which killed over a score of persons and injured about 80.

Miss Stoddard is a trained nurse from England and lives temporarily at 57 East 59th street. She says that on the morning of the wreck she occupied a berth in a sleeper of the Bar Harbor express on which she was returning here from Mount Kineo, Me. When the train was struck by the White Mountain express she says that she sustained a fractured pelvis, injuries on the head and body and a deep gash on the right cheek. She says that she will be crippled for life. The plaintiff asserts that the wreck was due to carelessness in the operation of swift moving trains and danger signals and that the loss of life and injuries were added to by the road's failure to provide steel cars.

POTATO CROP BIG ENOUGH TO MEET DEMANDS

Washington, Sept. 12.—While potatoes will not be a drug on the market, this year, consumers need not fear that there will not be enough to meet demands. In a special report, today, on the potato outlook, L. C. Corbett, of the department of agriculture, declared that while the total was vastly less than last year it will be sufficient to supply normal needs.

The shrinkage in this year's crop is ascribed to the heavy hold-over crop from last season, the low prices and the general demoralization of the potato trade which caused a reduction in acreage.

Indications are that Maine will produce the largest crop ever recorded, while Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, will harvest a normal crop. The yields in Connecticut, New York and Ohio promise to be light.

The big league ball players can't write signed articles for the newspapers any longer, which cuts off a tidy source of income from many obscure newspaper reporters.

It may be necessary to explain to the masculine reader that those pictures in the department store ads do not represent mermaids, but simply the new fall styles.

TAYLOR WANTS PROGRESSIVES TO QUIT FIGHT

But They Vote Down His Motion
To Abandon Project Of
Full City Ticket

Former Town Chairman Melius
Seconds Taylor's Proposi-
tion—Zink Succeeds
Melius

At a convention, which was really a mass meeting and which filled the rooms of the Progressive club to the doors last night the Progressive party of Bridgeport decided to withhold nominating a city ticket for the coming election until after the Democrats and Republicans have held their primaries. George H. Zink, Jr., was elected town chairman for the year and he presided.

Because of the warm discussion over whether or not a ticket should be placed in the field, a tentative platform which had been prepared was not discussed. A number of the men who were most prominent in the Progressive movement at the last election, opposed putting a full ticket in the field.

G. E. Southworth, James H. Kershaw and J. J. Devlin had expressed themselves as in favor of having a "citizens' ticket." John Taylor opposed this plan. He said in part: "We cannot have a Roosevelt in a Bridgeport campaign. I helped to finance the last campaign and it cost us \$3,800 to get out 3,800 votes at about \$2,600 of that money was collected by myself. You have no idea where the money is to come from to get out the vote. I know something about the money situation. I am as much a Progressive as I was a year ago. At the election the other day in Maine the Progressive party did not pool the vote. It did the year before and there has not been a single election won for the party in Michigan. I would like to see Progressive government in Bridgeport but I see no hopes of raising the money to finance a campaign."

Taylor said: "We do not want to put a ticket in the field just to please our Democratic friends and I would move that we have no ticket this fall."

This motion was seconded by George H. Melius, the former town chairman of the party who cautioned the party about laying itself open to ridicule by going into the field with a ticket at a city election which was much different from a state or national campaign.

Ferdinand Fox declared he was in favor of a straight Progressive ticket to be named after the primaries of the Democrats and Republicans. "I believe the bitterest enemies of the Progressives are the Republicans. Mr. Taylor says we ought not to help the Democrats. Well, I see no reason why we should help John T. King. The majority of the Democratic party are thinking electors as are the majority of the Republicans and I do not see why we should not have them all with us. I would rather go down as a Progressive than help any party."

The motion was then put to vote and lost and the convention adjourned to meet again at the call of Town Chairman Melius.

STATE BUSINESS MEN WILL ENTER POLITICS

Directors at Hotel Gardie Meeting De-
cide to Fight For Their
Interests.

The directors of the State Business Men's Association met at the Gardie Hotel yesterday and discussed during the morning several matters of importance to the organization. Lunches and an hour's discussion was to business men's associations consolidating with chambers of commerce and boards of trade finished the day. The next meeting of the association will be held in Meriden on October 15, this being the final meeting before the annual gathering of the association.

The by-laws of the state association provide that its membership shall include only associations of business men. In several cities of the State the business men's association have merged with larger bodies and lost their identity. As to whether or not they should be allowed membership in the State association under the present by-law formed the theme of discussion, and after a long talk, the matter was left in the hands of a committee of five to be appointed by the president.

President S. E. Vincent of Bridgeport presided over the session, which was attended by twenty-five directors of the association from the cities and towns of the State. They discussed broadening the work of the association by entering actively into politics and decided to broach this matter at the annual meeting in Meriden on October 16. There are many things political which affect the business men of the State intimately, and the directors felt that the association should have some part in conserving the interests of its members. Such things as highway improvements, the sale of worthless securities, by increasing agents, the proposed increase of demurrage rate for cars, from \$1 to \$2, and other legislative matters should be watched closely by the business men.

President Vincent's annual report will enter into these things very intimately and recommend changes of much importance.

After discussion of the currency bill was held, and on request of the national chamber of commerce, of which the State Business Men's Association is a member, a committee of five to be appointed by the president will submit the opinion of the State Board to it, through F. S. Valentine of Derby, Secretary of the Association.

JOHNSON SPEAKS AT
BANK ST. MISSION

Superintendent Fred R. Johnson of the local Charities Department spoke before the inmates of the Christian Union Mission on Bank Street last night. His discourse which was impromptu dealt with "Manhood" and was well received.

MEALY COOKING Potatoes 15 pounds peck 22c	THE MOHICAN COMPANY 90-102 GOLDEN HILL STREET	FANCY PIE Apples peck 30c
LOOK OVER THESE LOW PRICES FOR SATURDAY THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE BARGAINS WE HAVE IN STORE FOR OUR SATURDAY SHOPPERS. WHY NOT GIVE US A TRIAL TOMORROW?		
STEWING Chickens pound 16c	FREE	One large bag of Table Salt with one pound of our Blended Coffee 28c
MEAT DEPARTMENT	FRUIT DEPARTMENT	GROCERY DEPARTMENT
Lean Pot Roast Beef... pound 14c	Sweet Corn... dozen 15c	Granulated Sugar... 5 pounds 25c
Boiling Beef... pound 12c	Green Peppers... dozen 10c	Fresh and delicious Fig Bars... pound 8c
Choice Western Fowl... pound 20c	Juicy Navel Oranges... dozen 16c	Evaporated Milk... 3 for 25c
Native Fowl... pound 22c	Lima Beans... quart 5c	Regular 10c can... 2 lbs 13c
Genuine Legs Spring Lamb lb 17c	String Beans... quart 5c	Elbow Macaroni... 2 lbs 13c
Yearling Lamb Legs... pound 15c	Large Juicy Lemons... dozen 20c	Sold elsewhere 10c lb...
Smoked Boneless Hams pound 17c	Fancy Cucumbers... each 4c	Pork and Beans... 10c
Sugar Cured Bacon... pound 19c	Head Lettuce... head 8c	Mohican Catsup... 9c
Choice Corned Beef... pound 12c	Sweet Potatoes... pound 3c	Salmon... can 12c
Corned Spare Ribs... pound 11c		Chow Chow... 10c
Small Fresh Shoulders pound 14c		Horse Radish... 10c
Shoulder of Veal... pound 16c		Queen Olives... 10c
Forequarters of Lamb... pound 8c		Mohican Brand Condensed Milk... 3 cans 25c
Rump of Veal... pound 18c		Double Tip Matches... 3 boxes 10c
Choice Legs of Mutton... lb 12 1/2c		Laundry Starch... 3 pound 11c
Small Fresh Hams... pound 20c		Snow White... 3 lbs 13c
Lean Smoked Shoulders pound 13c		California Prunes... 3 lbs 13c
Majestic Sugar Cured Ham lb 20c		Good Meaty Fruit... dozen 8c
Fresh Pork Sausage... pound 16c		
Fresh Spare Ribs... pound 14c		
Bell Cone Leaf Lard... pound 14c		
Corned Shoulders... pound 12c		
Fresh Ground Hamburger... lb 16c		
CHOICE LEGS OF MUTTON pound 12 1/2c	Steak 9 to 10 lb 16c	FOREQUARTERS OF LAMB pound 8c
	ROUND SIRLOIN PORTERHOUSE A. M.	