



The famous old Lookout Inn on the crest of Lookout mountain was destroyed by fire.

At the American Federation of Labor convention held at Denver the course of President Samuel Gompers was endorsed.

Governor-elect A. C. Shallenberger of Nebraska suffered a broken bone in his ankle while being initiated into the Shriners.

A democratic caucus of members of the lower house of congress will be held December 5. It is reported that Champ Clark will be chosen as democratic leader to succeed John Sharp Williams.

David Rothschild, a former banker of New York City, died in Sing Sing prison.

Francis J. Heney, the special assistant of the district attorney's office at San Francisco and the man who has prosecuted the San Francisco corruptionists, was shot in the head by Morris Haas. It was during the prosecution of Abraham Ruef that Mr. Heney had denounced Haas in a speech in the court room. Haas had qualified as a juror to pass upon the guilt or innocence of Ruef. Heney denounced him as an ex-convict. After the adjournment of court and while Heney was in his private office, Haas shot him. Haas was overpowered by bystanders and was removed to jail. Later he committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol which he had concealed in his shoe.

Twenty-five persons lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a section of Gold street, Brooklyn.

A Chicago dispatch carried by the Associated Press follows: "That personal, or what has been termed individual betting, is legal at the race tracks in this state was the opinion of the judges of the appellate division of the supreme court made public today in a decision handed down in the case brought by Assistant District Attorney Elder of Kings county to determine the application of the Andrew-Hart bill on this point. The decision is in favor of the Brooklyn Jockey club. The proceedings which resulted in the decision rendered to-

day was a test case. Havelle Collins was arrested for accepting a wager at Gravesend race track June 16 of this year, and was held for trial. Collins brought habeas corpus proceedings before the special term of the supreme court and his release was ordered. In the decision by the appellate division the action of the special term is upheld in all particulars."

Mr. Cannon's friends say that he is now certain of re-election to the office of speaker.

Mr. Bryan's official majority in Nebraska was 4,102.

The report of the republican state committee from Nebraska shows that \$42,900 was spent in Nebraska in the effort to carry it for the republican party.

The emperor and the empress dowager of China died suddenly. Authorities deny rumors that they were poisoned.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor with but one dissenting vote.

In the American Federation of Labor convention at Denver Samuel Gompers was presented with a handsome loving cup and Mrs. Gompers was given a diamond ring. The convention endorsed Mr. Gompers' official and political record and his enemies were completely routed. An interesting extract from the Associated Press report of one day's proceedings follows: "When the point in the committee's report endorsing the American Federationist, the official organ, was reached, Delegate J. M. Barnes of the cigarmakers protested against an editorial which had appeared during the political campaign asking 'Who is financing the Red Special?' with which Presidential Candidate Eugene V. Debs made his campaign. The editorial charged that the forces opposed to labor were financing the 'red special.' Mr. Barnes offered a resolution calling upon the convention to appoint a committee to go over the books of the socialist party and ascertain where the funds were obtained. T. J. Duffrey of the pottery workers moved that before the amendment to

the report be considered the socialists present be asked if they endorsed editorials appearing in socialist organs attacking the Federation and its officers. President Gompers defended the editorial. He asked why the only paragraph in the editorial in which he had expressed an opinion is taken up and every charge in the editorial is overlooked, for he did make a number of charges. Mr. Gompers charged that the socialists were trying to disrupt the trade union movement. He said that there never had appeared a more severe arraignment of the officers of the Federation in the hostile press than has appeared in the Cleveland Citizen, edited by Max Hayes, a representative of the Typographical Union in the convention. Mr. Gompers stated he had no ill will against any man personally, and that he fought solely for the trade union movement. He had no ill will towards even Debs or Daniel de Leon, of the industrial workers of the world, although both were trying to destroy the trade union movement. Delegate Duffrey's motion asking for explanation from the socialists of editorials in certain socialist papers attacking the Federation officers was finally agreed to. A. B. Grant of the metal polishers, a socialist, said he was not responsible for the editorials, but that he believed that there had been cases where labor leaders had sold out, although he made no charges against the Federation officers."

THE TARIFF HEARINGS

When the manufacturers of paints, varnishes, medicinal preparations, perfumes, etc., were petitioning congress for free alcohol they said that if they had it they could snap their fingers at foreign competitors. They got it, and yet are now appearing before the committee on ways and means to request that the high tariff duties be left as they are. A few of the men who addressed the committee on Tuesday asked for higher duties. One of them said with great frankness that they would enable him to make more money.

This request that there shall be no decrease anywhere, even when the duties are prohibitory and hence produce no revenue, will be heard at all of the hearings. There may be a pretty general agreement among the manufacturers who attend that the Dingley law duties are a miracle of wisdom and moderation—too moderate in some instances.

If the information congress is to get from the men who show up at these hearings were to be all it had to guide it it would make a sorry mess of tariff revision. Happily there are unprejudiced experts who have been collecting data as to the cost of production at home and abroad. These data probably will show that there are many duties which ought to be reduced. Congress should be governed by them and not by over protected interests, such as the United States steel corporation, the American Sugar Refining company, and the tobacco trust. —Chicago Tribune.

HE KNEW HIS AUDIENCE

A celebrated Scottish lawyer had to address the Caledonian equivalent of our supreme court. His "pleadings" occupied an entire day. After seven hours of almost continuous oratory he went home to supper and was asked to conduct family worship. As he was exhausted his devotions were brief. "I am ashamed of ye," said the old mother. "To think ye could talk for seven hours up at the court and dismiss your Maker in seven minutes." "Aye, verra true," was the reply, "but ye maun mind that the Lord isna sae dull in the uptak as the judge-bodies." —Philadelphia Ledger.

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