

PAROLE BOY DENIES KIRK'S PLEA

Labor Chief Begins Last Trip East

Body of Samuel Gompers to Be in State at Federation Headquarters at Capital.

Funeral Rites Wednesday

By Universal Service. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.—The body of Samuel Gompers, veteran leader of America's labor forces, who died in a hotel here this morning at 4:10 o'clock, left San Antonio shortly before midnight for Washington, where it will arrive Tuesday afternoon, to lie in state at the labor federation headquarters.

The last hours of Gompers' life were spent in a desperate fight from the enemy that he knew was closing in upon him. He felt he was going to die and he wanted the end to come on American soil. His death occurred 11 hours after his arrival here.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers is dead. The veteran labor leader, victor in his determination to make his last fight on the soil of his home land, suffered a stroke early today and died at 4:05 a. m.

Official announcement of his death was made by Chester E. Wright, press representative of the American Federation of Labor, which Gompers helped to organize and which he led as president for 37 years.

But a few hours before the relapse which brought his life to a close, just this side of the mile post marking the three-quarters of a century, the physicians attending him had issued a bulletin with a note of optimism, hoping that he might spend a comfortable night, although his condition then was regarded as grave.

The first intimation that death was imminent came at 2 a. m., when members of the Gompers party were awakened and physicians were called in hurried consultation. His breathing then was labored and painful and his vitality, low for the struggle against the bronchial and pneumonia condition which had necessitated the emergency trip of Gompers from Detroit, an official of the federation, came from Gompers' room with tears streaming down his face.

"He can't last long. It's artificial life," he whispered to another official. Gompers knew he was near death. He faced the dark prospect with the same spirit he showed when he answered the physicians who counseled against the return to the United States and were told: "I must die, I want to die at home."

Morrison at bedside. Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, sat at the bedside of the dying man.

Fully conscious, Gompers reached for Morrison's hand, and between labored breaths told him: "Frank, I'm dying. Please send for my wife."

Death came a few moments later. According to Dr. Lee Rice, San Antonio specialist, Gompers' heart action became weaker and weaker, falling to respond to final emergency treatment. Three physicians, Doctors Rice, Hansen and Russ, who took over the case Friday night from Dr. W. F. Cockrell, Mexico City physician who made the trip north, were at the bedside during the night.

The last official bulletin issued was at 10 last night and gave Gompers' condition as practically unchanged and extremely grave.

"Nurse, this is the end—God bless our American institutions. May they grow better," was the parting message of the dying chief to his subordinates, grouped about his bed, bowed in grief.

Two nurses, Miss M. H. May of New York and Miss Marie Jameton of San Antonio, were in the room. Shortly after the death was announced, telegrams were dispatched to Gen. P. Calles, president of Mexico, whose inauguration Gompers was attending when stricken, and to all members of the executive board of (Turn to Page Eight, Column Six.)

OFFICER SHOTS THEFT SUSPECT
Calexico, Cal., Dec. 13.—Police officer C. C. Brower shot and killed J. A. Teal of Tacoma here tonight, after Teal fired three shots at the officer. Teal, arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile, broke away from the policeman and started firing. Brower fired a single shot, which killed the suspected thief.

Object Lesson for Negligent Wrappers



Wrap your Christmas packages well or the friend you wish to remember may never get it. This man at the general postoffice in New York and many others throughout the country will be kept busy during the holiday season repairing broken wrappings.

\$235, Part of Loot From Milder Home, Is Found in Piano

Police Holding Maid as Suspect in Case; Envelope in Which Money Was Placed Also Discovered.

Police have discovered \$235 hidden under the lid of the baby grand piano in the Morris Milder home, 165 South Elmwood boulevard, which Friday night was robbed of \$370 in cash. At the same time police arrested Juanita Starr, colored maid in the Milder home, holding her at central station for investigation. Detectives are working on the theory that the robbery was an "inside job," as no trace of a forcible entry into the house could be discovered. The money was, when taken, in the dresser drawer in Mrs. Milder's room and was her Christmas spending money. The drawer was locked. The thief unlocked the drawer with a pass key, took the cash and then locked the drawer again. Jewelry said to be worth \$10,000 was left untouched. The theft was not discovered until Mr. and Mrs. Milder returned home after midnight. Discovery of a portion of the money was followed by the finding of an envelope in which the entire amount had been placed. The envelope was in a paper chute.

CHINA ON VERGE OF MORE STRIFE

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—China tonight is on the verge of a civil war. Possibility of a renewal of warfare in the vicinity of Shanghai was seen here tonight following reports that Chi-Hsieh-Yuan, military governor of Kiangsu province, in which Shanghai is located, plans to resist the order from Peking disarming him from his post. Chi-Hsieh-Yuan, according to reports here, is determined to make a final stand near Shanghai should force be attempted by Peking to oust him.

STUDENTS NABBED BY BANDITS FREED

Canton, Dec. 13.—The eight remaining captive students and teachers of Canton Christian college captured by 32 others by Chinese bandits last Sunday in the outskirts of Canton were released today following their capture following successful efforts of troops of Li Fuh Lin, bandit suppression commander, to force the bandits out of their stronghold. The bandits had made an ineffectual attempt to take these eight prisoners into the east river district of Canton by Chen Hsiang-Yuan, a steady enemy of Sun Yat Sen, where the Canton government is powerless to enforce its authority.

MAN DIES IN LEAP FROM 18TH STORY

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—A man believed to be E. D. Gates, salesman for the Howe Scale company, New York, leaped from the 18th story of the Equitable building late this afternoon. The body crashed through the top of an automobile parked at the curb. The man died 10 minutes after reaching a hospital. A Howe Scale company letter in his pocket was the only identification. Scores of afternoon shoppers witness the plunge. No one saw the man start, but police believe he jumped from the roof.

SENATE ORDERS EDITORIAL QUIZ

Washington, Dec. 13.—The senate this afternoon ordered an official investigation into the writing of an editorial in a local newspaper charging that the Underwood bill for disposing of Muscle Shoals was a "steal" and a greater scandal than Teapot Dome.

BANDITS HOLD UP WATCH COMPANY

New York, Dec. 13.—Two armed bandits walked into the office of the Pioneer Watch company today, locked the door behind them and cleaned out the safe of jewelry for more than \$40,000 after binding and gagging Isadore Marmorstein, president of the concern, according to the story Marmorstein told the police.

Money Pours in to Buy Shoes for Needy Children

Union Pacific Workers Contribute \$17 to Fund; One Man Gives \$50.

Acknowledged	\$295.00
H. E. Albin	5.00
W. J. Bath	5.00
A. L. K.	5.00
R. J. Whitman	10.00
Literary Thimble club, Oakland, Neb.	10.00
Hannah Greening	5.00
Margaret	5.00
W. J. Merrill	5.00
John D. Foster	5.00
Edwin Chapman	5.00
Aut Ann Children	5.00
R. J. Peterson, Winner, S. D.	5.00
Miss Christie South, Missouri Valley, Ia.	5.00
Omaha Jim	1.00
W. J. Smith, David City, Neb.	1.00
Miss L. Bernice Hart, Glenview, Neb.	1.00
John W. Blair, Neb.	1.00
Harriet and Frances Rosefeld	1.00
St. Joseph's school	2.00
W. J. Hayes	17.00
St. Joseph's school, Union Pacific railroad	17.00
Total	\$410.00

The money is rolling merrily in to help buy shoes for cold little feet of boys and girls whose mothers (usually there are no fathers alive) can't possibly buy them shoes.

Today are acknowledged 24 contributions to the good cause, one of them \$50, from an individual and another \$17 from many workers in the store department of the Union Pacific.

A club of mothers writes: "We know of no better way to help dispense Christmas cheer than to help put shoes on the feet of poor children whose health and life are menaced by the cold."

Every cent received by this fund is used to buy shoes for children who can't possibly get them in any other way. Teachers who know the children send them to headquarters, where they receive tickets with which they go to the store and are fitted with shoes. Bills are then sent to the Free Shoe fund which pays them.

Thirty-five pairs of shoes were bought and given to the fund yesterday by Henry J. Abrahams, formerly a furniture dealer here but now dividing his time between Omaha and California. Mr. Abrahams came to Omaha 57 years ago and was one of the first subscribers to the Free Shoe fund.

Address "Free Shoe Fund, care of The Omaha Bee," in sending in contributions. Checks may be made out to the Free Shoe Fund.

Do something right now. For the need is very great.

MARY XMAS SHOPPER

HER FEET ARE SORE, SHE'S FEELING BLUE, BUT NINE DAYS LEFT—BUT HALF WAY THROUGH

ONLY 9 SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE XMAS

Man Seeks Death as Mate Leaves With His Savings

Husband of "Flower Girl" Rescued by Police; Empty Chloroform Vial Found.

Leo Kolster found life without his wife and his \$600 unharmed, he told police after he was taken from a room at 1305 Douglas street Saturday afternoon, following an alleged suicide attempt. A vial containing chloroform was found in the room. At the police station Kolster said he was "sick of living."

Coast State Bars Nebraska Poultry

California Places Embargo on Fowls From 8 Midwest Commonwealths.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 13.—Effective immediately, an embargo was declared today by the state department of agriculture on the importation into California of live poultry consisting of chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, pheasants, pigeons and pea fowl, from the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri.

BROKER ENDS LIFE AT DINNER TABLE

Denver, Colo., Dec. 13.—After having finished a hearty dinner and while he still sat at the dining table with his wife and 3-year-old daughter looking on, Harry W. Grondenberger, 52, Denver broker, shot and killed himself Friday.

BIGGER BOMBING PLANES URGED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The recent attacks off the Virginia capes on the battleship Washington, scrapped under the naval treaty, demonstrated that new bombing planes will have to be developed to carry more destructive bombs. Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, declared today before the house aircraft investigating committee.

CLUB PROTESTS CROWDED SCHOOLS

The Southeast Progressive Improvement club and patrons of Brown Park school met Friday night in Turner hall, Twenty-first and U streets, and discussed conditions at Brown Park and Jungmann schools, which were declared to be crowded and unsanitary. It was decided to send a delegation to the school board Monday night.

Jerry Korisko declared that Brown Park school is "a death trap" and that three classes meet in the basement of Jungmann school.

Two Blasts Shake Loop; Eight Hurt

Police Attribute Explosions to Bombs Left on Upper Story of Office Building.

Street Crowds in Panic

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Eight persons are known to have been injured in two terrific explosions which late this afternoon rocked the loop district here. The blasts occurred in the sixth floor of a seven-story "loft" manufacturing building and were caused, according to preliminary reports of police, by bombs.

The manager of the concern occupied the loft, however, attributed the explosion to a leaking gas main. The explosion shattered windows within a radius of a block and threw the entire manufacturing district into a panic.

Harding Relative in Forbes Trial

Cousin of Late President Subpoenaed to Testify at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Counsel for Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans' bureau, announced today they had issued a subpoena for Francis E. Pope of Spokane, Wash., a cousin of former President Harding, to appear in the trial of Forbes and J. W. Thomson, Chicago contractor, for conspiracy to defraud the government.

Howell Attacks Bill

The average American farmer would save annually only from 50 to 56 cents on fertilizer under the terms of the Underwood bill, it was charged by Senator Howell, republican of Nebraska in the senate.

Howell declared the Norris bill, by developing the power facilities at Muscle Shoals, would slash electric light rates all over the south. He pointed out instances in cities where the advent of a publicly owned power company sharply reduce the consumers' rates.

Howell compared a rate of \$1.20 per kilowatt hour in Cleveland, where a publicly owned company is operated, to a rate of 44 in Washington, where a private company operates. He also called attention of the rate of 2.10 per 40 kilowatt hours in Lincoln, Neb., which he said came "when a small public company began to serve a part of the city."

In the last phases of his protracted and intense cross-examination, Mortimer yesterday altered the story of his contracts with Forbes in details regarded by the defense counsel as of vital importance to the entire structure of the prosecution's case.

COAST CONFERENCE ADOPTS NEW RULE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—A player-rule was adopted by the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference which will make ineligible for competition any football player who writes an article concerning football matters which investigated the veterans' bureau last year, never had occurred. An agreement between himself and Forbes to split profits on hospital contracts, said to have been reached at the March meeting, was not concluded, according to the testimony until an Atlantic City trip between May 31 and June 4, 1923.

PLOT TO WRECK TRAIN IS FOILED

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 13.—A plot to blow up the presidential special train on which the president and his cabinet, Mrs. Roosevelt, and other members of the American monument commission were en route to Santiago de las Vegas tomorrow of the Theodore Roosevelt memorial, was believed frustrated today when a bomb was discovered on the track over which the train was to pass.

The bomb was picked up by a track inspector and report of the incident was made to state officials here.

Mongoose Is Campus Pet



The mongoose, seldom seen outside of zoos, is the campus pet at University of Wisconsin, where this co-ed is admiring him—or is the mongoose admiring the pretty miss?

Underwood Asks Senate Query of Shoals Bill Rap

Editorial in Washington Newspaper Basis for Row; Howell Attacks Measure Under Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, today obtained unanimous consent of the senate to have a senate investigation of statements made about the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill and himself of an editorial appearing in today's issue of the Washington Herald.

The editorial was referred to the judiciary committee, which was given authority to subpoena the author of the editorial and other persons to "get at the bottom of the charges."

The Alabama senator and former democratic leader declared the newspaper had charged him with having been influenced in preparation of his bill by the Alabama Power company, and with yielding to corporate influence in his public life.

He replied that the inference was untrue and said he believed "the editorial was purchased by the interests who are trying to gobble this power."

After Underwood had vigorously denounced the editorial in language seldom heard on the senate floor, he asked unanimous consent for an investigation by the senate judiciary committee. It was granted without a record vote. The committee was empowered to subpoena witnesses and to determine whether there was a "man in the entire country who can substantiate the charges contained in the editorial."

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SAFE SHATTERED, LOOTED OF \$500

Barney Rosenski left his home, 4814 South Twentieth street, at noon Friday and when he returned at 7 p. m. he found that a safe in the front room had been blown open and valuables worth \$500 stolen, including three gold watches, \$40 in gold and insurance papers.

Pictures on the wall were shattered by force of the explosion and the house had been ransacked.

Premier of France Now Literally Has Elephant on Hands

Marseilles, France, Dec. 13.—Everybody is wondering what Prime Minister Herriot is going to do with Loulou, who recently arrived from Indo-China. Loulou weighs 2,400 pounds and is 11 years old. Monsieur Herriot will probably put her in the Lyon Zoo, because Loulou is an elephant.

Loulou was presented to the French minister by Monsieur Merlin, governor general of French Indo-China, and was brought here under guard of the official government veterinary. Dr. Brouhin, who says that Loulou got away with 400 bunches of bananas during the trip and was still hungry when the steamer docked.

Matthews' Parole Bid Is Rejected

Tony Ciarlette, Convicted of Murder Gets Commutation; Free for Christmas.

Board Hears 15 Petitions

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Dec. 13.—Action taken by the state board of pardons and paroles on applications of the more important of the large list of prisoners who applied for paroles or commutations at the meeting of the board Tuesday and Wednesday of this week follows:

Paul L. Anderson, former Nance county, Okla., serving 10 years for burglary, commutation granted. Charles W. Baker, serving 5 years for burglary, commutation granted. William Philby, Wayne county banker, serving 10 years for forgery, to be paroled after serving six years and six months. He will go to Chicago to make false entries, paroled.

Marcia Rodgers, Omaha, serving two to 15 years for assault, paroled. Ora Brown, Omaha, serving 20 years for assault, sentence commuted to 15 years.

Lorraine Cooper, York county banker, serving three years for forgery, sentence commuted to make minimum term expire February 15, 1925. At expiration of minimum, Cooper to be paroled then with understanding he will go to Chicago to make false entries, paroled.

Victor Moss, North Platte, serving 10 years for assault, sentence commuted to four years. Governor Hall, Omaha, serving 10 years for second degree murder, sentence commuted to 10 years.

Willard Matthews, Omaha banker, serving one to 10 years for embezzlement, paroled. Tony Ciarlette, serving 10 years for murder in second degree, commutation granted.

Orlando Lansley, Gage county, serving 20 years for second degree murder, commutation denied. Charles W. Baker, Aurora, banker, serving one to 10 years for making false reports to banking board, paroled.

Prizefighter, serving life for murder of a woman, commutation denied. Henry Nickel, Omaha banker, serving life for murder of a woman, commutation denied.

The case of the Hon. H. K. Kirke case there is doubt as to his proposed innocence and that Kirke's action in fighting the bill for his release is "unlawful" by acting Governor B. K. Hessebe is against him.

CEDAR COUNTY BOY TO GO UPON BENCH

Hartington, Dec. 13.—Residents of Cedar county and others in northeast Nebraska will be interested to know that Franc C. Radke, a former Cedar county boy who was born and educated here, was elected county judge of Johnson county at the November election. He practiced here several years after completing his law course at the state university. He was elected to the state legislative and was delegate to the constitutional convention from this county for many years ago. Going from here to Tecumseh his successful career as a lawyer continued and later he was appointed private secretary to Governor Charles W. Bryan, which position he was holding when elected to the judgeship.

WOMAN POSING AS MAN, DIES

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.—The death of a woman who posed as "Paul J. Beach" during his successful career as a coroner here tonight. Undertakers discovered that Beach was a woman when they prepared the body for burial, the coroner said.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$286,385,578, was reported to the house. The Blue Ridge of Virginia was selected as a national park site for the eastern section of the country. The United States Chamber of Commerce, urging President Coolidge to consider an economic conference. Increases in postal rates on virtually all classes of mail except letters mail were recommended by Postmaster General Now.