

GOMPERS TALKS PLAINLY.

Expresses Opinion of Chicago Labor Plank in Warm Language.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a review of the work accomplished by the republicans in the adoption of the platform at Chicago, makes the statement that organized labor was practically ignored, and that the anti-injunction plank inserted in the platform is nothing more or less than the affirmation for a statute law authorizing the issuance of injunctions.

He said that instead of the republican party giving labor bread, it gave them a stone.

President Gompers' statement in full follows:

"The plank adopted by the republican convention on the subject of injunctions is nothing more or less than the affirmation for a statute law authorizing the issuance of injunctions. Our contention is that there is no law upon the statute books authorizing or warranting the issuance of these extraordinary injunctions.

"They are never issued when no labor dispute exists between workmen and employers. They are only issued when such a dispute exists. They are never issued against any citizen, whether he be a workman or in any other walk of life, when there is no labor dispute.

"We hold that the law does not change because a dispute arises between employers and workmen. All we ask is to be regarded upon an equality before the law with all other citizens. We ask no immunity for any one guilty of wrongdoing, whether he be workman or other, but we must insist upon the constitutional guarantee of equality before the law. We will be satisfied with nothing less.

"The decision of the supreme court in the Danbury Hatters' case declared the labor organizations trusts, when, as a matter of fact, labor organizations are voluntary in character, and formed for the purpose of protecting and advancing personal rights. The labor organizations deal in no product, whether of the hand or of the land; they are simply associations to protect and advance the interests of men and women who aim to conserve

their personal rights, their personal freedom. The trusts are combinations of men dealing with the products of labor. The workmen and their power to labor cannot be distinguished from each other. A trust can dispose of its material products, move and transport them to any point on earth without affecting the personal rights and the human liberty of the owners of labor products.

"You can't determine the rules governing the labor of working people without affecting their personalities, their bodies, their minds, their very souls. We asked the republican convention to declare in essence for the enactment of a law granting human rights and human freedom, and it wholly failed to meet the requirements of an intolerable, an unjust, and un-American situation.

"In this instance no relief was either declared or promised. The other measures which we asked the republican convention to adopt are of a material character. The two which I have mentioned involve principles of justice and American conception of constitutionally guaranteed freedom of man.

"We asked the convention for bread, and they gave us a stone."

SUED IN DENVER.

Labor Leaders Served With Notice in a Big Damage Suit.

Denver, July 11.—Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, John B. Lennon, Frank N. Morrison, Joseph Valentine, James Duncan and Max Morris will be delayed a week or ten days here on account of their having been served with papers to appear as defendants in a suit brought by the W. R. Thompson Marble company against them as leading officers of the American Federation of Labor for \$50,000 for alleged damages to its business by a strike and boycott.

These officers will have to appear before a commissioner July 17 to give testimony. The trial has been set for August 4 and it will probably be necessary for the leaders to return to Denver at that time also.

Officers of the Colorado State Federation of Labor and the Denver Building Trades council are co-defendants to the suit.

STAR WASHINGTON PITCHER



WALTER JOHNSON

Pacific Coast Twirler, Secured by the Washington Club Last Year, Who is Doing Good Work in the Box for His Team.

STAR PITCHERS WORKED AGAINST MORDECAI BROWN

Rival Managers Make Big Mistake in Doing So, Believes Manager Frank Chance.

The Chicago Cubs say that the other National league clubs invariably nurse their star pitchers to oppose Mordecai Brown.

The policy of holding out the best pitcher on the staff to face Brown is one that is almost universal in the National league. It is the usual procedure in all leagues against the best pitchers, but it is a policy with which Manager Chance does not entirely agree.

The Philadelphia club can be taken as an example of how that policy works out as a rule. During the recent visit of the Cubs to Philadelphia, Brown, the best Chicago National league club possesses, was slated to work, so Murray sent in McQuillen to pitch for the Phillies. McQuillen was vanquished, possibly not through any superior pitching on the part of Brown, but through the general superiority of the club behind him. Then Chance used his other pitchers, who again had the same advantage over Murray's "next best" that Brown held over Quillen, and the result was that Chicago kept on winning.

Had Murray sent one of his "second-class" pitchers against Brown, a game that was almost sure to be lost by the Phillies, he would still have had McQuillen in reserve to send in against those who followed the great three-fingered wonder, and the chances would have been much greater of the Phillies winning, for the general superiority of the ball club might have been partially overcome.

"This is a policy almost universal in baseball," said Chance, "but it does not strike me as being good sense all the way through. It is a different thing for me to use Brown against Mathewson, for Chicago holds, or has held for two years past, enough superior strength over the Giants to bring Brown home a winner in spite of the best efforts of McGraw's star. The result is Brown wins from 'Matty' much oftener than he loses, and the rest of our pitchers are just as strong as any McGraw can lead out.

"Now, it seems to me it would be a more far-seeing policy for a manager to save his star until our star had been used, for the chances of winning would be greater. Of course, Brown is not invincible. He is beaten occasionally, but the chances in baseball are all in favor of his success, and the defeat of the opposing star, other conditions being equal, for he is almost certain to get better backing both in the field and with the stick."

MAJOR LEAGUE NOTES

Pitcher Herbert Sylvester Sincok, the University of Michigan twirler signed by the Cincinnati club, has joined the Reds.

The Reds will have to do more hitting if they expect to stay up near the top. They have been very weak with the stick for several weeks.

Dode Criss, the St. Louis utility player and pitcher, is leading the league with an average of .489.

Al Bridwell, the former Columbus infielder acquired by the Giants from Boston, punched McGraw for calling him names. Now he's suspended.

Jack Stahl started the season in the lead of the baserunners. On April 24 he had annexed six bases, since that time he has gathered but one.

The old time boxmen seem to be doing the best work this season, viz., "Vic" Willis, "Cy" Young, Jack Powell, Mathewson, Tom Hughes, "Wild Bill" Donovan, Addie Joss, Jack Chesbro, "Chick" Fraser and several others.

Outfielder William McGilivray, who was secured from the Cincinnati National League club for the Milwaukee team of the American association, was sold to the Harrisburg (Pa.) club of the Tri-State league by President Havenor of the Milwaukee club.

NEW RULING ON PAY MADE BY NATIONAL COMMISSION

No Club Can Release Player Without Ten Days' Notice and Salary Goes to Same Time.

In rejecting the claim of Player Jerry F. Donovan for salary alleged to be due him from the Philadelphia National League club, the national baseball commission recently made a new rule in cases where players make claim for salary provided for in their major league contracts when they are released to minor league clubs.

The new rule provides that no major league club has a right to release a player at any time unless it gives him a ten days' notice of such release. If this notice is given ten days before the season commences the major league clubs having title to the player need not pay him any salary.

If the ten days' notice covers any part of the playing season then the major league club releasing the player unconditionally must pay him for the number of days such notice covers of the playing season, and if the player is released by a major league club to a minor league club by sale or otherwise the major league club will in such case be required to pay the player the difference in salary between ten days' pay under his major league contract and the amount the player could have earned during the time had he reported promptly to the club securing his services.

Donovan contended that he had signed a contract with Philadelphia for 1908 calling for \$300 per month, and that at the commencement of the season he was released to the Johnstown club of the Tri-State league and that the latter club offered him a contract calling for only \$200, which contract was unsatisfactory to him, and therefore he did not report to the Johnstown club. He requested that the Philadelphia club be required to pay him his salary or else give him his unconditional release.

The player's claim was rejected because the committee only had his statement that he signed a contract, while the Philadelphia club stated positively that he did not sign a contract, nor was one received by President Pulliam of the National league.

PLANS BASEBALL SCHOOL

Manager McCormick of Milwaukee to Try Out Several Youngsters.

Manager Barry McCormick of the Milwaukee American Association club has just about completed arrangements for opening a school of baseball pedagogy. Or in other words Barry is preparing to try out 10 or 12 youngsters during the long home series of the club in August.

Wisconsin fairly swarms with likely baseball timber. There are thousands and thousands of teams in the state and many of them boast players worthy of trial in faster company. In the past, Milwaukee clubs have paid little if any attention to state talent and many stars have slipped away as a result. In the future, however, every youngster who applies will be given an opportunity to go through his paces under the critical eye of McCormick.

The form shown by Lawrence Pape the other day, is an indication of the class the Lake Shore league has. There are several other pitchers in this organization who have shown just as much speed as the new Brewer and McCormick would do well to get a line on them. One of them is Byers, the 18-year-old wonder on the Manitowoc team. This kid has just been out of high school a year, and if reports are true, he is a second Waddell. He has been pitching great ball for his team on every game, winning a majority of them.

The Indianapolis and Toledo clubs have followed this policy for several years and have built up brilliant line-ups as a result. Summers, the crack Detroit star, was found in the bushes and Marquardt, the present sensation of the American association, stepped right off a corner lot to his present job.

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