

LABOR WILL FIGHT

Executive Council Will Consider Sentence of Leaders January 11.

POLICY IS NOT YET OUTLINED

Many Resolutions and Letters Condemn Action.

PROTESTS SENT TO PRESIDENT

Letters and Testimony Case Referred to Attorney General.

APPEAL NOT HEARD TILL MARCH

Secretary Morrison Says Three Defendants Will Exhaust Legal Efforts in Behalf of Free Speech.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The whole question of the sentencing for contempt of court of President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, by Justice Wright in the supreme court of the District of Columbia yesterday will be threshed over at a meeting of the executive council of the federation to be held in this city on January 11 next.

This meeting, while a regularly scheduled one, will be notably noteworthy because of the vital issues affecting labor involved in the action of the court. Resolutions sustaining the attitude of the leaders of the big organization with its 30,000 odd members and 2,000,000 members will be submitted for action and the policy of the federation in view of the court's action and sentencing arrangement carried in the decision will be outlined.

Policy Not Yet Outlined.

President Gompers was not in his office today and no information was given out there as to where he could be found. Secretary Morrison, who was given the lightest sentence of the officials of the federation—six months—was at the federation headquarters, however, busy with his routine duties. Active steps in the framing of the fight against the carrying out of the sentences are not likely until next week and Secretary Morrison said today the plan so far as the officials of the federation themselves foresee is to do nothing about it until after the holidays.

"It seems," said Mr. Morrison, "that in the District of Columbia there is really no limit to the sentence that can be imposed for contempt of court. In a great many states there is a limit. In New York, for instance, six months is the maximum. We purpose," he added, "to exhaust every effort to sustain our right to a free press and free speech. I believed and I am confident, that the position taken by the federation is right, and that the citizens of this country will ratify the attitude of the federation in this matter."

"I believe that they will give to the trades unionists the same rights and privileges that are being accorded to trades unions in Great Britain, as provided for by the Trades Union Act adopted here two years ago," Mr. Gompers referred to that act in his speech to the court yesterday. Under that act a union cannot be mulcted in damages on account of a strike.

Plans for Appeal.

It is not likely that arguments on the appeal will be heard in the court of appeals of the District of Columbia until March, and perhaps not then.

Should the upper court sustain the ruling of Justice Wright, and a further appeal to the supreme court of the United States is granted, the case necessarily would not come up for decision in the highest tribunal in the land until the fall term, which begins in October.

The ruling of Justice Wright was the absorbing topic of conversation here today and both sides are preparing for a legal battle which, it is believed, will add an important chapter to the already famous case.

Protests Sent President.

Many telegrams have reached the White House from labor leaders in all parts of the country, protesting against the sentence imposed upon Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. The president has turned all of them over to Attorney General Bonaparte for such consideration as he may be determined to give them. It is expected that the president's mail on this subject will be heavy for the next few days.

Message from Mr. Bryan.

William J. Bryan was chief among nearly two score of men who today sent messages expressive of their cordial sympathy to President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the Federation of Labor.

The messages, which voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of labor, convey feelings of regret over the court's decision, extend moral and financial sympathy and express indignation.

Mr. Bryan, in a telegram dated Pittsburgh, Pa., says: "Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing law. Glad you are taking appeal."

"What action on the part of organized workers you wish in your opinion, be most useful to re-establish freedom of the press and of speech?" asks J. B. Forham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in a telegram from St. Louis addressed to Mr. Gompers.

Perhaps one of the most unique among the messages is that from S. S. Parry of Oklahoma City, who after expressing regret over the decision declares: "Stay with the baggage, right must prevail."

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, located at Detroit, Mich., expresses sincere regret at what he calls "an unjust and un-American sentence" upon the labor leaders. He says: "You are clearly the victims of a judge-made law, which is wholly unconstitutional. It should be carried to the highest court and contested to the bitter end, and I pledge you the united support of our association to that end."

The declaration is made by John R. Alpina, president of the United Association of Plumbers of Chicago, that the decision will bring organized labor closer together and says the common people will prove loyal to Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison.

On behalf of the International Steam Fitters' association, President J. J. Sullivan expresses "indignation on verdict and conveys sympathy to defendants."

That history will place the names of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison on the roll of honor with those men who

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, December 25, 1908.

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THE WEATHER.

Table with columns for location and temperature: FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Friday; FOR IOWA—Fair Friday; Temperatures at Omaha yesterday: Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 32, 6 a. m. 32, 7 a. m. 33, 8 a. m. 34, 9 a. m. 34, 10 a. m. 35, 11 a. m. 35, 12 m. 36, 1 p. m. 37, 2 p. m. 37, 3 p. m. 38, 4 p. m. 38, 5 p. m. 39, 6 p. m. 39, 7 p. m. 40.

DOMESTIC.

The labor leaders of the United States sent messages by the wholesale to three officials of the American Federation of Labor who were sentenced yesterday and the information was given out that the Bucks case would be fought to a finish in the highest court.

General Franklin Bee, in his annual report as chief of staff, yesterday advised the management of a large army and the adoption of more modern methods in the army.

Three men made a vain effort to loot the Bank of Milan, Kan. Turkeys are at a record price in St. Louis, owing to outside buyers.

The chairman called Mr. Hale's attention to the fact that a rate was made double at that rate in the Dingley bill as it left the house and the senate struck out the paragraph and left a table as it appears in the law, on the free list.

By special permission of the Interstate Commerce commission the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad company, for itself and for the Rock Island and Frisco lines, will file with the commission in a few days one of the most remarkable freight tariffs ever constructed by an interstate carrier.

A railroad expert testified that the road's valuation of the Northern Pacific line has been too high.

Additional evidence was furnished at Union City as to the secrets and methods of the night riders.

President Roosevelt has called a meeting of prominent men for January 25 to consider what shall be done with dependent children.

The army has taken steps to have all desertions reported by wire, the mail having been used heretofore.

Secretary Cortelyou has announced the class of paper the government will receive for security for money in depository banks.

President Castro of Venezuela practically abandoned his claim to the office yesterday in Berlin.

The Chinese desire to have their diplomatic representatives here raised to the importance of an embassy.

Chance for everyone to enjoy Christmas in Omaha.

Omaha jobbers will pay railroad rates for country merchants who come to trade.

Case involving rates on water to Omaha consumers goes over until January 18.

Live stock markets.

Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Arrived: NEW YORK, Leiria, Campania; NEW YORK, Hamburg, Teutonic; NEW YORK, Nordland, Vestland; NEW YORK, Merit, Celtic; QUEBEC, Scotia, Prinsesse; NAPLES, Nord America, Vestland; SOUTHAMPTON, Oceanic, Minnetonka.

MESSANGER BOY FOUND DEAD

Police Officials at Salt Lake City Are Investigating Case of Probable Murder.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—The dead body of Charles Reinold, 16 years old, and employed as a messenger boy by the Rocky Mountain Railway company, was found today at a lonely part of the gravel pit near the Capitol Hill grounds. There were no marks of violence on the body, but the features were distorted and there were indications that probably death had been caused by poison.

The last seen of the boy was yesterday, when he was sent by the telephone company to accompany Charles Washington, a negro porter, to the Pullman office to collect a bill incurred by Washington in telephoning.

When Washington heard today of the boy's death he went to police headquarters and surrendered himself. He was placed in custody pending further investigation of the case. He said the boy was alive the last he saw of him and his story has been partly corroborated.

TARIFF FRAMERS AT WORK

Revenue Feature of the Bill Claiming Attention of Committee.

FIGHT IS EXPECTED IN SENATE

Strong Effort Will Be Made to Get Measure Through Upper House Without Any Important Changes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The tariff framers met again today to continue the work of preparing a tariff bill. While protection afforded for industries, which must compete with cheap labor abroad, will be the keynote of the revised tariff, much consideration will be given to the questions of raising sufficient revenue for the government.

The revenue feature involves more difficult problems than either the protective or other phases of the tariff revision question. It is claimed by some that the government has been deprived of millions of dollars of revenue during the operation of the Dingley tariff, because of the numerous changes made in the bill after it passed the house of representatives. These changes were made principally in the wording of the bill rather than in the rates of duty. It is freely said that numerous large interests that will be affected by the new tariff law as it will be reported to the house, will make a strong fight when the bill reaches the senate.

In this case, it is understood, that President-elect Taft will exert every influence to have the bill go through the senate as it comes from the house. It is even said that Mr. Taft will veto the bill if the senate makes too many changes tending to increase the rates of duty. One case in point where the senate amended the Dingley bill as reported from the house in 1907, was brought out in a humorous incident during the hearings several weeks ago. Senator Hale of Maine, appeared to ask that tapioca starch, now on the free list should pay a rate of 14 cents a pound. The chairman called Mr. Hale's attention to the fact that tapioca was made double at that rate in the Dingley bill as it left the house and the senate struck out the paragraph and left a table as it appears in the law, on the free list.

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The estimate was submitted by Mr. Morgan today in the Northern Pacific rate case, in which testimony is being taken before Charles E. Otis, master in chancery.

The evidence presented by Mr. Morgan are entered as evidence in the hearing which was held by the stockholders of the company to prevent the enforcement of the commodity rate law, and the state, as defendant, will use the figures to show that the rates prescribed under the direction of the railroad and warehouse commission allowed equal compensation for the use of the railroad property.

The chief item of difference in the reports, as given by both sides, is in the amount that shall be allowed for the value of the land that is used for right-of-way and terminals. The company maintaining that the land has an increased value as evidenced by the sale of contiguous property in the open market. The attorneys for the state contend that the actual value of the right-of-way and the terminal lands which the company owns can only be ascertained by the comparison with the actual transfers of property in the vicinity of the railroad properties.

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Invasion of Eastern Buyers Responsible for Highest Price Paid in Years.

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Many merchants are losing money in filling orders of customers who bought turkey fannies when the price was low. An invasion of eastern buyers is blamed for the depleted condition of the local market.

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RAILROAD FIGURES TOO HIGH

Expert in Minnesota Says Figures Have Been Carried in Excess of Real Values.

EMISSARY ON WAY TO HOLLAND

Negotiations Will Soon Be Opened for Settlement of Existing Disputes—Warships Arrive at Willemstad.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Cipriano Castro today gave a statement to the Associated Press which amounts virtually to abandonment of his claims to the presidency of Venezuela. This statement follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela I doubt the attitude therein attributed to me. I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred. In any event, I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from activity in the affairs of the nation."

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MULLEN CAUSING TROUBLE

Activity of Oil Inspector Rouses Ire of Many Democrats.

REACTS ON SHALLENBERGER

Automobile Owners Notified Their Licenses Expire with the Year—and Penalty Attaches for Failure to Renew.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Shallenberger may get through this next two weeks without taking a hand in the organization of the legislature, but he is already the object of considerable criticism because of the activity of his man Arthur Mullen. A prominent democrat of Otoe county who is deeply interested in the organization of the house was in Lincoln yesterday and he expressed himself as follows:

"I have it straight that Arthur Mullen is trying to organize the house. It looks to me like Governor Shallenberger would call him off. We put our shoulders to the wheel and helped elect Shallenberger, and since the day of the election he has acted as though Otoe county was not on the map. If the election were held over again you bet Otoe county would not contribute to the election of Mr. Shallenberger. But the activity of Mullen will not be forgotten and Mr. Shallenberger will learn that soon enough."

While democrats generally do not know why it is Shallenberger appointed Mullen oil inspector and what is the tie that binds them, some other democrats have an idea. This is the explanation given by J. J. Mullen was president of the Bryan volunteers and as such officer visited many parts of Nebraska soliciting members and getting voters interested in the move. Instead, however, of devoting his time to organizing Bryan volunteers for work during the campaign he is endeavoring to boost the candidacy of Mr. Shallenberger for the democratic nomination for governor. One of the candidates for the nomination at that time probably could tell some interesting history along that line were he talking. So Shallenberger is under obligations to Mr. Mullen.

Warning to Auto Owners.

It is up to owners of automobiles to save at least 10 out of the Christmas week with which to pay the state for re-registering their machines. New licenses will be issued to every automobile owner in the state during 1909, and those who fail to come across and send their little 100 cents to the secretary of state are subject to a fine of \$5 or \$25 or imprisonment in a county jail for thirty days. All of which is according to law. Each license now issued shows when it expires and as soon as that minute arrives the man who fails to take out a new license subjects himself to arrest every time he runs his machine.

Chair for Sheldon.

Governor George L. Sheldon will carry away from the state house a beautiful mahogany office chair to which he has become very much attached, to gether with the "love and respect" of his office force. The chair was presented to him by his office, and a silver plate tucked thereon says this:

"Governor George L. Sheldon, executive chair, 1907-8, with love and respect from your office force."

The chair has a little history. When the new furniture was placed in the executive office the chair for the use of the governor, belonging to the set, was not delivered, but another was sent in its place. The governor liked the old chair and used it while waiting for the one bought by the state. When the office chair was delivered to the executive he has been using it having been merely loaned to the state, and made the governor's present of it.

Recommendations of Veterinarians.

Deputy State Veterinarian Charles A. McKim recommends in his biennial report to Governor Sheldon that the state veterinarian's department be removed from under the direct control of the governor and be placed in charge of a live stock sanitary board, consisting of five members appointed by the governor, each to serve for a term of five years, but in such a way that one member will retire annually. Dr. McKim says the work of his department has more than doubled since 1906 and at the present time it is an impossibility for one man to properly care for it or to answer all the calls made upon him to examine animals, supposed to be suffering from contagious, infectious, transmissible diseases.

Woman Killed in Hospital.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Miss Mary Ann Hardy, aged 47, one of the best known Catholic women of Racine, was crushed to death today in an elevator at St. Mary's hospital. Miss Hardy had been taken to the hospital to undergo an operation. While being removed from an elevator in a washing chair, the elevator started, crushing her to death.

YESSER, HE CAME DOWN THIS VERY CHIMBLY WITH A LOT OF THINGS FOR ME!

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BIG CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Formal Celebration Centers in Churches and Charities.

CHILDREN ARE THE TOP-LINERS

Charitable Organizations Will Realize Joys of Their Work Today.

DINNERS SERVED FOR MANY POOR

Boxes on Street Corners Have Not Been in Vain, Say Volunteers.

EVERYTHING READY FOR YOUNG

Bellef in Santa Claus Unshattered, and Little Ones Receive Attention of This Day of Good Cheer for All.

Christmas Schedule.

Weather—Fair. Thursday, 6 p. m.—Supper and tree for newboys, All Saints church. Distribution of baskets by volunteers and Salvation Army. Friday—Services in Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches. Saturday—Christmas tree at House of Hope.

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