

LEAVES ISSUE TO SUCCESSOR

Labor Case Unlikely to Be
Open for Intervention Un-
til Roosevelt Goes.

MANY LOOK FOR REVERSAL

ALL PROMINENT LABOR LEADERS
ARE CONFIDENT OF VICTORY
FOR GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND
MORRISON.

Washington, Dec. 26.—That the Taft and not the Roosevelt administration will have to wrestle with the case of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, sentenced to jail by Judge D. T. Wright, for contempt in the boycott suit of the Buck's Stove and Range Company, is believed here.

Labor leaders who have been stirred to protest to President Roosevelt are now taking the view that there is no need to demand interference until the resources of the law are exhausted. The arguments in the court of appeals will not be heard until March or later, and a further appeal to the supreme court would bring about another interval of months before the labor leaders would face the actual contingency of going to jail.

Those who side with Mr. Gompers, including several democratic congressmen who have talked freely since the decision of Judge Wright was rendered, appear so confident that the decision will be reversed that they scoff at the idea of intercession by the chief executive.

Roosevelt in Awkward Fix.

There is general belief that President Roosevelt will be embarrassed in more ways than one by taking action in the case.

In the first place it is explained that the effect of President Roosevelt's action, should he enter into the fight, will be felt during the initial months of Taft's administration. If the sympathizers of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are to be appeased as a political move, it is argued that Mr. Taft, who will probably have similar problems to face, should be the one to do it.

President Roosevelt, it is said, does not know the facts in the case and has not read the testimony, although he is informed as to the ordinary sentence of courts for contempt of court in violation of injunctions.

The legal aspect of the case would probably be given serious consideration by President Roosevelt before any action were taken, according to unofficial statements coming from the white house, and it is added that the president is not in the mood for taking on further burdens when he already has, as his friends say, "enough fight now on his hands."

Roosevelt's Choice.

Judge Wright came here at the solicitation of the President. He was trying a case in court in Cincinnati, after the Republican machine ruled by George B. Cox had defeated him for reelection as judge of the Common Pleas, when he received a telegram from the President requesting him to come to Washington and fill his present position.

It later developed that the President had admired Judge Wright because he refused to be ruled by the bosses and told the political machine it could go to the bow-wows if it thought it could make him do anything he did not approve of.

Many of those who were in doubt as to the legality of the decision entertain doubt no longer, and it is said that Judge Wright has clarified many subtle technicalities of the law to friends and acquaintances who have been at sea and have asked him to straighten matters out. Visitors to Judge Wright's office in the city hall have been shown statutes purported to make his position unassailable in the higher courts and have generally some satisfaction that there will be no reversal of the decision.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM A WRECK

An East Bound Car Was in
Danger.

Yesterday, owing to a connection between the brake and rear truck of the interurban car, due in this city at 1:20 from the west, breaking at Lewiston, the passengers had to be transferred to the limited car due in this city at 5 o'clock. The car ran for more than 2 miles in a damaged condition before it could be stopped.

Baby Laugh

It belongs to health for a baby to eat and sleep, to laugh and grow fat.

But fat comes first; don't ask a scrawny baby to laugh; why, even his smile is pitiful! Fat comes first.

The way to be fat is the way to be healthy.

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Silver Fluctuations Hurt Trade

Consuls Report on Disturbed Conditions in China--Japan,
With Gold Standard, Not Affected By Depression.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The business conditions in the Orient have been seriously embarrassed by fluctuations in the price of silver, and that the fluctuations rather than the mere depreciation in the value of the white metal had caused this commercial difficulty, is shown by a large number of special consular reports received by the national monetary commission. These reports indicate that in Japan, where the gold standard is the basis of exchange, there has been no unsettled condition from that cause, but in China, with the silver standard, dealings with gold standard countries have been injuriously affected by changes in the price of silver which make the profit of a transaction largely dependent upon the trend of exchange. The prevailing statement of the reports is that prices are largely regulated by rates of exchange.

These special consular reports were called for by the state department at the request of Senator Lodge. Consular officers were requested to report what had been the tendency of prices since 1896, measured by silver currency; whether firms importing from the United States, Great Britain and Germany found the depreciation of silver a matter of serious embarrassment to their business during the last year, and whether the depreciation of silver had stimulated considerably the export trades.

Charles Denby, consul general at Shanghai, China, says when silver is high imports are increased and profits are made on goods sold at lower rates. Similarly, when silver falls imports must become unprofitable and heavy losses result upon goods on stock.

Importing firms he says, have found their legitimate trade seriously embarrassed during the past twelve months by the depreciation of silver. This loss does not usually fall upon the foreign wholesale importer, as he does not carry large stocks, but orders goods on commission for Chinese buyers. The recent large fluctuation in the value of local currency in comparison with gold, he adds, ruined hundreds of Chinese merchants who had dealings with foreigners. Normally, he declares this depreciation would have considerably stimulated the export trade, but the markets were so affected by other considerations that it was difficult to trace this influence. The foreign trade in general, he says, has been disturbed since 1890 by fluctuations in the gold value of silver.

Julian H. Arnold, consul at Amoy, China, says that the foreign importing firms at Amoy all assert that the depreciation of silver during the past twelve months has seriously affected their business.

Thomas E. Heenan, consul at Newchwang, China, states there is no doubt that the depreciation of silver stimulates the exports of silver-using countries, but it is difficult to show this in any given article.

That since 1896 the tendency of prices has been upward, that the depreciation has affected the local importers to a serious extent, on account of being unable to obtain higher table prices from the Chinese consumer,

SANTA ARRIVED, BUT SHY A LEG

Loses Limb on Way But Does
Not Disappoint Brooklyn Children.

DROPS HIS WOODEN PEG.

SEVERAL POSERS AS CHRISTMAS
SAINTS ARE SERIOUSLY BURNED
IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF
THE GIFTS.

New York, Dec. 26.—William Malone, a Staten Island teamster, while hurrying to the home of a friend in Brooklyn where he was to act as Santa Claus, fell and slipped under a trolley car at the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn bridge. The toys he was carrying scattered to the winds and spectators who rushed to the man's aid noted to their horror that one of his legs was swinging limply from the knee, apparently having been all but severed. A hurry call was sent for an ambulance, but before it arrived Malone arose and announced that the member was made of wood. It had been severed in fact, but the teamster not to be thwarted in his Christmas plans, hastily procured crutches and dragging the stump of his wooden leg, assisted by his good one, proceeded blithely on his journey, arriving at his crippled son's house in time to appear as a crippled St. Nicholas.

Burning Tree Injures Two.
Washington, Dec. 26.—While trying to extinguish a fire on a Christmas tree which ignited at his home in this city, Nathaniel Butler was so badly burned about the face and body that it is doubtful if he will live. Frederick Plugge also was burned in endeavoring to put out the fire, although not seriously. The damage from the fire amounted to several hundred dollars.

Santa, Afire, Is Dying.
Detroit, Dec. 26.—Leo Wagner was perhaps fatally burned while playing Santa Claus at a family reunion. Clad in a gay Santa Claus costume, which was set off by a great bunch of cotton whiskers caught fire. The flames

SENATORS TRY VAUDEVILLE BIT

Blithesome Solons Make Merry, Led on in Sport by
Mr. Fairbanks.

TILLMAN MAKES A HIT.

"THE PITCHFORK" SINGS A PATHETIC DITTY ENTITLED "LESE MAJESTE"—COMPLETE PROGRAM OF STUNTS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Washington Star printed the following story yesterday:

"Like some individuals, congress never feels more cheerful than when it has a good fight on its hands. Perhaps that's the reason for the entertainment that was given the other day, just before most of the senators went home for the holidays. It was held in executive session.

"Vice President Fairbanks was in the chair, as usual. After the people had been put out of the galleries and the doors had all been closed, and a double lock had been put on the door to the press gallery, Mr. Fairbanks allowed his dignity to fade from his face. Then, in a lighthearted tone, he proclaimed:

"Senators, we are now to have the original little Christmas entertainment to which we have been looking forward for several weeks. The special committee has been hard at work and a fine program has been prepared. It will be a regular old-fashioned affair, I promise you. Before we get through I intend to call for volunteers. I hope everybody will say or do something to enliven the occasion."

"Then he announced:

"Mr. Tillman and chorus in their famous new song entitled "Les Majeste."

"The famous South Carolinian strode down the center aisle and almost defiantly took his place in front of the rostrum. Behind him six republicans arranged themselves. They were Messrs. Aldrich, Hale, Foraker, Dick, Burrows and Nelson. They looked somewhat timidly at Tillman as if for encouragement.

"Taking a deep breath, he began in a high, squeaky voice, a tune indescribable and name unknown: "I tried to get a White House card, tried it often, tried it hard; But that was several years ago. Now I wouldn't go, you know.

"Chorus—(In which the six others join.)

"And now we wouldn't go, you know. Not even though invited. We'd all be careful to lay low, And make him feel quite slighted."

"Tenors—(Dick, Burrows and Nelson son going it alone.)

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"Bassos—(Foraker, Aldrich and Hale also alone.)

"Slighted, slighted, slighted slighted, Slighted."

"The bassos' profound tones sounded like the moaning of the winter wind in the top of an old oak tree. Their voices got an octave lower, and then another, and finally all but Mr. Foraker had to stop for want of breath and more vocal depths. The Ohioan, however, made a grand effort and three more 'slighteds' welled up from his artesian throat. Then he collapsed amid general handclapping and stamping of feet.

"After a while Mr. Fairbanks began to beat his desk for quiet. It seemed fully fifteen minutes before he was successful, but, perhaps, it was a constructive second. Then he said the committee had asked him to recite a touching little piece he had composed for the occasion. If the senate would indulge him he would do it at once, he promised, just to get it over with.

"Mr. Fairbanks:

""ALAS, FAREWELL!"

"The time has come," the robin said,

"To say good-bye to thee.

The winter's coming, cold and dead,

And far from here I flee."

""Alack, my darling," spoke the lad.

"The bugle calls me from your side.

I feel the future will be sad—

Es fare you well—away I ride!"

"Thus all of us, both great and small,

At last must part in sorrow.

When I am gone from out this hall,

Will be forgot to-morrow?"

"Everybody blew his nose to restrain eye-irritation that threatened to break bounds and drop down and spot shirt fronts.

"Finally somebody thought of Mr. Aldrich, noted wit and humorist. He was just the man to relieve the strain by reciting something clever and funny.

"Cries of 'Aldrich' brought that Senator to his feet at last.

"Drying his eyes and assuming an air of mock severity, which everybody recognized at once was very funny, the Rhode Islander said:

"Rose red and violets blue,

You never do what I want you to do."

"And then he sat right down again, quick."

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