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DEMOCRATS LOSE ORGANIZED LABOR TO REPUBLICANS

This Fact Has Been Apparent to the State Committee Ever Since the Close of the Last Legislature.

LABOR LEADERS WILL AID THE REPUBLICANS

Several Chiefs Have Already Called at Republican State Headquarters and Tendered Services.

(Palladium Special)
Indianapolis, July 29.—The democratic state committee has realized the fact that organized labor has got away from the democratic party and that it will support the republican ticket. This fact has been apparent for some time, in fact ever since the close of the last session of the legislature, when labor found that it had been beautifully double crossed by the democrats. Since that time it has been known that the democrats would no longer hope to receive the support of organized labor in Indiana. Already in the present campaign numerous labor leaders in this state have called on the state republican organization and tendered their services for the campaign, and they have reported that the great bulk of the labor vote this year will go to the republican ticket.

At the meeting of the democratic state committee yesterday afternoon there was a discussion of the advisability of bringing Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor into Indiana for a few speeches. As a result it is said that the democratic state committee will invite Gompers to spend a couple of days, at least in Indiana.

Gompers is Democrat.

Gompers is a democrat of the most pronounced type, so in speaking for the democrats he would be only expressing his own personal views. But it is believed that it will take more than Gompers alone to induce organized labor in Indiana to again vote the democratic ticket. In 1908 organized labor was promised everything by the democrats. It was told that if it would help to elect a democratic legislature, laws would be enacted in the interest of labor. There were many things that labor wanted that year at the hands of the legislature, and the prospect of democratic success at the election was strong enough to cause many union labor voters to vote the ticket. It was in furtherance of this plan that Gompers was brought into the state for a speaking tour that carried him into every congressional district. The promises of the democrats were so glittering that practically the entire union labor body of the state was fooled by them. Labor really believed that the democrats meant what they said in their promises, and they continued in such belief until the democratic legislature proved to the working people that it did not intend to carry out the promises. But it was too late then to change things. The double cross had been administered.

Wanted Legislation.
Organized labor wanted and had been promised legislation for the better protection of railroad men; safety appliances on cars and engines; a good employer's liability law; and numerous other laws that would have been good for working men, but it got nothing. Just how the turn down of labor was brought about has never been known, but it is the understanding that powerful influences to which the democrats were indebted brought it about.

This year when it became apparent that union labor was going to support the republican ticket the democrats

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DRAMA BY AMERICAN GIRL MAKES A HIT



INTO TRAP TODAY YANKEE MURDERER IS BEING DRAWN

Liner Montrose is Slowly Entering Fog Bound Mouth of St. Lawrence and Dr. Crippen is Aboard.

CANADIAN POLICE IN WAIT FOR FUGITIVE

All Doubt as to Presence of Crippen and Affinity on Ship Swept Away by the Wireless Reports.

BULLETIN.

(American News Service)
Montreal, July 29.—The following was received here today by wireless from the steamer Montrose: "Crippen and girl closely watched night and day. Apparently have no suspicion. Passengers still in ignorance. Crippen nervous nearing port."

Father Point, Que., July 29.—Aboard the liner Montrose, which is creeping through the fog bound lower reaches of the St. Lawrence River, Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen today is being brought to a trap from which there is no escape save suicide. Extreme precautions have been taken to prevent any attempt at death on his part. The most wonderful wireless search for a fugitive the world has ever seen, which began when the body of Bella Elmore, Crippen's wife, was found buried in the cellar of their London home, is rapidly reaching its climax and Crippen's race is nearly run.

All doubt of the presence of Crippen and his companion Ethel Clare Le Neve, swept away by the wireless messages received from Llewellyn Jones, the lad who operates the Marconi instruments on the Montrose, the Canadian police are lying in wait like watchdogs at this little settlement on the South shore.

Dew is Due Today.
With Inspector Dew of Scotland Yard due here today, the local police representatives were given the plan of action to transmit to him on his arrival on the liner Laurentic and the same details were given on the wireless for transmission to the Laurentic.

The plan for Dew's course was mapped out yesterday by Col. Percy Sherwood, head of the Dominion police and the Quebec attorney general at Montreal.

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No Direct Purchase.

According to Mr. Gardner buying the plant outright is out of the question. He states:

"According to the appraisement recently made by D. H. Maury, acting for the city, the value of the plant at this time, including \$110,825.60 for 'going value,' and \$10,000 cash for working capital, is \$117,718. On this basis, if the city did not owe a dollar at this time and should borrow to the full extent of the constitutional limitation, she would only have \$273,000, or \$44,718.33 less than the value of the plant according to Mr. Maury. If the plant is worth \$600,000 and we had no debt and should borrow the full amount allowed under the constitution, we would still lack \$327,000 of having enough to pay for the plant."

"Without a constitutional amendment allowing municipalities to create an indebtedness of more than two percent there is very little prospect of the city ever being able to purchase the entire plant at one time. While the city is growing in wealth the plant is also increasing in value and if we accepted the 25 years contract, proposed, at the end of another ten or fifteen years we would find that we are no better able to shoulder the costs of the entire plant than we are now. It would seem that the contract clause, therefore, in the company's proposition is useless under the present laws."

Seek More Details.

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The weather also tended to upset the arranged plans to a certain extent by making the arrival of the Laurentic, now far ahead of the Montrose, problematical.

Throughout the surrounding country, word of the great mystery has spread and the prospect of Crippen's capture here has drawn a curious throng from farms and fishing villages in a radius of many miles. The population of this village is today almost double the normal.

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THE PALLADIUM PRINTS THE
NEWS FIRST.

PROPOSITION OF WATER WORKS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Proposal of Sale Made by the Corporation Will Be Given Utmost Consideration by City Officers.

CITY IS WILLING TO MAKE FAIR CONTRACT

City Attorney Gardner Today Explains What Conditions the City Would Demand of the Water Works.

"Richmond's acceptance of the proposition of the Water Works company practically depends on whether a fair valuation of the plant at the present time is made; whether a fair dividend is paid to the stockholders; on the city's right to take all the stock issued to pay for extensions and betterments; on the city's right to purchase all original stock at par value at any time; whether the city would have some rights in the management of the plant to keep the expenses down to a reasonable limit; on the city's right to share in all earnings of the company after paying the operating expenses and agreed expenses on capital stock." —A. M. Gardner, City Attorney.

After making the above statement City Attorney Gardner today said nothing could be said at present of the proposition which the Water Works company presented, in an informal way to a number of city officials Wednesday night. Nothing will be said of the proposition until it is formally presented at the meeting of the board of works, according to Mr. Gardner.

"The city will go into the matter thoroughly," said the city attorney, "and nothing hasty will be done. The valuation of the plant and the rate of dividends paid stockholders has the most to do with whether the city accepts the proposition of the company. The city is willing to enter into any fair proposition."

"The board has not gone into the matter thoroughly," continued the attorney. "After it is thrashed out in the board it will go to council, if accepted by the board.

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