

Gompers Gives Reds Support

Head of Federation Endorses Los Angeles Socialist Candidates

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Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, came out square, by for Job Harriman and the other candidates on the Socialist municipal ticket when he spoke to five thousand people in Shrine Auditorium Sunday.

When Mr. Gompers rounded out an eloquent period by advising every man to go to the polls and vote for Job Harriman the great audience arose with a shout that rang out for several minutes.

The President of the A. F. of L. will remain in Southern California several days and will do all he can for the election of the Socialist ticket in Los Angeles.

In his speech Gompers declared strongly for woman's suffrage amendment to the state constitution and for the amendment providing for the initiative and referendum and the recall including the judiciary.

The significance of Gompers' speech cannot be accurately estimated. Many of the best informed workers of Los Angeles viewed it as the beginning of the end of the barrier that has existed between the American Federation of Labor and the Socialist party organizations. Some go so far as to predict that in the next presidential campaign the two great bodies will march almost as one and that in the next succeeding fight for national supremacy labor will stand with united front under the banner of the great political working class party, as it now stands in Los Angeles.

In the course of his speech Mr. Gompers said:

"The men and women of today want more of the products of their toil and they will demand more and more and more, and, if I read the signs right, they are going to get more."

"They want it all!" shouted a man in the audience and as a deafening roar of approval went up the speaker smiled and nodded at the enthusiastic crowd that surrounded him.

Job Harriman was given a great ovation and the crowd insisted on a speech at the close of which the Socialist candidate was given another ovation.

Prospects for the election of the Socialist ticket are growing brighter every day. The so-called good government administration has disgusted the people in general and the persecution of the workers has caused organized labor and Socialists to draw together for political action.

Nearly every night Socialists hold big meetings in Labor Temple and the education of the workers is carried out with great care. There is an unprecedented demand for Socialist books, pamphlets and periodicals. Over 150,000 pieces of literature are distributed every week. One weekly leaflet entitled "The Coming Victory" has reached a circulation of 100,000 and on some occasions there is a demand for an even greater number.

This activity is thoroughly frightening the opponents of labor. The seven candidates for council are union men and only a few professional men on the ticket are not members of unions. The candidates and others are making about 35 speeches in halls each week and scores of factory door and street meetings are being held. The number of meetings will be increased until the end of the campaign.

Reports to campaign headquarters indicate Harriman is almost certain of election and with him the entire council with the possibility of a number of other officials.

Another police scandal has broken in the midst of a municipal campaign and this one will seriously hamper the so-called good government administration and will be taken full advantage of by the Socialists who are waging such an insistent warfare on the corruption in the city. Eight more policemen have been caught grafting and despite the efforts to cover it up the police commission was forced to dismiss them from the service. The "purity squad" is again torn to shreds and will have to be reorganized. Labor candidates are making the most of the situation. The policemen were caught taking money from fallen women. This despite the claims of the administration that there is no vice or protection of vice in Los Angeles.

Driven to desperation by the roading he received at the hands of labor leaders who are exposing his methods all over the country, William J. Burns is making wild and unwarranted statements, according to Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defence of the McNamara brothers.

"Burn's wild statements made no impression here. He does not help his case. The intent is plain; he seeks to increase prejudice against the defense. We will not reply to it now," said Mr. Darrow.

Other attorneys for the defence look on the statements of Burns that the defense is seeking to purchase evidence or to kill some one as the mouthings of a madman. Job Harriman took the affair calmly. "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad," said the Socialist candidate for mayor smiling. The unflinching one must be growing nervous. We will make no reply today.

Other attorneys for the defence were not so calm—Joseph Scott said "Darrow and Harriman have had much experience in these labor cases where the workers are victims of such people and I suppose that is why they are so unruffled. For my part I am not inclined to stand for much more of that kind of work."

Attorney Scott is a big strong, Irish-American, popular and good natured. He is president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and head of the Board of Education. When he first entered the case he vigorously opposed Burns' operatives in their brutality in abusing Mrs. McManigal and her children. He went so far as to throw a Burns operative out of the elevator at the court house when she was carried half fainting from the grand jury room after an ordeal in the inquisitorial chamber.

Burns and his operatives continue to do all in their power to prejudice the people of California and especially those of Los Angeles county to the end that the McNamara brothers may not receive a fair trial or secure a jury capable of returning a fair verdict. The District Attorney's office of Los Angeles county is aiding in this work. J. D. Fredericks having written newspaper stories in which he expressed his firm belief that the men were guilty and should be convicted.

Los Angeles Socialists are exerting every effort to prevent the extradition to Mexico of Cap Rhys Pryce and two of his comrades who are in the county jail charged with violation of neutrality laws.

The Maderistas want the men across the border long enough to put them up against a 'dobe wall facing a firing squad.

The local officials have done all they could for the Mexican tyrants

and are lending their aid to get the men across the border.

United States Commissioner Vaad-Dyke, has refused to pay any of the witnesses for the defence and comrades have gone to the rescue to keep the men from starving while they wait weary weeks for the trial. In the effort to starve out these witnesses the prosecution is doing everything possible to delay the proceedings.

There are eight of these political refugees in jail and several out on bail awaiting trial.

GENERAL OTIS UNDER ARREST

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 18.—Harrison Gray Otis was arrested on Wednesday on a charge of printing and circulating indecent and obscene literature. The fifty literature mentioned was the Los Angeles Times.

The complaint in the case against Otis was sworn to by Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, a policewoman. The complaints were issued by City Prosecutor Guy Eddie and the warrants for Otis' arrest on the charge were by Judge Chesebrough.

The complaints upon which Otis was arrested were as follows:

"That on the 28th day of August 1911 in the city of Los Angeles, state of California a misdemeanor was committed by H. G. Otis who at the time and place aforesaid, did wilfully and unlawfully circulate and cause to be circulated in the City of Los Angeles a certain indecent and obscene paper to wit, a newspaper, bearing the title 'The Los Angeles Times, and bearing the date of August 28, 1911.'

City Prosecutor Eddie took the action, he said, to check the growing tendency of Otis and his sub-editors from printing matter of such a filthy character as to render the Times unfit to be seen in the homes and on the streets of the city.

The stories upon which the warrants were issued were an eastern divorce scandal and a murder story. Neither of the articles were of the slightest importance to California people and were not of the character to be of interest to anyone who is not fond of salacious stories. One of the stories

was of the most disgusting character and the headlines were of a revolting and filthy character.

The Times has for some time been running a fake scholarship in an effort to bolster up its rapidly waning circulation and this put the paper in the hands of hundreds of young girls who could not help but see the glaring headlines of such foul suggestiveness that it must have shocked every decent person into whose hands the foul sheet might fall.

On the day of his arraignment in court great amusement was given spectators by the action of two chicken thieves and a vagrant who were in court. When these offenders heard the charge read against Otis they looked at him and then deliberately moved their seats in the court room to a bench farther away from the old tyrant. The vag took particular pains to draw away with much ostentation of retaining his purity. Otis sought to avoid entering the enclosure where prisoners are usually compelled to sit. Judge Chesebrough insisted however, and Otis sat inside with the drunks, dips and other offenders. His attorneys offered a demurrer and the case will come up next week.

GUN MEN FARE BADLY IN BERKELEY

Berkeley, Cal., Sept 14.—A startling contrast between the difference in the way capitalist and Socialist administrations deal with gunmen and strikebreakers was given here when John P. Fifley was arrested by a plain clothes patrolman and lodged in jail on a charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons.

Fifley was one of a number of gunmen who are acting as scabs in lumber yards in Oakland. It is a notorious fact that Oakland police drive around in buggies guarding the scab drivers and lumber shovers.

Mayor J. Stitt Wilson the Socialist who is making such a magnificent record in Berkeley ordered the police to be on the alert for any of the thugs who might come into Berkeley. The result was the arrest of one bad man who doubtless will be given a jail sentence.

HIGHLY DEVELOPED CIVILIZATION

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

A little paragraph that was going the rounds of the papers last week well illustrates the blindness of the capitalist press.

The paragraph told of a little eight year old boy in Pennsylvania who had a leg crushed in a coal chute at one of the mines. The boy was afraid that the doctor would refuse to treat him without pay, so he had himself carried to the cellar to show where he had hidden his pitiful little fortune of \$1.10, which he wished to pay to the doctor.

The only thing in this incident which the capitalist papers commented on was the "manliness" of this little injured boy. Where were their eyes? Could they not see the pathos of a child of this age being compelled to work in a coal chute? Could they not see the infernal cruelty of compelling this boy to go through life with a crippled leg? Crippled by the greed for profit!

ONE HUNDRED DOGS ATTEND FUNERAL OF KENNEL MATES.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—One hundred dogs, valued at \$100,000 attended a funeral yesterday afternoon, followed their mistress, Miss Jennie Croker, behind the bier on which were borne two of their kennel mates, Boston terriers valued at \$5,000 each. The funeral took place on the Croker estate, the deceased prize winners being placed in concrete coffins fashioned in Egyptian style.

The dogs, classed as among the most perfect animals of their breed in the world, were Dick Dazzler and Wonderland Duchess. Death was caused by a disease known to dog fanciers as "little Johnny flea."

DEFENCE NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 19.—On the eve of the trial of the McNamara brothers the defence finds itself seriously hampered by lack of funds to carry out the case.

"These men were illegally brought here, thousands of miles from their homes and the expense of travel and other necessary expenditures on the trips between far distant points, has made serious inroads on the funds," said one of those who has in charge the management of the defence. "The money subscribed and sent thus far is less than one third of the amount that we were assured would be forthcoming."

Attorney Clarence Darrow admitted that the foregoing statement was substantially correct but no one at the offices of the defence would discuss it or give figures. They say Mr.

Gompers has the matter in hand. "It is true we are being hampered. Funds have not been forthcoming as was expected. This is the crucial hour with us. The trial is only a few weeks off.

The prosecution has no such difficulties as we are experiencing. Unlimited money is available for those who are determined to convict the McNamara brothers. The county is not withholding any money or any support."

It is known here that Burns is getting plenty of money to carry on his campaign to hang the McNamara boys and break up the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Union.

Operatives by the score are working night and day in Los Angeles county where the jury will be selected to try

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The Caging Of McNamara

Detectives Show Brutality By Causing Hardships on Labor Men

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Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 14.—John J. McNamara has spent the past few days reading labor papers and magazines giving accounts of labor day parades, meetings and demonstrations. Today he gave out the following statement with the request that it be sent to his friends:

I appreciate and am deeply touched by labor's demonstrations, and I take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks to friends and co-workers for the time and energy put forward to make the labor day celebrations a success, and particularly for the share of attention my and my brother's cause have received in the demonstrations and by orators at all points.

"I also take this opportunity of thanking co-workers and friends for the sacrifices and the efforts put forth in raising the necessary funds for the defense against the unjust and untrue charges that have been lodged against us.

"The part of the funds intended for a full and final prosecution of the persons responsible for our deportation to California meets with my hearty approval. I believe that this is the proper time to settle once and for all the question of the abduction of labor men and their hounding by irresponsible private detective agencies. This opportunity should be taken advantage of and nothing should be left undone to prevent future recurrences."

Orders given to Sheriff W. A. Hammell by Burns operatives has resulted in curtailing the liberties of John J. and James B. McNamara in the county jail. Henceforth the men will be restricted within the confines of their cells.

The barred cells where the men are confined are enclosed in a steel walled room about 14 feet square. There is a narrow passage all around the cells and when the prisoners were permitted to walk around the outside of their cells it gave them an opportunity to get near a barred window and breathe pure air. It also gave them an opportunity to get some exercise.

The orders given to the jailers will work a severe hardship on the men and especially on John B. McNamara who feels the need of the walk around and around the narrow room where he paced hour after hour much of the time with book in hand and only stopping at intervals to make notes on a pad he kept on a small table in his cell.

To make the punishment more severe the Burns men ordered two small potted plants which the prisoners prized very highly, removed from the cell. One of these was a fern the boys had tenderly nursed throughout the months they have been confined in the cell. All flowers have been prohibited.

It is believed Burns hopes to weaken the men down by the close confinement and break them physically before the trial begins. The attorneys for the defense declined to comment on the treatment of the prisoners but they confirmed the statement of the treatment they are receiving at the hands of the jailer.

Thirty nine Los Angeles workingmen will appear in court on Monday September 18 to answer to a charge of violating the antipicket ordinance. These men have been arrested through out the past year. Most of them

famous law and many have been confined to jail for want of bail when the amounts have been excessive.

The city prosecutor has taken an active interest in these cases recently and upon their revival will make an other strenuous effort to secure convictions and prison sentences against the men.

All the men with the exception of two are brewery workers, carpenters mechanics and drivers. The brewery workers won their strike two months ago and all have returned to work. There are two metal workers in the list and especial attention has been given to their cases as all metal workers have been especially prosecuted whenever an opportunity has been offered.

The grand jury has been held in session nearly a year, according to the statement of Clarence Darrow, the express purpose of brow beating and intimidating witnesses the defense and other persons interested in the defense.

Every power that the Steel Trust and the Manufacturers association can purchase with their funds is being invoked to prevent the workers who are in prison from getting a fair trial.

Every day the Burns operatives release some worked up feature story for the daily papers. Many of these stories are based on some wonderful exploit of Burns or some discovery of explosives which they have had plenty of time to plant since the arrest of the workers.

Prospective jurors are being canvassed with great care so that every man friendly to labor, who by any mischance might be chosen to serve on the jury, would be a marked man before he enters.

The activity of hundreds of agents of the labor-hating organizations is shown that as fast as a name is drawn the man is put under the most careful scrutiny by the "operatives" who are swarming all over the country with their insidious methods.

While this nefarious interference with justice is going on every hour the prosecution is unctuously telling through the newspapers that the McNamara boys will be given a fair trial.

Detective James Hosick returned to Los Angeles during the week. He hurried back to the city after pleading not guilty to a charge of kidnapping John J. McNamara in Indianapolis.

Hosick at first denied all knowledge of the whereabouts of the missing hat and bludgeon which were the only tangible pieces of evidence in the case of the disappearance of George H. Shoaf on the night of August 13th. Later Hosick produced the evidence saying they were in the property room all the time and that they had not been removed from there.

No clew has been found by which the disappearance of the Socialist writer can be accounted for. Captain George C. Shoaf of San Antonio, Texas, is in Los Angeles and has been working on the case. He says he has witnesses who saw two men lifting a limp body into a buggy near the scene of the disappearance and no effort is being spared to clear up the mystery.

"Co-operation is always and everywhere the law of life; competition is always and everywhere the law of death"—Ruskin.

