

PARTY OBLIGATION SHOULD NOT PRECEDE PRINCIPLE OR COUNTRY

Samuel Gompers Tells Progressive Conference of Danger to Blind Loyalty to Party and Menace of Courts.

Among the many interesting and instructive addresses delivered at the progressive conference held in Washington recently the one delivered by Samuel Gompers created considerable enthusiasm. He said in part:

"While the history of American political life is one of party government in which as a rule two major parties have contended for control, it must be clear to all thinking men and women that there is a terrific influence for ill in our country in party domination and particularly in the allegiance to party by which many of our people are primarily governed. Much of the political evil that we have known is traceable directly to that unquestionable allegiance by which party obligation is placed above principle and above country. At the present we are entitled to hope that this blind adherence to political parties and the equally blind disregard for the principles or lack of principles of those parties is being broken down.

"Experience has taught us, however, that in political life we can take but little for granted. We must devote unceasing energy to the task of educating our citizenship to the point of placing principles above party allegiance in every case. An educated and alert citizenship will know how to restore control of our government to the people and will know how to abrogate those assumptions of power and how to undo those misuses of power that have cost us so dearly and that have so deeply eaten into the fabric of our liberties.

"Largely because of unthinking loyalty to political parties our courts have been able to steal away powers which it was never intended they should have; and this assumption of power by the judiciary, wholly unwarranted by the Constitution, is one of the most important causes of the loss of the control of the government by the people.

"The judiciary has assumed the power to invalidate and declare unconstitutional laws which have been passed by the congress and which have had the approval of the president of the United States. This assumption of power is not only in direct violation of the Constitution but it is in conflict with the principles of this government which were intended to be of, by, and for the people of the United States.

"No matter how the people's will is expressed; no matter how overwhelming may be the numbers of people committed to the attainment of progressive, constructive legislation; no matter if this determination is expressed in accordance with the Constitution through the representatives and senators in congress and with the approval of the president; notwithstanding the fact that the members of both houses of congress may be elected upon the particular issue involved, the judiciary has assumed the power and exercises the power to annul the will of the people.

"The judiciary has assumed many functions and has exercised much power in conflict with the Constitution of the United States. The judiciary exercises the power to curb or prohibit freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly. The judiciary has, by this unwarrantably assumed power, through the injunctive process substituted personal discrimination for trial by jury. I say without the slightest possibility of contradiction that the injunctive process as used in labor disputes is the result solely and entirely of an assumption of power on the part of the judiciary.

"Every powerful government in the history of the world which has aimed at the imposition of injustice and tyranny upon the masses of its people and the denial of the rights of the people has had some legal advisor to justify the course that tyrants or would-be tyrants had in mind.

"The Roman empire fell, not from the attack of savage hordes, that was a result. The autocrats of the time first prohibited the freedom of assembly, and hence the freedom of speech was destroyed. They had no means of other communication such as we have in the press of modern times. With the prohibition of free assembly and free speech, tyranny and injustice were imposed upon the other, until the people had lost their love for liberty; or, because of their inability to exercise liberty and freedom of expression, when the critical time arose to defend the Republic there was no patriotism left and the Republic fell an easy victim to the on-rushing hordes.

"It is necessary, if we aim to restore the control of our government to the people, that every attempt at judicial assumption of power or the attempt at legislation to curb or restrain the freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and freedom of the press must be stopped by every normal and natural power inherent in the people of our country.

"It is necessary for the citizenship of the United States to organize as citizens without regard to political party affiliations or political party obligations, faithful to the Republic of the United States and determined to restore to the people the control of the government. The will of the people of the United States when expressed through its representatives in congress must become the law of the land.

"Contributory to the attainment of these high purposes the producers of the country on the farm, in the field, factory, mine, or workshop

organization that we secure the fullest development or uniform and intelligent opinion. Also the men of affairs and the women of affairs, engaged in honest industry and commerce, and all who are high-minded, really patriotic, and liberty and humanity-loving men and women, should feel called upon to give their fullest support to a movement so necessary to the perpetuation of the ideals of our Republic.

"Unless we can restore control of our government to the people, disaster will come upon us. I believe that all good things are possible to restore control of government to the people if those who understand the issues and who love freedom and humanity will make manifest their determination."

HOW ENGLAND DEVELOPS HER MERCHANT MARINE

"While the United States is dragging skilled men from the sea, England is drawing to herself the skilled men by her policy," said President Gompers in a letter to members of congress in which defeat of the subsidy bill was urged.

"This last spring England adopted the policy of gradually getting rid of inefficient men. She is doing it by a combination between the seamen themselves through their organization, and the board of trade. The officers on the vessels provisionally select the men, who then go to the office of the union to be further passed upon under a regulation known as port consultant regulation No. 5. Under this system and the wages paid, England is drawing to herself the efficient men and pushing the inefficient men over to us.

"When former subsidy bills were before congress the whole cry was ships, ships, ships. 'Give us ships and we will have a merchant marine.' Now we have the ships and the one great question is, 'What are we to do with them?'"

DAUGHERTY GIVES CLEAN BILL TO STEEL MERGER

The Bethlehem steel corporation has taken over the Midvale steel and ordnance company. Recently Bethlehem has absorbed Midvale, Lackawanna, and the Cambria of Johnstown. The federal trade commission may protest, but little opposition is expected from Attorney General Daugherty, who gave the Bethlehem-Lackawanna merger a clean bill of health while the federal trade commission's protest is pending.

He is not laughed at who laughs at himself first.

ANTI-UNION LAW BEATEN IN MASSACHUSETTS VOTE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The "Sue-and-be-sued" bill put before the voters of Massachusetts by referendum in the recent election was defeated by about 1,000 votes, according to information received by President Gompers from James Duncan, first vice president of the A. F. of L. and President of the Granite Cutters' International union.

Earlier announcements had said the measure carried by about 400 votes, but the figures upon which Mr. Duncan based his telegram were official. If the bill had become law unincorporated unions would have been liable to suits for damages. The measure was backed by employers' organizations.

RAILROADS HIDE PROFITS SAYS CLERK'S PRESIDENT

Railroad managements hide a large portion of their profits, while protesting against a living wage, President Fitzgerald, of the organized railway clerks, told the railroad labor board.

"Despite claims of paid propagandists, railroads are now in excellent financial condition," he said. "The net income of the railroads of the country was \$102,000,000 greater than nine months ending Oct. 1, 1922, than in the corresponding period of 1921. This represents an increase of 20 per cent after all taxes and operating expenses are paid."

The man who knows the least talks the most.

SECRETARY DAVIS WANTS CHILD LABOR PROHIBITED

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muscles of the body of the child are undeveloped 'bring about a condition which retards its development. We are told that at times in some places children of 12 years or thereabouts are compelled to labor 8 and 10 and 12 hours per day in employment which so exhausts them that their nerves are frazzled when night comes and they are unable to sleep.

"The destiny of such poor victims seems clear. When they reach the age of manhood or womanhood instead of being able to do their share of the world's work and do it effectively and efficiently, they are wrecks, physically, mentally, and morally, a large percentage of them landing in the poorhouse, or the madhouse, or the jail, or the grave. It is Indefensible.

"There is not a single defense that can be urged to this awful system, and every instinct of humanity prompts its abolition. But beyond the instinct of humanity, ordinary wisdom and prudence of any government will prompt it to conserve the physical, mental, and moral fiber of its growing childhood merely from the standpoint of insuring the perpetuation of the government.

"The decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court on May 15, 1922, in the case of Bailey & Bailey vs. The Drexel Furniture Co. to the effect that the child labor tax was unconstitutional, has provoked widespread discussion as to what shall be the next step in the control of child labor. In a previous decision (Hammer vs. Dagenhart) the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional

an act which closed the channels of interstate and foreign commerce to the products of child labor. The court seems to have made the issue clear—either to give up the plan of a Federal minimum and rely solely upon the states, or to undertake to secure a Federal amendment definitely giving to congress the power to pass a child labor law.

"Both the first and second Federal child labor laws sought only a minimum national standard. State laws that were higher were still operative and were enforced by state machinery. An amendment giving to congress the right to establish a Federal minimum and leaving to the states the right to raise and not lower standards, thus securing to the children all the advantages of our Federal form of government, is being advocated by the most representative organizations of workers, trade unions, the National Consumers' League, and the National Child Labor Committee."

PLenty OF LABOR IN EAST. President O'Meara, of the Connecticut state federation of labor, is quoted as declaring that there are

between 30,000 and 40,000 unemployed in this state. Highway Commissioner Bennett stated that immigration restrictions should be removed so "labor can be procured." President O'Meara suggests that a wage of 28 or 30 cents an hour will not attract labor.

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Leave 62nd Ave. West and Raleigh St.—11:08 p. m., 11:23, 12:03 a. m., 5:10, 5:45, 6:23, 7:23, 7:53, 8:13, etc.
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Pass 57th Ave. West and 3rd St., eastbound—11:12 p. m., 11:22, 11:52, 12:12 a. m., 12:32, 1:12, 1:22, 6:07, 6:22, 6:32, 6:42, 7:02, 7:22, 7:42, 7:52, 8:02, 8:32, 9:22, etc.
Pass 3rd Ave. West to West 3rd St.—11:05 p. m., M. Pk.: 11:15, 57th W.: 11:25, N. Dul.: 11:35, 57th W.: 11:45, M. Pk.: 11:55, 57th W.: 12:05 a. m., N. Dul.: 12:35, 57th W.: 1:50, 71st W.: 2:00, M. Pk.: 6:01, N. Dul.: 6:14, 39th W.: 5:45, N. Dul.: 6:05, M. Pk.: 6:25, N. Dul.: 7:05, N. Dul.: 7:25, 92nd W.: 7:45, N. Dul.: 7:55, 57th W.: 8:05, 52nd W.: 8:25, N. Dul., etc.

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Leave 5th Ave. East and 4th St.—11:09 p. m., 11:19, 11:29, 11:39, 11:49, 11:59, 12:19 a. m., 12:39, 12:59, 1:35, 1:45, 2:00, 2:10, 2:30, 4:55, 5:25, 6:49, 7:09, 7:29, 7:49, 8:29, 57th W.: 11:50, 11:50, 11:50, 11:50 p. m., 11:10, 11:20, 11:30, 11:40, 12:00, 12:30 a. m., 12:40, 1:00, 1:10, 1:30, 1:40, 1:50, 2:05 (from 39th W.), 4:10, 4:41, 6:30, 6:50, 7:00, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, etc.

LESTER PARK
Leave Lester Park—11:19 p. m., 11:39, 11:59, 12:29 a. m., 1:09, 2:15, 4:45, 5:10, 6:39, 7:19, 7:59, 8:39, 8:59, etc.
Pass 3rd Ave. West to Lester Park—11:06 p. m., 11:36, 12:01 a. m., 12:41, 1:45, 4:15, 4:30, 6:06, 6:45, 7:25, 8:06, 8:26, etc.

WOODLAND
Leave Woodland—11:08 p. m., 11:28, 11:48, 12:18 a. m., 12:58, 2:45, 4:43 (via East 4th), 5:18 (via East 4th), 7:00, 7:25, 8:05, 8:48, 9:08, etc.
Pass 3rd Ave. West to Woodland—11:16 p. m., 11:46, 12:26 a. m., 2:06 (from 39th W.), 4:10 (via East 4th), 4:41 (via East 4th), 6:25, 6:56, 7:36, 8:16, 8:36, etc.

EAST END
Leave 24th East and Superior St.—11:05 p. m., 11:15, 11:25, 11:35, 11:45, 11:55, 12:05 a. m., 12:15, 12:35, 12:45, 1:15, 1:25, 1:45, 2:30, 3:00, 3:08, 5:28, 6:28, 6:50, 6:55, 8:55, 7:16, 7:45, 8:05, 8:15, 8:25, 8:45, 8:55, etc.
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