

ROOSEVELT ON LABOR QUESTION

President Writing on the Labor Issue to Senator Knox Puts the Question Squarely up to Mr. Bryan.

CLEAN CUT STATEMENT

Impact With Gompers Discussed and Appeal Made to Democratic Candidate's Courage and Fairness.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Campaign literature was enriched yesterday by a letter from President Roosevelt addressed to Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, in which Roosevelt pays his respects to Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor. Speaking at Philadelphia, Tuesday, Knox issued a statement in which he took issue with Gompers on the question of the attitude of organized labor in the present campaign, and the president's letter yesterday is in support of Knox's views.

Roosevelt says: White House, Oct. 21, 1908. Dear Senator Knox:

Your admirable speech of yesterday speaks of the action of Mr. Gompers and certain gentlemen claiming to be the special representatives of organized labor, foremost among them Mr. Gompers, to secure the support of laboring men for Mr. Bryan in consideration of his agreement to perform certain acts nominally in the interest of organized labor, which would be really either wholly ineffective or else of widespread injury only to organized labor but to all other citizens throughout this country.

An Appropriate Position. You have a peculiar right to speak on labor questions; for it was you, as attorney general, first acerbly invoked the great power of the federal government on behalf of the rights of labor when, for the first time in the history of the government, speaking for the department of justice, intervened in a private law suit which had gone against a locomotive fireman who had lost his arm in coupling cars, and by your intervention secured from the supreme court a construction of the safety act which made it a vital remedial statute, and, therefore has secured to hundreds of crippled employees and widows of crippled employees, compensation which they could not otherwise have obtained.

Touching Gompers' Letter. The daily papers of October 13 contain an open letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appealing to you to make men to vote for Mr. Bryan. In that letter are certain statements which interest the wider American public quite as much as those to whom Gompers makes his appeal. These statements warrant all you have said in your speech; and they warrant you in asking Mr. Bryan to publicly whether Mr. Gompers represents correctly the attitude of his party and himself on a subject that is of vital concern to every citizen, including every business man, as well as every farmer and every man who looks to the courts for the protection of his rights.

Matter Concerns All. Mr. Gompers in his letter asserts that the judiciary of this country is destroying domestic government and substituting them for an irresponsible corrupt despotism in the interest of corporate power, and he further makes clear that the means by which he believes this alleged despotism has been set up in the place of democracy is by the process of injunction in the courts of equity.

Mr. Gompers in his letter states that he appeals to the republican convention at Chicago for remedy against the injunction was denied; and he goes on to state not only that the democratic party promised a remedy, but promised him the particular remedy that he had already asked of congress.

His words are: "Labor's representatives then went to the democratic party. That party made labor's contention its own. It looked its candidates for every office to those remedies which labor had already submitted to congress."

Makes Meaning Clear. The last sentence in this quotation indicates very definitely the specific remedies to which Mr. Gompers un-

derstands Mr. Bryan's party has pledged itself. His statement now makes perfectly clear an important plank in the Bryanite platform which has heretofore seemed puzzling to a vast number of earnest-minded, thinking people, who are sincerely interested in the steady advance and the legitimate aspirations of labor, and who carefully read both platforms to know precisely what hopes each hold out for the improvement of the conditions of wage earners.

That plank reads as follows: "Questions of judicial practice have arisen especially in connection with industrial disputes. We deem that the parties to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality, and that injunctions should not be issued in any case in which injunctions would not issue in an industrial dispute were involved."

Plank Has Empty Sound. This is the plank that promises the "remedy" against injunctions which Mr. Gompers asked of Mr. Bryan's party. In actual fact it means absolutely nothing; no change of the law could be based on it; no man without inside knowledge could foretell what its meaning would turn out to be for no man could foretell how any judge would decide in any given case, as the plan apparently leaves each judge free to say when he issues an injunction in a labor case whether or not it is a case in which an injunction would issue if labor were not involved. Yet this plank is apparently perfectly clear to Mr. Gompers, and in his letter to his followers he indicates beyond question just what he understands it to mean. He asserts that he has the requisite inside knowledge. His statement that Mr. Bryan's party (for it was Mr. Bryan who dictated the platform) pledged itself to those remedies which labor had already submitted to congress is a perfectly clear and definite statement.

Mr. Gompers' "Remedies." The "remedies" which Mr. Gompers has already submitted to congress are matters of record, and the identification of his "remedy" against injunctions in labor disputes is easy and certain. This "remedy" is embodied in house bill No. 74 of the first session of the Sixtieth congress, the complete text of which is hereto appended.

The gist of the bill was can this be seen by referring to the complete text, is this:

Gist of Bill. First—After forbidding any federal judge to issue a restraining order for an injunction in any labor dispute except to prevent irreparable injury to property or a property right, it specifically provides that "no right to carry on business of any particular kind, or at any particular place, or at all, shall be construed, held, considered, or treated as property or as constituting a property right."

Second—It provides that nothing agreed upon or done by two or more parties in connection with a labor dispute shall constitute a conspiracy or other criminal offense or be prosecuted as such unless the thing agreed upon or would be unlawful if done by a single individual.

The bill here described is not only the "remedy" that Mr. Gompers has "already submitted to congress," but it is the one and only "remedy" which he and those associated with him in his present movement have announced that they will accept in the matter of his grievance against the courts on the injunction issue.

The counsel for the American Federation of Labor, and Mr. Gompers, its president, are both on record to this effect.

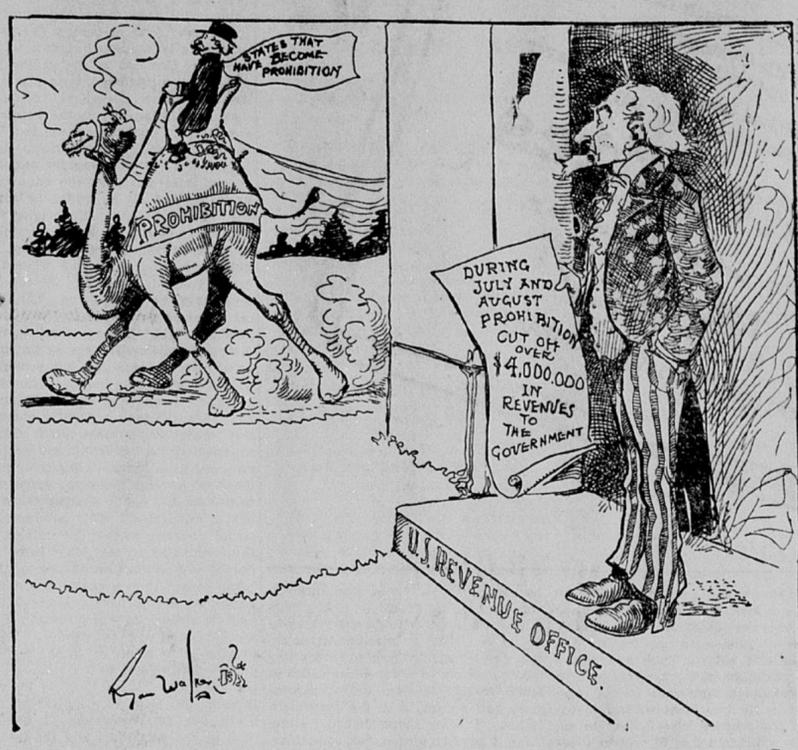
Gompers' Statement. At a hearing before the house judiciary committee Mr. Gompers stated: "I will say this, that I think I will try to make my position clear that the American Federation of Labor has so declared itself that it must insist upon the principles involved in the Pearro bill, and that I explained, as best I could, the position of labor—that we would rather be compelled to bear the wrongs which we have for a longer period than to give our assent to the establishment of a wrong principle, believing and knowing that time would give the justice and relief to which labor—the working people are entitled."

This bill then, and none other, represents exactly the relief that Mr. Gompers demands in the way of anti-injunction legislation, and if the statement in his letter is correct, this bill represents what Mr. Bryan and his party are pledged to in the matter of anti-injunction legislation.

Demand Not Hazy. The injunction plank in the Bryanite platform may sound vague and hazy; but there is nothing vague or hazy about this bill.

It is more than a bill; it is a program of the most fixed and definite kind; and, if Mr. Gompers is correct, this bill becomes, as it were, an used appendix to Mr. Bryan's platform, or a factor explaining in detail the brief

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Uncle Revenue Sam—That Camel certainly is taking away a good customer of mine.

SECRET AGENT REPORTS FIGHTING

Says Fighting Has Been Going on For the Past Ten Days Between 125,000 Austrians and Insurrectionists.

RAGES IN MOUNTAINS

Situation Dangerous and Austria is Rushing Reinforcements to the Provincial Army—Hitch in Negotiations.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Warfare between one hundred and twenty thousand Austrian troops and a thousand insurrectionists in Bosnia and Herzegovina has been in progress ten days according to a Montenegro agent arriving today, who is here investigating the exact course England will pursue regarding Serbia and Montenegro in event they declare war against Austria. The agent declares guerilla warfare is raging in the mountains of the annexed provinces, since Austria's bold stroke early in the month. The situation is so dangerous that Austria is rushing reinforcements to the provincial army. Scores were killed, according to the agent and anarchy exists in the eastern and southern section of the annexed territory. Austria is exercising a censorship and secreted the real situation.

Hitch in Negotiations. CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 22.—Negotiations between Austria and Turkey over the Balkan dispute became deadlocked today by Austria's insistence that her annexation of Bosnia Herzegovina be considered accomplished and not made the subject of the proposed international conference. The hitch was wholly unexpected as Turkey intimated she was willing to accept the annexation.

Montenegro Will Ask Indemnity. LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Montenegrin agent declared the detention of Envoy Yukotitch by the Austrian authorities at Agramon Tuesday was merely a pretext in order to search his baggage. For this reason the apology offered by Austria is unacceptable to Montenegro. She will insist on indemnity for the outrage.

Fowler Files Complaint. WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—John Fowler, the counsel of Chefoo, China, called on Secretary Root today, to protest against the reduction of his office from the rank of counsel general to consulate.

Yale Students Turned Down. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 22.—Out of nearly one hundred Yale students who applied to be made voters only nineteen were given the right to vote. Others were excluded under the rigid laws requiring a year's residence and evidence of self support.

Rosebud Drawing Closed. DALLAS, S. D., Oct. 21.—The drawing of the Rosebud land concluded this afternoon, after three days continuous drawing. The last number, 6,000 was drawn by Morris J. Morgan of Alnsworth, Neb.

BRYAN REPLIES TO PRESIDENT

Claims He Made Clear His Position on the Labor Question in His Labor Day Speech in Chicago.

HE DELIVERED TWENTY SPEECHES IN WEST VIRGINIA AND ASKS THE FARMERS AND LABORING MEN TO VOTE FOR HIM.

POINT PLEASANT, W. A., Oct. 22.—Bryan declared today regarding the Roosevelt-Knox letter, assailing his labor views that if the president desired information all he needed was to read his speech in Chicago on Labor day. Bryan's reply was at length later. Bryan delivered twenty speeches in West Virginia today, departing tomorrow morning for New Jersey and New York. Bryan today appealed to the farmers and labor, repeating his former argument protesting against the alleged coercion of voters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Breathing optimism and declaring Taft has the presidential battle won, Senator Dixon made a hurried trip to Washington today to consult with the president. He declared the party ammunition was to be fired in Indiana, Ohio and New York the rest of the campaign. He said Bryan's claim that he would carry Wvoming, Utah and Idaho was absurd.

ALFONSO OBJECTS TO BEING GUARDED

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria Visit at Barcelona, Where They Are Closely Guarded.

BARCELONA, Oct. 22.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria are visiting here today, accompanied by Premier Maura. They will stay five days. The city is a hot-bed of anarchists and during the King's visit every precaution is being taken to safeguard him. Whenever he appears in public he is surrounded by soldiers. The king objects to these precautions.

SPORTING CIRCLES ARE INTERESTED

Want Packy McFarland to Try His Ability in Knocking Out Battling Nelson.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Leach Cross, a local fighter, narrowly escaped a knockout at the hands of Packy McFarland, of Chicago, last night and was saved only by the fact that the bout was limited to six rounds.

The sporting centres today declare Packy McFarland is the one who should give Battling Nelson the hardest fight if a match is arranged. Packey's showing against Leach

TAFT GREETED BY BIG CROWDS

Starts on a Three Days Tour of Indiana and at First Meeting Place Finds a Large Audience.

ONLY TO MAKE ONE SPEECH IN CONNECTION—POLITICAL LEADERS EXPECT THIS TRIP TO BE BEST ONE.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 22.—Taft left this morning for a three days tour through Indiana. He spoke at Lawrenceburg the first place enroute. A big crowd greeted him. He will go from Indiana to New York, making but one speech in Connecticut. More interest in political affairs is expected by the leaders, on this trip than any yet made.

Taft's Quiet Day at Home. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 22.—Aside from joining the Citizens' Taft club of Cincinnati, to which he made a noonday address and reviewing a parade of delegates to the conventions of Masons, in session in this city, Taft spent a comparatively quiet day. He arrived Wednesday morning and left today for three days' strenuous campaigning in Indiana, after which he will travel to New York for the last week of the campaign.

Spoke from Rear Platform. LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Oct. 22.—Taft spoke here from the rear platform of his special train. Senator Henway, and United States District Attorney Kealing joined the party at Cincinnati.

Bryan Growing Sensitive. MILAN, Ind., Oct. 22.—Taft here declared Bryan is becoming sensitive because the business men of both parties are prophesying that Bryan's election would result in a business depression. If the republican ticket is elected it will help business he said.

CHINESE TO PROTECT FLEET

AMOY, China, Oct. 22.—Effort is being made by the Chinese authorities here to safeguard the American officers and sailors when the fleet arrives. Questionable characters are being rounded up and will be deported. The city will be under practically martial law during the stay of the fleet.

Deserted Wife Disappears. LOUISVILLE, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Chas. Joseph Magniss, formerly Adah Gorman, wife of the alleged navy deserter, disappeared from the hotel here. Magniss will be returned to Philadelphia for a trial as a deserter.

Juror's Illness Delays Trial. NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The trial of Morse Curtis was interrupted today by the illness of Gordon Wendell, the juror. The court adjourned until tomorrow morning but it is feared Wendell's ailment may incapacitate him in which case a new jury will be empaneled.

CROSS LAST NIGHT STARTED THE EASTERN SPORTING WRITERS AND TODAY THEY ARE GIVING THE CHICAGO LAD MANY COMPLIMENTS ON HIS FAST AND HARD WORK.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri Wired From Chicago.

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; cooler tonight. For Illinois: Probably showers and cooler tonight; Friday fair and cooler. For Iowa: Fair tonight and Friday; cooler tonight.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight, with possibly showers in the southeast half; Friday fair; probably frost Friday morning.

Weather Conditions. There has been snow in the mountain region and rains in yesterday's area of low pressure from eastern Texas northeastward to the upper Mississippi valley, 4.64 inches falling at Abeline, Texas, 4.38 inches at Kansas City, and 1.30 at Des Moines.

The northwestern high barometer has advanced to Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, increasing as it advanced, and is attended by low temperature. Low areas are in western Texas and Florida, and the barometer remains very high in New England.

Clearing weather is indicated in this section tonight, with temperature falling to 40 or below, and fair cooler weather Friday.

River Bulletin. Fld. Stage. Height. Chng. R'nfall

St. Paul	.14	3.4	0.44
La Crosse	.12	2.2	x0.1 0.60
Davenport	.15	2.1	0.02
Galland	.8	1.0	0.00
Keokuk	.15	1.3	-0.1 0.01
St. Louis	.30	0.00	0.00

xRise. -Fall. C. B. & Q. Bridge, Burlington, Iowa, October 21.—The present stage of the river is 1 foot 5 inches above low water mark, no change since last report.

The river will remain nearly stationary.

Local Observations. October Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather

21.7 p.m.	29.91	72	SE Clear
22.7 a.m.	30.19	59	SW Pt Cl'dy

River above low water of 1864, 1 foot, 3 tenths; change in 24 hours, fall 1 tenth. Mean temperature, 69. Maximum temperature, 80. Minimum temperature, 58. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

CUT HIS THROAT WHEN POLICE CAME

Forger, After Using Razor on His Throat Shammed Death but Will Recover.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Gunter Goelits, aged 40, went to the bath room and cut his throat with a razor today, when the police came to arrest him for passing worthless checks. The body was taken to the morgue. The undertaker was summoned, and noticed signs of life when he began to work. The man was hurried to the hospital where it is said he will recover. He was only shamming death.

WATER FAMINE IN NEW YORK STATE

In Some Localities Water is Retailing at Thirteen Cents a Gallon—Fires Again Active.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—A water famine is felt in many parts of the state, particularly in the Hudson and Wallkill valleys. At Cornwall-on-Hudson water is retailed at thirteen cents a gallon. The city of Kingston is almost without water and scores of mills have been shut down. The forest fires which were thought to have been quenched a week ago have started again. The situation is serious.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,900 head; market 10c lower; beefs, \$4.75@5.60; stockers, \$2.50@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 23,000 head; market 15c higher; light, \$5.10@5.70; heavy, \$5.55@6.10; pigs, \$3.00@4.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000 head; market steady; natives, \$3.40@4.50; lambs, \$3.75@5.65.

New York Produce. NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Poultry—Dressed, weak; live, unsettled. Butter—Steady; creamy extra, 26@26 1/2.

Eggs—Nearby white, fancy, 40c; fresh, firsts, 23 1/2@25c. Cheese—Full cream specials, 13 1/4@14 1/4c.

New York Stocks. NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Price movements during the first hour were in nearly all cases on lower levels. Union Pacific lost over a point and fractional losses made in industrials. Government bonds unchanged. Other bonds strong.

TO DISCARD THE MASK OF SECRECY

Sentiment Crystallizing in Japan is to Treat the Eastern Question Openly and With Frankness.

RESULT OF FLEET VISIT

Japanese Officials Favor Calling a Convention of the Powers to Discuss Matter and Formulate Policy.

TOKIO, Oct. 22.—To discard the mask of secrecy and treat the eastern question openly is the sentiment crystallizing in Japan as the result of the visit of the fleet. The sentiment is shared by the fleet and officers who are beginning to understand the greatness of the Japanese nation.

The Japanese officials today expressed favoring calling a convention of the powers to discuss the situation and formulate a policy to control the Pacific. The Tokio leaders and press are declaring the fleet's visit establishes an unwritten alliance between America and Japan.

Jap Business Men Depressed. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—While Tokio and Yokohama are lavishing millions on a reception to the fleet the business men are driven to desperation by the financial depression which is sweeping the country.

Entertaining the Americans. TOKIO, Oct. 22.—Nearly four thousand sailors from the Yokohama today attended a garden party at Hibiya park, the host of Mayor Ozaki. Simultaneously the fleet officers were entertained by the mayor and Prince Shimadzu at a luncheon. Later the officers attended a garden party of the British embassy. They are the bankers' association's host tonight at a theatrical performance at the Kabuki theatre, Japan's largest play house.

President Shibusawa, of the Japanese Welcome Society, aroused the applause by praising the Americans. Sixteen thousand business men are in a lantern procession tonight. There will be theatrical entertainments tonight aboard the Japanese mail steamer Coy and Archaic. Sperry and the other admirals go to Yokohama tomorrow, the final day of receptions and dinners. The fleet sails Saturday.

Anthony Comstock Ill. NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Anthony Comstock, the president of the society for the suppression of vice, is severely ill at his home at Summit, New Jersey. He has gall stones. A consultation with the physicians was called to see if his condition would permit an operation.

South Dakota Bank Robbed. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Oct. 22.—The State bank at Virgil was robbed of \$4,700 cash and valuable papers by cracksmen early today. The robbers dynamited the vault and the safe. They escaped before the citizens reached the scene.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Oct. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; steers, \$5.00@7.25; stockers, \$2.75@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; market 5c higher; light, \$5.20@5.80; pigs, \$3.50@5.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000 head; market steady; muttons, \$3.75@4.20; lambs, \$4.25@5.40.

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