

## SUPREME COURT DISMISSES CASES AGAINST GOMPERS, MORRISON AND MITCHELL

### Jail Sentences Imposed on President, Vice President and Secretary of American Federation Unwarranted

Contempt at Most Was Civil Contempt and Should Have Been Punished by Fine if at All — Plaintiffs Abandoned Case

Gompers Had Been Sentenced to One Year in Jail, Morrison to Six Months and Mitchell to Nine Months—Nine Justices Sign Opinion

(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, May 15.—Holding that the imposition of jail sentences on Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, president, vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the American Federation of Labor, were unwarranted by the nature of the contempt and that the District Supreme Court should only have imposed a fine, the Supreme Court of the United States today freed the labor leaders and directed that the case against them be dismissed.

The decision was that the case was one purely of civil contempt and only punishable by fines and that, since it was established that the Bucks Stove & Range Company had patched up its differences with the American Federation of Labor, the case should be dismissed outright.

When the decision was handed down Samuel Gompers was on a train between Philadelphia and Baltimore, enroute to Washington from New York.

The decision of the highest court was one of the greatest victories ever won by union labor in this country. Because it involved the imprisonment of three of the nation's leaders, it was looked upon by union men as marking the turning point in the fight of unionism in America.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison disobeyed the mandate of the District of Columbia Supreme Court and continued the boycott against the Bucks Stove & Range Company, they were guilty of only civil contempt and they should have been fined. The fine measured by the wrong done the complainants.

This construction reversed the decision of the lower courts which had held the contempt a criminal one, punishable by imprisonment. It adjudged that Gompers should serve one year in jail, Mitchell nine months and Morrison six months.

granted a temporary injunction to restrain publication of the name of the stove company in the unfair list and to stop the boycott.

Almost immediately after this decision, the American Federation appeared with the name of the Bucks Co., still prominently displayed in the "We Don't Patronize List." About the same time, the convention of the United Mine Workers, presided over by John Mitchell, adopted a resolution to continue the boycott.

### GOMPERS ELATED OVER DECISION

Washington, May 15.—When informed that he would not have to go to jail, by a United Press representative who met him at Union Station, this afternoon Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said:

"I am of course, greatly gratified that the Supreme Court has reversed the decisions of both Justice Wright and a majority of the Justices of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. I think that it has not only been my opinion but that of a majority of the people of the United States that the sentence by Justice Wright of six, nine and twelve months for Mr. Morrison, Mr. Mitchell and myself was unjust, unusual and cruel—particularly in an alleged constructive contempt proceeding, that his language was intemperate and injudicial."

"I am gratified that the fact that the court has reversed its decision, yet has not ordered the release of the labor leaders, shows the greatest eloquence and relief when he received the news. He has been under a terrific strain recently and as the time for the decision drew near, he was attacked through a severe nervous attack. His health has not been good and his friends were worried about him. When he was released, he felt that all his cares seemed to disappear."

### LOCAL COUNCILS K. C. TO ATTEND MASS IN BODY

#### Bishop Nitlan Will Witness Ceremonies Attending Initiation of Large Class to Fourth Degree

Marking the first time that such an event has ever been observed in this city or state, the five local councils of the Knights of Columbus will on Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, attend solemn high mass at St. Augustine's church in a body in memory of the departed members of this city.

Over 800 members of the order will be present at the ceremony. The Rev. J. J. McGivney of Westville will deliver the sermon. Father McGivney is State Chaplain of the K. of C. and is a brother of the founder of the order.

### MUCH WORK, NO TIPS AND LITTLE CASH HIS LOT

#### So Waterbury Boy Leaves 101 Ranch and Steals Train Ride, When Police Take Him—Thirty Days for Another Ride Stealer

His dreams of storms of golden wealth pouring down upon him, rudely shattered after a month of roughing it with the 101 Ranch, James F. Collyty, who comes of a well known Waterbury family, was discharged from custody at Police headquarters this morning after a night in a police cell, and a month of hardship such as he never supposed was allotted to any prosperous young Waterburyan.

Collyty quit Waterbury more than a month ago to enlist under the banner of the Miller Bros. 101 Ranch. He is just turned 21. Collyty thought it would be a good stunt to travel over the country with the Wild West outfit for about a season for the sake of the travel. He was to receive \$20 a month and \$5 holdback, he said. The holdback was to be paid him at the end of the season.

A few days ago payday came, and he found he didn't get half what he expected, he says. The outfit made a formal demand for a little spending money, and he says he was confronted with a lengthy contract bearing his signature, the purport of which, he doesn't know. In any event he didn't get any such money as he expected. He was supposed to be a waiter at the table of the executive staff, and he was confident he would receive a shower of coin for tips at each session with the big eat.

Saturday he said he asked for 35 cents for travel fair home, and was told that if he didn't get out of the lot he would be arrested. So he boarded a freight, the first he saw, and came to Bridgeport. He was arrested. Then he was arrested as a train rider. He told a straightforward story to Judge Posner when he was arraigned in the East End freight yards and in custody of the probation officer.

### ALDERMEN TO MEET TONIGHT

When the Board of Aldermen meet this evening they will hold a number of public hearings. That extension of the trolley lines to the west end of Seaside Park again comes up for a hearing. The Streets and Sidewalks committee and the Park Commission has suggested from Main street through South avenue to Iranian street, to Atlantic street extension, to the Barnum dyke. Then there is the petition of the Connecticut Co. for the locating of their trolley tracks in Congress street and Fairfield avenue on ten foot centers. Public opinion has it that Congress street is none too wide at the present time, and that the lines should remain as they are now placed on 9 foot centers. There may be a compromise in this respect.

### WALL STREET TODAY

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, May 15.—Opening—Nearly everything traded in at the opening of the stock market today, ranged above Saturday's close. Canadian Pacific advanced a point and fractional advances were established in many of the important railroads and industrials. At the end of the first 15 minutes a wavering tendency was in progress.

11 a. m.—The market displayed a waiting after the first few minutes in the expectation of supreme court decision. Pennsylvania was the weakest feature, yielding to below 121. Government bonds unchanged; other bonds strong.

## LOCAL PASTORS TRIED TO STOP THE AERO SHOW

### But the Aerodrome Is In Stratford and Sheriff Stagg Proved Deaf to Complaints

#### Had Their Protest Prevailed Beachy's Daring Flight to New Haven Would Not Have Occurred.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Stagg refused to become enthusiastic over the project of organizing with the Bridgeport Ministers' association, and taken up by the Stratford clergyman, of closing the Aerodrome by police interference yesterday.

The Bridgeport clergymen gathered Saturday when they learned the promoters of the Curtis exhibition at the Lake Aerodrome were to continue the show over Sunday, and decided upon enlisting the aid of the Stratford clergy.

### ELKS MINSTREL SHOW TONIGHT

#### Representative Audience Is Assured at Park Theatre — Many Surprises In Store

Dress rehearsals last evening of the minstrel first part and the various features of the annual production of the minstrel show of Bridgeport Lodge No. 1234, will be given at the Park Theatre tonight.

Many soloists will round out the musical program with the latest and most popular ballads adaptable to minstrelsy. In fact, the olio is declared by competent critics who have watched the progress of rehearsals, to be in every respect up to the standards of the largest professional aggregations.

### D. A. R. CONFERS WITH MAYOR ON A SANE FOURTH

#### Project Has Approval of Mayor and Fire Chief—Plans Formulated Later

Representing Mary Stillman chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, a committee of three visited Mayor Edward T. Buckingham this morning to confer with him regarding a safe and sane Fourth of July celebration.

## TELEGRAPH OPERATOR ARRESTED

### The Police Find Walter Anderson, Who Has Borne Good Reputation, in Rear of Drug Store

Walter Anderson, a telegraph operator for the Western Union Telegraph Co., is locked up at police headquarters in default of bail of \$100 on a technical charge of breach of peace pending an investigation into what the police believe to be an attempt to burglarize, for the second time in as many weeks, the drug store of J. W. Roberts, 1128 East Main street, at Jane street.

### PEACE TALK AGAIN

#### Propositions Submitted to Madero From Diaz Government Seem Favored By Rebels

El Paso, May 15.—Francisco I. Madero has temporarily delayed his arrangements to send the main body of the Juarez rebels to the United States today, by Senator Raphael Hernandez who wrote the original armistice and who has been devoting his efforts to bringing about an understanding between the insurgents captured by Juarez, Hernandez, today, expressed the belief that the propositions he has submitted to Madero by behalf of the Diaz government appeared acceptable to the revolutionists.

### GEORGE M. GUNN IS BANK PRESIDENT

New Haven, May 15.—George M. Gunn, the Democratic leader of Milford and a lawyer of state wide prominence was today, elected president of the Tradesmen's National Bank, to succeed the late Warren G. Spaulding.

## PRETTY SHOP GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

### Angered Beyond All Endurance When Unfeeling Shopmate Alluded to Her Shabby Attire

Brooding over the taunts of another employe of the Canfield Rubber Co., who called attention to her shabby dress, pretty Sophie Jeanette Bawer, aged 16, of 273 Hamilton street, made a futile attempt at suicide by plunging a knife into her breast this morning.

### Norwalk Church Celebrates its 25th Consecration

(Special from United Press.)  
Norwalk, May 15.—St. Paul's Episcopal church of this place, the first consecrated church of this faith in this country, is holding a two days' celebration of the 25th anniversary of the consecration. Bishop Chauncey Bruce Brewster of Hartford, and many other notables of the church are participating. The bishop delivered the historical address yesterday morning, and in conclusion a class of 93 was confirmed, coming from St. Paul's and the four daughter parishes of the town.

### DECLARED GUILTY OF CONTEMPT BY THE SUPREME COURT

Washington, May 15.—A decision holding Christopher Wilson, president of the United Wireless Telegraph Company guilty of contempt of court was handed down by the Supreme Court today.

### SUITE OF NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS

front rooms, on Main St. to rent. Very reasonable if taken for summer. 1048 Main street, opposite Howland's. R 15 s \* o

### TO LET—Furnished rooms with bath, also rooms for light house-keeping. Inquire at 1332 Main street, near Congress St. R 15 s \* o

### SINGER SEWING MACHINE in perfect running order for sale \$5 after 6 p. m. 1044 Main street, 2 flights up. R 15 s \* o

### FOR SALE CHEAP—Small flat-top office desk, 4 drawers. McElwee's, Sample Shoe Shop, 1188 Main street, upstairs. R 15 s \* o

## PERSONAL TAX RECORD BROKEN 275 PAY IN DAY

### The Personal tax collectors today turned in their best record. From 9 o'clock, when the offices opened, till noon, 275 citizens had paid their tax. Up to Saturday night the number who had paid hovered around the 3,000 mark.

The collectors have received numerous notices from former residents of this city to whom they had sent bills, of the paying of those bills in other towns. Arthur DeForest Young, formerly residing at 40 Wordin avenue, but since last October in Hartford, paid his bill in Hartford, and to show proof, sent along a duplicate bill.

### UNCLASSIFIED

#### HAT, FACE AND FEET at the Art-nex Barber and Shoe Shining Parlor, 1036 Main St. R 15 s \* o

#### DESIRABLE FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT. Electric light and telephone. Inquire 230 State St. R 15 s \* o

#### WANTED—Three good painters. Apply, Thomas Forsyth, Fairfield, Conn. R 15 s \* o

#### AUCTION SALE Tuesday night, May 16 at 1287 Stratford Ave. Household furniture, carpets, crockery, &c. R 15 s \* o

#### TO RENT—Modern flat, 6 rooms, second floor and finished room in attic. 571 Fairfield Ave. R 12 s \* o

#### WANTED—Position as agent. Five years experience. Speak five different languages. Address M. D. S. This office. R 12 s \* o

#### WANTED—Carpenters, first class hard work. Also use of Planes and tools. Address A. D. Wadsworth, So. Norwalk, Conn. Telephone 210. R 12 s \* o

#### WANTED—Two reliable maids for waitress and chambermaid. Reference required. Irish preferred. Address Mrs. Arthur DeForest Wheeler, Academy Hill, Stratford. R 12 s \* o

#### PIANO—returned from short term rental. A splendid discount awaits first-comer. The Responsible House of Steiner's, 915 Main St., near State. R 12 s \* o

#### BARGAIN! BARGAIN! Modern cottage, central location, fine neighborhood. Must be sold this week. Nichols, Room 401 Newfield Bldg. R 12 s \* o

#### HAVE YOU a square piano to exchange? We wish to obtain one for a summer term in this vicinity. An exceptionally good allowance will be made in consideration of this fact. The Responsible House of Steiner's, 915 Main St., near State. R 12 s \* o

#### CECILIAN PLAYER with 20 rolls of music \$100. Also used Pianola. A good discount. Will be sold quickly. The Responsible House of Steiner's, 915 Main St., near State. R 12 s \* o

#### JOB FOR SALE—26 foot sailboat, 10 ft and main sail, one of the fastest boats on the coast. Price \$100.00. Skill, everything complete. Cheap for cash. Address H. Fox, P. O. Box 808. R 10 s \* o

#### STORE TO RENT—17 ft. by 42 ft. 177 Fairfield avenue, Farmer building. For particulars call at Farmer Office. L 11 s \* o

#### GOOD SECOND HAND National Cash Register for sale cheap. Planes P. O. Box 16, City. S 2 s \* o

#### ENGRAVED WEDDING invitations, 100 with two sets of envelopes complete \$6.50. Engraved on copper plate. Southworth's, 10 Arcade. R 3 s \* o

#### AROUND the corner of Fairfield avenue and Water street, McFadden's Cuts, P. O. Box 100. Schaefer N. Y. Old Getman Brew, Weiner Beer, M. McPadden, agent. Fine lunch all day. Prime Roast of Beef \$22.50. 4:30. U 2 s \* o

#### JOIN the Casca Laxine tablet users. Great for constipation. 25c. H 1 s \* o

#### WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. Apply 1055 Stratford. U 24 s \* o

#### SALESMANSHIP TRAINING. Applicants to take course in Salesman ship; personally conducted class; salary while studying; position guaranteed. Call or address James McCormick, Superintendent, No. 3 Post Office Arcade, Bridgeport, Conn. U 16 s \* o