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GOVERNMENT AID NOT DELAYED BY BUREAUCRATS

President Writes Letter to Senator Knox, Taking Issue With Labor Leader
Attacks Democratic Injunction Plank and Calls for an Explanation
Declares Proposed Legal "Remedy" Empty Sham Used to Delude Workingmen

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Campaign literature was enriched today by a letter from President Roosevelt addressed to United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, in which Mr. Roosevelt pays his respects to Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor.

Speaking at Philadelphia on Tuesday, Senator Knox took issue with Gompers on the question of the attitude of organized labor in the present campaign, and the President's letter of today is in support of Knox's views.

The letter follows:
My Dear Senator Knox: In your admirable speech yesterday you speak of the action of Mr. Bryan 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 on 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 not only to organized labor, but to all decent citizens throughout the country.

You have a peculiar right to speak on the labor questions, for it was you, as an attorney general, first actively invoked the great power of the federal government to bring the federal courts into play when for the first time in the history of the government you, speaking for the department of justice, intervened in a private lawsuit which had gone against a locomotive fireman who had lost an arm in coupling cars, and by your intervention secured from the supreme court a construction of the safety appliance act which made it a vital remedial statute, and therefore has secured to labor appealing to workmen compensation which they would have otherwise obtained.

The daily papers of October 13 contain an open letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, appealing to workmen to vote for Mr. Bryan.

In that letter are certain definite statements which interested the American public quite as much as those to whom Mr. Gompers makes his appeal. Those statements warrant all you have said in your speech, and I think warrant you in asking Mr. Bryan to say publicly whether Mr. Gompers states correctly the attitude of his organization and himself on that matter of vital concern to every citizen, including every businessman, as well as every farmer, and every other citizen who looks to the courts for the protection of his rights.

Mr. Gompers in his letter asserts that the justice of this country is destroying democratic government and substituting therefor an irresponsible and corrupt plutocracy, and that the means by which he further makes clear that the means by which he believes this alleged plutocracy has been set up is the process of injunction in the courts of equity.

Mr. Gompers in his letter states that his appeal to the republican convention at Chicago for remedy against the injunction was denied and that he goes on to state not only that the democratic party promised a remedy, but promised him the particular remedy which he desired, and that the candidates for every office to those remedies which labor had already submitted to congress.

The last sentence in this quotation indicates very definitely the specific remedies to which Mr. Gompers under-stands 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, and which has been a stumbling block to the steady advance, the legitimate aspirations of labor and who carefully read the platform will find that the plank which has held out for the improvement of the conditions of wage earners.

The plank reads as follows:
"Questions of judicial practice have arisen, especially in connection with industrial injunctions, which the parties to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality and that injunctions should not be issued in any case in which their issue would not issue if no industrial dispute were involved."

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 one could foretell how any judge would decide in any given case, as the plank apparently issues each judge a free set, when he issues an injunction in a labor case, whether or not it is a case in which an injunction would be issued if labor were not involved. Yet this plank is apparently perfectly clear to Mr. Gompers, and in his letter to his constituents he indicates beyond question just what he understands it to mean. He asserts that he has the requisite inside knowledge, and his statement that Mr. Bryan's party (for it is Mr. Bryan who dictated the platform) pledged itself to those remedies which had been submitted to congress is a perfectly clear and definite statement.

The "remedy" which Mr. Gompers has already submitted to congress is a matter 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, as can be seen by referring to the complete text, is as follows:
"First, after forbidding any federal judge to issue a restraining order for

EVERY elector who fails to vote for assembly constitutional amendment No. 3 votes against the enactment of a direct primary law by the next legislature. Ratify that amendment by an overwhelming vote and compel the bosses to redeem their pledges. Amendment No. 3 will be at the top of the last column on the official general election ballot.

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GAS GO CENTS WHEN COMBINE HAS TO FIGHT

Secretary Barrett Says Company Makes Low Charge to Meet Competition

Admission Secured From Witness at Hearing of Suit to Enforce Dollar Rate
Until July Last Highest Figure Was Eighty-five Cents Per Thousand

Charles L. Barrett, secretary of the San Francisco gas and electric company, admitted while on the witness stand yesterday that although the corporation was fighting for a rate of \$1 a thousand it was selling gas as low as 60 cents in some districts of the city. This admission was made during the cross examination of the witness by Assistant City Attorney Thomas E. Haven in the hearing before Commissioner Heacock. This is regarded as the most damaging testimony yet produced against the corporation in the pending injunction suit.

Barrett stated that the company maintained two separate schedules of rates, one in the competitive district and the other in that section of the city where the company enjoyed a monopoly. The rate in the competitive district ranged from 75 cents down to 60 cents, while in other parts of the city an 85 cent maximum prevailed. This schedule was modified in July of this year, when the company, supported by its temporary injunction, raised the rates in the noncompetitive section to \$1.

Barrett had been called to the stand by Attorney Joseph Mayer of the gas company. Haven began the cross-examination by asking Barrett: "Are you familiar with the gas rates, Mr. Barrett?" "I am," was the reply. "What is the lowest rate the company has ever continued Haven. "Sixty cents," was the immediate response. Barrett added that the low rate was unprofitable and was made to meet the competition of the Metropolitan light and power company. The competitive district includes most of the downtown business section and has been extended recently into Chinatown.

"Why does your company continue to give this 60 cent rate," asked Haven. "If, as you say, it is unprofitable," "We are willing to continue it until the thing can be worked out," replied Barrett. "What do you mean when you say 'until the thing can be worked out'—that you will buy the other company?" persisted Haven. "That may come," was the answer. The other witnesses examined yesterday included Auditor Butler of the gas company and Supervisors McAllister, Pollok, Bancroft, Giannini, Johnson and Murphy.

MAKE JOURNEY TO SOUTH AFRICA TO WED

Miss Blanche Donnell Will Marry C. E. Knecht in Johannesburg

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—To travel all the way alone from Los Angeles to Johannesburg, South Africa, there to meet and wed her fiance and journey heart of her school days, is the journey undertaken today by Miss Blanche Donnell, daughter of Major and Mrs. J. A. Donnell, 6312 Pasadena avenue, this city. Miss Donnell will complete her African tour of duty in the afternoon of her arrival. The groom to be is C. E. Knecht, a mining engineer of South Africa formerly of Los Angeles. Mr. Knecht's duties will keep him busily employed in the Boer country for several years and this fact was responsible for the journey of the bride. Both parties are well known in local society. Miss Donnell will spend a few days in the city before she embarks for Cape Town, South Africa. From there she will go direct to Johannesburg, where her future husband is awaiting her.

WILL BURN AUTOMOBILE TO CELEBRATE ELECTION

Owner of Machine Declares It a Hoodoo and Secures Permission for Novel Display

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
SANTA ROSA, Oct. 21.—The city council last night was petitioned for permission by Jack Luppold, proprietor of the Senate saloon on Main street, to be allowed to burn an automobile in the public streets on election night. The request was so novel and unusual that it created considerable comment. The request was granted, and it is probable that there will be a large crowd to watch the scene.

MISTOOK FRIEND FOR BEAR

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 21.—Information was received yesterday from Hilde, a small town 23 miles south of Roseburg, that Alexander Frank, a Southern Pacific brakeman of this city, was shot and instantly killed by Karl Weber, his companion, who mistook Frank for a bear.

TO IMPROVE PRISON METHODS

CARSON, Nev., Oct. 21.—The Nevada state prison is to be on a par with the penal institutions of the other states of the union. The Bertillon system is being inaugurated among the 226 convicts of the Nevada prison through the instrumentality of the Nevada state police in co-operation with the warden.

CARS WILL RUN ON OLD ROUTES IN SHORT TIME

United Railroads Agrees to Resume Former Transfer System November 10

Company Sends Board Communication Protesting Against Ordinance
General Manager Black Receives Reprimand From Chairman Giannini

The United Railroads has surrendered. While no official admission has been made by the company the supervisors have been given assurance that the road will on November 10 return to the old transfer system. The intimation came also from the company that the old routing of the cars would be reinstated within a few days.

The mayor will sign the supervisors' ordinance tomorrow. The company's officials, however, desired it made plain that their action in restoring the old transfer system and the former routes was not to be taken as an acknowledgment that they consider the board had any right to legislate in the matter. General Manager Black is understood to have expressed his own conviction that the Devisadero "gap" was an indefensible thing and gladly abandoned.

The company sent a formal communication to the supervisors, to the mayor, and to the City and County of San Francisco yesterday, rehearsing its old arguments that the "Sullivan" ordinance was bad law, "unconstitutional, unjust, confiscatory, discriminatory," etc. It is understood the company will issue a statement that its restoration of the old transfer system is an act of the free will of the company and that the company still maintains the supervisors have no right to "interfere" in such matters as the routing of the "internal mchagen" at.

The ordinance is to be obeyed, however, after November 10, and the supervisors yesterday seemed satisfied with that. As Doctor Giannini said: "Our relations are friendly and everything is entirely satisfactory." That does not quite describe yesterday's hearing of the interminable bitter street track and trolley matter before the public utilities committee.

Black shut up like a clam. "I don't know what you mean when you say 'until the thing can be worked out'—that you will buy the other company?" persisted Haven. "That may come," was the answer.

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BODY OF DEAD MAN FOUND ON DESERT

Identified as B. T. Pratt and Had Succumbed to Starvation Two Months Ago

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21.—G. W. Lewis and S. E. Shankland, who have just returned from a prospecting trip in the Argus mountains, Inyo county, tell of the discovery of the body of a man approximately 60 years of age, who had perished of starvation in the desert on account of a lack of food and water.

TURKEY AND AUSTRIA SUSPEND NEGOTIATIONS

PARIS, Oct. 21.—A special dispatch from Constantinople says that negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Turkey have definitely been broken off, the porte refusing to accept the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as an accomplished fact.

Mother Love Leads Smart Set Beauty to Ignore Court



Mrs. Nellie Miller Strange and her son, Girard Miller, for whom she defied court order

CITY HALL RAZING BLOCKED BY WRIT

Frank J. Sullivan Secures Injunction Against Spending Money in Wrecking

On the ground that the mayor and board of supervisors have not the legal right to expend money in razing the city hall with the intention of erecting a new structure, Frank J. Sullivan, through his attorney, Harry T. Creswell, secured a temporary injunction yesterday restraining them from so doing.

All was in readiness for the work when the injunction was issued. The bids for contracts had been received and opened. The board of works was preparing to award the contract when the order of the court was thrust upon it, preventing the commissioners from taking any further action.

Attorney Creswell was ever strong in his opposition against the erection of a new building. He appeared before the board of supervisors repeatedly, claiming that the present building could be reconstructed and that there was no reason for the building of an entirely new structure. Finding his efforts with the board of supervisors in vain, he and Sullivan yesterday took an extreme course and carried the proposition into the courts.

The complaint sets out that, according to the charter, the mayor and board of supervisors have not the legal right to erect new buildings without the assent of the people, and that the expenditure of money for tearing down the ruins of the present city hall is illegal.

"As I have set out in my complaint," said Attorney Creswell yesterday, "the building as it stands today is worth \$1,200,000, that being the figure estimated by experts. To tear this down would mean a loss of \$1,200,000, together with the cost of doing the work, for which \$50,000 has been appropriated. A new city hall, built on the site of the present one, would cost \$5,250,000, bringing the total expenses up to \$6,500,000. Under the present conditions, it is too much to lay on the shoulders of an already overburdened, tax-paying public."

"My contention is that the city has not the legal right to expend money in this fashion. The charter specifically provides that a vote of the people should be taken on the bond issue for the erection of new city buildings. The claim of the mayor and the board of supervisors that the building as it stands now is a menace and public danger I do not believe. The contractor who pulled down the southwest wing told me he had to dynamite the walls, and if walls will stand until they are dynamited down I cannot see where the danger arises."

GOVERNMENT GIVES QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPPING OF CITY TO BE DISCONTINUED

Uncle Sam, in the person of the surgeon general of the United States public health and marine hospital service gave San Francisco a clean bill of health yesterday and from now on the quarantine restrictions on local shipping will be discontinued. The rat guards that have been a cause of grief and expense to the ship owners and disappointment to many a rat that thought it could jump may go to the junk pile for all Uncle Sam cares and steam schooners and ocean liners, bay screws and sailing vessels may smuggle as close as they please to the wharves and piers. The smell of sulphur will no longer be known to the bay breezes and such of the diminished rat colony as may be suffering from wanderlust may now go voyaging in as many directions as there are points on one-half of the compass.

The ship owners are happy and Dr. W. C. Hobdy, chief quarantine officer at this port and the man who gave out the good news is not sorry. Dr. Hobdy announced the good news in the following letter:

"To the ship owners' association of the Pacific coast—Gentlemen: By authority of telegram received this day from the surgeon general, public health and marine hospital service, I have to inform you that all existing outgoing quarantine restrictions in the bay of San Francisco will be discontinued from and after this date, October 21, 1908. Respectfully,

"W. C. HOBDY,
"United States Quarantine Officer."
The ship owners' association promptly notified its members and the local shipping world, and now there will be a chance to buy at less than cost a collection of six foot fenders, rat guards and sulphur pots. The fumigation of all vessels touching at wharves in this harbor has been enforced for more than a year and between fumigations vessels have been compelled to fend six feet away from the wharf and to wear rat guards on every line. The enforcement of these regulations involved the ship owners in constant expense and kept a large force of federal employes busy.

Dr. Hobdy, who has managed the campaign of fumigation from his temporary office in the ferry postoffice building, has performed a disagreeable task so fairly and with such tact that he retires to his post at Angel Island with the friendship of every man with whom he has come in contact.

CALIFORNIA AUTHOR TO GIVE BENEFIT ADDRESS

SAN JOSE, Oct. 21.—Miss Agnes Tobin, the California author, is to deliver an address at the Hotel Vendome October 31. Her subject will be Celtic literature. The affair will be in the nature of a benefit to assist in the work of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

DARES LAW TO RETAIN HER CHILD

Mrs. Nellie Miller Strange Flees Into Hiding With Boy in Defiance of Writ

Ordered to Answer Suit Brought by Husband, but Takes Son Out of Jurisdiction
Woman Was a Noted and Handsome Society Leader of Oakland

OAKLAND, Oct. 21.—Mrs. H. A. Strange, who, as Mrs. Nellie Miller, once was one of the most beautiful and popular young matrons in Oakland's smart set, has dared to disobey the mandate of the superior court of Contra Costa county by going into hiding with her son, Girard, rather than give the child up to her former husband.

A year ago Mrs. Miller was divorced from her husband, J. G. Miller, who is a prominent official of the Cowell lime and cement company at Martinez and a prominent society man and clubman. The custody of the child was awarded to Mrs. Miller, with the stipulation that she should not take him out of the jurisdiction of the superior court of Contra Costa county.

Three months later she married H. A. Strange, a well-to-do contractor living at 1753 Broadway in the fashionable residence district of Chicago. When she went east to live with her second husband Mrs. Strange left her son with her sister, Mrs. Ashby, in Clayton. Some time afterward she returned to Oakland and was about to attempt to get possession of her child and she immediately returned to California and it is supposed took the child away with her.

Miller secured an order from Superior Judge Wells directing Mrs. Strange to appear in court and answer Miller's petition for a modification of the divorce decree so that he should secure the child after his former wife's second marriage.

Mrs. Strange's answer was to disappear with her son, and thus far the authorities have been unable to find any trace of her. Mrs. Strange is said to be in Los Angeles, where it is understood she has been negotiating through her attorneys for a settlement of the dispute. When the hearing of Miller's petition was set it had been supposed that Mrs. Strange would appear.

It is the opinion of those interested that the anxious mother remained away fearing that she would lose the custody of the boy. As Mrs. Miller she was quite an entertainer socially at her former Piedmont home.

HEARST SAYS COLLIER'S ARTICLE IS SILLY ROT

Declares Additional Standard Oil Letters Will Be Made Public Saturday
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 21.—William Randolph Hearst stopped here today on his way to Petersburg, Ill., to speak there at a meeting in honor of Thomas L. Higgen.

"Will you answer an article in Collier's Weekly in which it is charged that you paid two men \$12,000 to steal those letters from the office of John D. Archbold?" Hearst was asked. "Oh, that article is silly rot," he answered.

"There is not a word of truth in it. I never saw them. It says something about letters from George Aldrich." Mr. Hearst, however, said additional Standard Oil letters of more importance than any thus far read are to be made public in the independence party meeting in New York Saturday night. He declared they are better than any thus far given publicly, and that he had sent them for the finish of the campaign.

VATICAN ORGAN PRINTS LIST OF APPOINTMENTS
Officials Nominated by the Pope Last June Are Published

ROME, Oct. 21.—The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, publishes the appointments of the new officials of the Rome congregation, as reorganized by the pope last June. The consistorial congregation, which replaces the congregation of the propaganda in the nomination of American bishops and which is presided over by the pope, will have as its secretary Cardinal de Lal. The members of this congregation, numbering 14, include Cardinals Merry del Val, Moran, Greglia, Serafino Vannutelli, Martinelli, Rampola and Gotti. The Rota Roma tribunal is composed of 19 members, including M. Prior, rector of Beda college, for Anglo-American affairs. The tribunal Segnatura, a kind of supreme court, is composed of Cardinals Vincenzo Vannutelli, Agliardi, Stollini, Matheo, Gasparini and Segna.