

SAYS LABOR HAS AIDED IN CRISIS

Gompers Says Organized Labor Has Prevented Disorganization of Business.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 29.—Organized labor has been the wage earners' greatest protection in the crisis that has arisen through the European war, in the opinion of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who addressed the American Academy of Political Science here today.

"The initiative, resourcefulness and self-reliance of the wage earners expressed in the organized labor movement have been their greatest protection," Mr. Gompers said. "Through organization they have dealt constructively with unemployment, have made effective protest against excessive prices, have prevented wage reductions that would have had cumulative effect in disorganizing business, and have averted that construction work by municipalities and other governmental agencies shall be continued and more undertaken wherever possible."

"Civilization's Ideals Reversed." Civilization's purposes and ideals, Mr. Gompers asserted, had been ruthlessly reversed by the European war. The spirit of civilization had been established in the sacredness of human life; in an instant war had turned the thought, the energy, the skill that had been to glorify life to the task of destroying life.

"The labor movement of the world," Mr. Gompers continued, "is the one agency whose members have been loyal to civilization in the time of peril and yet have with insistent emphasis and appeal upheld the sacredness of human life and opportunity and the brotherhood of man. In the United States the organized labor movement has dealt constructively with the needs and emergencies created by the war," he said.

"Prepare for War's End." Let the government ascertain what immigration America will need to work the country's mills and shops and mines when the great industrial revival starts at the close of the European war, and having ascertained the country's needs, restrict immigration to fit them—such was the plan outlined by Mr. Frank Warner, expert on foreign born population for the last United States census.

author and authority on immigration. Mr. Warner's plan provides for the creation, by federal legislation, of the governmental machinery necessary to make a measurement of American immigration needs for the revival of industrialism, which, he said, "is just around the corner." The body—board or commission of otherwise—thus created by the federal government bureau, should cooperate with now existing state and private employment bureaus. And the needed immigrants should be employed at standard American wages.

HERALD LOCATES A STOLEN AUTOMOBILE

The Cadillac automobile stolen from Henry Salazar early Tuesday morning when an attempt was made by three Americans to hurt him off the street at Old Fort Bliss, has been located at Deming, N. M.

It was found by Leo J. Trost, a representative of the Franklin and Oakland Auto Sales company of El Paso, in the charge of the sheriff at Deming. "I would not have noticed it had I not read of the theft in The Herald," Mr. Trost stated in a letter written to The Herald on Wednesday. Mr. Trost turned the car over to the sheriff of Luna county.

Late Wednesday night the sheriff at Deming notified the El Paso county sheriff's office that the car had been found.

TRIP TO FAYWOOD SPRINGS DELIGHTFUL, WARNER SAYS

Milton A. Warner and a party of friends who have been automobiling through New Mexico, have returned. They made the trip in Mr. Warner's Ford car. In the party were Mr. Warner, Mrs. and Mrs. Scott White and Mrs. Jennie W. Robinson. They visited Faywood Springs, Silver City, Santa Rita, Pecos, Bayard, Mimbres hot springs and Deming.

"They found the roads in good condition and made the trip of 189 miles in three days' time. On the way they crossed the Mimbres river two times without trouble but in the third attempt to cross were stuck in mid stream.

They cloth-lined weather strip keeps out the dust. Hithon-Mix Co.—Adv.

SAYS U. S. MAY LEAD NATIONS

Cabinet Member Asserts that America Has Chance to Be First in World of Trade.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 29.—Great commercial expansion for the United States as a result of the European war was forecast by secretary William C. Redfield of the department of commerce. In a speech here today before the American Academy of Political and Social Science, both Germany and Great Britain, the secretary of commerce said, were in danger of losing their supremacy in the foreign trade, if the war continued.

"No one, I think," he said, "would be surprised to find the United States second in the world's competition, nor, if the war had long continued, he would be surprised to find her first." The United States heretofore has been third. "It is not necessary," he said, "to review the history of the critical months of August and September, last. I never think of that period without thankfulness to the men in private business and finance who with great courage and wise resources pulled us through those trying weeks. We are concerned, however, chiefly to consider what the extraordinary change in which has come over the face of our foreign trade since those things were done."

"A floating debt of perhaps \$400,000,000 has been incurred in the form of gold. Some of the gold we had exported to Germany to pay what we owe before the war has come back to us in gold for debts due us. It amounts since the first of December to over \$400,000,000. We are saving money as a nation at an astonishing rate. The nations of the world turn to us for cash. We are lending the world money and we are selling the world goods, and both to such an extent that our foreign financial outlook and the condition of our export trade has taken on within ten months an entirely new significance.

The secretary said that there was "too much industrial inertia" when the necessity for broadening the foreign outlook of the country developed. "Training in national liability had done its work," he continued, "and when the hour of opportunity struck, relatively few of us were ready to take the step of progress."

"One Great Nation at Peace." "It is doubtless risky," he continued, "to forecast what the ultimate effects of the current war shall be upon our commerce. We know where we were before the war began—a great and growing competitor of others who had many advantages over us. We know where we are now while the war goes on—the one great industrial and commercial nation which is at peace and certain to remain so. One of our great competitors has been for eight months out of the market. No one has suffered from her competition during that period. Another and lesser competitor also has been excluded. A third great competitor has been so intensely occupied in the struggle as to be unable to sustain at highest pitch in other fields the commercial enterprises which have made her great, and a fourth, having much of her industrial territory occupied by hostile troops, is in a measure crippled thereby in the foreign trade."

"Loss of Foreign Prestige." "Two factors will affect America favorably in the coming days. One is the loss of goods sold by her competitors through broken or suspended operation. This is not all. The organization in many cases has not only broken or suspended, but the units which composed it have been slain. Bad as are the loss of the good will and disruption of business, far worse is the loss of the skilled hand and the trained mind."

"What the effect of all these conditions upon American international trade is to be cannot be limited or defined, but it would seem plain that our resources are undiminished, our capital secure, our labor safe, that we are saving where others are losing, that we are living where others are dying, that with us the path is upward, and with them it is in a large measure downward. It is certain that one result will be our own greater industrial independence."

"If we are willing to lay aside passions and prejudices, to look at things with an international instead of a parochial viewpoint, to realize that inefficiency is unprofitable if we are ready to give up inertia and take a step forward out of ourselves to help others, if these things can be done, I see no reason why we may not become the first among the world's great trading nations."

U. S. OFFICERS SEIZE PLATES

Alleged Counterfeiter Is Arrested by Secret Service and Plates Found.

Plates for printing \$10 notes on the Crocker National bank, of San Francisco, Cal., were found concealed in the clothing of Ben E. Lee alias Voyles, alias Owens, who was arrested by United States officers at the corner of San Antonio and Hill streets at 3 o'clock Wednesday night.

When arrested by C. E. Boyce, secret service agent at El Paso, J. J. Ayres, assistant chief of police of the treasury department, and Jere Imhoose, deputy United States marshal, Lee was said by the officers to have had three plates wrapped in old rags and hidden in his shirt. The plates were confiscated and were locked in the vaults of the treasury department until they are shipped to Washington for destruction.

The arrest of Lee and the seizure of the plates is considered one of the most important arrests in connection with counterfeiting ever made in El Paso. Special secret service agent Boyce has been working on the case for more than a year. He located the alleged counterfeiter here and says he was posing as a mining man from Pearson, Chih. A quantity of bills were said to have been found following Lee's arrest. Boyce received a message of congratulation for his work from the chief of the U. S. secret service.

Passed on Local Banks. The plates are the back front and series number plates of the San Francisco National bank note, which bears the likeness of president McKinley and the series number 2224. All of these plates were said to be excellent specimens, although the paper used was too soft and the ink used was inclined to spread on the counterfeit bills which were confiticated. To give the notes the appearance of genuineness, a coating of glycerine was rubbed over the paper. It is said that a number of such notes were passed on local banks and merchants in El Paso.

Lee was arraigned before United States commissioner George H. Oliver and his bond placed at \$10,000 on the charge of having in his possession plates for making counterfeit money. As there is no grand jury to investigate the case at the April term of federal court, his trial will not be held until the October term. Lee was unable to give bond and was sent to jail.

Lee also worked in the city fire department in El Paso under the name of George Owensley, the federal officials declare.

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EFFECT OF TORPEDO ON VESSEL'S HULL



London, Eng.—The effect of a single torpedo on the hull of a vessel struck is shown in the photograph, which was taken after the British steamship Beldridge had been placed in dry dock for repairs. The Beldridge was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine in February last, and managed to make port before sinking. She has been placed in dry dock and repaired and now is ready to put to sea again. The explosive projectile literally tore her stem out and left a gaping hole measuring many feet across. The closely packed cargo prevented the ship from being sunk, as it blocked the ingress of water.

FOUR MILES OF CRICKETS MOW WASHINGTON WHEAT Wilson Creek, Wash., April 29.—Ranchers have appealed to the state for aid in checking the devastations of an army of crickets four miles long and 12 feet wide, which is mowing down the wheat fields of Grant county. Trencing and fencing have alike proved unavailing.

ENGLISH MAY POLE DANCE GIVEN AT THE BOY SCHOOL An old English May-pole dance is being given this afternoon at the boy school grounds by the pupils of the south side school. The May festival was arranged under the direction of J. H. Stine, playground supervisor, and has been planned by the teachers of the school. The program will open with the singing of "America" by the school, which includes some 300 children. Then there will be a massed band drill by 150 children of the first and second grades. The children of the third, fourth and fifth grades will dance three folk dances—"Scott's Lullie," "Gustaf's Skel" and "Kull Lansen." They will also sing "Columbia." The first grade pupils will do a fancy march and will play a singing game, "Did You Ever See a Lasso?" The Butte military manual will be executed by 300 boys and girls of the second, third, fourth and fifth grades. The program will close with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

PANAMA CANAL SHOWS LOSS OF \$261,098 IN 8 MONTHS Panama, April 29.—The first eight months of operation of the Panama canal have not yielded a profit to the government, notwithstanding that traffic has been better than had been expected in view of the European war. From July 1, 1914, and ending March 1, 1915, the canal showed a loss of \$261,098, the deficit being mainly chargeable to the high cost of operation and maintenance. During the period mentioned the canal earned \$2,214,515 in tolls while the charges for operation and maintenance was \$2,595,613, the government thus losing approximately 19 percent. Under operation and maintenance are included all the diversified expenditures necessary for keeping the canal open to traffic and a prorated part of the expenses on civil government, sanitation and general administration. More than a third of the total overhead expense of the canal is charged to operation and maintenance.

AUTO LINE TO ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM TO BE STARTED The transportation facilities between El Paso and Elephant Butte dam are shortly to be augmented by the establishment of a daily auto service, according to the announcement of J. F. Mabry. The service will start on Saturday but for the first week or two will not be daily. Two seven passenger machines will be put in the service. Associated with Mr. Mabry is J. H. Simpson.

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