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**MR. GOMPERS AND HIS ENEMIES.**

For a long time Mr. Samuel Gompers has been a bulwark of moderation and conservatism, as well as a constructive force, in the American labor movement. The American Federation of Labor had become a great influence and power under his prudent and wise direction. Enemies within and outside of it he has had to struggle against: Socialists, extreme radicals, revolutionaries, idealists, advocates of political action by a distinct Labor Party, enthusiasts of "direct action," I. W. W.'s with their "one big union" and their miscellaneous program of mischief.

Of late the enemies within seem to have won an insidious victory. Younger and rasher leaders prevail. It appears that Mr. Gompers has lost his old, deserved authority. It is but a shadowy pre-eminence that he maintains by words, orders, actions inconsonant with the sagacious and fruitful policies that have made his name so great, so respected, here and abroad. The Federation is fallen on evil days. The I. W. W. is "boring from within." Unauthorized strikes, 82 out of 70 recent ones, according to the I. W. W. counsel, Margolis, testify to the mutinous spirit and contempt of authority growing in its ranks. Mr. Gompers seems able to assume an authority that has passed, or is passing away from him, only by yielding to the extremists. On the day of the regrettable withdrawal of Mr. Gompers and the labor group from the Industrial Conference the Illinois Federation of Labor urged him to call a special convention of the American Federation at Washington. The railroad brotherhood representatives were to be invited. The object of the convention was "an offensive and defensive alliance of the international unions of the United States and Canada, and the railroad brotherhoods, more effectively to fight out the life and death struggles of the workers now in progress and impending." The Illinois Federation attacked "the Illinois Federation attacked 'the Steel Trust' for its methods for control in the steel strike. 'Too long has labor permitted these tyrants to keep the workers on the defensive.'"

The country knows who caused the steel strike. It knows that it is essentially a strike of foreigners against Americans, that it is largely conducted by alien agitators, by Bolshevik propagandists. At Gary I. W. W. cards are numerous among the foreign strikers. Reds and Red literature abound. The overthrow of the Government and the "bourgeoisie," the establishment of a Soviet State, are advocated in many languages. An I. W. W. with a Federation card, a "borer from within," is found. Mr. Gompers complies with the request of the Illinois sympathizers, with a strike ordered and managed by his enemies, by many enemies of the United States. He calls a conference of 112 heads of unions affiliated with the Federation. They are to discuss "present and impending disputes." The railroad brotherhoods, the farmers, the labor organizations of Canada will be asked to co-operate. Labor is at the peak of prosperity. Wages were never so high. Hours are short. The contemporary strike is for power, not on account of grievances. If there is a death-and-life struggle of the workers now in progress, it is in the unions themselves, in the Federation of Labor. Will the labor unions, having gained and grown enormously, following American policies and sustained by public opinion, throw away all their advantages, make public opinion their enemy, adopt foreign ideas and methods? Flashed with long triumph, penetrated by alien and sinister influences, substituting a class interest for a broad, general American obligation and patriotism, will they seek to impose their autocracy will upon the country? If they do, they are doomed. They will be crushed against the majority of Americans. More than that, they will fall to pieces because the majority of their members are Americans, used to moderation, common sense, orderly methods, disgusted with imported syndicalism, "direct action," Bolshevism, anarchism.

Only the labor unions can injure labor unionism. Mr. Gompers can expect no mercy from the radicals who distrust or hate him. Better for his fame, better for the Federation, that he should put his back to the wall, fight, not surrender; try to keep the Federation American.

**HOW THE NEWS IS GROWING.**

Expressed appreciation of The Daily News by those who have been regular readers since its first issue, is no less appreciated by the publishers than the constantly increasing subscription list and advertising patronage. It indicates that the afternoon paper is distinctly the home paper, that its local circulation is sure to be more general than morning editions and that advertisers quickly recognize the advantage in circulation.

It is not our purpose to make odorous comparisons. But we must contend that any individual who will consider his own case must agree that the afternoon paper is more eagerly sought because it brings to him the news on the day it happens. None the less potent in its attractiveness is the hour at which it arrives—the hour of relaxation after the day's work is done.

Big advertisers in the cities have tested out the pulling powers of advertising in afternoon editions on more than one occasion. In New York the big morning dailies soon recognized this fact and all put in afternoon editions, reserving the morning editions for the out-of-town circulation.

The Daily News has been delivered into the homes of Palatka free, for a period, where no regular subscription

had been received. The publishers felt that this was the best way to let people know what to expect. Since the first issue not a day has passed that ten or more subscriptions have been received, all of them voluntary. Our list now is much larger than we expected this early in our new venture and is growing daily. We expect to make the circulation in Palatka one hundred per cent. if such a thing is possible.

The volume of advertising carried in The News speaks for itself. The average daily space carried in the paper is about 300 inches, which is a decided compliment to the publication. Advertising rates have been fixed with a view to furnishing the greatest publicity for the smallest possible cost. We have the facilities for handling this advertising in an artistic manner, as the display advertising will indicate, and it is sure to bring results.

The News is not yet all that it is hoped by the publishers to make it. It has been handicapped by lack of labor and the various problems which attend the launching of a new daily paper. But the experimental stage has been passed and we are looking to future in which to make improvements, enlargements and additions.

**SAVING THE BOYS.**

The national organization of the Young Men's Christian Association is conducting all over the country a campaign for community betterment, especially as it affects boys. The campaign is on in Putnam county now and it should receive the support of every citizen whether he has any boys or not.

There are 145,000 boys in the State of Florida in the most critical, fiercely-tempted, character-forming period of life. Investigation brings out the fact that only 70 per cent. of these are enrolled in the public schools, and only 10 per cent. of those in the schools are attending any Sunday School. Is this not of grave concern to you? Statistics indicate that the majority of accessions to the ranks of the incompetent and criminal or industry, decency and righteousness come from boys in their teens.

Every boy who comes to maturity has cost the state—that is you and I—the sum of One Thousand Dollars, so reliable statisticians state. If the boy goes wrong there is a loss to the State of One Thousand Dollars and the necessity of spending another thousand to protect society.

The U. S. Government places a valuation of Two Thousand Dollars on every boy of military age (18). Just figure it out for yourself. Florida's biggest asset—"her boys"—might be a liability.

One city in the State reports an increase of 25 per cent. in juvenile crime in 1918 over the same period of 1917. Thousands are being spent to reformat the boy. Would it not be a wiser plan to spend something to "form" them during their plastic state? Looked at from every point, the real issue today is how to hold boys in their teens to their highest ideals.

Why should you be concerned? Because they are the future leaders of our State and Nation and it should be the aim of every patriotic American to aid in the development of the highest type of citizenship. The saving of the boy is fundamental to the redemption of human society.

**CLUB IS FOR ENTIRE COUNTY.**

George R. Hilty, chairman of the finance committee of the Putnam County Country Club, has addressed an open letter to the citizens of Putnam county. It is addressed more particularly to those who have been under the impression that the club is entirely a Palatka institution, that it is designed to advertise Palatka and that only residents of Palatka will secure the benefits.

When the club was first conceived the idea was to make it a county institution. One which would be accessible to winter visitors, as well as regular residents, from every small town and country place in the county. In order to emphasize this idea it was named "Putnam County Country Club."

With modern means of transportation by auto the club will easily be accessible to residents from the remotest sections of the county. It will be closer to several towns in the county than it is to Palatka, and every effort will be made to induce the residents of smaller towns to take an active interest, serve as officers and directors and feel that the club is as much theirs as it is anyone else's.

Just a little more of the tang of autumn in the air each day.

The News is becoming known abroad. Two subscriptions were received today from Canada.

It behooves the merchant to let the strangers in our gates know that he is in business and what he has for sale. Palatka has never entertained so many newcomers as now.

With bank deposits showing an increase of \$700,000 during the last year and post office receipts steadily climbing we need no surer barometer of business for the Gem City.

Palatka the Hub. Keeping boosting it.

Hollister is making great preparations for its community fair to be held on November 15. Some splendid exhibits are assured from this prosperous and enterprising section of the county.

All union labor is not of an anarchistic or radical temperament and this conservative element is sure to prevail in the long run.

Trotsky lost his staff. He easily recruit another one in New York.

The Mexican government has been ordered to return William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Pueblo, to the American government. Pronto, Caranza, pronto.

The Johnson amendment will be defeated, it is admitted. Then why does Lodge and his associates still continue tossing monkey wrenches in the machinery?

More homes are being built in Palatka than ever before in its history, but there is still more need.

Oysters are selling in London two for a quarter. A silent reminder.

All labor is not radical and anarchistic, so why condemn the whole for the few?

**JACKSONVILLE MAKES PLEA FOR EXPOSITION**

COMMISSION RESERVES ITS DECISION UNTIL LATER

Strong Delegations From Several Florida Cities Join in Urging Site at Jax

JACKSONVILLE, October 29.—(Special.)—Jacksonville is anxiously awaiting the decision of the Florida Purchase Exposition commission which was in session here yesterday afternoon for the purpose of hearing Jacksonville's claim for the location of the big exposition which is to be held in 1921.

After hearing the arguments of the Jacksonville citizens, as well as those from Pensacola, who were given a second chance to make arguments, the commission retired at 4 p. m. to room 518 in the Seminole Hotel, and was busy until 10 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken and announcement was made that no decision had been reached, but that the commission would meet again, Wednesday, November 5, at 11 a. m., in the Seminole Hotel.

As a result of the session, the commission has a mass of data to go over which will require further time.

It was stated that the greatest problem is that of finances. The magnitude of the proposition is so great, it was considered, that in order to get government appropriation, the commission must first get adequate appropriation from the State.

The marble dining room in the Seminole Hotel was filled with representative citizens all of whom were anxious to have the fair located in this city. Delegations from St. Augustine, Tampa, Bushnell and Fort Myers were present. The speakers set forth the reasons why Jacksonville should be selected for the great exposition and made eloquent appeals to the commissioner of five men to name this city for the World's Fair City.

A delegation from Pensacola was also present. The members of the delegation were asked to express their views. Two of them, Pope Reese and John S. Beard, spoke in behalf of that city. They stated that Pensacola was entitled to the fair because she was the capital of West Florida, because she was one of the oldest cities in the State, because she had pledged \$1,200,000, because she had been designated as the centennial city on three different occasions by the State legislature. They declared that Jacksonville was the largest and richest city in the State, but that that was no reason why she should be selected by the commission. They appealed to the commission not to take the centennial away from them.

**MIAMI WOMAN KILLED.**

Son, Claiming Automatic Gun, Accidentally Discharges It.

MIAMI, Oct. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Kludo was accidentally killed this morning by her son, Hans Kludo. Hans was examining an automatic gun for the purpose of killing a beef, when it went off, the ball striking his mother killing her almost instantly. Hans did not know of the awful accident until he heard his mother exclaim. "Oh, God, Oh, God," as she was in the second room attending to her work. Hans hurried to his mother, throwing his arms around her neck, pleading with her to speak to him, but she had passed into the great beyond. Dr. J. G. Dupuis of Lemon City was called, but the mother had passed away.

**BAPTIST CRMPAIGN TO BELAUNCHED TONIGHT**

REV. H. B. KENNEDY OF JACKSONVILLE TO SPEAK.

Speil Service Will Be Held at Baptist Church—All Invited to Attend.

Formally starting the Baptist Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign in this county, Dr. H. B. Kennedy, the well known Baptist divine of Jacksonville, will speak at the Baptist church tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Kennerly is a speaker of splendid ability, and is sure to interest those who hear him. Talks by other members of the congregation will be in order, all tending to give impetus to the campaign in this county.

Organization of the entire county is progressing satisfactorily, according to Llano Cantrell, county chairman. Mr. Cantrell says complete organization has been perfected in the following churches:

Satsuma Heights church, Satsuma; Macedonia church, Carraway; Parian church, Grandin; Bostwick church, Bostwick; Palatka Heights church, Palatka; Rodman church, Rodman; Peniel church, Palatka; Edgar church, Edgar; Providence church, Palatka; Hebron church, Hollistef; Crescent City church, Crescent City.

Fresh chile con-corne daily at John Mallem's place. First street.

**Fall Millinery**

There's something really fascinating about the styles this season. Prospective purchasers will find stunning examples of the modish millinery, in all of the various types in my display.

**Dressy Hats**

or the genteel tailor made models are to be found here.

**Miss Kate L. Lucas**  
Lemon Street

**WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE** that our new Fall Goods are arriving now. We have just received some NEW CROP CEREALS, including Prepared Buckwheat, Pancake, Graham Flours, Oatmeal, Farina and other breakfast foods.

To go with the above we have a great variety of

**Syrup in Cans** and a splendid line of **Jams and Jellies** ALSO NEW DRIED FRUITS.

"The Quality and Quantity Store."

**L. C. STEPHENS**  
Cor. Kirby and Morris Phone 84

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Polarine, 20 cents per quart.  
Goodyear Tires. Most miles for the money. Best by test.

**WE CARRY** CIGARS AND **FORD ACCESSORIES** COLD DRINKS

**H. C. MERWIN**  
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of Palatka, Florida

Capital Surplus and Profit Account  
**\$140,000.00**

Total Liability to Depositors  
**\$800,000.00**

"Our Strength is Our Guarantee" We Solicit Your Account  
Safe deposit boxes for rent \$3.00 per year.

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Howell Building Lemon Street

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We carry a full line of **PREST-O-LITE BATTERIES**

In sizes for every car.

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All kinds of repairing on batteries, generators and magnetos.

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In Howell Hotel Building.

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OUR SPECIALTY  
Fresh Field and Garden Seed, Fertilizer, Onion Sets, Oyster Shell, Scratch Feed, Grit Scrap.

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Try some of our FILL THE BASKET EGG MASH

**The SEEDSMEN**  
PHONE 210  
117 Lemon St. PALATKA  
THE NEWSEED STORE

DR. E. W. WARREN.  
Res. Phone 37 Office Phone 71

**Classified Ads**

WANTED—To buy crop on the trees from small orange grove. See Florida Grocery Co. 10-11-1f.

FOR SALE—Ford car, 1916 Model, imperfect order, and as good as the day it was bought. It has new tires, one extra front tire, and extra equipment. It is a sity inch tread. Price, \$500. For particulars write Capt. H. E. Anderson, Interlachen, Florida.

FOR SALE—Oakland 40, Truck in good condition. Very cheap. H. C. Gates, Lake Como, Fla. dw. 1f.

WANTED—TO rent house of six or eight rooms. A. H. Sello, telephone 383. 10-27-7t

WANTED—Lady book-keeper at Hart Furniture Co. Settled woman preferred without children. Must be accurate in figures and a fast writer. Promotion to right party. Ask for Mr. Price, Manager. 10-28-3t.

Not Necessary. It isn't absolutely necessary to say something silly to the girl at the cigar counter. The proprietor doesn't require it of customers and the girl isn't paid for listening to senseless chatter.—Toledo Blade.