

THE PRESIDENT REFUSES TO YIELD.

Declines to Comply with Request of Labor Leaders to Discharge Foreman W. A. Miller.

STATES HIS POSITION PLAINLY.

Cannot Recognize Fact that a Man is Or is Not a Member of a Labor Union.

Washington, Sept. 29.—An important consultation took place at the White House today between President Roosevelt and five members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, including President Gompers and Mr. Mitchell, head of the Miners' union, during which the case of Foreman W. A. Miller, of the government printing office, who was dismissed because he had been expelled from the local book binders' union and afterward was reinstated by direction of the president, was the principal topic of discussion. The conference was granted at the request of the labor leaders. The Miller case was very fully presented by the members of the executive council, at the close of which the president made a statement in which he announced that his decision not to dismiss Miller was final, and that the question of his personal fitness must be settled in the regular routine of administration. The statement in full follows:

"Pursuant to the request of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the president granted an interview to the members of the executive council of that body: Samuel Gompers, James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell and Frank Morrison, at which various subjects of legislation in the interest of labor, as well as of executive action, were discussed. Concerning the case of William A. Miller, the president made the following statement:

"I thank you and your committee for your courtesy, and I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. It will always be a pleasure to see you or any representatives of your organization or of your federation as a whole.

"As regards the Miller case, I have little to add to what I have already said. In dealing with it I ask you to remember that I am dealing purely with the relation of the government to its employees. I must govern my action by the laws of the land which are sworn to administer, and which differentiate any case in which the government of the United States is a party from all other cases whatsoever. These laws are enacted for the benefit of the whole people, and cannot and must not be construed as permitting discrimination against some of the people. I am president of all the people of the United States, without regard to creed, color, birthplace, occupation or social conditions. My aim is to do equal and exact justice as among them all in the employment and dismissal of men in the government service. I can no more recognize the fact that a man does or does not belong to a union as being for or against him, than I can recognize the fact that he is a Protestant or a Catholic, a Jew or a Gentile, as being for or against him.

"In the communications sent to me by various labor organizations protesting against the retention of Miller in the government printing office, the grounds alleged are twofold: First, that he is a non-union man, and second, that he is not personally fit. The question of his personal fitness is one to be settled in the routine of administrative detail, and can not be allowed to conflict with or to complicate the larger question of governmental discrimination for or against him or any other man because he is or is not a member of a union. This is the only question now before me for decision, and as to this my decision is final.

"The members of the executive council attending the conference constituted the sub-committee appointed to take up the Miller case at the meeting of the executive council held in Washington last week. At that time the sub-committee wrote a report to the executive council, asking that a time be set for a conference. It was dated Washington, Sept. 21, and is in part as follows:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor is entrusted with the affairs of the general labor movement in the interest of national conventions, and has received instructions regarding various subjects of legislation in the interest of labor as well as of executive action. There are several subjects which have been committed to our care and which we desire to bring to your attention with the hope of receiving your sympathetic support. Then again, the controversy in the case of W. A. Miller, who was dismissed from the public service and reinstated by your order, has been submitted to us. Having these facts in mind, the executive council has selected a sub-committee for the purpose of having an interview with you at which these matters may be gone over with you.

The letter, which was sent by Mr. Gompers, then asked that an interview be accorded the committee, and expressed the hope that inasmuch as Mr. Mitchell's engagements required him to leave Washington on Tuesday evening, and that his presence at the interview was desired, that the president would set the time for the interview before his departure.

The reply of the president was favorable to the request of Mr. Gompers, and the interview was set for tonight.

From the manner of the labor leaders as they came from the White House it was evident that they were not entirely satisfied with the result of their interview. They declined to be interviewed, Mr. Gompers referring the reporters to the statement that would be given out by the president's secretary regarding the Miller case. While he was talking, one of his associates wished it to be impressed on the reporters that the president's statement should be understood by them to be an entire "independent statement," and not as an answer to the council's request.

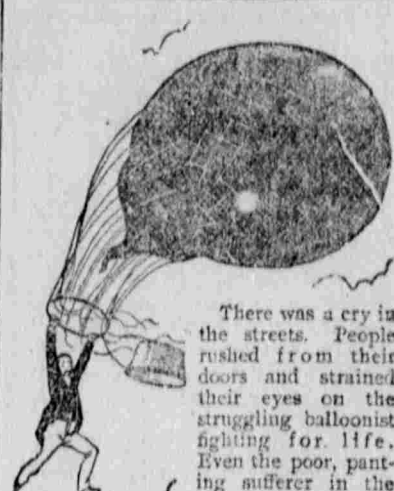
The council members brought to the attention of the president several matters of legislation in which it is interested. Among these is the enforcement of the eight-hour and the anti-inflation bills which passed the house of representatives at the last session of Congress. The president, Mr. Gompers said, expressed himself as favorable to the principles of the short hour work day and his deep concern for the interest of the wage earners of the country.

The president also was asked by his visitors to take up the case of Ephraim W. Clark, who is confined in the Thompson, Me., jail under a sentence of life imprisonment for mutiny. The president was asked to extend executive clemency in Clark's case.

GERMAN SOLDIERS.

Those of Second Baden Grenadiers Stone Their Officers.

Berlin, Sept. 29.—A crowd of private soldiers belonging to the Second (Baden) grenadier regiment threw



There was a cry in the streets. People rushed from their doors and strained their eyes on the struggling balloonist fighting for life. Even the poor, panting sufferer in the sick room was forgotten while the family gazed breathless at this strange tragedy of the hour. Then they went back to the sick room to tell of the terrible struggle for life they had just witnessed. It did not occur to them that under their very eyes a more terrible, more pathetic struggle was going on daily.

There can be nothing more pitiful than the struggle of the consumptive makes against disease. The greatest help in this struggle is gained by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures obstinate coughs, weak and bleeding lungs, emaciation, and other ailments which if neglected or unsuitably treated find a fatal termination in consumption.

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stones at their officers recently while riding at Reichenhausen. Fifteen of the soldiers were arrested and have been taken to Heidelberg for trial.

The second grenadiers is the regiment in which occurred the case of the four privates who were recently sentenced one of them to 10 years' imprisonment and the others to six or three years' imprisonment for assaulting a sergeant named Peters, which severity was contrasted by the Socialist Vorwarts with the light sentence (two years' incarceration in a fortress) imposed on Naval Ensign Hussner for killing his friend, an artilleryman, for not saluting him properly. The army authorities hold the Socialist successes at the recent elections to be partially responsible for the discontent among the soldiers who gathered at Heidelberg after the announcement of the verdict in the Peters case, and uttered threats against their officers, but did nothing more.

The Vorwarts, which almost every day attacks the behavior of officers and non-commissioned officers, today cites 153 verdicts in cases of brutality for which non-commissioned officers were punished with an aggregate of 50 years and nine months' imprisonment, and 80 verdicts against officers, whose sentences aggregated 24 years and seven months' confinement.

Kings County Republican Row.

New York, Sept. 29.—Before the Kings county Republican convention had finished the work of naming a ticket today there was a great deal of disorder over the inability of the conferees to give representation on the ticket to all elements of fusion. The fight was over the nomination for district attorney, a pro-Republican, Timothy Woodruff, Michael Daley and the other leaders had agreed that the place should go to George F. Elliott, but the convention was stamped out by Henry Belmont, Ketchum, after a contest on the floor that was sometimes so disorderly that police reserves had to charge through the aisles.

Will Stamp Ohio.

Columbus, O., Sept. 29.—Chairman Dick of the Republican state committee today announced the following speakers from outside Ohio who have accepted invitation to participate in the campaign in this state:

Senators Cullom of Illinois and Dooliver of Iowa, Congressman Hepburn and Lacy of Iowa, J. W. Lyons, registrar of the United States treasury, ex-Senator William E. Mason of Illinois, Congressman J. M. Miller of Kansas, J. H. Schively of Washington state, Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, ex-Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska, and James M. Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

KILLED A ROBBER.

Watchman Ray of Chicago Laid Out a Hold-up.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—One of four robbers was shot and fatally wounded early today by Theodore Ray, whom they attempted to hold up. Ray, who is a private investigator, emptied his revolver at his assailants.

Watchman Ray was making his rounds when two men confronted him on the rear. Instead of throwing up his hands Ray drew his revolver and began shooting. One of the men fell to the street at the first fire and the others after shooting at the watchman, fled. Ray was not wounded.

Frank Roberts Murdered.

Imperial, Cal., Sept. 29.—Frank Roberts, who is supposed to have come from Idaho a few weeks ago, was murdered at his home in Washington on Tuesday evening by an unknown person about Friday last. The body was found last evening. A post mortem examination revealed four pistol wounds in the back of the head and neck.

Roberts' farm was remote from any settlement and was some 100 miles from any of the nearest towns. A number of workmen are employed nearly constructing irrigation ditches, one of whom is believed to have done the deed. Roberts was in the habit of carrying several hundred dollars in gold, which he showed at various times. When his body was found the pockets of his clothing were cut open and empty, and his gold watch was gone. Roberts was unknown here until he bought a water right a few days ago.

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GEN. CHASE SHOWS HIS AUTHORITY.

Sends Troops to Seize the Victor Daily Record, Official Organ of Miners' Union.

PROPRIETOR PUT UNDER ARREST

Affidavits Charge Men With Coercion, Intimidation and Criminal Libel.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 30.—A Gazette special from Victor says:

Shortly before midnight a troop of cavalry and a company of infantry under the command of Maj. McClelland surrounded the office of the Daily Record, the official organ of the Miners' union in this city, and with a detail of several picked men entered the newspaper office and placed the following under arrest: George Kayner, proprietor; W. S. Langdon, Charles D. Langdon, linotype operators; W. A. Sweet, circulator, and H. J. Richardson, foreman of the composing room. The prisoners were taken to Camp Goldfield, and after a conference with Gen. Chase and other military officers, the prisoners were placed in the guardhouse.

A strong guard of infantry was left at the Record office, where it will stand guard until some disposition of the proprietor and his employees is made.

Affidavits have been prepared and will be filed in the district court this morning charging the men with coercion, intimidation and criminal libel. The information will be sworn by Thos. Scandian of Victor.

Gen. Chase, when asked for a statement in regard to the arrests, said that libel proceedings would be prosecuted, and they were being held as military necessities.

The business manager, A. Q. Miller, hearing that a possible attempt to arrest the office force would be made, was out of the way at the time the soldiers took possession. A new force of printers has been secured and with Gen. Chase's permission, the official organ will be published as usual.

UNION TYRANNY.

Walking Delegates Demand Discharge of All Non-Union Men.

New York, Sept. 30.—Walking delegates have informed the building department of the board of education that unless all non-union men now employed on the school buildings are immediately discharged a general strike will be ordered and all work on the school structures brought to a stop.

Last July, when a committee from the union board of building trades assured the board of education that the unions would not interfere with the school work, a force of mechanics, union and non-union, were put to work. Many men were employed on repairs with the hope that additional work might be made available for a part of the 7000 children whom the strikes and lockouts had deprived of school room. This work has been progressing rapidly, with the expectation that several buildings would be ready for occupancy by Jan. 1. All told, there are about 50 jobs on which work is being done, and all union men on these jobs are likely to quit.

DR. L. M. WILLARD DEAD.

He Married Libby Canfield Young of Salt Lake.

Loomis, Wash., Sept. 29.—Dr. L. M. Willard of this place was found dead in bed this morning. A bottle of chloroform in his left hand indicated suicide, believed to have been induced by fears of going blind. Dr. Willard was the step-father of W. Hooper Young, the noted New York criminal.

Dickens' Birthplace Sold.

London, Sept. 29.—The birthplace of Charles Dickens, 357 Commercial road, Landport, near the Portsmouth dockyard, where his father was a clerk, in which the author spent the earlier part of his life, was sold by auction for \$5,625 by the mayor, representing the city of Portsmouth. There was a large attendance at the sale, which was followed by speeches congratulating the municipality of Portsmouth on its action, to which the mayor responded. It was announced that a Dickens museum would probably be established in the house.

Rag-pickers Want Recognition.

New York, Sept. 30.—Rag-pickers of the East Side have struck for the recognition of their union, recently formed. A picket belongs to the union was arrested but the strike leaders are confident of victory.

Bequest to Harvard.

New York, Sept. 30.—The will of the late Richard W. Foster of Clinton, Mass., which has just been filed contains a bequest of \$25,000 for Harvard university and under certain conditions the university becomes a still more substantial benefactor.

To numerous missionary and church societies, Mr. Foster left sums of \$10,000, while the residue of his large estate is given to the town of Clinton for the erection and maintenance of a building to be used as a meeting place or club house for the employees of the mills and factories and the other citizens of the town.

Splinter Causes Death.

New York, Sept. 30.—A splinter not more than half an inch long which penetrated the palm of John Zimmer's hand while he was working at his trade as carpenter, has caused his death from the infection in his wound. The fatal splinter was from a hemlock board. Zimmer's hand swelled to twice its normal size in a few minutes and the doctors were unable to check the poison.

BOLD MAYOR HARRISON.

He Says Chicago's City Hall is Full of Grafters.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—"If I could fire all the men in Chicago, I would fire them. They would be jumping out of every window in the city hall."

"This hall is full of graft," big and little—you know it, and can't prove it. I have got 18 months left and I will get some of them."

With these and other frank declarations Mayor Harrison has expressed himself on the subject of municipal graft. He asserted that his hands were clean, that convincing proof could not be secured to establish guilt, but that in the remaining months of his administration some means would be found to clean out a number of department heads.

Suspensions were not proofs, the mayor said, the proofs were necessary to discharge a man under the civil service law. He declared it to be an impossibility to get sufficient evidence in many known cases.

The police department, he said, was full

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