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## SAMUEL GOMPERS ANSWERS ALLEN

### FEDERATION HEAD REPLIES TO GOVERNOR OF KANSAS MADE PUBLIC BY AMERICAN LABOR UNION SAYS ITS MEN DO NOT DESIRE TO INCONVENIENCE PUBLIC

Washington, June 6.—“The public has no rights which are superior to the toiler's rights to live and to his right to defend himself against oppression,” Samuel Gompers declared in his deferred replies to three questions asked him by Governor Allen of Kansas, in their debate at New York, May 28. Mr. Gompers' replies were made public tonight by the American Federation of Labor.

Governor Allen asked whether the public had any rights in a strike “affecting the production or distribution of the necessities of life, thus threatening the public health,” and if so, how would Mr. Gompers protect those rights. He also asked who controlled the “divine right” of employees to quit work.

Declaring that union men and women formed one-fourth of the public, Mr. Gompers said strikes in which the public peace have been threatened “usually have been strikes in which the employers, or public officials influenced by employers have created the breach of peace by the use of thugs, armed guards and detectives.”

“Labor,” continued Mr. Gompers, “has no desire to cause inconvenience to the public of which it is a part. The right to strike must be and will be maintained not only as a measure of self defense and self advancement, but as a measure necessary to public progress.”

## A NEW COTTON FIRM FOR ABBEVILLE

The Jackson-Jones Cotton Co., has been organized by C. D. Jackson and W. F. Jones, both of whom have been in the cotton business for a long time but with different firms.

Mr. Jackson was until last fall stationed at Pacolet and Ware Shoals where he did the buying for the Pacolet mills. He has been buying on the local market during the past season and has made many warm friends among the cotton growers and business men by his affability and honest method of doing business.

Bill Jones is a son of the County Treasurer and has had several years experience both in Abbeville and New Orleans. “Bill” is the chief hero of Abbeville having won the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre, etc., while serving with the fighting 30th division in Flanders.

With Mr. Jackson's expert knowledge of cotton grades and with Mr. Jones' personal acquaintance with practically every farmer in the county the Jackson-Jones combination is assured splendid success in their business.

## MR. R. M. HADDON SICK

“Uncle Marshall” Haddon has been indisposed for the past few days and is confined to his bed at present, at his home on North Main Street. Mr. Haddon denies that it was the fried chicken and ice cream which Mrs. Fulp fed him and J. J. McSwain Friday for dinner, that caused his downfall.

## COTTON MARKET

Spot	43.00
July	38.49
Oct.	35.69
Dec.	34.20
Jan.	34.08

## MRS. D. F. ANDREWS FALLS IN WELL

### Attempted Rescue Results in Broken Arm for Mrs. Wardlaw.—W. R. Broom Rescues Mrs. Andrews But is Overcome With Gas

A great deal of excitement prevailed on Pinckney street this morning about ten o'clock when the residents were jostled from their regular routine of domestic duties by cries for help which came from the backyard of Mrs. D. F. Andrews' home.

Quickly a crowd of excited neighbors gathered in response to the cries and found that a tragedy was about to happen in their midst if prompt assistance were not rendered.

Mrs. D. F. Andrews, who had a few minutes before been sweeping some trash about an old well, stepped near the curbing and the loose dirt gave way precipitating her into the well, a depth of some ten feet. The well has not been used for years and was filled up to within ten feet of the top.

Mrs. Ida Wardlaw in an attempt to rescue Mrs. Andrews lost her balance and also fell into the well, breaking her arm.

Mr. W. R. Broom, with much coolness rescued the ladies but was just about overcome from the effects of inhaling the irrespirable gases, which were pouring from a well like smoke. Mrs. Andrews who remained in the well and gas for some minutes was asphyxiated and did not recover consciousness for over an hour. She suffered no broken bones, but is dreadfully shaken up and bruised about the shoulders and back. The physicians in attendance state that with no internal injury manifested, Mrs. Andrews will recover in a few days.

## MR. HOWIE IMPROVES.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Howie will be glad to know that the former is recovering from injuries received on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad last Thursday. While engaged at his duties on one of the big locomotives of the railroad, Mr. Howie in some way received a severe blow in the chest from an iron bar. He was taken to Chester for examination and has since been in the hospital there.

Mrs. Howie and Tom went over Saturday to see him and returned today, reporting that Mr. Howie thinks he has passed the worst part of his injuries and pain and that he will soon be home and at himself again.

## ABBEVILLE GROWS APACE

The report of T. G. Perrin clerk of the city council on vital statistics for the month of May shows how steadily Abbeville is growing. During the month there were recorded 15 births, ten of which were whites and only seven deaths, four colored and three white. Mr. Perrin says that the birth rate has steadily increased during 1920 there having been 60 Stork deliveries since January 1, while the Grim Reaper has cut down 28 an average of slightly more than one death a week since January 1.

## Toll Bridge Over Savannah

A charter was issued from the office of W. Banks Dove, secretary of state, Friday for the New York-Atlanta Highway Bridge company of Iva. The capital stock is \$100,000. The company proposes to operate a toll bridge over the Savannah river between Anderson county this state, and Elbert county Georgia. W. T. A. Sherard is president of the company; R. Stapleton, vice president; and H. S. Wakefield, secretary and treasurer.

## UNCLE JIM AT HOME

Mrs. J. S. Stark and Miss Fannie Stark have returned to Abbeville after spending several weeks in New York as the guests of Mrs. Thos. Lyles Davis. Their friends welcome them back.

## TOWN OF SECEDERS GETS PLACE ON MAP

### SECEDER TOWN LANDS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIONS WHERE INTERESTING TESTS OF WIND VELOCITY AND DIRECTION OF AIR CURRENTS WILL BE MADE DAILY

Due West is coming in to its own after years of lethargy, save for its spiritual progress. The Holy City is to be profaned by receiving within its confines one of the government ballistic stations which are being established over the United States preparatory to the inauguration of an aerial mail service.

There were numbers of other cities and towns over the states of South Carolina and Georgia who were bidding for this particular station, but the official in charge of locating the station almost immediately, upon first sight of what Due West had to offer, wired his recommendation to Washington and received confirmation within ten hours.

The requirements of the government in regard to the establishment of a ballistic station are that it shall be located at least two miles east of a small village; there must be no railroads with telegraph or telephone lines to entangle the piano wires to which the aerial kites are fastened and reeled out; the location must be on cleared ground, level, free from stumps and ditches, of at least 40 acres, and sufficiently near the town to reach telegraphic communication quickly; and the citizens of the town which secures the station must form a stock company which will erect observation station, garages, quarters for the observers, bungalows for the officials, and which must lease the whole to the government for a period of five years, at the expiration of which the government will purchase the entire property. The annual rental received from the government will guarantee the stock company a substantial return on their investment.

The company at Due West which is to finance the new station will build quarters for the observers not only on the site of the station but is planning to erect some bungalows on desirable lots within the

town limits for the officers in charge of the work. Several of these gentlemen have families and those of them who visited Due West Saturday were most enthusiastic in their remarks concerning the hospitable reception accorded them on their first visit by the people of the town.

The Due West ballistic station will be a source of wonderful advertisement for the town, a daily test of wind direction and velocity being made by means of kites and balloons, some of which are sent up as high as six and seven miles in the air. The results of these tests are also daily sent to Washington and from there telegraphed all over the United States to serve as a guide to the aviators who are driving the U. S. mail planes.

The scientific experiments which will daily take place will also add an attraction to Erskine and the Woman's College, in that the students taking physics and other scientific studies will have an opportunity offered there which can be found at comparatively few universities in the country.

And the location of the ballistic station means that Due West is to have a telegraph office which will do much to relieve the cut-off feeling which the Seceders must feel without any continuous electric touch with the sinful portion of the world.

Last but not least, the small boy of Due West will have a balloon ascension to watch every day, and we doubt very much, whether for a long time after the installation of the big gas bags, all of Sunday afternoons will be devoted to a study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism in Due West families.

The whole people of Abbeville are congratulating Due West for its fortunate geographical advantages and enterprising spirit in securing the location of the ballistic station.

## TEACHERS LEAVE FOR SUMMER

By Saturday afternoon, Abbeville was teacherless so far as out-of-town teachers are concerned, the last one boarding the Southern for Columbia at 7 p. m. The pretty faces and smiling greetings of our “imported” teachers will be missed on the streets and we have no doubt but that Mrs. Minshall has already noticed the jump in her stamp sales. We hear that Mac Nickles, Red McMillan, W. D. Wilkinson and R. E. Cox have asked the postmaster for quotations on wholesale lots of stamped envelopes in pink and blue.

Those teachers who have left in the past few days for their homes where they will spend the vacation period are Miss Lottie M. Vaughn of Columbia, Miss Rachel Whisonant, of Blacksburg, Miss Annie Gantt, of Winstonsboro, Miss Georgie Ott, of Fort Mill, Miss Johnnie May Lynch, of Waynesville, N. C., Miss Julia Turner, of Landrum, Miss Kathleen Coleman of Shelton, Miss Sallie F. Hart, of Darlington, Miss Mary Burton of Laurens, Miss Mary Cornwell, of Chester, Miss Lois Jackson of Campobello, Miss Susie Lown of New Brookland and Miss Ella Mae Tribble of Anderson.

Mrs. A. M. Tolbert, of the Greenwood side, and Mrs. E. O. Clinkscales of Lowndesville, were shopping in the city Thursday.

## ASK NEW TRIAL FOR KENNETH GOSSETT

### On Ground of Bias-Affiants Swear Jurors Gibert and Botts Made Statements Before Trial, Indicating Prejudice Against Gossetts

That L. G. Botts and J. F. Gibert two jurors in the trial of Kenneth Gossett, convicted at Abbeville in April of rape were not indifferent but were “biased in behalf of the prosecutrix and prejudiced against the defendant” is the ground upon which Bonham and Price, of Greenville and Gen. Milledge L. Bonham of Anderson, counsel for Gossett, will at the term of court opening at Abbeville next week move for a new trial for him.

Notice of this motion has been served by counsel for Gossett upon Solicitor Homer S. Blackwell of the Eighth Circuit, George Bell Timmerman and J. Howard Moore, assistant counsel for the State in the trial of the case.

Kenneth and John Gossett were charged with rape upon an Abbeville county girl last March and were tried at a special term of court in April, the case attracting wide attention. Judge Thomas S. Sease of Spartanburg, the presiding judge, directed a verdict of not guilty against John Gossett, but the jury found Kenneth Gossett guilty of rape with a recommendation to the mercy of the court and Judge Sease sentenced him to term of forty years in the State penitentiary, the maximum penalty imposed by law in such a case.

Accompanying the notice of the motion to be made by Counsel for Gossett are five affidavits.

Three residents of Calhoun Falls swear that before the trial they heard J. F. Gibert say “Damn a married man who will go out with a single girl.”

John Mullins and O. Z. Campbell swear that before the trial they heard L. G. Botts say that both the Gossetts ought to be taken out and lynched while J. G. White swears that he heard Botts say that he was glad he was not drawn on the jury, but that, if he was drawn on the jury, he could not afford to turn the defendants free, as he would lose the business of the family of the prosecutrix if he did.

James H. Price, of counsel for Gossett, swears that all of the jurors were sworn on their voir dire, that all who were accepted swore that they were not conscious of any bias or prejudice for or against the State or the defendant, that the defense accepted these statements in the belief that they were true, that had counsel for the defense known of the expressions by Gibert and Botts sworn to in the affidavits they would not have been accepted as jurors, that counsel for defense by reasonable diligence could not have learned sooner about these expressions, that counsel for defense knew nothing about such expressions until after the defendant had been convicted.

## Make Motion Next Week

This motion is separate and distinct from an appeal to the Supreme Court of South Carolina and for the present is independent of that recourse of the defense. If the defense secures a new trial, it can renew its motion for change of venue, if it desires to do so, Judge Sease before the trial having refused a change of venue asked by the defense on the ground that Gossett could not get a fair trial in Abbeville county because of the state of public sentiment there. If the new trial is refused, such refusal can constitute an additional ground for an appeal to the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

In all probability, the presiding judge before whom the motion will be made will be asked by the defense to summon Jurors Gibert and Botts to testify as well as those who have made affidavits impeaching them. In reply, the State may summon witnesses to contradict the makers of the affidavits.

On the afternoon of the last day

## PLATFORMS BEING REPAIRED TODAY

### THE PLATFORM BUILDERS BUSILY REPAIRING WEAK PLACES IN REPUBLICAN PLATFORMS BY INSERTION OF STRONGER PLANKS—READY FOR BATTLE

Chicago, June 6.—With the convention circle of party leaders virtually complete, the Republican platform builders went seriously to work tonight on the more troublesome of the planks remaining to be fashioned.

One of these was the declaration on the treaty of Versailles and the league of nations, a subject of long standing disagreement and bitter controversy. Another dealt with the industrial relations, bringing into contrast widely diverse schools of economic thought. A third relates to Mexico, always a topic of debate, and now somewhat complicated by recent developments south of the Rio Grande.

On all these entire harmony was predicted by all the party leaders, although most of them conceded that some interesting scrimmages, possibly reaching the convention floor, would have to be fought out before there could be an agreement.

With the belated arrival from Washington of several senators, representing extremes of Republican opinion on the treaty, the long senate fight over the league of nations virtually transferred to the conference rooms here.

## Ready for Battle

The irreconcilables and the mild reservationists of the senate are prepared for a hard battle on the treaty plank. Senator Borah, of Idaho, a leader of the irreconcilables, arrived late in the day with a plank which will have the backing of the Johnson forces. The mild reservationists held numerous conferences and prepared to draft a plank for submission to Ogden Mills, chairman of the executive committee on policies and platforms.

“We will submit our plank to the resolutions committee,” said Senator Borah, “and if we do not see it in the platform we will offer it in the convention.”

Senator Borah was not ready to make the Johnson-Borah plank public, but said it would be presented to the resolutions committee.

It was learned that the mild reservationists' plank would demand a construction policy for ratification of the Versailles treaty with protective reservations and an indorsement of the stand of senators who voted for the Lodge reservations. Senator Lodge, who arrived today, deferred conferences on the treaty but predicted that an agreement between the various groups would be reached.

## POLICE NEWS

Saturday and Sunday the activities of the efficient police force were confined to arrests of speed fiends and those drivers who like to hear the cut-out sounds.

Three drivers were fined for alarming the inhabitants with their cut outs while two others paid five dollars each for burning the wind.

of the trial, after the verdict had been reached and sentence pronounced, there were persistent rumors in Abbeville to the effect that at least one of the jurors before the trial had made statements indicating that he was biased and prejudiced as to Gossett. These reports immediately came to newspapermen covering the trial and one of them later communicated them to counsel for the defense after court had adjourned.