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## CONCLUSIONS FROM DOCUMENTS.

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**O**N page 24, second column, of the “Eleventh Day’s Proceedings—Saturday, November 26, 1910” of the late A.F. of L. convention in St. Louis, this passage occurs:

“Delegate O’Connor (T.U.): I desire to nominate Samuel Gompers for president of the American Federation of Labor for the ensuing term.

“There being no further names presented, nominations were declared closed. On motion of Delegate McNulty the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for Samuel Gompers for president of the American Federation of Labor for the ensuing term.

“Secretary Morrison complied with the instructions of the convention, and President Gompers was declared elected to serve for the ensuing term.”

According to the statistics furnished to the world by the Socialist party leader Max Hayes, as represented in *The Commoner* for last November 25, and quoted in a last week’s issue of the *Daily People*, there were at that convention of the A.F. of L. eighty-five delegates of Mr. Hayes’s political complexion who now “dared to voice their convictions.”

Either “The Eighty-five” were perfectly satisfied with the Socialist-killer and Civic Federation Vice-President Gompers; or they were not:—

If they were satisfied, then Mr. Hayes, together with his remaining Eighty-four, sailed under false colors when they claimed to be Socialists;

If they were not satisfied, then their sitting mum, without daring to set up a nominee for president in opposition to the Labor betrayer and, of course, anti-Socialist Gompers, is an evidence that Mr. Hayes but indulged in a superlative “brag” when he contrasted the timidity of his set in 1900 with their boldness in 1910; and their sitting still mummer, and allowing their vote to be cast for them in

favor of the Civic Federation's decoy-duck above-named, is proof conclusive that Mr. Hayes and his remaining Eighty-four are a lot of "fair-weather Socialists," toy-militants, a "White-Feather" brigade, from whom Socialism has little to expect but brag, bluster—and runaway.

In Turkey, at one time, probably even now, delinquents were furnished the rope to strangle themselves.

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