

## GOMPERS TO FIGHT FOR OFFICIAL LIFE

### Opposition Develops in Federation.

## POWERS SAID TO HAVE VANISHED

### Daniel Keefe Leading Attack on Labor Leader.

## MANY ADHERENTS REMAIN

### Laugh at Idea of Deposing Federation Head on Charge of "Pernicious Activity in Politics."

Say Keefe Will Be Ousted.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 8.—At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Auditorium, the 25th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will, it is predicted, begin the most important gathering of delegates to a convention of that body in its history.

The all important question to be decided is the endorsement of the political program carried out by the executive council during the recent political campaign and which has generally been referred to as "Gompers' plan."

Opponents of Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, of more or less strength within the Federation, are working together in an effort to outline a plan of battle against his re-election.

### Say Gompers' Standing Lost.

They are charging him with pernicious political activity and are using other arguments to convince delegates that Gompers has lost his standing as a leader of workmen and that the working classes need expert leadership from Congress in the way of legislation if Gompers continues at the head of the Federation.

Among those who are expected to lead the fight on the Federation's president is Daniel Keefe, of the Longshoremen's Union, who was charged with deserting the Federation's executive committee and coming out for Taft in consideration of the promise of political office.

### Has Many Adherents.

Although it is difficult to get the temper of the delegates at this time, local leaders who will participate in the sessions of the convention laugh at the idea of Gompers being turned down. They declare their certainty of opinion that not only will he be upheld, but that Keefe will be removed from the Federation and all his followers will suffer like defeat for whatever office or preferment they may seek.

They point to the fact of the defeat of certain candidates for office known as enemies of labor as a distinct victory for the cause and are to be joyful even in spite of the Federation's unflinching support of the Democratic National ticket.

In addition to this leading question there are a number of matters up for decision, mostly relating to internal dissensions of affiliated bodies, quarrels over jurisdiction, etc.

Half a dozen cities are after the convention for 1909.

## UPHOLDS ALIEN LABOR LAW

### Secretary Straus Issues Report on Immigration Cases.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Since Secretary Straus became the executive head of the Department of Commerce and Labor, he has paid particular attention to the cases involving violations of the alien contract labor laws. The records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, show that there were rejected at the ports of this country 1302 aliens seeking admission to the United States pursuant to offers or promises of employment made prior to emigration. There were arrested and deported from the United States 240 aliens found to be here in violation of the contract labor law.

In 25 instances of apparent violation of the alien contract labor law by corporations or other employers, evidence was transmitted to the Department of Justice or to local United States attorneys with a request for the institution of suits to punish the persons shown by the evidence to be guilty.

## NOT SHORT, SAYS GORDON

### Former Justice Denies That He Got Great Northern Money.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—M. J. Gordon, former justice on the State Supreme bench, and later division counsel for the Great Northern Railroad, is a guest at the Donnelly Hotel in Tacoma. Appointed of the charges brought against Justice Mile Root and his own connection with them, Mr. Gordon declined to make any comment.

"A few days ago a statement appeared in the press to the effect that my resignation from the service with the railroad company was due to a shortage in my accounts," said Mr. Gordon. "I feel that there is no actual shortage arising from my transactions with the company, and that the report results from a misunderstanding. I do not desire to comment upon the investigation which is reported to have been ordered by the Supreme Court, and have nothing to say in relation there-

## BRYAN'S FAMILY ABHORS DIVORCE

### RUTH BRYAN LEAVITT WANTS SEPARATION MERELY.

### Content to Be Wife Only in Name, Provided Husband Stays Away—Writing Play Now.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—"Divorce proceedings are a horror to me, and to my father and mother, and all the family are utterly opposed to divorce on principle."

This was the substance of a letter written by Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt to



Ruth Bryan Leavitt, who opposes divorce and is writing a play for Mary Manning.

an intimate friend in Denver. It is said Mrs. Leavitt will seek absolute separation from her artist husband, Homer Leavitt, who is reported to be in Paris. Mrs. Leavitt, it is further stated, will never live with her husband again, but is content to be his wife in name so long as her husband remains away.

During the summer Mrs. Leavitt has been engaged in literary work, writing little plays and short stories, many of which have been accepted. She is now writing a play for Mary Manning.

## ARCTIC EXPLORER RETURNS

### Last Member Mikkelsen Expedition Back From the North.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—Ernest Leffingwell, geologist and explorer, who was with Einar Mikkelsen on the expedition to the Arctic in the schooner *Duchess of Bedford*, which was wrecked in 1907, arrived here yesterday from Point Barrow on the whaling vessel *Narwhal*.

Leffingwell is the last man of the expedition to return, the others having returned some time ago.

Leffingwell claims to have discovered and mapped three rivers in the extreme northern part of Alaska emptying into the Arctic Ocean.

## MANUEL RECEIVES OVATION

### Portugal's King Warmly Welcomed by Oporto Republicans.

OPORTO, Nov. 8.—King Manuel made a state visit today to this city, which is the center of republicanism. Vast crowds in the streets awaited the appearance of the King, despite a driving rainstorm, and gave him a tremendous ovation, ladies in the balconies showering him with flowers and letting loose flocks of doves.

## PRESIDENT AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, ON WHOM FIGHT WILL BE MADE AT DENVER CONVENTION.



SAMUEL GOMPERS.

## TEN GLASS PLANTS SOON TO RESUME

### Big Factories Calling for Workmen.

## MEN SCARCE IN COKE REGION

### Labor Famine Threatened With Coming of Good Times.

## MANY WORKING OVERTIME

### Rush Orders in Railroad Shops Necessitate Night and Day Work—Steel Companies Resume at Alliquippa.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—It was announced here today that ten glass plants in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland and Indiana will be put in operation within two weeks. They are property of the National Glass Company, now in the hands of a receiver. All have been idle for months and the bondholders will endeavor to purchase the plants at trustees' sale next Tuesday.

Big Plants Ready to Open.

National Glass Company was the enterprise owned by Whitney Stephenson & Co., a brokerage firm which failed several months ago. While the firm owned glass plants, they did not operate them, leasing them instead to underlying concerns. The company has outstanding bonds of \$2,500,000, of which \$800,000 are first mortgage and the rest general. Three of the plants are up to date and ready for immediate operation. They are located at Cambridge, O.; Dunkirk, Ind.; and Jeannette, Pa. Others which need only few repairs are located at Cumberland, Md.; Fairmont, W. Va.; Rochester, Pa.; Wellburg, W. Va.; Lancaster, O. (two), and Bridgeport.

A remarkable scarcity of laborers is reported in the Connellsville coke district and an appeal has been made for 1000 laborers. According to the operators, the foreign workmen who work here last Fall when financial stringency came on have not returned. Thousands who did return to America, fearing that the Connellsville coke region would not be as good as before, continued on their way to the Far West. A famine of coke-workers is threatened.

### Time and a Half for Employees.

The Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, which last Fall quit work on the new model town at Alliquippa, where a new \$15,000,000 steel plant will be erected, issued orders to have the town building resumed.

Beginning tomorrow many employees of the Verona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad will be placed on time and a half in order to hurry repairing cars. An official report issued today shows last week many of the men worked six full days and three full nights.

### W. H. Tappan, Suicide.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Walworth H. Tappan, of Louisville, Ky., well-known in the iron and steel trade of the South and the Middle West, blew his brains out tonight in the washroom of the Hotel Savoy on Fifth avenue. Despondency over a nervous affliction, which was constantly getting worse, is given by his wife as the cause of Tappan's act.

## NAT GOODWIN WEDS AT MOTHER'S HOME

### EDNA GOODRICH BECOMES HIS WIFE IN BOSTON.

### Proposes to Take Rest, but Declares Wedding Will Not Affect Her Stage Ambitions.

BOSTON, Nov. 8.—Nat C. Goodwin, the comedian, and Edna Goodrich, who formerly starred with Mr. Goodwin, were married at 1 o'clock today at the home of Mr. Goodwin's mother. The ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace who has been a friend of Mr.



Nat C. Goodwin, who married Edna Goodrich yesterday.

Goodwin since boyhood, but whose name was not made public.

The wedding party, which arrived here from New York early, comprised Mrs. Nellie Stevens, mother of the bride; Miss Goodrich, Mr. Goodwin and George O. Weeden, Mr. Goodwin's manager. These, with Mr. Goodwin's mother, were the only ones present at the ceremony. The house was decorated with roses. The bride wore a gown of white tulle and a hat of the valley and ferns. A wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony.

The couple remained in Boston until late this afternoon, taking a midnight train for New York.

The wedding today is the fourth marriage of Mr. Goodwin and the second of Edna Goodrich. The wedding was held in Boston, said Mr. Goodwin, that he might have an opportunity of seeing his mother before he entered on engagements which would prevent his again coming to Boston for some months.

"No, my marriage will not in the least affect my stage ambitions," declared Mr. Goodwin. "I hope it will materially add them on account of my health. I shall not return to the stage this winter, but shall take a good, long rest."

## KERN IS OUT FOR SENATOR

### Aspires to Represent Indiana in Upper House of Congress.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—John W. Kern, defeated candidate for Vice-President, announced tonight that he is a candidate for United States Senator to succeed James A. Hemenway. The Indiana Legislature is Democratic on joint ballot by a majority of 12. Others mentioned as probable candidates are John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute, who is in charge of Democratic National headquarters in Chicago during the last campaign; Thomas Taggart, ex-National chairman; Benjamin E. Shively and Edward Hoffman, of Fort Wayne. After declaring that it has been his life-long ambition to represent Indiana in the United States Senate, Mr. Kern tonight said:

"I do not want the place unless the Democrats of Indiana so desire. If a majority want my election I feel that I am entitled to it."

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## GREATEST FRENCH DRAMATIST DEAD

### Victorien Sardou Dies, Aged 77.

## MEMBER OF FRENCH ACADEMY

### Universal Regret That He Left No Memoirs.

## PROLIFIC IN PRODUCTION

### First Play Hissed; Second Made Hit, and His Last Is Still Running, With Crowded Houses. Man of Great Character.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—Victorien Sardou, who has been ill for a long time, died today from pulmonary congestion. He was the dean of French dramatists and a member of the French Academy.

The man whose first play was hissed, and who then wanted to go to America to seek his fortune, died rich and honored, with the proud title of France's greatest and most prolific contemporary dramatist.

Victorien Sardou was a man possessed of singular character and was greatly beloved. There is universal regret that he left no memoirs.

### Born in Paris.

He was born in Paris, September 7, 1831, the son of Leandre Sardou, an educationalist and the compiler of several publications. At first he studied medicine, but was obliged, in consequence of the embarrassment of his family, to give private lessons in history, philosophy and mathematics. He also made attempts in literature, writing articles for several reviews and for the minor journals.

His first comedy, "La Taverne des Etudiants," was produced in 1854 in the Odéon, then the second state theater, but it proved a complete failure.

### Last Play Still Running.

He then wrote the comedy, "Les Pattes de Mouche," which was produced with great success in 1860 and was subsequently adapted for the English stage under the title of "A Scrap of Paper."

At the age of 75 Sardou witnessed the production of his latest drama, "L'Affaire des Personnes," at Porte St. Martin Theater. This play, which has to do with the infamous poisoning camarrilla existing under the reign of Louis XIV, and which was presented for the first time in December last, is still running to crowded houses.

Sardou was stricken through a fever by Mlle. de Precourt, afterwards his wife, who introduced him to the noted actress and theatrical manager, Mlle. Dejazet, for whom he wrote plays of ephemeral popularity, among them "Monieur Garas" (1859).

When he had once achieved notoriety, Sardou produced comedies with astonishing rapidity, four in 1861, "Les Pattes de Mouche," from Poe's "Purloined Letter," "Piccolino," "Les Femmes Fortes," "Nos Intimes"; three in 1862, "Les Gaudaches," a satire on the Republican agit-

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## PENDING HOSTILITY STOPS ADDRESS

### DR. JORDAN DOES NOT MAKE SCHEDULED SPEECH.

### Stanford Students Up in Arms Over Suspension of "Plug Ugly Committee" Members.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—(Special.)—By calling off his address on "Student Control," Dr. Jordan, president of Stanford University, undoubtedly helped to check any display of indignation by the students over the suspension of seven members of the Junior "Plug Ugly" com-



Edna Goodrich, who was married to Nat Goodwin yesterday.

mittee, for daring to poke fun at the faculty.

For a time it seemed that some precipitate action might be taken, but Dr. Jordan's announcement calling off his address dispersed the gathering. There is no mistaking, however, the attitude of a majority of the undergraduates and that this resentment does not crystallize into positive steps is due to the recognition of the futility of any effort to change the position of the student affairs committee.

Dr. Jordan has already unequivocally sustained the committee in its suspension and Professor Clark speaks freely in supporting the committee on the ground that the poster was sufficiently objectionable to warrant the dismissal of the students while the risks dancing in the farce was added justification.

### STABS HIS WIFE IN HEART

### Goldfield Saloon Man Can Give No Coherent Account of Tragedy.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Nov. 8.—John Sheridan, formerly of San Francisco, is in jail here and will probably be charged tomorrow with the murder of his wife. Mrs. Sheridan rushed out of the house on Broadway, occupied by the couple, today, screaming for help, and dropped dead in the street. She had been stabbed in the back, the knife penetrating the heart. Sheridan was found in the house by Deputy Sheriff Sage and placed under arrest. He denied the stabbing, but could give no coherent account of the tragedy.

Sheridan came here several years ago and opened a saloon. In the last six months he had been employed as a bartender. He had been drinking for several weeks.

### Made to Sit Up in Bed.

### Mr. and Mrs. Tayntor were made to sit up in bed, and two of the burglars hid them covered while a third began a search of the room.

The noise awakened Miss Tayntor, the 15-year-old daughter of the granite dealer, and she came into the room, crying. The burglars ordered her into bed with her parents, and the child obeyed. A moment later Charles Tayntor, aged 8 years, and Harold, 12, came into the room. They were made to sit on the side of the bed.

### Burglar Shows Sentiment.

The burglar who was ransacking the room found a jewel-case with two wedding rings in it, on a bureau, and was about to take them when Mr. Tayntor asked him not to. The burglar replied that he would take everything of value that he could find. Then one of the men standing guard over the family spoke up:

"Don't take those wedding rings. I am a married man myself and have some sentiments about wedding rings," he said.

### Toy Bank Smashed.

The rings were left, but two toy banks belonging to Charles and Harold, the Tayntor boys, were broken open and rifled of \$17. The boys cried and were ordered to be quiet. When the room had been searched the third robber went downstairs and packed up the silverware. He later returned to the bedroom and commanded Mr. Tayntor to give up a \$500 diamond ring he wore. The ring would not come off, and one of the burglars gruffly drew a jack-knife and was about to cut Mr. Tayntor's finger off when Mr. Tayntor protested and asked permission to go to the bathroom and get the ring off with soap and water.

"We will do that ourselves," said the man, who appeared to be the leader of the trio, and they did. Then the three men produced a rope and bound Mr. Tayntor's hands and feet. They ordered him not to make an outcry for 15 minutes, saying one of their number would remain on guard that length of time. They then hurried away.

It was an hour before Mr. Tayntor could notify the police, as the telephone wires were cut. He was able to give a description of the three men, but this will hardly be of any assistance, as the burglars were all dressed alike and wore masks. They wore black suits, black derby hats, kid gloves and white masks and had woolen snarls over their shoes.

### TEN KILLED; MANY HURT

### European Express Train Is Derailed Near Grisis.

MAUNTEBAN, France, Nov. 8.—An express train was derailed today near Grisis. Ten persons were killed and many injured.

## DEAN OF FRENCH DRAMATISTS, WHO IS DEAD AT HIS HOME IN PARIS.



VICTORIEN SARDOU.