SOLONS, COWARDS, ASSERTS GOMPERS

President of American Federation of Labor Scores House of Representatives.

CANNON'S NAME JEERED

Seventy-Five Women Attend Convention, One Carrying All Union Vote of Kansas-Long Report Tells of Great Growth,

ST. LOUIS. Mo., Nov. 14 .- In the voluminous report of President Com-pers, of the American Federation of

perz. of the American Federation of Labor, read by him in convention here today, but one section brought forth applause, most of the report being confined to statistics or to the recital of cases with which the labor delegates were familiar.

Gompers deviated from the even course of his recital to grill the House of Representatives as a "decadent." Tongue-holding body. Scoring of the House by their leader awakened the want assembly of delegates and cheer upon cheer rang out as he mentioned the name of Champ Clark. Jests replaced cheers when Speaker Cannon was mentioned.

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One of the greatest dangers now confronting the people and the people's government is the effort to overrule, to disregard, to treat with contempt that part of the Government nearest the people—the House of Representatives. This is not generally understood, but it is a fact, nevertheless, and the character and the composition of the House in the last decade are chiefly to biams. For sake of party, of party harmody; for paironage, or its possible loss; for the sake of re-election, the members have sat filly by, closed their eyes, refused to listen to the voice of duty, until such weakness has culminated in establishing the maxim by Representatives of "holding their tenaues" for fear they might hose caste with the Speaker whom they periodically and mechanically elected as their servant, yet to whem they have submitted as their master. For fear they might be called "frequier" for fear they might be called "frequier" for fear they might be called "frequier," for fear they might be called "frequier," for fear of their non-appointment on important committees for fear they might lose the paironage the President has to heatow, they have acted as though paralyzed. Fear! Fear! Fear! Always the shootic appartition of fear haunts the lives of the average Congressman, and while this un-American attitude prevails the privileges, the dignity, the unquestioned providers of the fearless, faithful representation that gave this Nation birth—these precious, valued, and holy elements of liberty are bung gradually allensted from the Rouse of Representatives by the courts and by the Proddents, and all that is now left of the power of the House is a theoretical recognition by the other departments that the House shall "hold the money hag," and provide for the power of the House is a theoretical recognition by the other departments that the House shall "hold the tuney has a theoretical recognition by the other. That the House has not availed itself of even this power is current history patent to gay, elective.

to any observer.

The Federation will get down to actual work tomorrow. The report of the credentials committee shows that the deliberations of the body will be controlled by the miners' unions of the country, that branch of laber having 2267 votes, while the carpenters are next with \$12 votes. The delegates vote the strength of their respective organizations, one vote for each group of members.

Boycott Case Recalled.

Gompers today discussed the compers today discussed the con-tempt case against him, John Mitchell and Secretary Morrison. This is the case instituted by the Buck Stove & Range Company, of St. Louis, and which resulted in the United States Court of the District of Columbia, sentencing (compers, Mitchell and Morrison to lail ers. Mitchell and Morrison to

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to Jail for failure to otey an injunction for-bidding the maintenance of a boycott against the Buck Company.

The opening session was turned into an insurgent political rally by Owen Miller, president of the Missouri Federation of Labor.

Jeers greeted the name of Joseph G. Cannon and loud applause welcomed the name of Champ Clark.

Seventy-five women were in the convention as delegates. One of them is Miss Zula Taylor, 20 years old, who will cast the entire vote of the State of Kansas, having been elected the representative of the Kansas Federation of Labor. She is secretary-treasurer of sentative of the Kansas Federation of Labor. She is secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Garment Workers' Union. Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, the first Socialist to be elected to Congress, re-ceived many congratulations from his

fellow delegates. Membership Is 1,561,151.

Secretary Morrison's report for the year, as read before the convention, shows the Federation to have \$182.514.50 on hand after expending \$177,850.34. The paid-up membership is 1,581,151, and the total amount of money handled in 21 years is tabulated at \$2,208,791.87. One feature of the report shows that he malled an average of 1252 letters daily, the total number of mail packages stamped throughout the year being

In reference to charters, gain in mem-bership and strikes, Mr. Morrison's re-

Beports from the secretaries of 106 of our National and international organizations furmish us with the information that 2157 charters have been issued during the past year and 1030 surrendered—1384 of the charters surrendered were locals of the National and international unions and 106 affiliated direct with the American-Federation of Labor.

The gain in membership reported by the secretaries of 61 international organizations over the mombership on the first of impuring the property from 80 international organizations and from a number of local unions show that there were 827 strikes, in which there were 221,548 involved. Of that number 50,200 were benefited and 12,200 not benefited. The total cost of the strikes reported as was \$3,17,271.08. Adding to that amount the donations made by local unions to other unions, we have a grand unions to other unions, we have a grand unions to other unions, we have a grand union to other unions, we have a grand unions to other unions, we have a grand union of \$2,560,824 expended to sessials members on strike during the past year.

Narrowness Is Denied.

President Compers' report was an exhaustive recital of the history of the Federation from its inception in Pitts-burg, Pa. 36 years ago. Then only six burg. Pa., 36 years ago. Then only six international unions were represented and at the present convention delegates from 130 international bodies are in at-tendance. In all 1425 organizations are now affiliated with the American Fed-eration of Labor, 334 certificates of eration of Labor, 534 certificates of affiliation having been issued in 1910. Vigorous donial that trade unionism is narrow is made by Mr. Gompers, who in his refutation says fees of labor might just as well deem locomotives narrow because they are not fitted to run on highways, byways and waterways." Referring to politics, Mr. Gompers says:

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From its present position the American Profession of Labor is enabled to firrow out feedors all over the continent and ascertain in what respects and here far the balled may supplement the setablished and familiar forms of unloss effort in promoting the well-being of the wags-sarring class. The preference the rank and file appress for certain public men is some localities some not so much from interest in the men in question

Great Growth Shown.

That unionism has gained 50 per cent in Canada and is thriving in Porto Rico is also asserted by Mr. Gompers. In Porto Rico there are 130 local unions, containing in all 6000 members. Considerable space is devoted by Mr. Gompers to the Federation's fight against the United States Steel Corporation, and he recommends that the fight be continued in the West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Iffinois, Wisconsin and Alabama Legislature at their next sessions.

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The strike of the women garment workers is also mentioned, Mr. Gompers declaring the strike was not only a success in its general outcome but caused organization of the garment workers, which had not really been ef-fected until the strike was won.

Of the labor situation in Oregon, Mr. Gompers says: Gompers says:

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Of all the states in the Union Oregon has taken the most advanced ground in the establishment of the people's rule. There thay have the initiative and referendum, the recall, the direct primary and the corrupt practices act as well as the election of United States Sensiers by direct instruction of the people. Recently, however, the old and allmost discarded political bosses, acting at the behiest of "the interests," attempted to swing the people back to the old condition of bossism through the manipulation of party conventions, where they could corral, coerce and deminate, despite the people's will. In conformity with the declarations of our Federation upon this subject, I have deemed it my pleasurable duty on all occasions to render such assistance as lay in my power so that the people of that state might retain the splendid vantage ground they have achieved.

Under "anti-trust and injunction,"

Under "anti-trust and injunction," Gompers referred to bill introduced by Representative Moon "to regulate the granting of restraining orders and in-junctions." He says:

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In spite of our best endeavors it seemed impossible to obtain consideration by the House committee en judiciary of H. R. 3958, or as it was with labor's advice laier reintroduced by Representative Wilson as H. R. 25188. The majority membership of the committee was composed of the most docile Representatives whom Speaker Cannon could have possibly selected. His ingenuity in his choice of this most important committee was characteristic. It became the object of derision of the Glat Congress. One of its members Reuben O. Moon, of Pennsylvania, obeyed orders and introduced "the administration bill." H. P. 21334. It was a bill providing legal authority for the issuance of injunctions, an authority which does not now exist. The President at first urged him and the committee to report the bill, but party saigency evidently forbade it.

The account being then well advanced, it was found impossible to obtain further attention, but a well-organized portion of the House members was prepared to attack the bill if it came up and also to add to it as an amendment the Wilson bill, H. R. 23188. This information coming to the President, he relaxed his eagerness to obtain the passage of the Moon bill. He feared that if that hill came before the House the opportunity would come to carry the Wilson bill as an amendment and by that means extend to labor the legitimate relief for which it has been contending and to which he is aggreestively opposed.

Gompers' report, in the appendix, contains a letter written by Gompers to Moon, wherein the bill is called 'entire-ly superflucus."

ly superfluous."

Six Bills Passed.

Gempers further reports that activity Gempers further reports that activity by the American Federation of Labor caused the passage of six bills at the last session of Congress. These in-clude: Amendment to employers' lia-bility law; law demanding standardiza-tion of equipment on cars; better en-fercement of child-labor law in the District of Columbia; eight-hour law for workmen engaged in building Government vessels; establishment of postal savings banks; creation of Bureau of Mines.

He also reports that 13 important bills advocated by the American Fed-eration of Labor are pending before Congress.

STEAMER IS TOTAL LOSS

Portland, Aground in Alaskan Waters, Cannot Be Saved.

SEATTLE Wash, Nov. 14.-The Alaska Coast Company announced today that they had abandoned the Steamer Port-iand, which went aground Saturday. The torm which has been raging in Alaskan waters has made salvage operations im-possible. The Alaska Coast Company will look to the underwriters to make good the loss on the vessel. The Port-land was worth \$90,000 and was insured

for 75 per cent of her value.

The steamship Alameda did not call at Katalla Harbor as expected, and the pessengers and crew of the Portland are still at that port. A storm is blowing along the Coast and demolishing the hall of the staunch wooden steamship hall of the stanned wooden steamshy, according to advices from Cordova. Until the weather cleans, the ship's company will be storm bound at Katala unless one of the oceangoing steamships of the Southwestern run calls for When the weather clears, they can be taken by launch to Cordova.

FATHER PUTS UP SHORTAGE

Assistant Postmaster Indicted for Theft Gets Light Sentence.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nev. 14 .- (Special.)-Elmer Biddison, the 22-year-old assistant postmaster of Juliaetts, who was indicted postmaster of Juliacits, who was indicated hast week by the Federal grand jury for embezulement and failure to deposit Government postal receipts to the amount of Bido, today pleaded guilty to the second count in the indiciment, and United States Attorney Bingenfelter dismissed the charge of embezulement after it had been shown that young Biddison's father had made good the shortage. Judge Dietrich sentenced Biddison to serve ten months in Nez Perce County Jail, and to pay a fine of 100 Bilmer Biddison was married last April, from which time it is said his peculations date. He lived beyond his salary of 55 a month.

TOLSTOI IS TAKEN ILL

astery of Optinan. Before entering he

"I am the excommunicated and anathematized Leo Toistoi. Is there any objection to my staying here?" The reply was: "It is both a duty

and a pleasure to offer you shelter." Tolstol spent the day in the discussion of religious subjects with an aged monk, whom he had met on a visit to the monastery 17 years ago.

The following morning the Count resumed his pilgrimage. He is clad in a pensant's suit of rough material and wears high boots. He carries no passports and when he left hume he took only \$17 with him. However, his daughter, Alexandra, who had learned of her father' intentions, contrived to secrete \$150 in a pocket of Dr. Makov etsky's clothes, and if the Count suf-fers for the necessities of life, it will be because he elects to do so. Alexan-dra has since joined her father at

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Catholics Aver Church Is Not Given Share of Officers.

VICIOUS PLAYS CENSURED

President of Catholic Societies Says Moving Picture Shows Are Often Pernicious - Extravagance Deplored.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14.—Protests against the proportionately small number of Catholics holding Federal and state offices and the failure of the state to pay for secular education in Catholic schools, desuportation of obscure plays to pay for secular education in Cathelic schools, denunciation of obscure plays and "the immoral and pernicious motion-picture shows," and an carnest entreaty to Cathelics to combat Socialism, featured the annual report of President Feeney, of Brooklyn, at today's session of the ninth annual convention of the American Federation of Cathelic Societies.

"The Federation has no candidate for public place." he said, "but it seems that in proportion to the number of Catholies under the flag, here and in our insular where he no means a sufpossessions, we have by no means a suf-icient representation in the public serv-ce. Further, those selected by our Government for responsible public positions should be real and not nominal Catho-

Improper Plays Attacked.

Turning to the theaters, he said: Turning to the theaters, he said:
"An indignant Catholic protests that devotees of the so-called 'advanced school' in the last few years have deluged the United States with an obscene drama, which scoffs at marriage, and as a result this element of social purity has become the target for the shafts of the voluptuary, a fertile source of ribaid jest to the vulgar humorist and a never-failing mine of indelicate innuendo to the dramatist. The obscene play has been supplemented by the immoral and perni-

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clous motion-picture show, which de-bauches young children."

Mr. Feeney urges the suppression by the civil authorities of obscene and ob-jectionable films displayed in picture

Government Needs Religion.

"We pray that the riotous living and

irreligiousness of some of our people may not endanger the life of the Republic. We believe that without religion, the most enlightened government would drift into the decay and chaos that overwhelmed Greece and Rome. He commended the efforts of the In-

dividual and Social Justice League to combat Socialism. The league's purpose, he said, was to make clear the principles at issue between American thought and life and the economic and political revolution proposed by Social-ism, to "Uphold the American ideal of home, the integrity of the family, the love of country and to maintain the everlasting reality of religion as the foundation of our civilization."

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The president paid his respects to Mayor Nathan, of Rome, for his attacks upon the Pope and the Catholic Church, and urged the Federation to add its protest. "Against the insults heaped upon the sovereign pontiff by jackals."

He gave a parting shot to the "scurrilous" newspaper writer and the "muckraker of the magazines." and said in this day of universal reading the members of the faith must be vigitant in controverting the misrepresentation of the Catholic religion and the defamation of its members.

perance Union in foreign lands were made by representatives from abroad at a meeting of the convention tonight. Several children dressed in the costume of the country in which the or-"Extravagance," he said. "rules ganization is working appeared on the turned from a trip abroad in the interests of the temperance movement,

BULLETS RIDDLE NOBLE

Kentucky Bad Man, Who Killed Three Men, Shot by Posse.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 14 .- "Bad Jake" Noble, who shot and killed Jailer Wesley Turner of Breathitt County in Jackson last Tuesday, was himself shot to death by a Sheriff's posse in Knott County late today.

It is said that, when the pe upon Noble to surrender, he resisted and was riddled with shot by members of the posse. Rewards aggregating \$700 had been offered by the authorities of Breathitt County for the capture of Noble dead or alive.

Noble, who was about 22 years old, had previously killed three men. After killing Jailer Turner, he escaped into the mountains, where for two days he is understood to have been under the protection of armed henchmen.

Diphtheria Claims Second Child.

Mary, the six-year-old daughter of Joseph Molinari, an Italian laborer re-WORK ABROAD DESCRIBED

Brief Addresses Are amde at W. C.

T. U. Convention at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 14—Brief addresses telling of the progress of the work of the Women's Christian Tem
Baltimore, siding on Columbia boulevard, died from diphtheria at St. Vincent's Santtarium last night. Her death is the second to occur in the afflicted family in ten days, from the same malady. November 5. Jennie, a daughter 12 years of age, died at the family home, where two other children have since been stricken with the disease. The family, including the heart-broken father, is held in quarantine. siding on Columbia boulevard, died

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