

GOMPERS STRIKES FOR LABORING MEN

Appeared Before the House
Committee With an Elo-
quent Appeal.

UNIONS TO LIVE FOREVER.

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RULINGS OF SUPREME COURT—
SPEAKS OF PRESIDENT.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, unionism found an eloquent champion yesterday when he appeared before the house committee on the judiciary and declared that, "despite the adverse decisions of the supreme court, labor unions will not be driven out of existence."

Mr. Gompers, in the American Federationist for this month, goes even further than in his speech today. He attacks the supreme court for recent rulings and points to Roosevelt as the one great champion of the cause. In his speech today he expressed confidence that the president of the United States sincerely sympathizes "with all our people," and added: "I have reasons to believe that the president is not thoroughly informed as to the real remedy for the cause of complaint."

These statements were made in an argument on the bill to regulate the issuance of restraining orders and injunctions and to limit the meaning of "conspiracy" in certain cases. "Of all the measures before the judiciary committee," said Mr. Gompers, "the Pearce bill comes the nearest to giving the working people what they want. Events have demonstrated clearly in my mind that it is the only bill that can be at all effective to deal with these invasions of human rights."

The Pearce bill, Mr. Gompers said, is intended to bring the injunction process where it was before it was abused in its application to labor disputes.

Trend of the Times.

"The trend of the decisions of the courts," said Mr. Gompers, "has been to take away from the workman the principle of effective defense against encroachments or imposition of onerous conditions. The climax was reached when the supreme court handed down its decision in what are known as the 'Hat cases.' Under that decision it has made organizations combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade. I do not know what the courts will do and what executives will do, goaded on by our victorious enemies, but I want to say to you, just as solemnly as I can say, organizations of labor, which have done so much to protect and improve the conditions of the working people, will not be driven out. You can not afford to place the stigma of unlawfulness upon the organizations which have done so much within the law to improve the condition of the working people."

Over his signature an editorial in the American Federationist for this month attacks the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of Loewe & Co., popularly known as the "Hat case," which is declared to be "the most drastic and far-reaching decision which it has ever handed down" and "as affecting directly all labor and hence the whole people."

Gompers Calls Halt.

The editorial begins with the statement that "labor organizations must not be outlawed," and then proceeds at great length to review the court's decision point by point with a view to showing that the court erred. Says Mr. Gompers:

"We trust it will not be considered lese majeste if we say that in our opinion the supreme court in this and other recent decisions affecting labor tends to revert to the medieval procedure rather than to make the application of legal principle to the present industrial situation."

The Jumping Off Place.

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AMUSEMENTS

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

NEW PHILLIPS.

Week of Feb. 24—Vaudeville.

GENNETT.

Week of Feb. 24—Hutton-Bailey Stock Company.
Feb. 29—(Matinee and Night)—"The Great Divide."

Vaudeville at the Phillips.

Selection of the great Weber family, acrobats and equilibrists, as a headline act for the New Phillips this week was a fortunate one. This is without doubt the best family of performers in this particular line that has ever visited this house and the audience of Monday night showed its appreciation of the feats performed by recalling the performers. The members of the group range everywhere in height from a stalwart six-footer to

"Here's to Our Absent Brothers," and the pictures are in keeping. Wednesday there will be a souvenir matinee and on Saturday a special matinee for the children. Friday night, in addition to the amateurs who may appear, Williams and McComb, a team preparing to go on the road, will give their aerial stunt.

"The Great Divide."

"The Great Divide," which comes to the Gennett next Saturday, matinee and night, takes its name from the section of our country in which the first part of the play is represented as taking place. The Rocky mountains—nature's great dividing line between the East and the West. There is deeper significance than this in the title, however. The play presents a struggle between the spirit of the East and the spirit of the West, a fight of tradition as opposed to unfettered nature. The great division

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CITY'S NEW PASTOR

The Rev. W. W. Russell Accepts Call to Second Baptist Church.

A MUCH TRAVELED MAN.

Rev. W. W. Russell of Chicago, has accepted a call to the Second Baptist church of this city. Rev. Mr. Russell is considered a very able and successful pastor, having successfully served in this capacity for St. Paul's Baptist church, Boston, Mass.; St. Paul's Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo.; Second Church, Clinton, Iowa; Mt. Carmel and Grace Temple churches, Chicago. Mr. Russell has also had much experience in travel, having toured extensively in the old world in addition to extensive tours in Africa, West Indies, and South American republics, and having organized the first Baptist church on the isthmus of Panama. Mrs. Russell will be a valuable addition to the religious ranks of Richmond, being at present president of the Baptist women's missionary society and a member of the executive committee of the missionary union of Chicago.

A public reception will be held in honor of the pastor and wife, March 5, in the church parlors.

The night hawks make no nest at all simply laying its eggs in a slight depression in the ground. The eggs look so much like small stones that they pass undetected by the searcher.

Repertoire at the Gennett.

A delighted audience filled the Gen-



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a tiny tad, who does his full share toward the entertaining. Three girls in the group take as difficult parts as are taken by the male members. The Webers appear all in white and their very attractive stage presence is much in their favor. Joe Golden, entertainer, has a refined act that secured him a liberal amount of applause. His recital of the story of the twelve-year-old jockey who sacrificed a race to rescue a little child that had toddled onto the track, later to find that it was his employer's own child, was very well given as was also his imitation of a Richmond young man preparing to get married. Other numbers on the bill are John Max, German comedian and wooden shoe dancer; John Woodford and Jeanette Marlboro in a playlet entitled "A Timely Lesson"; the cameragraph, showing "The Prisoner's Escape" and "Mishaps of a Baby Carriage"; and an illustrated song, which this week is of special interest to Elks as it is founded on the expression common to this order,

between the conventionality, prudishness and false pride of the old restricted communities and the blunt chivalry and honesty of the plains and mountains, forms the keynote. Ruth Jordan, descended from a long line of New England ancestors whose lives and thoughts are reflected in her goes to Arizona and there meets Stephen Ghent, of no lineage but with innate nobility of manhood and soundness of heart. Their meeting is strange, their romantic wooing more strange and their embittered life and antagonistic marital relations stranger still. The purpose of the drama is to reconcile these antithetical natures through combined logic and love—the latter of course being the main deciding factor. Thus the play is pure drama; the struggle of man and woman, and the triumph of love over birth, environment, custom and all other show of discouragement.

IMPORTANT CASES

Several Civil and Criminal Cases to Be Heard in Circuit Court.

THE WILLS DIVORCE CASE.

There have been several important civil and criminal cases set for trial in the Wayne circuit court. On March 2 the divorce case of Flora Wills against J. B. Wills, will come up for a hearing. Mrs. Wills makes several sensational charges against her husband and the case promises to be an extremely interesting one. Both principals are well known residents of Cambridge City. The escapades and troubles of the defendant to this suit have been of late given wide publicity.

On March 3 the case of the State against Alva J. Hunt, charged with grand larceny and embezzlement will be called for a hearing. Hunt is charged with appropriating \$25 which he obtained by selling lumber belonging to a woman whom he worked for.

On March 5 the case of the State against Trotter will be called for a hearing. Trotter is charged with stealing a large amount of household goods belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Sincake, until recently residents of this city. It is alleged that Trotter drove up to the Sincake home in broad daylight and removed a number of household articles in his moving van.

On March 23 an interesting damage suit, T. C. Mullica against the Indiana Union Traction company will be tried. This case was brought to the Wayne circuit court on a change of venue from the Henry circuit court.

Besides these cases there have been several other cases of minor importance set for hearing. Monday in the circuit court the petit jury was in session for the first time since the beginning of the January term. It was called to hear the case of Adam Helm against P. A. Lotich and P. E. H. Lotich, suit on note, the demand being \$50. Before reaching trial this case was compromised and the jury was dismissed.

Probably the most interesting case on the entire docket will be the Smith-Vaughan, breach of promise case March 16.

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