

Democrat Platform One Big 'Jumble' Gompers Asserts

Labor Leader Makes Sharp Reply to Letter From Member of Davis Campaign Committee.

By Associated Press. Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 10.—Samuel Gompers amplifies in reply to a second letter from William B. Wilson of the democratic campaign committee at Washington, the reasons why the executive council of the American Federation of Labor considered John W. Davis undeserving of labor's endorsement as a presidential candidate.

The Gompers letter to Wilson of today reiterates Mr. Gompers' assertion that Mr. Davis was not responsible for the draft or enactment of the Clayton law. "You letter makes reference to the eight-hour law for government employees," said Mr. Gompers. "Let me remind you that the law was first passed by a republican congress."

The labor leader relates again his version of negotiations which prevented the miners' railway strike, and again denies that Mr. Davis or the supreme court earned the credit.

Republican Congress. Mr. Gompers continues in part: "It was a republican congress with Abraham Lincoln as president that abolished human slavery in America. If the reasoning employed in your letter were to be followed it would logically ensure that labor and the people generally must for all time follow the republican party."

"That the democratic party, with the connivance of Wilson at its head, acted in a fair concept of human relations and human freedom can no more bind us forever to that organization than the emancipation proclamation could bind us forever to the republican party."

"But the democratic party recently held its national convention for the purpose of declaring the principles upon which it now stands. Compare the democratic platforms of 1912, 1916 and 1920 with the jumble of the 1924 platform upon which Mr. Davis is a candidate."

Raps Demo Platform. "Every principle of freedom and justice which found expression in the platforms of 1912, 1916 and 1920 is conspicuously by its absence from the 1924 platform, which even fails to recommend to the people for ratification the child labor constitutional amendment. The framers of that platform contented themselves with taking some unctious to their souls because a few democrats voted for submission of an amendment in the house of representatives and the senate."

"Seven years have passed since you left the cabinet of Woodrow Wilson and went into another avenue of life. You must, however, somehow be under the impression that it is Woodrow Wilson who is candidate for president in 1924 and not John W. Davis; and that the platform is the platform of Woodrow Wilson and not of John W. Davis and the 1924 democratic convention."

Gompers in behalf of the executive council also made public the text of telegrams and letters exchanged between him and Mr. Davis since the democratic convention at New York. He made known in addition the contents of a telegram inviting him to the notification ceremonies at Clarkburg, W. Va., and his telegram declining to attend.

Retraction Refused. Another development today at the annual session of the council here was the refusal of Matthew Woll, vice president, to retract the report of the federated council of the churches of America. He informed Rev. Felix E. Johnson of Philadelphia, who came here at the instance of the council of churches to request that the American Federation of Labor denunciation of the report be withdrawn, that labor's objection to it is "could not be retracted as long as the report stands in its present language."

The council elected James Wilson of Cincinnati, president of the International Pattern Makers' league of America, as a vice president of the council to succeed Joseph Valentine, president of the International Moulders' Union of America, who yesterday resigned because of ill health.

The Davis-Gompers correspondence consisted of two letters and two telegrams, as given out by Mr. Gompers; the first was a letter written by Mr. Davis at New York on July 17 and addressed to Mr. Gompers at Brighton Beach, N. Y.

Seeks Interview. "My dear Mr. Gompers," the letter began. "I am very anxious to have a personal interview with you at the earliest opportunity. Am leaving tomorrow night to be gone something like 10 days in order to secure a very much needed rest before the campaign begins. Would I impose on your good nature if I asked you to let me know when and where it will be possible for me to see you? Believe me with kindest regards, yours sincerely."

Mr. Gompers replied with the following letter: "I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 17th inst. in which you express desire to have a personal interview with me. You ask that you be advised on your return to New York city after 10 days' rest and the assumption of your whole duty in the campaign impending for the presidential election.

"I assume that you are aware that I have been in ill health for the last several weeks and that I am sojourning here under observation and care of my nurse and physician. I desire to be frank with you in saying that though I am steadily improving in health, I am not yet sure or reassured as to what I may be able to do in the near future, but if at all in physical condition I shall attend the scheduled meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at Atlantic City, beginning August 1.

"To attend that meeting it will then be necessary for me to leave here a few days before, that is, July 29 to 30. It may be advisable for me

'Men Are the Bane of My Life,' Ann Luther Assures Interviewer

'It's Me Against the World,' Declares Film Actress Suing Wealthy Mining Magnate.

By COPELAND C. BURG, International News Service Staff Correspondent. Los Angeles, Aug. 10.—How old is Ann?

"Her friends say she is 25; her enemies 35. Tonight, weak and exhausted from the grilling given her by defense attorneys in her \$100,000 suit against Jack White, Los Angeles millionaire, for alleged breach of contract to star her in motion pictures, Ann Luther, actress, estranged wife of Ed Gallagher, vaudeville star, seemed all her enemies said.

"Positively, Mr. Shean! "Of course, I look old tonight," said Ann, "but who wouldn't with that dirty Schenk (chief defense counsel) lying and lying about me. And Monday I must face him again!"

"The Woman Pays." "Oh! The movies are right! 'Tis the woman pays and pays and pays." Why do men love Ann Luther? As she flaunts her golden tresses, green eyes and smiling lips, even on the witness stand under most antagonistic cross examination, this woman appeals and she is followed by the caravans of many hungry glances.

Yet Ann Luther, with her beautiful, though in her radiant, abundant hair lurks the sunshine of the ages. No—its not colored. Nature's own laboratory gave her tresses their wonderful golden glint. Men adore that hair—it fascinates, commands them. It means spirit, fire and passion.

Pleading Eyes. And the pleading eyes—how they beg! When she talks to women, Ann Luther is different. She veils her luster-eyed glance and smiles pleasantly, broadly. But to men her frank, free eyes seem to say:

to stop over a few hours in New York to rest from possible fatigue of the ride from this hotel before going on the train to Atlantic City. I, therefore, suggest that if it is agreeable that the interview take place in my apartment here in the Shelburne Hotel, Tuesday, July 29, or in the Hotel Astor, room 172, any time that day.

Invites Interview. "Though not in my usual robust health, I should like you to feel that I am confident that the interview which you suggest would have no deleterious effect upon me. "If neither of these suggestions conform to your convenience, let me say that I expect to be in Atlantic City at the Ambassador hotel, July 30, and for several days thereafter, where, if you care to, interview can be held."

Next came a telegram from Mr. Davis dated at Dark Harbor, Me., on July 24 and saying: "Your letter 22d forwarded to me here. Request to say it will be impossible to finish the work in hand and return to New York July 29. Planning to leave here August 1, and will communicate with you upon arrival in New York. Meantime will welcome if you care to furnish it, statement of questions in which labor is chiefly interested at the moment. My best wishes for your return to health."

The Davis-Gompers correspondence was concluded with the following telegram from Mr. Gompers under date of New York July 25: "Telegram received. You expressed wish for personal interview with me and designated the time. In my reply I manifested my willingness for the interview to take place in conformity to the time designated by you. The several dates and places suggested in my letter are still agreeable to me. I can submit no questions to you which would not be equally submitted to other candidates for the presidency."

Jefferis and Committee Will Be Luncheon Guests. Chicago, Aug. 10.—Members of the republican national committee headed by William M. Butler, chairman, and of the notification committee, of which A. W. Jefferis of Nebraska is chairman, will be guests at luncheon of the Hamilton club, August 19, the day of the official notification of Gen. Charles G. Dawes as the republican vice presidential nominee.

General Dawes will not attend the luncheon but will remain at home in Evanston to be host to his neighbors who will call.

McKinley's Aide Dies. Chicago, Aug. 10.—News of the death in Washington, D. C., of Colonel H. O. Hessland, 68, formerly aide-de-camp to President McKinley and later adjutant general of central department of the army, was received here.

Parents Win Back Children When State Neglect Case Is Shattered. Testimony offered in municipal court by neighbors, Saturday, shattered the case built up by juvenile officers of Council Bluffs, against Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bertelson, 1601 Avenue C, from whom they had sought to take three children, Lester, 14, Louise, 11, and Irene, 7, on charges that the Bertelsons were not providing a decent home for their children.

The witnesses introduced by the defense testified that although they had lived next door to the Bertelsons they had never seen or heard of men visiting the home or of boozing parties which were alleged to have been staged there by the juvenile authorities.

Witnesses testified that the Bertelson children had always been neatly dressed and clean. During questioning of Mrs. Bertelson on this point she turned upon Reuben Herner, juvenile officer, and became agitated.

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Air Poster Girl, Now New York Model, Sued for Divorce by Youthful Husband

Leo Loomis James and Jack James.



A "cute little flat in the shadow of Broadway" was the goal of Leo Loomis James, 16-year-old bride of Jack James of Fremont, when she passed through Omaha with her husband in the spring of 1922, bound for New York and happiness.

But the lights of Broadway were not conducive to marital happiness and the young Fremont girl who attained fame by posing for a poster advertising the Omaha Aero congress was sued for divorce by her youthful husband in Fremont Saturday, according to word reaching here Saturday night.

Their marriage was an elopement. Jack, the husband, was only 17. They had been sweethearts in high school. Leo was noted for her beauty. Her lithe, boyish figure added a dash to the poster typifying the spirit of the air, and her beauty was broadcast over the entire country in the advertising of the air congress.

But Leo had cast aside all personal ambition when she passed through Omaha with her husband, bound for New York two months after their secret marriage in Lincoln. "All I want is to be a good wife," she said at that time. "Jack and I expect to find happiness in our little New York apartment."

Now the husband's petition for divorce alleges extreme cruelty. His Fremont attorney added, "Incompatibility of temper." Friends whispered, "Bright lights of Broadway."

The youthful couple returned to Fremont recently, but Mrs. James remained there for but a short time. Then she returned to New York. She is now said to be working as a modiste's model in New York. The young husband had a position in New York with an advertising agency when they were married. Leo lived in Omaha with Mrs. R. C. Healy in Dundee for some time prior to their elopement and marriage. They were married on January 28, 1922.

ELKHORN MAN DIES IN OMAHA. John F. Gregerson, 67, Elkhorn furniture dealer, for 40 years a resident of Nebraska, died at an Omaha hospital Sunday. Mr. Gregerson is survived by his wife, Anna M. Gregerson, by a son, Otto, and by two daughters, Mrs. William Biel and Miss Freda Gregerson.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at Elkhorn Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery, Elkhorn.

CARY—Charles Lester Cary, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cary, 6340 North Thirty-sixth street, died late Saturday night. Funeral services will be today at 2 from 1823 Pinkney street. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Omaha Poster Contest Winner Seeks Divorce. Fremont, Aug. 10.—Broadway, New York city, plays a part in a divorce suit filed here by Jack James, youthful husband of Leo James, formerly Leo Loomis, Fremont and Omaha. She was chosen winner in the poster contest of the Omaha aero congress recently. They were married in Lincoln in 1922 after eloping. They went to New York and lived in the shadow of Broadway and Mrs. James was a modiste's model. Extreme cruelty without provocation is alleged as the reason for the divorce proceedings.

"Cooper pointed out that it is better to have a set a few inches larger and be on the safe side, than to sacrifice utility for mere compactness. The Boston college student who is permitting mosquitoes to bite him in the interest of science doubtless finds them entirely willing to cooperate in their enterprise so laudible.—Boston Transcript.

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Boy, 5, Run Over by Auto 5 Miles East of Bluffs

Youngster Brought to Edmondson Hospital With Parents by Driver of Car in Accident.

Rupert Lusk, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lusk, Kansas City, Mo., was run over and seriously injured late Saturday afternoon when he ran from the roadside directly in front of a car operated by Fred Timm, Bonham avenue, Council Bluffs. The accident occurred five miles east of Council Bluffs on the White Pole road.

The youngster suffered severe cuts and bruises on his face and body, as well as probable internal injuries, hospital attaches state. The front wheel of the car passed over the youth's body, witnesses say.

According to Timm the boy was playing along the roadside and suddenly darted in front of the car. Although brakes were swiftly applied by the driver, the youngster was too near the car to prevent the accident.

The lad was taken to the Jennie Edmondson hospital by Timm, in company with his parents. His condition is reported serious.

Mr. Lusk is an employe on a farm on the White Pole road. Carelessly stepping off a moving train at Seventh street and Fifteenth avenue, Council Bluffs, C. C. Sigseby, Lake Manawa, was thrown violently to the ground suffering severe bruises and a broken arm. He was taken to the Jennie Edmondson hospital, where his condition is reported favorable.

Sigseby is employed by the Union Pacific railroad and was riding to a

point where he could catch a street car for home, when he alighted from the train with disastrous result.

Butler Is Guiding Genius of Church. London, Aug. 10.—Probably the greatest influence in the English church today is George. George is not an archbishop, a bishop, a canon, a dean, or even a rector. He is just a butler.

For more than 50 years George—whose other name is Belcher—has been the butler at the Church of England training college in Oxfordshire. Practically every bishop or other high dignitary of the Church of England for half a century has come under the ministrations of George.

At the annual reunion of the college the bishop of St. Albans declared that the real work of training ministers during the last 50 years has been done by George. The bishop of Oxford described him as "the pure guarantee of stability and true conservatism."

George blushed when he heard these words of praise from the high ecclesiastical dignitaries, but he retained the modesty which is his outstanding characteristic.

"You see," he said, "these gatherings are sort of justifications where the old students get together and they don't mean all they say—except that they are very kind."

40 Bushel Wheat Yields. Auburn, Aug. 10.—Wheat yields in this vicinity are reported from 35 to 40 bushels per acre. One farmer reports a yield of 53 bushels. The corn crop will make unless nipped by an early frost.

Advertisement for Brandeis Theater featuring 'The Covered Wagon' and 'The Girl Question'. Includes showtimes, admission prices, and theater address.

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