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"UNCLE JOE" IS SHEARED OF POWER IN THE HOUSE

Adoption of Norris Resolution Eliminates Cannon From Rules Committee—Defeat Measure to Depose Him From Speakership Amid Scenes of Tumult and Disorder—Insurgent Victory.

Washington, March 19.—Joseph Cannon, of Danville, Ill., is still Speaker of the House of Representatives. But he lost today the ancient prestige and weapon of that office when the allied Republican insurgents and Democrats took from him not only the chairmanship of, but even membership in, the all-powerful Committee on Rules, the iron asset in his stock of power.

Amid disorder for the like of which one must go back to the exciting days just prior to the Civil War—perhaps even those times might not duplicate in the veteran Speaker, almost 74 years old, stood erect and defiant, his head "blooded but unbowed." And at the end, when a big Texas Democrat accepted the Speaker's daring challenge and introduced a resolution to fling him out of the Speakership, the Republicans, regulars and insurgents, with few exceptions, rallied with almost unbroken party front and gave him a vote which nearly offset the "reputation of Cannosm."

This is what happened: By a vote of 191 to 155, the Republican insurgents voting solidly with the Democrats, the House adopted the resolution of Representative Norris (Rep.) of Nebraska, requiring a re-organization of the Rules Committee, increasing its membership from five to ten, and declaring the Speaker ineligible to membership therein.

By the curiously identical vote of 191 to 155—but with a decidedly different personnel of alignment—the House defeated a resolution of Representative Burleson, of Texas, declaring the Speakership vacant and ordering an immediate election of a successor to Mr. Cannon.

The Norris Resolution, which was adopted, "There shall be a Committee on Rules, elected by the House (hitherto the committee of five, like all other House committees, has been appointed by the Speaker) consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party, and four of whom shall be members of the minority party. The Speaker shall not be a member of the committee and the committee shall elect its own to say about his "victory."

Resolved further, That within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee and immediately upon its election the present Committee on Rules shall be dissolved.

Defeated Resolution.
Here is the resolution of Representative Burleson, which was defeated: "Resolved, That the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby declared to be vacant, and the House of Representatives shall at once proceed to the election of Speaker."

Speaker Cannon tonight declined to comment upon the extraordinary events of the day. He was in his office surrounded by three or four loyal friends when a newspaper man approached him and asked what he had to say about his "victory."

"Oh, nothing at all, I guess. There is not any comment for me to make. Besides, you will have your papers full in the morning anyway, and you don't need any comment from me."

"But hasn't the newly elected Speaker any announcement to make of his future policy?"

The Speaker laughed. "I'll just keep on speaking and praying," he said.

Champ Clark, minority leader in the House, said in the course of a formal statement issued tonight: "The Republicans are on the toboggan slide and if Democrats outside of Congress will get together as the Democrats in the House have gotten together, our victories this year and in 1912 will be as sweeping as those of 1890 and 1892."

Won What They Fought For.
Mr. Norris, of Nebraska, author of the successful resolution to reorganize the Rules Committee, said in part: "We have won all that we fought for, all that we expected to get when we went into the last movement that culminated in today's sweeping victory."

Caucuses will be called immediately by both parties to select respectively, the Republicans and four Democrats, who are to constitute the new committee on Rules. The old committee consisted of Speaker Cannon, as chairman, and Messrs. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Smith, of Iowa, Republicans, and Minority Leader Clark, of Missouri, and John J. Fitzgerald, of New York, Democrats.

Republican Leader Sereno E. Payne, said tonight that "recent events" were "too recent" for his party to have decided definitely upon the date of its caucus. Republican Whip Dwight thought it would be early next week. Minority Leader Clark thought the Democratic caucus would meet Tuesday or Wednesday night. The fact is that all parties to the long and bitter fight were too thoroughly fatigued to have formed any definite plans. Nature was calling first for sleep.

Wild Scenes in the House.
The oldest man about Congress makes no pretense of remembering

any parallels for the sensational scenes which have characterized the last few days in the House. When this day's developments reached a crisis about 5 o'clock this afternoon he would be a rash proposition who attempted to forecast the outcome. There were moments when it looked as if the preponderantly Republican House might even cap the climax by electing Champ Clark Speaker. In fact, not only was this actually proposed in a motion by Mr. Clark, of Florida, but Speaker Cannon himself, in his "defiance" to the House, declared that his enemies should be consistent, and proceed to the election of a Democratic Speaker. It was indeed this challenge to the House, daring as it was, which, instantly provoking the Burleson resolution for his dethronement, turned the tide again in his favor, and rallied the Republicans, regulars and insurgents together with few exceptions, to the point of what may well be termed a vote of confidence.

Through it all the aged Speaker, invariably calm, stoical, consistent to the end, stood in his place, his gavel punctuating the riotous confusion with steady thumps upon his desk.

Upon the conclusion of the vote which cast him out of his place of power at the head of the Rules Committee he asked "the indulgence of the House for three minutes." Many Republicans recalled the Speaker's retort when they proposed to nominate him on the Roosevelt ticket for the Vice Presidency—"they can't make a political eunuch out of me!"

Tumult and Disorder.
Great tumult and disorder raged around Mr. Burleson as he stood by his desk near the center of the House after sending his resolution to the desk and as its purport became known. His Democratic colleagues surrounded him, some urging him to force his resolution to a vote, others declaring that he had precipitated things too hastily.

Kitchin, of North Carolina; Hardwick, of Georgia; Garner, of Texas, and Shackelford, of Missouri, who had assisted him in drafting the resolution, all shouted amid the tumult to pay no attention to the panicky requests for a withdrawal of the resolution. Several insurgent Republicans rose over and entreated him to withdraw.

"It is untimely, it is suicidal!" they cried through the din.

"Don't offer this now. Don't do it this evening. Wait till we have had time to think it over," begged Hinchshaw, of Nebraska, clinging to Burleson's arm and shouting in his ear.

Burleson paid no heed. He shook the pleaders off and kept his eye straight ahead at the well in front of the Speaker's desk, where Sherley, of Kentucky, was frantically contending that the motion to adjourn had priority.

The Speaker was steadily hammering his desk with the gavel, but the blows were hardly audible above the racket.

From all over that side of the House

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MISS GERTIE MILLAR.



A romance recently came to light in which the Duke of Westminster and Miss Gertie Millar were the principals. Miss Millar, who is the wife of Lionel Monckton, is a prominent dancer in "Our Miss Gibbs." The Duke has been frequently of late in the company of Miss Millar. The Duke and Duchess have not been on good terms for some time and a divorce suit is contemplated. It is reported that owing to the intervention of King Edward that the Duke has agreed to give up Miss Millar and a reconciliation will take place between the Duke and Duchess.



ROCKEFELLER'S COUNTRY HOME—SHOWING SUBTERRANEAN ROOMS.

Extensive alterations are being made by John D. Rockefeller about his beautiful country mansions. The grounds are being decorated by skilled landscape gardeners. Five thousand expensive golden pheasants recently imported will be loosed on the property this Spring and the scene about the millionaire's home will be further beautified by scores of gayly plumaged peacocks and other fowls. The picture shows subterranean rooms that Mr. Rockefeller has caused to be built. These he uses when he desires to spend a quiet hour, assured against interruptions of outsiders. This is one of the best pictures of the Oil King ever. Mr. Rockefeller does not like it and has caused many of the reprints from the photograph to be destroyed.

RALEIGH'S SPRING CLEANING PRESIDENT GUEST OF HUGHES TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION

Citizens Will Appeal to Board of Aldermen—Reception of Fox—Meal Again Served—Marking Historic Sites.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., March 19.—A sort of an endless chain movement within the corporate limits of Raleigh is starting here for a descent on the board of aldermen at the next meeting to make a sweeping demand for provision to be made for carrying out the most rigid system of sanitary inspection for the Spring and Summer months and the prevention of the fly and mosquito pests in addition to warding off infectious diseases.

The demand is to be made so general that the aldermen cannot afford to fail to heed the requirements for the fullest possible co-operation. Several residence sections of the city are still infested with pig pens and the State's prison authorities were delighted last evening to get back John L. Fox, the wily convict who arranged a dummy of himself in his prison cot while making believe he was sick and escaped from the prison last August. He was recaptured in Connecticut and George C. Hayes, of the State's prison went for him. Fox had a whole night's start of the prison authorities in making his escape, he having left the dummy in the bed early in the evening and hid den himself in the prison yard and going over the wall soon after dark, the guard in the meantime, filing by his cell and thinking that he saw him each time safely in bed.

The State and Federal authorities are still seizing corn meal shipments from the Mountain City Milling Co., Chattanooga, for short weights. There have just been seized in Charlotte 450 bags of this meal, 150 from Brinkman Co., and 250 from W. F. Redman Co., to whom the Tennessee millers had shipped it. The Federal authorities a few days ago seized large shipments in Newbern and Elizabeth City. The Charlotte seizures were by the State authorities.

The committee on marking historic sites, the State over, appointed by the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, has determined to take up this work at once and will set on foot a movement to induce the public schools of the State to mark historic sites within their respective districts. This to be done on the next North Carolina Day in the coming Fall. Another feature will be the organization of county associations to cooperate with the State committee in locating and marking sites.

The Harris Machinery Co., Durham, received a charter today with \$25,000 capital for general machine shops business, the incorporators being C. W. Byrd, J. T. Broadway and others.

Washington, March 19.—Georgetown University today defeated the Maryland Agricultural College in the first baseball game of the season here by the score of 10 to 4.

90-inch wide white linen 75c this week at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge.

Holds Conference With Canadian Executives Today With Hope of Effecting Tariff Agreement—At Tuberculosis Congress.

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—President Taft, Earl Gray, Governor General, of Canada, and Governor Hughes, of New York, met here today and formed a notable trio of guests at the banquet of the University Club of this city tonight. The President arrived from Rochester during the early afternoon to be the guest of Governor Hughes at the executive mansion until Monday morning.

The situation in Albany in view of the incidents of the past few weeks, is rather acute and it is evident that the time is ripe for any participation by him in the affairs of the Republican party in the State.

Mr. Taft was greeted at the depot by Governor Hughes and Mayor McEwen, the latter a school mate of the President at Yale. The President declared that he was feeling fit and ready for the "job."

"Well, we have plenty of those, Mr. President," remarked the Governor, amid laughter.

The President was escorted to the Governor's mansion and from there was driven soon afterward to the Tuberculosis Congress where both he and Governor Hughes made addresses. Following this the President and Governor Hughes motored to the Watervliet arsenal and big gun shops.

Earl Gray arrived about an hour after the President reached here. The Canadian Tariff Conference will not be held until tomorrow afternoon when W. S. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance, will reach Albany. Officials of the State and Commerce and Labor departments at Washington also will be here.

Upon his arrival today the President received telegrams from lumber men throughout the United States conveying varying suggestions as to the at-

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OUTLINES.
Speaker Cannon was shorn of his power in the House of Representatives, when the Norris resolution, which has been the result of a fierce struggle in Congress, was adopted yesterday amid scenes of tumult and disorder, eliminating him from the House Rules Committee. A resolution to depose him from the Speakership was almost unanimously defeated—President Taft is the guest of Governor Hughes at Albany, N. Y., and today will hold a conference with Canadian executives for the purpose of effecting a tariff agreement.

Startling revelations of thousands paid to influence legislation by fire insurance companies in New York, resulted at the insurance inquiry yesterday—Senator Daniel still remains in a state of coma. His physicians stated at 9 o'clock last night that his condition was otherwise improved and satisfactory—As a result of numerous conferences yesterday a probable settlement of the Philadelphia strike is in sight. New York markets: Money on call nominal, time loans firm; spot cotton closed quiet 5 points lower, middling uplands 15.15, middling gulf 15.40; flour quiet and unchanged; wheat spot irregular, No. 2 red 1.24 1/2 and 1.25; corn barely steady, steamer 64 3/4 and No. 4, 62 1/4, both elevator export basis, oats spot steady, mixed nominal; rosin and turpentine steady.

Thousands Paid by Fire Insurance Companies in New York, Evidence Procured at Inquiry—Kennedy Tells of 'Graft.'

New York, Mich., 19.—Mercilessly hurling question after question at reluctant witnesses and reading to them in rapid succession letters and telegrams that told in unmistakable terms of the activity of fire insurance companies in influencing legislation at Albany, William H. Hotchkiss, State superintendent of insurance, and his attorney, Alfred Hurrell, forced startling revelations at today's session of the Fire Insurance Inquiry.

"It was shown that large sums of money had been raised to procure or thwart legislation between 1901 and 1906. These payments, the majority of which were to law firms, ranged from \$700 to \$17,500. The three largest payments were \$17,500 to the law firm of Sherman and Sterling in 1905 for work at Albany in connection with legislation then pending; of \$15,000 in 1906 for the same purpose and of \$8,311 to Elijah R. Kennedy, member of the insurance firm of Weed and Kennedy.

The witnesses examined today were Mr. Kennedy, Charles L. Case, former chairman of the committee on laws and legislation of the Board of Underwriters, and William N. Kramer, of the German-American Fire Insurance Company.

Timothy L. Woodruff, now chairman of the Republican State Committee, the late Senator John Raines, Representative George R. Malby and former chairman of the committee on laws and legislation of the Board of Underwriters, were among those mentioned in the testimony.

Mr. Woodruff, swore Kennedy, wrote a letter in 1901, telling him that the insurance tax bill which the companies were opposing might and main, would not be pressed. Representative Malby, then a member of the Legislature, evidenced a kindly interest in the bills, as shown by letters to Kennedy, an old friend of his. Senator Raines was amicably disposed toward Mr. Kennedy in his efforts to defeat undesirable legislation. As for Riddon, Kennedy said he came to him with such a show of interest that he, Kennedy, became aroused "like chain lightning" and cut short the interview, refusing as a representative of interests affected to discuss pending legislation with a member of the legislature.

One interesting statement made by Mr. Kennedy was that he had given a "present" of \$1,000 to George W. Aldridge, of Rochester, Republican leader of Monroe county. This item was part of the \$5,000 officially disclosed by the underwriters, but later reimbursed to Kennedy by assessments levied on the insurance companies individually. Kennedy said yesterday that Aldridge got \$500 but today corrected his testimony.

Every effort to force Kennedy to tell who received the remainder of the \$5,000 was futile.

END OF THE STRIKE (NEARING THE END MAY BE IN SIGHT OF FOREST INQUIRY

Proposition Said to be Favorable to Both Sides is Arranged.

THE EFFORTS TO SETTLE

Plan to Take Back All Striking Car Men Submitted at the Conference—Further Disorder in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 19.—A probable settlement of the street car strike is said to be in sight. As a result of numerous conferences which began this afternoon and are still in progress late tonight a proposition has been devised which is said to be favorable to both sides.

The proposition submitted is substantially as follows:

"All strikers are to be taken back and as far as possible given their regular runs. Those who are not immediately put back in their old positions are to be placed on the extra list and given \$1.50 a day until they get a regular run. The matter of taking back the 178 men discharged for the good of the service is to be arbitrated. The wages to be paid shall be 23 cents an hour to go into effect at once and a half cent an hour increase is granted each year until the wages reach 25 cents an hour."

The first conference which led to this proposition was held in the office of United States Senator Penrose late this afternoon. Those who participated besides the Senator were State Senator J. P. McNichol, President Mahon, of the Car Men's Union, and President Kruger, of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. After the proposition was drawn up tonight, it was sent to the committee of ten which is conducting the general strike for approval. This committee was in session until 11 o'clock when an answer was sent to Senator Penrose's office. What the decision of the committee of ten was could not be learned before the second conference in Senator Penrose's office began. State Senator Clarence Wolf, vice president of the Rapid Transit Company, arrived late tonight from Atlantic City to take part in the conference. It is said his approval is needed before the peace plan (Continued on Page Eight.)

SENATOR JNO. W. DANIELS.



Daytona, Fla., March 19.—At 8:30 P. M. Senator Jno. W. Daniels' physicians issued the following signed statement:

"Once or twice during today Senator John W. Daniels showed a little more evidence than before of returning consciousness for a short while. He still remains in a state of coma, which is not profound, but is still marked. His condition otherwise is improved and satisfactory."

At 10 o'clock no change had been noted in the Senator's condition since the official bulletin was issued earlier in the night.

Shortly before midnight a nurse at the bedside of the Senator announced that his temperature was normal and his condition better, perhaps, than at 9 o'clock.

At 12:45 A. M. Sunday, Senator Daniel continues to improve and distinctly answers questions.

Dr. Waugh, the Daniel family physician, is preparing to leave for Lynchburg at 3 o'clock somewhat encouraged, but ready to return on a moment's notice.

Announced That "Prosecution" Will Conclude on Next Saturday.

THE TESTIMONY YESTERDAY

Pincho's Witness to Prove Ballinger Made Mis-statement—Guggenheim Witnesses to be Called to the Stand—Others Heard.

Washington, March 19.—The "prosecution" in the Ballinger-Pincho investigation will be concluded next Saturday, according to announcement made near the end of today's hearing by Attorney Brandeis, Director Frederick H. Newell, of the Reclamation Service, occupied the stand during the entire day. He was the last of the witnesses by which Gifford Pincho promised to prove his statement that Mr. Ballinger had made a misstatement when he said the Reclamation Service had recommended the restoration of public lands withdrawn under the administration of Secretary Garfield.

Mr. Newell's testimony was largely of a corroborative character. He denied he had ever recommended the restoration of any lands on his own account although he had done so when ordered by Secretary Ballinger. Mr. Newell discussed the so-called "Black Ten" and said he regretted that Secretary Ballinger had apparently sustained E. T. Perkins, Chicago purchasing agent, in what he considered a wrongful act in accepting \$50 a month from the Harriman railroad interests for advertising lands along their routes during his lecture tour.

Attorney Vertrees, counsel for Mr. Ballinger, cross-examined the witness closely regarding newspaper reports that there was to be a shake up in the reclamation service. He was apparently Mr. Vertrees' purpose to show the attitude of Mr. Newell by extracting from him an admission that he expected to be dismissed by Mr. Ballinger. Mr. Newell insisted repeatedly that he did not know what Mr. Ballinger thought of him.

Messrs. Burch and Steele, of the Guggenheim syndicate, will be called to the stand next Friday. Attorney Pepper announced today that his case was practically completed although he expected to call a number of witnesses in rebuttal.

G. H. CROCKER WINNER.
Finals in Pinehurst Golf Tournament Were Held Yesterday.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 19.—G. H. Crocker, of the Alpine Golf Club, of Fitchburg, Mass., won today's 36-hole final round in the annual club Championship Golf Tournament from Charlotte L. Becker, of the Woodland Golf Club, Abundant, Mass., four up and three to play.

Special interest centers in the annual united North and South championship scheduled for March 28th, through the entry of National Amateur Champion Robert A. Gardner, of Chicago, who is to come with his friend, Robert Hunter, another western crack, and a club mate of Mr. Gardner in the Middleton Golf Club. Some twenty other experts thus are early entered with every indication that the important entries have just begun to come in.

FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.
Newbern Making Elaborate Arrangements for Entertainment.

Newbern, N. C., March 19.—Last night in the city hall at Newbern, N. C., Mr. J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president of the North Carolina Firemen's Association met the committee from the Chamber of Commerce and from the Board of Aldermen and it was decided to hold the firemen's tournament and the celebration of Newbern's 200th anniversary on July 25th and 26th. Fifteen hundred dollars was set aside as prizes for the tournament. Reduced rates and special trains will be asked on all railroads and every effort made to make the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Newbern a great event in the history of Eastern North Carolina during the coming Summer.

NEWTON MILLS ARE SOLD.
Brought \$20,000 to Justify Mortgage.

Newton, N. C., March 19.—The Newton Hosiery Mills were sold under the hammer here today to satisfy a mortgage held by the Statesville Loan & Trust Company and was bid in by D. M. Ausley, representing that concern, for \$20,000. The new owners announced that they will immediately begin the operation of the plant, which has a capacity of 1,200 pairs of hose daily.

Winchester, Va., March 19.—Miss Harriet Taylor, an aged spinster, was burned to death here today in a fire which destroyed the home of Mrs. Naomi Barrett, at White Hall. Mrs. Barrett had a narrow escape from death.

Stylish Easter Oxford.
You young fellows, at Peterson & Ruifs.