

SPEAKER ADJOURNS HOUSE

WILLIAMS' DEMAND. Speaker Cannon Adjourns the House on Motion of Mr. Payne and Withdrawing the Demand of the Minority Leader. His Action is Being Severely Criticized by Mr. Williams and Other Democrats.

Washington, April 18.—A situation which has developed extreme tension both personal and political, has grown out of the last minutes of the session of the House to-day. Speaker Cannon's action in declaring the House adjourned on the motion of Mr. Payne, of New York, the majority leader, has been severely criticized by Mr. Williams, the minority leader, and by other members of the minority as "tyrannical."

Mr. Williams recounted briefly the incidents leading up to the adjournment, stating that when the motion was made by Mr. Payne, a right guaranteed to him by the rules of the House and by the constitution, the Speaker, he said, declared the motion carried and left his desk and walked toward the Speaker's chair. Mr. Williams said he understood the Speaker to say something to him, but that he had responded "This is beyond a joke."

Mr. Williams says that he turned away and proceeded to his committee room and the Speaker left the House and went to his room. Mr. Williams said Speaker Cannon and he always had been good friends, but that he felt the Speaker's action in declaring the House adjourned in the way he had declared it, was "arbitrary and an action as any Speaker of the House of Representatives ever had taken."

Late to-night Speaker Cannon in discussing the comments of Representative Williams and the situation as it developed at the close of the House proceedings to-day said: "For more than two weeks, under the leadership of Representative Williams, the minority have been engaged in a filibuster. The majority has the right and it is its duty to legislate. It has been proceeding to perform that duty and will not doubt continue to do so. The rules of the House prohibit dilatory motions that would be in order were they not made for dilatory purposes. In the past few weeks many dilatory motions have been declared out of order by the Speaker in the performance of his duty. To-day's session began with dilatory motions, under the leadership of Representative Williams. After a long session of seven hours, consideration of the diplomatic appropriation bill was completed in committee of the whole and reported with favorable recommendation to the House."

"Representative Williams demanded the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill. The minority supported him in this demand and the yeas and nays were ordered. The minority then substantially voted for the bill. Representative Payne at 6:30 moved that the House adjourn. The question was put and there was a decided majority voting aye on the motion to adjourn. Representative Williams did not cry out 'divisions' but in view of his continued dilatory tactics was a dilatory demand and the chair so treated it, declared the motion to adjourn carried and adjourned the House until 12 o'clock Sunday, which under a special order of the House had been set aside for memorial services."

"The constitution does not provide that on demand of one-fifth of the membership present the yeas and nays shall be spread upon the journal. Representative Williams did not demand the yeas and nays, nor did any other member of the House. He did not choose to exercise his right under the constitution the chair ignored his dilatory demand for a division and declared the House adjourned. The bare statements of the proceedings show that Representative Williams did not know to avail himself of his constitutional rights or did not choose to do so."

JOHNSON ADDRESSES STUDENTS. Master of Ceremonies at Bethany College Track Meet—Delivers Speech to Crowd in Hall in the Evening—The Constitution Not Good Enough.

Lindsborg, Kas., April 18.—Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, was the guest this afternoon and to-night of Bethany College. This afternoon he was master of ceremonies at the college track meet and to-night he delivered a speech to a large crowd assembled in the college auditorium. He was enthusiastically received.

"To-day," said he, "there are those who for the purpose of expediency favor a new Federalism in order that the country may take a more prominent place among the nations of the world. I say that the world will respect this nation. When we took Hawaii and the Philippines we were told that those people were not fit for self-government. That has been the cry for years and years because it is true but because those who are in power want more power."

"I do not speak of any officers or any particular person, but we have apparently come to a time when the constitution is not good enough. The immortal Washington, in referring to the constitution, said it could be changed from time to time if the people wished it, but I say that so long as it is not changed by the people, it should be observed as it stands."

North Carolina Will Be Delivered to Government 27th. Washington, April 18. Secretary McCall has directed the preliminary acceptance of the scout cruiser Chester, when that vessel is delivered to the government at Portsmouth, N. H., which is expected about April 24th. The armored cruiser North Carolina will be delivered to the government April 27th at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Robbers Still at Large. Chautauque, Kas., April 18.—With four possums pursuing them, the two men who yesterday robbed the State bank of Chautauque are still at large to-day. They are believed to be in the Ozark hills, across the line from here in Oklahoma. These hills afford splendid opportunities for hiding.

GASTONIA NEWS BUDGET.

City Council Recommends Placing of Fire Escapes—Convict Dies of Blood Poisoning—Ozark Mill Dies of Starvation—Dividend—Boy Bitten by Bulldog.

Gastonia, April 18.—At the meeting of the city council this week the fire committee recommended that fire escapes be placed on the side windows of the opera house, that the doors be swung outward and that the stairway leading to the entrance be strengthened. It also recommended that a fire escape be provided for the Johnson building on the third floor of which the fraternal lodges have their meeting place. Similar recommendations were made concerning the central grade school at Collinwood, O., and Boyertown, Pa., public attention has been directed toward the condition of the public buildings here, and the above steps are the result.

George Lawing, a white convict, died of blood poisoning at the county stockade a day or two ago. He had been on the gang only a short time, having been sent up for an assault on another white man.

While talk of a panic is still rife and while some industries are running on very short time, at least one Gastonia cotton mill is making a good showing. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ozark Mill here this week a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was ordered paid. While this is perhaps not as large as is usually paid by this mill, it is gratifying that it can pay a dividend of this size.

Revival services are in progress at Main Street Methodist church and at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. At the former the pastor, Rev. W. R. Ware, is conducting the meeting, while at the latter the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, is assisted by Rev. J. W. Simpson, of Concord church. Quite a good deal of interest is manifested in each.

Thursday afternoon Plato, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stone-wall J. Durham, of Bessemer City, was bitten twice on the arm by a vicious bulldog belonging to Mr. D. Morton. He was taken Thursday evening to the Pasteur Institute at Baltimore for treatment.

Judge W. Watson, of Newbern, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. T. L. Craig—Mrs. W. W. Moore, of Charlotte, spent a few days here this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander—Misses Marion and Lora Little, of Lenoir, arrived this week to visit Mrs. P. R. Falls—Mrs. M. H. Curry and Mrs. D. M. Jones. Wednesday evening Mrs. Falls entertained at her home on York street in their honor and invitations have been issued by Mrs. David Montgomery Jones for an at home commencing to-morrow Tuesday afternoon and evening—Miss Mary T. Rutledge of Arkport, N. Y., will arrive Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. Rutter.

HARMONY DOES NOT PREVAIL.

Franklin Republicans Have a Great Deal of Howling. But Taft and Chairman Adams Are Endorsed. Special to The Observer.

Louisburg, April 18.—The Republican county convention met here in the county house to-day. About twenty-five, with a dozen colored brothers, were present. Cedar Rock and Gold Mine townships were not represented. Dr. P. H. Hatch was chairman and E. T. Yarborough secretary. Resolutions were adopted as follows:

"The Republicans of Franklin county, State of North Carolina, in convention assembled on the 18th of April do resolve: 'First, That in President Roosevelt we recognize the Christian gentleman, the patriotic citizen and the wise statesman, and we endorse most heartily his administration of the great office of President.'

"Second, That we commend Postmaster General Meyer for his efforts to enlarge the usefulness of the postal system.

"Third, That we endorse as the Republican candidate for President, W. H. Taft and instruct our delegates to vote only for men to go to the Chicago convention who can be depended upon to vote for Mr. Taft until he is nominated.

"Fourth, That Hon. E. W. Timberlake, our former countyman, having been one of the first men in North Carolina to advocate the nomination of Mr. Taft and knowing him to be a man of the highest character, ability and wisdom, our delegates are hereby instructed to vote for him as a delegate to the Chicago convention and to use all honorable means to secure his election.

Delegates were chosen to State and congressional conventions after a deal of rowing. The meeting was by no means harmonious. Resolutions endorsing Adams as State chairman were, after a hot fight, adopted. Judge Timberlake and Postmaster Briggs of Raleigh, were here, though Mr. Briggs did not attend the convention.

HEAVY RAINS IN TEXAS. Lowlands Flooded Causing Heavy Losses to Farmers—Fort Worth Railroads Suffer \$250,000 Damage. Fort Worth, Tex., April 18.—Throughout north Texas the heaviest rains in many years are reported causing tremendous loss to farmers and stock growers, flooding lowlands and rendering country roads impassable, hundreds of bridges having been washed away.

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TAFT ENDORSES BILL.

Providing For Inland Waterway Commission and For the Improvement and Development of a Route—Suggests a Number of Amendments to Perfect the Measure—Expresses No Opinion as to Money Limit.

Washington, April 18.—Secretary Taft has endorsed enthusiastically the bill introduced by Senator Newlands providing for the appointment of an inland waterway commission and for the improvement and development of a great scheme of inland water routes throughout the country. The approval from the War Department was received to-day by Senator Frye, chairman of the committee on commerce. A number of amendments were suggested to perfect the measure.

Provisions of the bill deemed of special merit by Secretary Taft were pointed out by him. Among these is the provision for co-ordination between navigation and other uses of the waters in connection with their improvement for the promotion of commerce among States. This is recognized by the War Department "as wise and necessary."

The co-operation with States, municipalities, communities, corporations and individuals, provided by the bill, is particularly commendable for the "initiation of projects by a board of experts," meets with the approval of the War Department, regardless of the fact that it trespasses upon some of the functions of that department which are prescribed by existing law.

The creation of an inland waterways commission for the purpose of initiating plans for the improvement of waterways seems to me a more effective way of a general plan of the improvement of all the waterways of the country than under the present provisions of law. This would not dispense with the machinery furnished by the War Department for the improvement of the waterways when the plan has been determined upon and is to be executed. It supplies what does not exist in the law now, a tribunal other than Congress charged with the duty of originating and developing a satisfactory plan.

No opinion is expressed by Secretary Taft as to how far the great power put upon the proposed commission in the matter of the expenditure of money should be limited. The bill makes an appropriation of \$50,000,000 to carry on the work and provides for the issuance of bonds when this amount should fall below \$20,000,000.

"HAPPYLAND" SIMPLY GREAT. De Wolf Hopper and His Company Delight an Asheville Audience.—The Comedian at His Best and His Support Not to Be Improved Upon. By Bell Telephone to The Observer.

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