

MINORITY PARTY DRIFTING DISCORD IN DEMOCRATIC RANKS.

Action of the Bolters in Failing to Stand to the Side When the Matter of the House Rules Put Them to the Test Has Had a Serious Effect. It is Said—Begins to Look as if Champ Clark Would Make the Same Mistake as Did His Predecessor—Party Has Made One Blunder After Another—Serious Charges Made Against the Bolters—Something of the Notorious Party Caucus—Hon. Kope Elias and His Experiences.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

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There is discord and confusion in the Democratic ranks here. The minority party has taken one more step toward disintegration. Disorganized, purposeless and haphazard it drifts striking rock after rock. With recent odd members of the House in open revolt and scores of others dissatisfied and disgusted, the Democrats as represented in the popular branch of Congress is in a bad way. For two or more years the Democrats of the House have followed William Jennings Bryan and John Sharp Williams, the one for his dreams and the other for his charming personality, his courage, his daring, his eloquence, and his splendid fighting ability. He was regarded as a fact that not within a decade have the minority members of the House held a caucus for a full and free discussion of any subject. Although Williams was a leader of the "Cleveland" party, his leadership and cleverness he was dominated by the "Cleveland" Congressmen like G. H. James, of Kentucky, and Henry Clayton, of Alabama, who, when he led down, are known to be nothing more than blow-hards, and it begins to look as if Champ Clark would make the same mistakes of his predecessor.

BLUNDER AFTER BLUNDER.

One blunder after another has been made in connection with the recent Democratic bid. In the first place it was contended by wise partisans that the Democratic caucus should not be put off until Monday, the day of the extra session adjourned, but be held the Saturday prior thereto. Messrs. Page and Webb, of North Carolina, and Hay, Flood and Saunders, of Virginia, were among those who argued and signed for Saturday. All agreed that the caucus was put off too long. But, the representatives of the dear people, with their 18,000 a year business of a spreading nature of home, and did not have time for a trifling party caucus. As a result they returned here to find that the caucus was gone and proceeded to lock the door and cry "blunder."

If what is said of the caucus—the tardy caucus—is true no Afro-American pro-unionist heart is for noise, tumult and disorder. It was presided over by the Hon. Henry Clayton, of Alabama, who acted as temporary chairman of the Denver convention. Scattered, angry and helpless, the majority of the minority of the House stand, abusing their former allies and praying for help. Champ Clark is bold, brave and aggressive, but he is unable to compel good team work. The general impression is that he has picked weak lieutenants. With all of his excellent qualities Mr. Clark has proven himself a poor general in the first skirmish of the great battle that is to follow. Those who followed him to humiliating defeat last Monday, when victory was in sight, are charged. There is trouble ahead. Many who were loyal to the organization in the caucus are now the more not willing to keep up the fight. Four of the seven North Carolina Democrats are absent. With all of the other three do not like to be dictated to by such men as James and Clayton. The ablest men of the Georgia delegation hold out.

SERIOUS CHARGES MADE.

It is charged that Fitzgerald, of New York, and those who followed him sold out. This may be true of Fitz McCarran's man, but it has no bearing on the present situation. The charges are against him. It is said that he will be rewarded with a \$1,500 a year judgeship in his State. The Ladies Aid Man has already put him on the committee on rules. But what about the Southerners, especially the Georgians? What of Howard, Brantley and Griggs? Those are among the big men of the House. Howard is frequently referred to as the "strong promising man" there. In the notorious caucus where no one could hear what was going on, he asked the question that elicited the answer that gave the bolters the loop-hole through which they made their exit. There is some doubt about the wording of the question, which was put to Leader Clark, just after his proposed rules were read, amidst considerable confusion, but Mr. Howard told me this is what he said: "I asked Mr. Clark whether he would consider it a breach of the obligation to the caucus to vote for amendments to the rules proposed by a Democrat, in good faith, which tended to reform and liberate the rules such amendments as would be desired to have made by the rules if a parliamentary opportunity occurred, although such amendments were not included in the resolution which Mr. Clark's majority adopted."

BOLTERS' LOOKOUT.

On this point much has been said. The bolters claim that they had a right to do what they did. The answer of Mr. Clark they allege, going it to them. Not-headed Congressmen declare that Mr. Howard's question was just for the bolters' purpose of trapping their leader. Mr. Fitzgerald said "Two years ago the Democratic caucus considered a resolution to have a party members selected for committees by a committee instead of by Mr. Williams, the then leader. It only received seven votes, yet Mr. Clark attempted in advance of the caucus to commit the party to this plan of selection in the House itself. More than a week before the great meeting had a long conference with him and stated that my objections to the plan. I had published a statement in the Washington newspapers outlining my views as to the reforms needed in the caucus. I stated in the caucus that I would endeavor to have these changes made if the opportunity came and I said if my position was inconsistent with what the caucus was about to do, I would withdraw. In reply to a question by Mr. Howard, of Georgia, Mr. Clark

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CLARK CLAYTON JAMES AND OTHERS.

Clark Clayton James and other House Speaker James in connection with the speaking committee was named by one person. Under the circumstances here, significant remarks are heard. If Mr. Clark and his steering committee make a mistake for the first time in his life, the Democratic caucus and fight will win. Sereno Payne, John Dail and Jim Tenney, the old time chuckle and laugh.

HON. KOPE ELIAS EXPERIENCE.

The Hon. Kope Elias, of Bryson City, was here Friday on his return from New York City, where he attended the commemorative services in honor of the South and the great thing of the kind ever held on the American continent. Mr. Elias was the only one from the South and Mr. Cleveland's friends who attended when he was in New York City, a long distance to go in going this tribute to the memory of that great statesman and patriot.

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THE WEATHER.

Washington, March 21. Forecast: Wind, North Carolina and South Carolina, fair Monday, preceded by rain near the coast; Tuesday fair with rising temperature, brisk north winds. Georgia, fair Monday and Tuesday; brisk north winds. East Florida, fair Monday and Tuesday, moderate west winds. West Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and east Texas, fair Monday and Tuesday, light variable winds. West Virginia, fair Monday and Tuesday with rising temperature.

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