

THEY HAVE LOST OPPORTUNITY

Democrats, Say Political Analysts, Made Mistake in Giving Aid to the Insurgents.

LOSES CANNONISM AS AN ISSUE IN CAMPAIGN

The Insurgents Are Still Irritated Over the Speech Delivered Saturday Night by Speaker Cannon.

Washington, March 22.—All shades of party politics are engaged in informal, individual conference over the situation in the house today. On the house floor, in cloakrooms and in some committee rooms, there was discussion of the insurgent position. There was considerable speculation over the probable personnel of the rules committee under the Norris resolution. There were various slates. A prominent western republican forecasted that the following republican members of the committee would be chosen: Dalzell and Smith, present members of the committee; Fassett, Denby, McKinley and Gardner.

No Telling What May Happen. New York, March 22.—As a result of a counterbalancing of the declarations of the members of both sides in the house, a statement can be made, with a considerable degree of authority, that an open war is not likely within the ten days set as the limit for the selection of the committee of ten members by the house to succeed the present rules committee of five. After that, there is no telling what may happen. The members of both factions are angry, and should this spirit of enmity not decrease, it is regarded



J. Stuart Fassett, Photo by Talk.

as probable that the slightest evidence of hostility displayed by either side will provoke an opposition that may develop into another series of contests, as dramatic as those which crowded the sessions of the house from mid-afternoon on Thursday until the close of Saturday's balloting.

It is evident that the democrats are eliminating as a factor in the cause of the hostile line of cleavage between the two wings of the republicans. They are regarded by the members of both organization and insurgents as having "played the game." Not even the most ardent advocate of Speaker Cannon can be found to express any criticism of their support of the resolution which took from Mr. Cannon all the direct power he possesses as a member of the now retiring committee on rules.

Wisdom of Action Questioned. The wisdom of their action in giving an undivided support to the resolution was questioned yesterday by some of the regulars of the practical school of politics. They insisted that the



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minority had destroyed its opportunity of using the "Cannonism bugaboo" as an issue in the coming congressional campaign by taking from the speaker the authority which has been the subject of so much criticism in the news.

FEARFUL WRECK IT HAS PROVED

List of the Known Dead as Result of Wreck in Iowa, Forty-Four.

FOUR MORE BODIES IDENTIFIED LAST NIGHT

Those Who Have Visited Scene Say There Was Hardly a Body But What Had Both Legs and Arms Broken.

Marshalltown, Ia., March 22.—Two more victims of yesterday's wreck on the Rock Island railroad died during the night, bringing the list of known dead to 44 and making the wreck one of the worst in the history of the state. Four more bodies were identified during the night, making the identified dead 37. Seven are still unidentified. The crushed and bruise condition of the bodies made identification almost impossible in some cases. There was hardly a body but what had both legs and arms broken. Debris from the wreck was not cleared during the night, and trains this morning were running over temporary tracks.

Running at a cut thirty miles an hour by a cut north of Green Mountain the head locomotive struck a spread rail, it is believed, and jumped the track into an embankment of soft clay. A second locomotive just behind the first rolled over and the sudden stop crushed the trailer cars together. A coach, a smoking car and a Pullman car were almost smashed to splinters, almost all the occupants being killed or injured. The superstructure of the Pullman was shaved off and jammed like a ramrod through the smoking car and day coach.

Many passengers were apparently killed outright but the suffering among the injured was terrible. Arms and legs were cut off. The wreckage was almost crimson with blood, some of the bodies being crushed beyond recognition by the mass of twisted rails and splintered cars. A few of the passengers were found still living with a rod or a splinter impaling them in the wreck.

Bodies Are Found. Decapitated bodies were found and it was almost impossible to assort the dismembered parts. The wreck occurred at a point which was difficult to reach with prompt relief. Such bodies as could be pulled out were stretched out in an adjoining pasture. The cries of the wounded coming from beneath the cars and from places which were walled in, hurried the efforts of the rescuers. The wreckage did not take fire. The injured were rushed to a hospital as soon as possible, several of them dying on the way. Two of the bodies were not taken out until night so difficult was it to remove wreckage from the narrow cut.

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL REPORTED IN HOUSE

Carries \$129,037,602, and is About \$2,000,000 Less Than Department Estimates for the Year.

Washington, March 22.—The naval appropriations bill, carrying \$129,037,602 was reported to the house today by the naval committee. This amount is about two million dollars less than the department's estimates. The bill provides for a naval increase of two first class battleships, one repair ship, two fleet colliders and five submarines.

Among the increases for dry docks, the bill provides \$550,000 for No. 3 dock at Norfolk, Va. The committee report recommends enlargement of the great battleships now being built. It is proposed to lengthen the dry docks to 290 feet, widen them to 100 feet and deepen them to 35 feet.

CHICAGO COMMISSIONERS DECIDE AGAINST "DRYS"

And It Is Said There is Slight Chance of Local Option Being Voted on April 5.

Chicago, March 22.—Owing to the decision of the Chicago election commissioners board today adverse to the "drys" there is said to be but slight chance that Chicago will vote on local option April 5. The "drys" contemplate bringing a mandamus action to compel placing the local option on the ballot.

"Old Masters" Made to Order; "Rubbed Down" to Any Period



Former Employes of Art Shop Tell Some of the Marvels Wrought Therein.

New York, March 19.—Wyants, perfectly aged; early Homer Martins, with the perfect gray tone; Blake-locks, fresh dully and rubbed down to any period with rottenstone; fine copies substituted for originals; excellent imitations of canvases in private galleries supplied for auctions. These are a few of the magical works accomplished in William Clausen's picture shop, according to men who once worked therein. Six of these persons went into the Supreme court, where William T. Evans, an art collector, is suing the dealer for \$5350, the purchase price of two Homer Martins and Innesses, now alleged to be spurious, and related under oath an amazing story of the painting mart.

They told it so blithely and so naturally that the attending artists, connoisseurs and collectors gasped. A messenger recounted how canvases went from Clausen to Dawson blank and came from Dawson to Clausen as Homer Martins, Innesses and Wyants long after the distinguished artists had been gathered to their fathers. "Here comes another live one!" used to chirp Charles, the glider, and Alfred, the mat maker, according to the testimony, as they saw a canvas oozing with fresh paint spirited into the store bearing the signature of the dead.

First of all came Otto Karch, who had worked his way up in the employ of Mr. Clausen from an errand boy to be the superintendent of what he seemed to consider the Martin-Inness-Wyants works. He declared that a Wyant which had been taken to the Clausen establishment to be cleaned for Richard V. Leggett was delivered into the hands of Arthur Dawson, restorer of other men's canvases, and that through the machinery of business, Mr. Leggett got a fresh new copy of his Wyant and the fate of the original he knows not. What purported to be the copy was exhibited in court, and a fair picture it was to see, although now getting a little dark, as paintings might which are done in haste and constructed of materials none too select.

John Collins, John S. Pastorini and Francis J. Potter, all former employes of the art dealer, gave similar testimony. Artists Testify for Clausen. F. Hopkinson Smith, painter of water colors and oils, author, lecturer, critic, and civil engineer, testified that he is 72 years old; that he had painted in oils for 15 years, and that four of his pictures had been hung in the Paris salon. He was very positive in his testimony, and pronounced the pictures involved in the Evans suit unquestionably genuine.

"There is no man living," pronounced Mr. Smith, "who could force a Homer Martin so as to receive a painter—a dealer, a collector, a connoisseur, yes; but not a painter. "The way the color here is shoved ahead of the brush," he continued, taking the painting "Normandie Bridge" in hand, "is characteristic of Homer Martin. Again, in this picture he has let the paint dry 10 or 20 hours in places and gone over it again, dragging the brush along the surface. No man living could imitate that." Mr. Smith said he had known Martin intimately, and that he had seen him paint the very picture in question from a sketch.

Edward Gay, an artist, and lifelong friend of Homer D. Martin, testified that the work "Near Newport," sold by Clausen to Evans, was a genuine Martin's work. "It gave a description of some of Martin's characteristics," "Martin had what might be called a clumsy way of painting," said Gay, "but his work was always impressive. "In 'Near Newport' the rocks are real; there is no defect in the perspective; the planes move right along and all the parts hang together very well."

The painting "Normandie Bridge," which Mr. Evans says is a forgery, was brought into court and shown to the witness. In response to questions he declared that in his opinion it was a genuine Homer Martin.

Philadelphia, March 22.—All negotiations are off between the strikers and the Transit company. None of the many peace plans devised have been found satisfactory to both sides. The committee of nine having charge of the proposed statewide strike meets at Wilkesbarre today to consider the advisability of calling a strike immediately. Dynamites Held to Bail. Thirty-five striking motemen and conductors arrested last night following the dynamiting of a car in Kensington, were today held in \$1000 bail each on charges of conspiracy to destroy property of the Transit company.

WOMEN IN A DUEL; BOTH THROATS CUT

They Fought Over a Man and He, with Drawn Pistol, Compelled Crowd to Keep Hands off and Let Them Fight It Out—One Dead; Other Is Likely to Die.

Nashville, March 22.—News received here today of a duel between two women at Kingston, Tenn., Sunday night, just after church services. Rosa Cowan and Nellie Taylor quarreled over the affections of a man, and both drew knives. While others attempted to prevent the women from fighting, it is said the man about whom the difficulty arose interfered and with revolver ordered that the women be allowed to fight it out. The duel continued until the throats of both women were cut and Rosa Cowan lay dead. The Taylor woman is not expected to live.

HE STILL HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE

The Condition of Senator Daniel, According to His Physicians, is Satisfactory Today.

Daytona, Fla., March 22.—United States Senator John Warwick Daniel still has a fighting chance for his life, according to a statement issued this morning. During the night he was more restless than yesterday, and was easily aroused. A slight involuntary movement of the paralytic was noted today, and although the pulse was slightly more rapid the doctors assert that general conditions were satisfactory.

THE ROOSEVELTS VISIT RUINS OF ANCIENT CITIES

Luxor, Egypt, March 22.—The greater portion of today was reserved by the Roosevelts for the most delightful excursions of the week, that which took them to the plains where they inspected the majestic ruins of ancient cities.

None of the Peace Plans Was Found Satisfactory

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Two English Girls Were Mobbed at Bogota Monday

Bogota, Columbia, March 22.—The anti-American sentiment continues to find expression in rioting. Two English girls, mistaken for Americans, were mobbed and beaten yesterday. Subsequently President Gomez Valencia made an official call upon the American minister, Northcott.

BEING GUARDED BY DETECTIVES

Officers Keeping Close Watch on Man Who Stirred Pittsburgh With His Confession.

FEEDING THEMSELVES OUT OF GRAFT FUND

That is the Charge Against Officials and More Disclosures Calculated to Startle Are Expected.

Pittsburg, March 22.—Nine former members of the city council of Pittsburg before noon today confessed to the district attorney to acceptance of bribes paid them for their votes in the street vacation and bank ordinances.

Pittsburg, March 22.—Investigation of graft among city councilmen is expected to bring forth other startling disclosures. It is generally believed that "Captain" Johnny Klein's confession has not all been told and its complete telling will still further rip apart city politics and politicians. "Captain" Klein, who started the municipal uproar, is being guarded by detectives. Officials, it is charged, have been feeding themselves bountifully out of the \$100,000 graft fund during the past two years.

Yesterday's Probing. Forty present and former members of select and common council under indictment on a charge of bribery and ten more with suspended sentences and held in \$500 bonds in upon their own confession of sharing in a pool of \$102,000 to influence the votes of the municipal bodies, is the result of yesterday's probe of the grand jury following the sensational confession of Captain John P. Klein, former member of council, who, as the chief disbursing officer of the fund, characterized himself as "chancellor of the exchequer."

All day long Judge R. S. Frazer sat as a committing magistrate in the criminal court room and his desk became a "throne of grace" to the many councilmen under suspicion, who swarmed before the judge to be "washed of their sins." On one floor of the court building the grand jury would hear the conscience stricken councilmen, who then would go before Judge Frazer and take the immensity bath, offered last week by the district attorney. Arrangement of the court for the day at 5 o'clock, ten had confessed to accepting as a bribe was not over \$100. One man got \$500, another \$200, while others got but \$81.10. As fast as present councilmen appeared, after they had relieved their conscience, they were ordered immediately to resign from the city government and in every instance the letter of resignation was written in the district attorney's office and mailed to Mayor W. A. Magee before the guilty ones left the building.

The greatest surprise of the day came late in the afternoon when Mr. W. H. Weber, member of select council, appeared before Judge Frazer and made a confession almost as startling as that of Klein. Dr. Weber told of receiving \$10,000 in a shoe "ox. Six thousand of this, he said, he gave to Klein for members of common council, while he kept \$4,000 to "fix" members of the upper branch. Later, according to Weber, it was found that the additional councilmen's share was but \$81.10.

The men indicted are from various professions. Some are professional politicians, one a private detective, saloon keeper, physicians, marketmen, tailors and real estate men are recorded in the list. One man, C. C. Schadt, who is a market man, is also a member of the legislature from Allegheny county.

While before the grand jury Dr. Weber was unable to remember all the men to whom he had paid money, but he checked them up, by having the list of councilmen read to him from a city manual. The ways in which the money was delivered to them were many as described by the confessing councilmen. Some had it thrust into their hands while standing in public places, some received it in the mail, while others had envelopes adroitly slipped into their pockets while they admired adjacent buildings.

District Attorney William A. Blakeley extended the time limit by twenty-four hours within which time others may come within his immunity proposition. After that time warrants will be issued for all who have failed to appear and these will be vigorously prosecuted.

Contract for Bridge at Hot Springs. Special to The Gazette-News. Hot Springs, March 22.—The town council has given a contract for the construction of a steel bridge over Spring creek, near the depot. The contract was awarded to the Nashville Bridge company. The bridge is to be completed by June 4. The cost will be \$3400.

MR. PEARSON WOULD ACCEPT

Two-Thirds of Swain's Delegates Being Instructed for Him, Mr. Pearson Is Asked Two Questions.

"WAS HE A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS?" "NO."

Has Done Nothing, Said Nothing to Give His Friends Reason to Suppose That He Cared for Their Support.

With the near approach of the republican convention of this, the Tenth, congressional district, conjecture is revived over the probable action of that body. What attitude, for example, will the convention assume toward the administration, when it comes to the matter of the adoption of formal resolutions and, after all is said, will Mr. Grant find the field clear in the matter of a renomination?

Indications multiply that he will not. For example, there is the action of the republicans of Swain county, who in county convention assembled instructed their delegates two-thirds for Mr. Pearson and one-third for Mr. Grant, a ratio that the present congressman would inevitably find embarrassing should such action be taken by any considerable number of counties.

With this news from Swain county in mind a representative of this paper today asked Mr. Pearson if he was a candidate for the nomination. Mr. Pearson, who has devoted his time almost wholly to bucolic pursuits since his return, replied that he was not; that he had not by word or act given his friends reason to suppose that he cared for such support. The action of the Swain republicans had come to him in the nature of a surprise.

But hold. Mr. Pearson was then asked if he would accept the nomination should it be tendered him. The reply to this question was, in effect, that if the nomination should come to him, representing the pronounced judgment of the party as expressed by the accredited delegates, he could hardly do other than respond to such a call to duty. This, political analysts will probably say, definitely places Mr. Pearson in the hands of his friends, but at this point one again enters the field of conjecture, and the reader will, of course, draw his own conclusions from the frank answers given by Mr. Pearson to a couple of simple questions.

PASTOR MAKES CHARGE AGAINST SIX OTHERS

Rev. R. V. C. Freeman Says Ministerial Brothers Labeled Him—Warrants Are Issued.

Butler, Pa., March 22.—Warrants were issued today, upon information made by R. V. Claudius Freeman, pastor of the Lutheran church, for the arrest of six local ministers of several denominations, charging them with criminal libel.

The defendants are members of a ministerial association, and it is alleged, it passed a resolution in February charging that "a candidate for school director shipped to Mars, Pa., the day before election a barrel of beer for the purpose of influencing votes." Freeman says he was the candidate referred to.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE IS WON BY HOTCHKISS

Ten Miles in 9:27, Daytona Track—Oldfield Wins Stock Chassis, 20 Miles, in 18:60-100.

Daytona, Fla., March 22.—The three days' automobile speed carnival at Daytona Beach opened today with the southern championship race. Barney Oldfield, Walter Christie, George Robertson, David Bruce Brown, Ben Kerscher and 15 other drivers with fast colored entries entered the different races. Hotchkiss, in a Pope-Hartford, won the first event for the southern championship, ten miles; time, 9:27. Bond (Stearns) was second. Other starters were: Hillbrand (Mitchell) and Davis (Chalmers-Detroit). Oldfield, driving a Knox won the second event, 20 miles free-for-all stock chassis race; time, 18:60-190.