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Champ Clark's Letter

Defeat of the Iowa Idea by the Stand Patters—The Boss of Massachusetts Criticised. Republican Split In Wisconsin

[Special Washington Letter.]

IT is not unusual for a man to attend his own funeral, but as a rule he is dead when he performs that sad function. Governor A. B. Cummins of Iowa has been elected to attend his own funeral while still alive—in the flesh. He is to be one of Iowa's big four to Chicago, his mates being Senators Allison and Dolliver and Hon. J. W. Blythe. They elected Cummins after splitting upon his platform and put him on a delegation which, according to press reports, is made up of "twenty stand patters and only six liberals." At least that is what the Globe-Democrat of St. Louis calls them, and the G.-D. ought to know. The G.-D. neglects to state to which class Senators Allison and Dolliver belong. The G.-D. begins its account of the proceedings of that convention with this sentence:

Standing before a Republican stand pat convention which swept everything before it, Governor Cummins, the leader of the revisionist forces in Iowa, accepted his defeat in a graceful manner. Turning from his radical speeches of Canadian reciprocity and tariff revision, he said he was willing to stand on any platform the Republicans of the state should select.

Willing to stand on any platform, eh? That is a complete backdown for the valiant Hawkeye reformer and in all probability is the end of him politically.

This strange tale has gradually leaked out: President Roosevelt and Secretary Shaw, together with Senators Allison and Dolliver, got together in the White House and formulated a platform for the Iowa Republicans which, while claiming all the blessings we now enjoy for the high tariff, provided for a reasonable tariff reduction and reciprocity, and in the story it is added that this platform was intended to be the model for the Chicago platform. But, lo and behold, when that document was exhibited at Des Moines—the Hon. George D. Perkins, ex-congressman and prospective governor, presented it in the committee on resolutions—it was jumped on with both feet by the stand patters. Horrible to relate, only two members stood with Brother Perkins for the Roosevelt-Shaw-Allison-Dolliver pronunciamento. The platform as adopted makes no suggestion whatever as to tariff reduction and does not even mention reciprocity. It is a whole hog stand pat creation and is a direct slap in the face at Messrs. Roosevelt, Allison, Dolliver and Shaw.

The makers of that stand pat platform paid no particular attention to stating the truth. For instance, in their eagerness to represent the high tariff as the fount of every blessing they make a statement which every intelligent man in America knows is untrue. They say that the protective duties "have furnished the revenue with which to pay the expenses of a foreign war," which is not true. They knew that a large part of that revenue was raised by internal revenue taxes and by the sale of bonds, and they would have lost nothing—indeed would have gained—in the estimation of the country by telling the truth.

What Messrs. Roosevelt, Shaw, Allison and Dolliver think of the proceedings is known perhaps to themselves only. Their candid opinion would make what Horace Greeley would denominate "mighty interesting reading."

Senator Lodge Criticised.

The country will be dumfounded to learn that any boy in Boston has the temerity to criticise United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. I write his name in full because to call him Senator H. C. Lodge or Senator Henry C. Lodge would be to shear him of half his strength and half his glory. He is the boss of Massachusetts and has run things with a high hand for, lo, these many years. Of course the word boss would jar upon his sensitive nerves, and he perhaps has some more euphonious term for it, mayhap in Greek or Latin, but nevertheless he is a boss, more aesthetic, but just as merciless, as Murphy of Tammany, Quay of Pennsylvania or any of the rest of that tribe. The signs are that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, boss of the old Bay State, as aforesaid, topples to his fall. The Bostonese business men are kicking vigorously against his domination. They seem to think that his methods are outrageous. The board of trade, acting for 30,000 business men, protest against a continuation of his rule. Should they vote with the Democrats, as will the reciprocity Republicans led by Foss, the Republican machine in Massachusetts may be overthrown.

The following dispatch from Boston shows the situation:

The mass meeting in Faneuil hall called by President Henry M. Whitney of the Boston chamber of commerce in response to a petition signed by over 30,000 business men of Massachusetts, to further the cause of reciprocity with Canada and Newfoundland, was largely attended.

A set of resolutions embodying the purposes of the meeting and providing for the appointment by the president of the chamber of commerce of a committee of 100 which should lead the fight for reciprocity had been read, when former Representative C. A. Underhill jumped to his feet and said:

"I would like to offer an amendment to combat the one power behind the throne in Massachusetts. I move that our state senators, the men who elect our junior senator to Washington, be added to that committee. Our junior senator says he believes in reciprocity, but adds 'wait.' When the subject of reciprocity came up in the Massachusetts legislature one after another of the men assembled there came to me and said, 'I believe in this, but the word has come from our junior senator at Washington that it must not be, and I am bound to think of my political future.' And it was not."

Amid an uproar the amendment was seconded and accepted, and the resolutions were then carried.

Split Wide Open.

Republican Harmony—always spelled with a big, big H—finds its latest illustration in Wisconsin, where the La Follette Republicans have nominated one complete ticket and the anti-La Follette faction another complete ticket. Each faction had about the same number of delegates, and each charges the other with bolting. The bitterness is unspeakable. Senators Spooner and Quarles, together with General Minor and that queer tariff reformer (?), Representative Babcock, lined up with the anti-La Follette crowd, and things are red hot in Wisconsin, about half the Republicans in the state fighting the other half tooth and nail. Both factions claim to be regular, and both are talking of appealing to the courts. It looks as if the Democrats ought to sweep the state as Old Man Harper used to declare he ran his horses—"from eend to eend." In addressing the anti-La Follette faction, with whom he unreservedly cast his fortunes, United States Senator John C. Spooner incidentally declared that he had no political ambition. A great many men talk that way in a Pickwickian sense, but I believe that Senator Spooner speaks the truth. I have heard him explain his theory of life repeatedly in private, and it always involved quitting politics and returning to the practice of the law.

A Voice From the South.

Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson of Boston, Mr. Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, Judge Crumpacker of Indiana and other patriots who lie awake of nights inducing insomnia by pestering their heads devising ways and means to break up lynching in the south would do well to carefully read the inaugural address of Governor Newton C. Blanchard of Louisiana. He certainly is representative of the public opinion of his state, having served her in both branches of congress and upon the supreme bench. Inter alia he says:

Mob law in contravention and defiance of law will not be tolerated. Lynchings will not be permitted under any circumstances. Sheriffs will be held to the strictest accountability possible under the law for the safety from mob violence of persons in their custody.

Of course his remarks are not so spectacular as the speeches and magazine articles of the patriots aforesaid, but they are more practical. They are not so well calculated to appeal to passion, but they contain more sense. They are not intended for campaign purposes, but they mean business. They are not general and glittering statements, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing, but they propose a programme. Holding sheriffs to strict accountability for the safety from mob violence of persons in their hands will do more to prevent lynching than all the lachrymose orations that could be delivered in a century.

While they are at it the patriots might also read with profit these words from Governor Blanchard touching the negro question:

The negro is here. He is a man and a citizen. He is useful and valuable in his sphere. Within that sphere he must be guaranteed the equal protection of the law, and his education along proper lines is a duty and a necessity. He must be protected in his right to live peaceably and quietly, in his right to labor and enjoy the fruits of his labor. He must be encouraged to industry and taught the habits of thrift.

No approach toward social equality or social recognition will ever be tolerated in Louisiana. Separate schools, separate churches, separate cars, separate places of entertainment, will be enforced. We brook no interference from without.

The Old Age Limit.

There seems to be a growing disposition to fix an old age limit on everybody except statesmen. Officers of the navy are retired by law at sixty-two and those of the army at sixty-four. Mr. Chairman Gillett of the civil service committee of the house proposes that government employees shall be retired at seventy. Now comes the Methodist conference at Los Angeles, Cal., and retires a batch of bishops because old age has injured, if not destroyed, their usefulness. By common consent there is a sort of old age limit on the first term for a president, which is about sixty-six. Only one man above that age was ever elected president for a first term—General William Henry Harrison at sixty-eight—and he served only one month, which has been a great discouragement, if not a bar, to the nomination of old men ever since. But suppose the people should take a notion to establish an old age limit for representatives and senators in congress? It wouldn't make so much difference with representatives, but would play everlasting smash with the conscript fathers. Perhaps a third of them are above even Gillett's proposed limit—seventy—for government employees and half above the retirement age for naval officers—sixty-two.

Illinois Too.

Republican harmony of the Kilkenny cat variety is on tap in Illinois. After more than a week of fruitless balloting in the most stubborn deadlock recorded in the annals of Sucker politics, the Republican convention took a recess to May 31, without naming a candidate for governor and consequently without naming any body for any other office. Hon. R. R. Hitt seems to be the only Illinois statesman up to date who made anything out of the convention. He was indorsed and instructed for for the vice presidential nomination. That the bitter contest has left bleeding sores which will not heal before the election goes without saying—a fact that will put new heart into the Democrats of Illinois and help them carry the state. Taken all in all Democratic prospects have brightened very much in the last fortnight and consequently Republican leaders are much chapfallen.

Hon. George Gray, once a United States senator from Delaware, one of the makers of the Paris treaty, now a circuit judge of the United States, has been selected to succeed the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna as president of the National Civic federation, a position where he can be of great use to the country by the exercise of his great capacity. Judge Gray is a very able man, of commanding personal appearance. He looks the statesman and jurist. If he lived in a large state, his chances for being president would be good. He may reach that high place despite the smallness of Delaware. He is a prime favorite with all who know him.

The Democrats of the District of Columbia, having only one political privilege, that of selecting six delegates to the national convention, seem determined to make the most of that. For weeks they kept themselves in a stew and Washington in an uproar. Finally they held a convention and split into two factions, whereupon the defeated faction promptly bolted. This is a strange world, my masters.

Old Virginia Democrats are incubating a boom for United States Senator John Warwick Daniel for the vice presidential nomination. A better selection could not be made. He is a man of splendid ability and highest character. He is the prince of southern orators of the old school. He is a great lawyer and has written one of the best law books known to the profession, which is an authority everywhere. In his youth he was a gallant soldier of the confederacy, and his crutch is a perpetual reminder of his valor. His friends love to call him "the Lame Lion of Lynchburg." He served one term in the house of representatives and has been elected for his third term in the senate. He has a magnificent head and face. A stranger gazing upon that Romanesque countenance would know without being told that he was in the presence of a man of brains, courage and perfect integrity. The Virginians do well to love and honor John Warwick Daniel, and the national Democracy will do well to nominate him for vice president.

Peace reigns in Warsaw. Harmony prevails in Ohio. The lion and the lamb lie down together—the lamb inside the lion, as usual. The Buckeye big four are Herrick, Dick, Cox and Foraker. The last is the lamb. He is permitted by the three others to go because President Roosevelt desires him to go. How have the mighty fallen! A man who aspired to the presidency goes on sufferance as a delegate at large in company with George B. Cox!

The newspapers are commenting with astonishment on the fact that Hon. Henry W. Palmer, Republican representative in congress from Luzerne county, Pa., has announced that he will not buy the nomination this year. Why the astonishment? Is it usual for Republican congressmen from Pennsylvania to purchase nominations?

Democrats are leading a forlorn hope this year, are they? How, then, does it happen that so astute a statesman and political leader as Senator Aldrich is uneasy about Rhode Island? And if he isn't uneasy about little Rhody how comes it that he is busy importing into the state at this early date the big guns of the party, such as Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw and Senator J. P. Dolliver? If Rhode Island is fighting ground, what about the rest of the country?

Hon. Edward C. Wall of Milwaukee, Wis., has advanced his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination far enough to have his pictures appear in the metropolitan papers. He is in condition to "report progress" in the matter. He is a modest, capable, reputable Democrat. In the case of a deadlock he might walk away with the great prize.

On dit that President Roosevelt has chosen Hon. George Bruce Cortelyou, now secretary of commerce and labor, to be chairman of the Republican national committee, which would be a good selection. Mr. Cortelyou seems to be one of those all purpose statesmen who work well in any position.

Champ Clark

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North Carolina Rapidly Assuming the Position that She Ought to Occupy in United States Congress—A Wise Selection.

Smithfield Herald.

In the Congress of the United States North Carolina is rapidly assuming the position that she ought to occupy. No Southern State has an abler representation in that great body. Other States are able to do more, and are receiving a better recognition, but it is not because our representatives are less able, but because they are looking in experience. It has been our custom to send a man to Congress one or two terms, and scarcely ever more than three, and just as he was getting in position to be able to do something for his constituents, we have retired him to make room for some other good party worker. It is a great honor to represent one's State in the National Legislature and the ambition to obtain a seat in the greatest legislative body in the world is a worthy one. Yet all our able men cannot reach the coveted position. Only a few can thus be honored and if the Southern people had honored fewer still our position in the nation might have been stronger today.

On Wednesday, June 22nd, the Democracy of the Fourth Congressional District will meet in Raleigh and unanimously nominate Hon. Edward W. Pou to succeed himself in the National House of Representatives. Four years ago Mr. Pou was nominated after a warm and spirited contest in the convention. He was elected by a large majority and served his constituency so well in the Fifty-Seventh Congress that he was renominated two years ago without opposition and elected by a larger majority than before.

Mr. Pou has made the people of his district a representative of whom they are justly proud. He has devoted much time to the study of the great questions before the country and has handled them in the speeches he has made in the House, in such a manner as to excite the admiration and elicit the commendation of his colleagues. While he has spoken several times on the floor of the House, his two strongest speeches are "The Trusts and the Tariff," delivered Jan. 31st, 1903, and "Broken Pledges of the Republican Party," delivered March 26th, 1904. Both of these speeches will be used as campaign documents in the coming campaign. His effort on March 26th was very highly commended by Hon. John Sharp Williams, Democratic leader in the House, and by other leading Democrats.

But while Mr. Pou has made himself heard with effect in the National House, it is along other lines that he has done most for his constituents. When Mr. Pou entered Congress four years ago there were only two rural free delivery routes in the district. Now there are 64 in operation and several others that will be put in operation within the next few weeks. Mr. Pou has been very diligent in prosecuting this work and when it is taken into consideration that there are many thousand petitions on file at all times in the Post office Department from every State in the Union, his record along this line is a remarkable one. In addition to the rural free delivery routes he has procured for his district, Mr. Pou has also secured the establishment of several new post-offices, thus doing all in his power to give our people better mail facilities.

This year Mr. Pou has had sent to the people of this district more than 26,000 packages vegetable seeds, not including several thousand packages seeds of various other kinds. He has also sent out many thousand bulletins and documents, of interest to the recipients. Mr. Pou has been busy serving his people at all times and there is scarcely a voter in his district that has not been remembered in some way since he has been in Congress.

That Mr. Pou has taken a high stand in the House is attested by his committee appointments. He is on the Committee on Civil Service Reform and the Committee of the District of Columbia, both excellent assignments. He is the ranking Democratic member of the former committee and should the next House be Democratic he would be chairman of that committee. The District of Columbia Committee is one among the most important in the House, and a place on it is seldom given to a man who has not served two or three terms.

The Democracy of the Fourth District made a wise choice when they first nominated this able young man for a seat in the House and if they would remain wise they will continue him there for many years. It is only through continuous service that a Congressman can all his constituents and the people of this district will best serve themselves and the public's interest by keeping Mr. Pou in Congress.

A Back Action Joke

The traveling men of Maine are noted for the jokes that they are always springing on the public. One recently died of them got into trouble in an unexpected way. His parents celebrated their golden wedding, and the drummer had long promised to spend the day with them. But when the day arrived he found that he was too far from his old home to get back to it, so he sent a telegram to his father. He thought that it was a good time to get off a joke on the old man, so he merely wrote the message, "Is marriage a failure?" He was somewhat taken aback when he got the reply, "Marriage is not, but the results sometimes are."

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