

THE COMBINATION AGAINST CANNON

Agreement Between Democrats and Insurgent Republicans in The House.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

Brought About by Conferences of Several Factions—Regular and Insurgent Republicans Unable to Agree—Plan.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Three important developments occurred today in the insurrection against the adoption in the House of the rules of the Sixtieth Congress to govern the incoming Congress.

What was pronounced as a satisfactory agreement was entered into by Republican "insurgents" and the Democrats.

The compromise was one that the "insurgents" have had under consideration ever since the report became current that President Taft desired a postponement of a fight on the rules lest it might delay the passage of a Tariff Bill.

For the "regulars," former Representative Watson, of Indiana, replied that the compromise was acceptable, if amended so as to allow the Speaker to appoint the committee, due regard being given to the "insurgents" in its composition.

For more than two hours this afternoon the steering committee of the "insurgents" were in conference with a committee representing the Democrats.

The programme tentatively agreed upon by the allies, was to vote down the previous question on the motion for adoption of the old rules on Monday, and if the amendment to the rules providing for a committee to select committees is voted down to propose that the committee on rules be elected by the House.

The "regulars" claim to have the promises of several Democrats not to vote with the party for the various amendments and deny that the "insurgent" forces will number 30.

Both the Democrats and the "insurgents" say that no serious attempt will be made to defeat Mr. Cannon for Speaker.

At the Republican caucus tomorrow night it is planned to bind the party to vote for Mr. Cannon and for the adoption of the rules.

After a second conference with President Taft today Speaker Cannon was in a particularly good humor.

The City Council of Los Angeles, yesterday accepted the resignation of Mayor A. C. Harper, and the selection of a successor was postponed to next Monday in order that advice may be had on the question of whether an appointment should be made to hold office to March 26th, the date of the recall election, or to January 1, the end of the present term.

Near Death in Big Pond. It was a thrilling experience to Mrs. Ida Soper to face death.

DISMASTED IN A STORM

Schooner Ann. J. Trainor Towed into Port—Captain Refused to Abandon Her—Trouble With Crew. Wireless Telegraphy.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, March 12.—With only her foremast left standing above her decks the former three masted schooner Ann. J. Trainor, of Philadelphia, from Norfolk February 27th, for New York, was towed into this harbor early today after having been partly dismantled in a gale of wind off Atlantic City.

Except for the loss of her mainmast and mizzenmast the Trainor appeared to be in good condition when she was towed up the harbor today.

Captain Derrickson was struck by a flying boom when the vessel was dismantled on March 3rd, and one of the Captain's ribs was fractured, notwithstanding his injury the Captain pluckily stuck to his post and was in command today when the Trainor anchored in New York harbor.

Captain Derrickson said that after his vessel was dismantled and he was compelled to head her off shore his crew of Portuguese and negro sailors became so badly frightened that they begged to be put on board some of the steamers that spoke the ship-wrecked vessel and that one of the sailors threatened him with a knife.

FIRE FROM BASEBALL CLUB

Seymour, of New York Nationals, Discharged For Attacking Latham.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—A Post Dispatch special from Marlin, Texas says: "Cy" Seymour, center fielder of the New York National League Team, was discharged by Manager McGraw today following an encounter between Seymour and Arlie Latham, coach of the team.

Seymour met Latham in the hall leading from their rooms to the elevator, knocked him down and then bit him on the cheek, according to the special. McGraw was a witness to the affair and immediately ordered Seymour discharged.

McGraw says that he and Latham had just dressed and had started for the elevator. Latham was behind and Seymour came up to him. McGraw says he heard Seymour say: "Why, I'll give you a punch in the jaw."

"I'll fight him at the park," Latham said, as he reached the hotel desk. "No you won't," replied McGraw. "Seymour will be barred from the park as well as the hotel and the club. Seymour is done with the New York Club and that goes. It was the worst thing I ever saw, pulled off. Nothing like that can go on the New York Club."

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Call For Appropriation of \$175,000,000. New Building Programme.

London, Mch. 12.—The eagerly awaited British naval estimates, about which there has been so much controversy inside and outside of the Cabinet, were issued this evening. A compromise won the day, for the estimates provide for a total expenditure of \$175,713,500, an increase of \$14,116,000 over the estimates of 1908-09.

The new building programme provides for four dreadnoughts, six protected cruisers, 20 torpedo boat destroyers and a number of sub-marines, the latter to cost \$5,000,000.

The first Lord of the Admiralty adds that in addition to the foregoing programme the Government may in the course of the financial year find it necessary to make provision for the rapid construction of four more large armed ships to be commenced April 1, 1910.

WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Annexation of the Two Republics by Mexico Proposed—Intervention.

Mexico City, Mch. 12.—It is persistently rumored here that war has broken out between Nicaragua and Salvador and that there has been an engagement between the Salvadorean gunboat Presidente and the Nicaraguan gunboat Momotombo. The result is unknown.

The Mexican Government is without official advice as to the truth of these rumors. The Herald today advocates annexation of the five Central American States by Mexico.

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ABLEST LAWYER FOR THE COOPERS

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THE CLOSING SPEECH TODAY

General Washington's Stirling Argument Lasted Over Eleven Hours. Case Will Hardly Reach Jury Before Next Week.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Nashville, Tenn., Mch. 12.—The 16-inch gun of the defense's batteries was trained upon the State today with telling effect when Judge James McFerran Anderson began his argument in the trial of Col. D. B. and Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp for the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack.

Anderson is not a dramatic orator. He adopts no theatrical devices. He does not speak in metaphors nor indulge in sentimental appeals. Only once did he refer to Col. Cooper as "The Old Soldier" and not once did he appeal to the sympathies of the jurors. He boldly disclaimed any idea of pleading that any editorial or speech could justify slaying of Carmack and declared that his clients' case rested solidly and alone upon the first law impelled in all living beings, the law of self-preservation.

Judge Anderson declared that this was the law, that he quoted it merely to show how strongly the courts protect the right of self-defense and to make manifest Robin Cooper's reluctance to shoot until he had himself been shot.

General Washington Closes. When court opened Gen. Washington began the conclusion of his argument. Opening with reference to the attacks on Bradford he said: "These hungry, starving lawyers for the prosecution, hungry and starving for facts, would have you believe that this splendid lawyer, this Christian gentleman, this scion of an aristocratic old family suddenly became a raging he-devil."

Washington then turned his attention to the actual shooting and with the aid of a messenger boy, reenacted the tragedy in accordance with his theory. He declared that Robin had a right to shoot Carmack like a dog. Again and again he said that Carmack was a coward, that he hid behind Mrs. Eastman, trying to get his revolver ready for action.

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Then Washington returned to the scabbard found in Carmack's overcoat pocket, compared it and the Carmack pistol to Ruth and Naomi and told the beautiful biblical story in his own original way with a revolver in one hand. "And like Ruth and Naomi," he concluded, "this scabbard and this pistol cove together. You cannot separate them and this is why we can identify the Carmack pistol so absolutely."

At another point Washington exclaimed: "It is cowardly to skulk in a room and write editorials. It is not cowardly to go out into the sunlight bare your breast and demand an interview that you have a right to ask. Why, Robin would have had a right to kill Carmack the instant he made a step towards his father."

Judge Anderson then began the final argument for the defense. He said in opening: "The deceased was a great man, a United States Senator and a man of National prominence. The defendants are known all over the State. Senator Carmack had the same right to live that the citizen had to live, no more and no less. And Robin Cooper had the same right to kill Carmack as the poorest and humblest citizen of the State, had to kill a man in self-defense, and that is why the case is a great one."

trial something I never heard before in a court of justice. I heard the lawyer for the State charge General Meeks with wilfully falsifying the record."

He said Meeks would not do such a thing. He then referred to the occasion when Gen. Garner quoted from the testimony of Gov. Patterson which the court excluded, adding: "I am going to be more charitable to Gen. Garner than he was to Gen. Meeks and say I believe he was mistaken."

"And Gen. Garper says, too, that we say Mrs. Eastman falsifies. You know that is false. There is no man on the defense who would be guilty of such ungentlemanly and unethical conduct."

"Those of you who know my personal and political fondness for Senator Carmack know that I regretted his death. My sincerest prayer is that the God of the widow and the orphan will tenderly guard the gentle woman and the beautiful boy who are left to mourn."

"The State cannot dispute," he said, "that Carmack had a revolver secured from Maj. Vertrees that he had at the moment of his meeting with the Coopers, that he drew that revolver and that he fired it. No one can say that Carmack had a right to draw or fire that pistol. The State insinuates that an honorable and honest young man, a retired army officer, tampered with the Carmack revolver, or substituted discharged shells for loaded ones."

"I will prove to you that Senator Carmack brought on the difficulty that ended with his death."

With this preface Anderson traced early relations between Cooper and Carmack and said: "There was a debt owed by Carmack to Cooper, not money, but the debt that hurts and stings and burns when its payment is withheld, the debt of gratitude."

Judge Anderson recounted the story of Carmack's youth, Cooper's parentage, the political success of the dead man, the continued friendship of the pair, the political campaign of Carmack and Taylor, the break in the friendship and the quarrel that ended in the killing.

"There is no contention that editorial utterances ever justify the taking of human life. It has been charged that Gen. Meeks had applied the unwritten law to this case. Now, as I understand it, Gen. Meeks simply said that men had been killed for less offense, was it not, General? General Meeks nodded gravely in assent.

Judge Anderson next took up the editorial referring to certain passages as poisoned arrows. He said Col. Cooper was justified in demanding of Carmack "that the offensive use of his name should cease."

"Did you ever listen to more withering sarcasm, more biting scorn, more poisonous innuendo, than in these editorials written by the greatest master of invective that the South has produced?" asked Anderson.

Col. Cooper, he said, determined that these attacks should cease, so he wrote a note. All he asked was that he, a private citizen, be permitted to live out his days in peace.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Trade and Industrial Developments Slightly More Favorable.

New York, Mch. 12.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Trade and industrial developments this week has been slightly more favorable, the result being a better tone in various lines of trade and some enlargement of activity in spring demand from jobbers and from retailers. Helpful in this respect has been the arrival of better weather conditions, the advance of the season's trade toward an early Easter, large shipments of grain to market attracted by high prices, the placing of some business in iron and steel induced by lower prices and the resumption of building operations at many cities after the winter shutdown. Collections show a slight gain. There are still many unsettled features and some soft spots in the trade and industrial situation.

Wage reductions in the iron and steel trade are increasing. Shoe manufacturers are reported catching up with Spring orders and a long between seasons period is looked for. Perhaps the best showing made by any industry is that of building, where proposed expenditures are about double those foreshadowed a year ago.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 11th were 254, against 219 last week and 278 in the like week of 1908.

WARM WIRELETS.

Lieutenant Commander Hutchinson J. Cone has been appointed head of the Bureau of Steam Engineering of the Navy with the rank and pay of Rear-Admiral. He was Fleet Engineer under Admiral Sperry during the around the world cruise.

James Christiansen, former Utah State Treasurer, who retired from office January 1st, is under arrest on the charge of being a defaulter to the amount of \$70,000. The arrest followed Christiansen's confession of his responsibility for the shortage. He is now in jail.

Veterans in Gray and veterans in blue marched side by side in parade at the fourth National United Encampment of veterans of the North and South in Fitzgerald, Ga., yesterday. There was speech making in the afternoon with Judge O. S. Deming, of Warren, Ohio, on the programme.

The Chesapeake Bay Steamboat, Love Point, Captain Clarke, belonging to the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, was burned to the water's edge while lying at the wharf at Love Point, Md., at 11 o'clock Thursday night. No lives were lost.

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