

CAUCUS AFRAID TO BUCK CANNON VOTES TO NOMINATE HIM

Republicans Agree to Adopt Old Rules and Let Things go on as Usual

POWER OF VESTED INTERESTED MANIFEST Many "Insurgents" Remained Away and May be Breakers Ahead After All.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 13.—Proclaimed by his friends as "the Iron Duke of American politics" Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois was selected tonight at the republican caucus as the candidate of his party for speaker of the house of representatives.

It was the fourth time the honor was conferred upon Mr. Cannon. But tonight neither the selection of a candidate for speaker nor the vote on the rules was characterized by the unanimity of party feeling that attended the three preceding caucuses.

Representative Carrier of New Hampshire was elected chairman of the caucus and Representative Louderback of New Jersey elected to succeed himself as its secretary.

Trimmed to Every Wind. To nominate Mr. Cannon, Representative William Rodenberg of Illinois was recognized.

"Illinois is justly proud of her most distinguished son" exclaimed Mr. Rodenberg. "We are proud of him because in all of the vicissitudes of public life, in the storm and stress and strife of political combat, in the sunshine of victory and in the shadow of defeat, he has ever stood four squares to all the winds that blow."

By a vote 5 to 2, the Georgia delegation in the house today adopted a petition to the democratic caucus of Monday that was regarded as highly significant. The other four representatives from Georgia are out of the city.

The petition asked the democrats to enter into an agreement with the republican insurgents to bind the latter to three policies. This was to vote against Mr. Cannon for speaker, until his successor is elected.

POLICE WILL AVENGE PETROSINI'S MURDER

Blackhand Operators Will Be Given Little Leeway in Nefarious Schemes

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 13.—Relentless warfare will be waged against the "black-hand" societies by the police of this, and it is hoped, other cities as a result of the murder of Lieutenant Joseph Petrosini, the noted detective of New York in Palermo last night. For years Petrosini had been active in his work to bring to justice members of his own race who carried on blackmailing operations in this country through threats of murder made in the name of the "black-hand." It is believed here that his murder was the result of a plot that had its inception in the United States and that the persons indirectly responsible for his death are still within the reach of the American police.

SWOLLEN RIVERS MAKE VAST SEA OF ALABAMA VALLEY

Tide Has Risen Fifty Feet and Threatens to Inundate Montgomery.

(By Associated Press.) MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 13.—Montgomery is threatened with the greatest flood in the history of the city. The Alabama river tonight is nearing the fifty foot stage and rising. The weather bureau predicts a fifty-five foot stage by tomorrow morning, and by tomorrow night it may go still higher.

Information reached the city this afternoon that Tallapoosa river had broken over its retaining banks on Lowe Wetumpka road and that several plantations were flooded. The state convict farm is completely isolated and it is predicted that serious trouble will be experienced there.

A force of laborers has begun a barricade against the probability of a stage near sixty feet would cut off the gas service and a brick wall is being constructed to keep the waters out. The greatest alarm is felt here over the fact that all industries which use motor power may have to suspend. This would include the three newspaper plants.

The lowlands in Scotts Bend are threatened, including the big fertilizer plants north of the city. A special to The Advertiser from Columbus, Ga., says sticks of dynamite have been placed in the Dillingham street bridge, a wooden structure, connecting Columbus and Gadsden, Ala., and officers are waiting the signal to touch them off.

From Elmer county vague reports are being received about persons cut off by the high water on isolated spots only a few feet above the flood. The United States government boat Twinning has started on a trip up the river to rescue a party reported marooned. Sunday the Twinning will visit the negro settlements and other plantations among the river.

Drivers Row, a negro quarter of Montgomery is inundated and Mayor Teague tonight ordered the city teams to that section to move the negroes from the danger zone.

The telephone line to Tallapoosa is down tonight, but it was learned that the water was roaring over the dam there with a crest of fourteen feet and that the river was still rising. Electric power here is supplied from Tallapoosa.

REPORTS FROM ELSEWHERE. ROME, Ga., March 13.—The waters of the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers are the highest ever known here. Traffic between Rome and Chattahoochee on the Central of Georgia has been temporarily annulled. Street car service between Rome and Lindale has been suspended.

ANNISTON, Ala., March 13.—Farm lands are badly washed and crops are said to be delayed a month by floods in this section. Several industrial plants have been compelled to close down. The Southern railway tracks in this city are inundated and between Birmingham and Wellington the Seaboard Air Line tracks are washed out.

SELMA, Ala., March 13.—Three days the rivers in this section have been rising and tonight families in many places are moving from their homes. The Cohaha river is a mile and a half wide. The shops of the Southern railway here are threatened with flooding.



W. K. VANDERBILT, Who Will Keep Horse Show Alive.

VANDERBILT WILL NOT LET HORSE SHOW DIE

Declares He Will Assume Responsibility of Financing it Himself

(Special to The Citizen.) NEW YORK, March 13.—William K. Vanderbilt, millionaire horse lover and sportsman, has come to the relief of the agonized society women of this city who in the recent announcement that the Horse Show association would be disbanded, saw the vanishing of one of their most cherished institutions.

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN NEEDS READY MONEY

Chaloner Gets Additional \$3,000 a Year From His Committee

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 13.—An application to increase the yearly allowance from the Chaloner estate, of John Armstrong Chaloner, who now lives on his farm known as "The Merry Hill" at Cobham, Va., was granted by Justice Fitzgerald in the supreme court today.

WOMAN PROVES SHE IS A REAL HEROINE

ALBANY, Ga., March 13.—Desperately wounded in an automobile accident ten miles from here and almost blinded by blood streaming from two long deep wounds in her scalp, Mrs. J. T. Donaldson, of Blakely, Ga., rushed her husband, seriously injured to the city for medical treatment late this afternoon.

AUGUSTA SAFE.

MACON, Ga., March 13.—Tonight the Ocmulgee river is twenty-one feet and is rising rapidly. The record height at Macon is twenty-four feet 4 inches which was attained during the flood of 1888.

DID NOT FEASE HIM.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 13.—In the corporation court tonight Ernest Wade, who was charged with way-laying and murdering Isaac Higginbotham here on the night of January 22nd, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

ANOTHER CONFLICT BARELY AVERTED OUT OF COURTROOM

Sheriff Borum Resents Lawyer's Allegation of Partiality to His Prisoners.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 13.—A personal clash between Attorney General McCarn and Sheriff Sam Borum was narrowly averted after court adjourned this afternoon in the Cooper-Sharp trial. In his argument to the jury, this afternoon, McCarn charged that the Coopers and Sharp had never occupied cells, that they enjoyed special privileges, and that in granting these privileges the law was violated.

"I understand, general," the latter began, "that you say I have accorded to the Coopers and Sharp privileges I do not extend to other decent white prisoners. If you said that you told a falsehood."

There was no mistaking Borum's meaning. He was angry and he is known as one of the gamest men in the state. McCarn, too, while small in stature, has proven his courage in several instances. Before he became a lawyer he was a cowboy. He stepped up pretty close to the sheriff and said coolly:

"Be a little careful what you say, Sam. I said you had violated the law of Tennessee in permitting prisoners to confer together without an officer being present."

A friend of McCarn's whispered to him: "Remember, general, the sheriff is armed."

Borum Explains. McCarn's friends hustled him away. Borum said he treated the Coopers as he always "treated gentlemen who are unfortunate enough to be committed to my custody."

Borum said he had told Sharp he must not go to Colonel Cooper's room and that he relied on Sharp as an ex-sheriff and a gentleman not to do so. Borum said he did not keep Robin separated from the others. The boy was just recovering from a wound and the old father had begged him, "don't take my boy away from me." So he put them together.

He said McCarn is under indictment now for carrying a revolver. General McCarn, five years ago, was the head of the secret committee of 100 which closed up dives and gambling houses and forced the saloons to shut their doors on Sunday.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Leaving a note stating "I said I would end my life in an hour if I contracted consumption and I am going to do so," John Murphy, aged twenty-one years, committed suicide at his home here today by swallowing carbolic acid.

There is no law to compel you when you approach a man on the street to yell out that your mission is a pacific one.

"Again comes the state's inquiry, 'then why did Senator Carmack open fire almost instantly after he saw Colonel Cooper?' The state says it is because Mrs. Burch, the colonel's daughter sent word that 'papa is armed and threatening to kill Carmack on sight.' And that this statement was communicated to Carmack. Mrs. Burch's deductions, however honestly made, have nothing to do with these defendants, and they are not responsible for them."

Anderson declared again that Carmack had no right to anticipate any trouble until Cooper's note actually had been received by him and that the note had not been sent. Judge Anderson claimed that Mrs. Burch, the colonel's daughter, was a state witness and that the state should have used her if she knew anything pertinent about the case.

"And now, gentlemen, I am going to quit. The responsibility which has rested on me is passing to you. You know how handicapped we have been by the failure of the state to offer any theory at all. But there is one fact in this case which cannot be controverted. And that is that Senator Carmack drew a revolver first and fired first. It cannot be disputed that Robin fired only when he had to. I feel safe in the result, gentlemen, and I leave it to you."

Ridicules Blue Blood. Attorney General McCarn began his closing argument at once. He eulogized the jury and then said: "Washington talked so much about bee martins and sparrows that Joe Garner actually went to roost on a tree last night and this morning he did not know whether to go to pecking at eagles or fly from limb to limb, so we clipped his wings and brought him here."

"They say the state has not theory. When your old dad took you out to lick you did you ever know what his theory was? And did he ever ask for yours? No he just decided from the proof that you were guilty and lit into you. We have no theory, we just have the proof."

"They pirate of the blue blood and ancestry of these defendants. It always amuses me the way these fellows with blue blood and ancestors always think of those ancestors when they are brought face to face with the law. Yet Judge Anderson made a great speech, the only real law speech in this suit. He took what testimony he liked from the state and what he liked from the defense and he asked you to acquit on that argument."

General McCarn then took the first editorial to which Cooper objected from The News Scimitar. "That editorial was not written by Carmack and they knew it. They introduced it for one purpose, and that was because it attacked Governor Patterson and they hoped to reach you men on the jury who are and were supporters of the governor."

MANN IN PASSION UNDER MERCILESS PROD OF ATTORNEY

Alleged Chicago Murderer Tells of Gay Life With Unction

WON MONEY GAMBLING WITH THE POLICEMEN

Manner on Stand Really or Affectingly Reminiscent of Thaw.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 13.—His bursts of anger, his desperate attempts to control his emotions, and an appearance seeming to tell of nervous strain almost to the breaking point, made human C. Mann, accused of the murder of Francis G. Thompson, curiously suggestive of Harry Thaw today. Mann resumed the witness stand in his own behalf. Under the State's attorney Day his fortitude soon gave way.

The witness lost control of himself when the prosecutor asked him if while travelling for a clothing firm in Kansas, he had not sold his samples and if his father had not been compelled to square the matter.

"Be a gentleman; don't be a rat," shouted the witness.

Attorney Day rose from his chair. "You think everybody who tries to enforce the law is a rat, don't you?" he snapped.

"No, I did not say that," again shouted the defendant, despite the warning gestures of his attorney.

"Do you think Fannie Thompson was a rat when you found her with a rope, when you gagged her and then choked her to death?"

"I did not do it; I did not do it," cried Mann in a rage.

At this point Judge McFarley warned both Mr. Day and the witness to control themselves, but with little effect.

Wife a Cloak Model. Asked where he had met Mary Shanks, who afterwards became his wife, Mann replied: "At Brit, Iowa. She was doing a dance in Pleshing's with a theatrical company and getting \$12 a week for doing it. I used her as a cloak model to show off my samples. Later she came to Chicago and we were married."

SLINGS & ARROWS OF OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE TOO HEAVY TO BE BORNE

Wherefore Three Seek the Solace of the Far Off Unknown Country

DISCOURAGED ALL

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 13.—Leaving a note of bitter complaint that because of his age he had been the victim of ostracism by employers William Rapp, 54 years old a machinist, took his own life by shooting today. Rapp had a wife and five children and left the following letter addressed to them: "Forgive me for what I am doing now, but I cannot help it. The means of subsistence are gone and I do not want any one to keep me. Were it not for this cruel American system that ostracizes elderly people I would never dream of being tired of life. I am today strong and as able to work as I was fifteen years ago."

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THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE GETS IN QUARRELSOME MOOD IN ITS LAST DAY

Senator Expelled, Speaker Asked to Resign Which He Declines to Do

EXTRA SESSION BEGUN

(By Associated Press.) AUSTIN, Texas, March 13.—After the senate had expelled one of its members and the house had requested the speaker to resign, a request that was ignored, the thirty-fifth Texas legislature was brought to a strenuous end tonight, hours after the time originally set for final adjournment, to re-convene immediately in special session, when the differences of the session just passed were at once renewed.

At a late hour tonight both branches were still in session with prospects of remaining until tomorrow. Senator Bascom Thomas of Sulphur Springs was expelled for making charges of corruption in the senate, which charges a committee declared untrue.

BAD BURLY NEGRO MADE BIG BOLD HAUL FROM PULLMAN PASSENGER

Snatched Jewels Through Car Window while Train Was Moving

LEFT HER PENNILESS

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 13.—Mrs. Della M. Craine, a Chicago artist, who has just arrived in Jacksonville is reported to have been the victim of a daring hold-up near that place. While comfortably seated in a Pullman car which had slowed down at a railroad crossing, she is said to have been robbed of \$650 in money and \$2,300 worth of jewels by a negro who ran alongside and thrusting his head and shoulders through the window, grabbed her valuables. She instinctively clutched at her bag, according to the story, just as the hands of the intruder closed upon it. A struggle ensued and Mrs. Craine called for assistance. Determined not to surrender Mrs. Craine vainly strove to wrench her property from the negro's hands but at that instant he gave a tug backward and pulling her arms out through the window, he gave a sudden twist, broke her grip and dropped off the train with his loot.

Every cent that Mrs. Craine had in her possession was stolen, including her railroad ticket and Pullman reservation. The railway officials passed her through to her destination, and passengers, among them Charles C. Gates saw that her wants were supplied.



SHOWERS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Forecast: North Carolina: Showers Sunday; fair and cooler Monday, moderate to brisk winds shifting to north and northwest.