

REPUBLICAN RANK AND FILE OPPOSED TO CANNON'S RULE

Swamped Their Representatives With Letters Protesting Against Him

UNPOPULAR AMONG WESTERN PARTY MEN

Are Surprised to Find That President Taft Is One of His Supporters.

(Special correspondent of The Citizen)

(BY TAV.) WASHINGTON, March 19.—Now that the smoke of battle is lifting, and our old friend "Uncle Joseph" is revealed behind the marble speaker's stand with gavel in hand—still in charge of the making of laws—that 80,000,000 people—politicians are asking "How much damage has the republican party sustained?"

Not a few believe the retention of Cannon as speaker is one of the best things that could have happened so far as the republicans are concerned. His success in winning over the "insurgents" is taken to mean that he dominates the republican party which includes President Taft particularly. In the next congressional election Speaker Cannon is almost certain to be an issue. The democrats will be in a position to assert that a vote for a republican is a vote for Cannon.

Unless Uncle Joe changes wonderfully, he is expected to make enough campaign material for the democrats to enable them to win in a walk. Taft With Him.

The fight over the change of the rules developed a peculiar situation. More republicans wrote letters to their congressmen protesting against "Uncle Joe" than democrats. The average republican voter, particularly in the west, considers Speaker Cannon a weight on the party, and their amazement was unbounded when they heard that President Taft was in reality working hand in hand with Cannon instead of being "at outs" with him, as he was made to appear in the previous election.

Thousands of anti-Cannon letters have poured into the congressional postoffice since the adjournment of the sixtieth congress. By far the largest percentage of these letters were written by republicans of considerable prominence in their home districts.

The speaker and his rules have been more potent than a two-thirds majority.

HOUSE INFLECTS UPON ITSELF UNUSUAL AND CRUEL PUNISHMENT

Listens to Tariff Bill For Four Hours as Penalty For Framing It

SOME FEW ESCAPED

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 19.—For four and a half hours the house of representatives today listened to the reading of the tariff bill which was the only business transacted. It was perhaps the dreariest legislative session of any held by that body in recent years. The monotonous tones of the reading clerks had a depressing effect on most of the members, some of whom early in the morning took to the cloak rooms and lobby back of the speaker's desk, while others left the building for the day.

It remained, however, for Mr. Sims of Tennessee to inject even a breath of life into the proceedings. He first whiffed the reading of the bill dispensing with, asserting that it was farcial when no one was paying any attention to it. This proposition was objected to and a short while afterward he asked unanimous consent that the bill be put on its opportunity would be afforded to amend the measure in the house. To this suggestion Mr. Mann of Illinois, objected.

There was no further interruption and when the reading had been concluded the house at 4:55 p. m., adjourned, until Monday noon. George T. Oliver took the oath of office as United States senator, from Pennsylvania immediately after the senate met today. Mr. Oliver was accompanied to the desk of the presiding officer by his colleague, Mr. Penrose, and the oath was administered by Mr. Frye, president pro tempore. The census bill was received by the senate from the house and referred to the committee on the census.

After being in session eight minutes the senate adjourned until Monday.

SHARP ACQUITTED-- NO AGREEMENT AS TO THE COOPERS

Mistrial Is Likely But Judge Hart Sends The Jury Back To Deliberate Further.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 19.—When the jury today returned a verdict of acquittal for John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack and declared it was "hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers." It was generally conceded that the end of the famous case had been reached. Nothing daunted by the expressive firmness of Foreman Burke's declaration of a disagreement, Judge Hart sent the twelve men out for further deliberation and announced that he would not discharge them until he was absolutely convinced that an agreement could not be reached.

Judge Hart fully expected a verdict today. Several times during the morning he consulted with one of the jury deputies and when he had concluded the day's docket at noon he sent to ask the jurors if they had anything to report. The reply "nothing" came back. Evidently the judge had some information, however, for he ordered the prisoners brought in to court and instructed the sheriff to "carry in the jury."

Sharp Discharged. Instead of S. J. Hyde, to whom the charge was given, E. M. Burke, the first man chosen, carried the papers and acted as foreman. In response to the judge's question as to whether a verdict had been reached, Burke replied, "we are tied up tight as to the Coopers, but we find John D. Sharp not guilty."

The verdict as to Sharp was announced at 12:32 p. m. "Is there any reason, General McCann, why John Sharp should not be discharged?" asked the court. "None, your honor."

"Mr. Sharp, you are discharged from custody, acquitted," said the court with a smile. Sharp sat stolid and indifferent. Not so with his wife. When she had grasped the significance of the verdict her eyes filled up and she caught her husband's left arm with both her hands and seemed about to break down.

"We want the exact words of the jury recorded," said Judge Anderson, of the defense. "We understood the report was hopelessly tied."

Not Final Verdict. "I do not recall the exact language, but I am told by the clerk and a newspaper man that those were the words. Let the clerk so record them."

"Is that a verdict, your honor?" said Anderson. "It is a verdict as far as John Sharp is concerned, but it certainly is not as far as D. B. and Robin Cooper are concerned. I sent the jury back for further consideration."

PETTY QUARREL LEADS TO DOUBLE CRIME AND SUICIDE OF MURDERER

Asks Leave to Procure Witnesses, and Goes to Kill His Prosecutors

WOMAN SHOT IN CHAIR

(By Associated Press.) OIL CITY, Pa., March 19.—The dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Briggs, with holes from Winchester rifle bullets in their breasts were found at their home, ten miles east of Tionesta, Forest county, today. The body of Amos Walton, a neighbor, was found in the house with his head almost blown off. It is believed Walton killed Briggs and his wife and then committed suicide. Walton was fifty years old and Mr. and Mrs. Briggs each thirty-five years old.

Recently Walton beat a son of Briggs, who made information against him before a justice of the peace at Marionville, charging assault and battery. Walton was placed in the custody of a constable. The hearing was to have taken place this morning. Walton asked permission of the constable to return home that he might secure witnesses and the request was granted. He went to his home, took a forty-eight caliber Winchester rifle and was soon going to the Briggs residence, arriving there about 11 o'clock. The body of Briggs was found near a barn from which he was evidently coming when killed. Mrs. Briggs was killed in the kitchen of her home and the body of Walton was found on a chair in another room.

CONSENTS TO HEAVY VERDICT.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 19.—A consent verdict for \$2,750 against Governor Comer of Alabama for the killing of J. D. Miles by the governor's automobile was awarded here today. The governor's chauffeur was en route to the depot to meet the governor when the accident happened.

Still On The Job



FOLLOWING UP POSSIBLE CLUES TO KIDNAPPERS OF THE WHITLA BOY

Report of Clue at Cleveland Sends Boy's Millionaire Uncle Hurrying There. Parents Are Afraid to Divulge Contents of Letter Because of Threats to Kill Lad Contained Therein

(By Associated Press.) SHARON, Pa., March 19.—Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of William Whitla, the eight-year-old son of Attorney James P. Whitla, of this city, who was kidnapped yesterday morning from school and taken away by his abductor or abductors in a buggy, left on the 7:30 o'clock train tonight for Cleveland. It has been reported from that city that two men and a boy answering the description of the kidnapers and their victim have been seen there, consequently the supposition is that Mr. Buhl has received word which makes him believe his nephew is in Cleveland or that vicinity. The buggy in which the child was taken from this place was located at Warren, Ohio, and as the Cleveland papers among those specified in which the demand of the kidnapers for a \$10,000 ransom should be answered by a personal advertisement, all evidence seems to indicate that developments in the mysterious case will center about the Lake city.

DR. ELIOT MAKES PLEA FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

Each Child Should be Trained For Calling Which He Must Follow

(COLUMBIA, S. C., March 19.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, retiring president of Harvard university, tonight, speaking in the hall of the house of representatives, under the auspices of the alumni of the University of South Carolina, made an eloquent plea that the state give each child "his own best chance" and so train its youth that they should be best fitted for the callings which they wanted to follow and which as individuals in a great democracy, they must follow.

LYENS MURDER CASE IS ARGUED TO JURY

Former Sheriff Testifies As to Details of Killing in Drug Store

(By Associated Press.) JESSUP, Ga., March 19.—Arguments were begun today in the trial of former sheriff W. B. Lyons and his son Archie, charged with the murder of Fleming Smith, and the case will probably go to the jury tomorrow. The court room was crowded with spectators until a late hour tonight when court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

EXCONVICT LYNCHED FOR SHOOTING CHIEF

Resented Being Rebuked for Bad Language. Chief of Police Will Recover

(By Associated Press.) ELKINS, W. Va., March 19.—Joseph Brown, said to have been an ex-convict who had evaded shot and seriously wounded Chief of Police Scott White at Whitford, near here was taken from jail by a crowd of men at 1:30 o'clock this morning and hanged.

BASEBALL BETTER THAN THE CABINET

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 19.—A special dispatch to The Daily News from Los Angeles today states that President Taft's "baseball" will offer fielder Jones a salary larger than that given any member of President Taft's cabinet. To make the Chicago American League Club this season, Jones is heavily interested in timberlands on the Pacific coast and has named \$20,000 as the price of his services, not with any idea that he would get it, but as an intimation that his business interests are paramount.

BRYAN FORTY-NINE.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—In recognition of his forty-ninth birthday, William Jennings Bryan was tonight the guest of honor at a banquet tendered him at the Lincoln Auditorium by prominent democrats and personal friends of Lincoln and over the state.

LUMBER AND HIDE SCHEDULES WILL CAUSE STRUGGLE

South and West May Unite to Retain Protective Duty On Lumber

BUT WILL SPLIT ON LEATHER SCHEDULE

Rice Growing States Disturbed By Provision for Free Entry of Product

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 19.—There is a general disposition in the house to eliminate as far as possible any academic discussion of the tariff. Members on both sides are desirous of having a little general debate as possible and as much time as is practicable for the consideration of the bill under the five minute rule for amendment.

When the Dingley bill was before congress less than a week was devoted in the house to the discussion of the bill under the five minute rule, and while it is likely that a rule will be brought in to limit the time for considering amendments, it is believed that sufficient time will be allowed for the consideration of the whole bill under the five minute rule.

The main contention is to be over the cut made in the duty on lumber. It is understood that the southern representatives are almost unanimous in favor of retaining the present duty of two dollars per thousand feet. They will have the support of many members from the northwest and Pacific coast states.

Fight on Leather. Hides and leather manufacturers also will be the subject of considerable debate. An earnest effort will be made by the democrats to have shoes and other leather products reduced at least five or ten per cent and to have hides retained on the free list. On boots and shoes, according to the new tariff will be levied a duty of fifteen per cent ad valorem. While this is a reduction of ten per cent ad valorem it is contended by those who favor further reductions that the shoe men themselves have admitted that they could stand a reduction of five or ten per cent more if hides were admitted free. The representatives of western states will make an earnest effort to have a duty of fifteen per cent again placed on hides.

The Louisiana delegation met today to consider the effect that the free trade provision for the Philippine islands would have on the rice industry in the United States. They will endeavor to have the minority report of the ways and means committee favor a small duty on rice imported from the Philippines or the quantity entitled to free entry restricted, as has been done with sugar and tobacco. A committee composed of Senator Foster and Representatives Broussard and Pajo was appointed to consult with General Clarence Edwards, chief of the insular bureau of the war department, regarding the Philippine rice importations.

Oil Tariff. In explanation of the retention of the countervailing duty clause on petroleum.

WHAT YOU EAT MAKES YOU DRINK WHAT YOU DRINK---YOU'RE CRAZY

Scientists Give Boozers Choice of Vegetable Diet or Funny House

DEVIL AND DEEP SEA

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 19.—"If you have a strong appetite for King Mabel and tobacco and want to be out of the habit, just eat a vegetable diet for six months."

This was the advice given today by Dr. E. H. Kress, of this city, in an address entitled "Dyspepsia and Its Relation to Intemperance" before the American society for the study of alcohol and other drug narcotics. He discussed the evil effects of an excessive diet and declared that over eating leads to drunkenness. "If you would not become a drunkard," said Dr. Kress, "quit eating meat."

The drink habit is becoming a curse to this nation because its people are over-fed by the pampering of a morbid taste which later finds its relief in a narcotic, declared Dr. G. H. Benton, of Chester, W. Va.

"Men of today" he asserted, "are overfed from the cradle to the grave. Nature pours out just sufficient fluids to assimilate all the foods that people habitually pour into their stomachs."



WASHINGTON, March 19.—Forecast: North Carolina: Rain Saturday and Sunday; moderate to brisk east winds.