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## THE SPEAKER IS AGAINST AMENDMENT

### But His Decision Is Overruled By the Vote of The House

## CANNON IS DEFEATED

Cannon is Playing a Desperate Game to Save His Face—Democrats and Insurgents Have the Whip and Regulars Are Bending Every Effort to Bring About a Compromise—The Plan Proposed by the Regulars Will Save Themselves But Eliminates the Speaker—Uncle Joe Says He Will Quit Only When Compelled to Do So.

(By Leased Wire of The Times) Washington, March 19—Promptly at noon Speaker Cannon called the house to order. When the speaker entered the house the scene presented was one of great excitement. The applause and yelling of the members was vociferous. Everyone realized that a crisis was at hand.

Quiet prevailed while the clerk read the journal. It was twenty minutes past twelve before the speaker reached the vital question, it having taken that time to correct the record of yesterday. He opened the proceedings by causing the clerk to read the Norris amendment to amend the rules. The house was in deep attention, as the moment arrived for the speaker to render his ruling on the point of order raised by Representative Dalzell.

At 25 minutes past 12, Speaker Cannon began the delivery of his ruling. There was absolute quiet in the house, every one realizing that a crisis in the organization had arrived.

The speaker concluded his ruling at 12:34 o'clock, and as he announced that the chair sustained the point of order the regulars broke into terrific applause which lasted several minutes.

Representative Norris, of Nebraska, appealed from the decision of the chair.

Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the appeal on the table.

Representative Gaines, of West Virginia, moved that the house adjourn. This latter question was submitted to the house and was voted down by a large viva voce vote.

Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and Clark, of Missouri, de-

manded the ayes and nays, which was ordered.

In his decision the speaker quoted several precedents to sustain the contention that a resolution to amend the rules of the house was not a constitutional question and that the very identical question now before him was decided in the house in 1878. Representative R. Q. Mills, of Texas, the speaker said, presented a constitutional privileged resolution to amend the rules.

At that time, Mr. Cannon said, Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, was speaker of the house. A point of order was made by Representative James A. Garfield, of Ohio, and in an elaborate decision Speaker Randall sustained the point of order, declared Mr. Cannon, and it was accepted by the house.

The motion to lay the Norris appeal from the speaker's decision on the table was defeated 164 ayes to 181 nays. This is a complete victory for the insurgents.

Speaker Cannon, after announcing the result of the vote, said the question now was, "Shall the opinion of the chair stand as the judgment of the house?"

During the roll call on the vote as to whether the decision of the chair should stand as the decision of the house, Representative Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, presided, the speaker having gone to his room.

He returned to the chair in time to announce the vote on the previous question, which was ordered by a vote of 182 to 160.

The question then reverted to overruling the chair which brought the matter direct before the house, unless the ayes and nays were ordered. The vote was a full test vote on the proposition to amend the rules.

The crowds were so great in the corridors of the house that a large number of young girls blocked the entrance to the east door, many of the young women actually standing on the floor of the house itself. It seemed almost impossible to maintain order and enforce a rule requiring the entrances to the house to be kept clear. Never in the memory of the oldest employees had there been such an attendance at a session.

The diplomatic and executive galleries as well as the visitors' galleries, were packed. Ten dollars was offered for a seat in the visitors gallery by many persons. The press

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## THE FARMERS' UNION

### Exerting Itself In Behalf of Legislation

Maintains a Bureau in Washington and This Bureau is Reminding Congressmen of Legislation That the Farmers Want—Some of the Things They Ask For.

(By JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES.)

Washington, March 19—I have had occasion in another letter to describe the enormous increase of power accruing to the American farmer through the organization of the Farmers Union, with its 3,000,000 members.

This compact, harmonious, secret organization, now four years old, wisely and unselfishly led by President Charles Barrett, seeking legislation and not offices, has maintained an active and vigilant bureau in Washington during the session of congress, with President Barrett himself or some one of the national officers always in attendance.

It will be remembered that this bureau sent out some two weeks ago a circular letter addressed individually to congressmen, asking their support for six measures now under discussion and vitally near to the interests of the American farmer. The measures supported by the farmers were:

1. Abolishing gambling in farm products.
2. Securing, without delay, a parcels post.
3. Securing, without delay, postal savings banks.
4. Securing, without delay, more stringent legislation along the line of restricting foreign immigration.
5. Securing the defeat of the proposed central bank.
6. More liberality in national appropriations toward agricultural projects.

It is not more interesting than significant to record the prompt and favorable answer of the "people's representatives" to this letter.

Within three days from its mailing there were a hundred replies from congressmen from middle western and southern states, "agreeing" in whole or in parts with the farmers' demands. Since that time the great majority of the sixty-first congress



United States Senator Bacon of Georgia, who is the first Democrat to preside over the Senate since the days of Vice President Adlai Stevenson. Senator Frye, of Maine, president pro tem, is confined to his home with an injury to his ankle. Knowing that Vice President Sherman would not be in town the other day he delegated Senator Bacon to act in his place. This designation is effective until either Senator Frye or Vice President Sherman returns.

have sent respectful and encouraging answers to the circular letter.

Manifestly it is impossible to quote these letters going out today to the farmers unions papers. The bureau, however, estimates that 90 per cent favor abolishing gambling in farm products; that 95 per cent favor a parcels post, the preference being that such a system should be first confined to rural free delivery roads; that an overwhelming majority favor postal savings banks in some form, provided provision is made to keep the deposits in the home localities; that practically all congressmen heard from favor rigid restriction of foreign immigration; that 85 per cent are opposed to a central bank; that virtually all favor great liberality in congressional appropriations towards the farmer.

In the statement preceding the copies of the congressional letters, President Barrett, while encouraged by the splendid showing made thus far, "refrains from celebrating" the passage of these measures, because of the possibility that all of these promising congressmen are not in earnest and because of the ability of a "few powerful men controlling the house and senate," to "emasculate" or "entirely annihilate" legislation at will.

Never in our history has the American congressman, collectively and individually, been so watched and criticized as by the real representative of the American farmer.

The statements of the sixty-first congress will be compelled to toe the mark and face the issue and deal squarely with his constituents.

If the farmer keeps up his present policy, as expressed by the Farmers Union, for two years, he will get what he wants and have the politics of the country in a swing.

## CARRIED TO DURHAM

### Orange County Prisoners Will Works Durham Roads

Orange County Plans to Unprofitable to Maintain Convict Camp and Prisoners Are Turned Over to Durham County—Mr. Irving Coley, of Wake County, Dies at Watts Hospital After Operation.

(Special to The Times)

Durham, March 19—Sheriff S. W. Andrews, of Orange county, brought 14 prisoners here yesterday and sent them out to the county chain-gang, where they will serve time on Durham's roads.

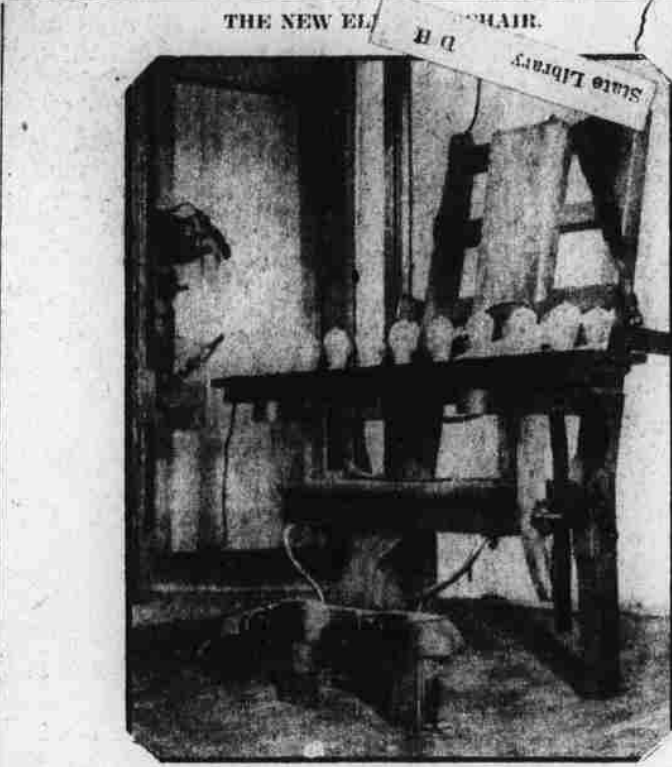
Orange county has from time to time maintained a county convict system, but has always found it unprofitable. That home of Mangum, Graham and culture generally, hasn't produced criminals in sufficient numbers to maintain the system. To guard and superintend a camp required greater expenditure than the system amounted to, and for that reason there is not now a convict force in that county. Indirectly Orange gets benefit from the present arrangement. Durham has built roads to the line in several places and being the nearest to Orange, generally gets the prisoners.

The batch brought here yesterday is the largest number sent in many courts, in fact the greatest number ever brought here. There were four white and ten colored men in the lot, though none of them will do long terms. Durham bore the expense of bringing them here and sending the officers back, otherwise their labor is a free gift to the roads.

Bible and Flag Presentation. The Bible and flag raising exercises of Eastern Academy in Chatham county yesterday, in which Chatham Council, No. 220, of the Jr. O. U. A. M., made the contribution to the republic, was a big success to the people of the section and a number of Durham people were drawn thitherwards.

The exercises were interesting throughout and largely attended. The flag, which might be appropriately denominated the glad rag of the order, was presented by Superintendent Zeb Vance Judd, of Wake county, who made a capital exposition of the order's patriotism and of its strong nationalism. The Bible, The Book, to the council, was presented by Delos W. Sorrell, of Durham's bar, who took the stand that it is a rare privilege to live in a country which has such an oriflame as the American flag and such a moral support as the Bible. Upon the part of the school the Bible and the flag were presented by Mr. William Wilson and dinner followed.

This wasn't one of the fashionable menus which must always pay tribute to the dozens of trusts, but a country dinner of old ham that does not cost 50 cents an ounce, and of hens that don't sink their owners a



The electric chair in which Walter Morrison was electrocuted. The lights for the test. Just before the condemned man takes his seat they are removed. His head, arms and feet are strapped to the chair.

fortune. Everything in the repast was native to the soil and it was pure provender if there ever was any.

In the afternoon an educational address was delivered by Prof. Claude Wilson, of the Eastern Carolina Training School. Education as a general theme was treated entertainingly and the gathering, brought there under such fine skies, dispersed for their homes.

Death of Mr. Coley.

Mr. Irving Coley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Coley, of upper Wake, died last night at 7:20 in the Watts hospital, where he had been the past week under treatment for appendicitis.

Mr. Coley was brought here Thursday, the 10th, and was put under the knife. Everything went well with him until he developed complications following in the wake of the wound. It became apparent yesterday that he could live at best but a day and his death was no surprise. He was 19 years of age and one of a family of three brothers and five sisters.

The remains will be shipped to Benehan on the Seaboard today and the funeral will take place this afternoon.

Death of a Child.

Little Mary Ruth Reams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Reams, died last night at their home about 9 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Clay station this morning.

Mr. Laurin Jones returned yesterday morning from Charlotte, where he has been the past fifteen weeks in the hospital, recovering from the terrible injuries received while working for the Southern Power Company.

Mr. Jones was at work upon a pole December 3d and received for a second 10,000 volts through his body.

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The flesh from an arm was buried off and the bone scorched. Such was the injury to it that there must be skin-grafting, and in a few days Mr. Jones will return to St. Peter's hospital, where the flesh from elsewhere on his body will be grafted onto the destroyed parts. Though yet practically an invalid it is hoped that in a few days he will have recovered from the awful ordeal of December.

Policeman Charged With Retaliating. Ex-policeman Walter Hicks will appear as defendant at today's recorder's court upon a charge of retaliating.

The case was continued from yesterday to allow the defendant the counsel that he wished. Attorney Victor S. Bryant will defend him and the matter is to be heard today. Two witnesses in the action are being held in jail in lieu of bond, which they could not give, and will be introduced by the state to show the sale. The case is of considerable interest on account of the former affiliations of the defendant.

## HEARING ON AGAIN

### After Recess of a Week Begins Again

The Ballinger-Pinchot Hearing Resumed Today After a Recess of a Week—Director Newell of the Reclamation Service on the Stand—Evidence Favors Pinchot.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 19—After a recess of a week the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee resumed its hearing this morning.

In view of the controversy going on in the house it was agreed that the inquiry should proceed with a sub-committee of five, which will be composed of the senate entirely. This enabled the house members to attend the sessions of that body. None of the house members who were present today remained at the hearing very long with the exception of Representative Graham of Illinois, who continued with the committee until noon.

Director Newell of the reclamation service, took the stand as soon as the committee met. He was examined by Attorney Popper. He went over practically the same ground covered by Chief Engineer Davis last week in regard to the attitude of Secretary Ballinger toward reclamation.

He corroborated the testimony of Mr. Davis with respect to the criticism passed by Mr. Ballinger upon the action of his predecessor, Mr. Garfield, in withdrawing power sites which Mr. Ballinger contended was done in violation of law. Mr. Newell said he had protested to secretary Ballinger shortly after he became the head of the interior department against the statement being made in the newspapers emanating from Ballinger that there was to be a big "shake-up" in the reclamation service. Such statements, he said, were inimical to the good of the service.

"I told Mr. Ballinger," said Mr. Newell, "that if they did not cease I would have to sever my connection with the service."  
"What did he say to that?" asked Mr. Popper.

"He simply flushed," said Mr. Newell, "and did not say anything."  
Mr. Newell told of the instruction which Secretary Ballinger had given verbally to the reclamation service that it recommended the restoration of entry of lands which had been withdrawn by Secretary Garfield.

It would discourage the average man if he was able to realize how very important he is.

## THE GENERAL STRIKE MAY BE CALLED

### Likely That a General Strike of 1,000,000 Workers Will Be Called Monday

## READY FOR CALL

The Situation Today Showed a Firm-er Deadlock Than Had Met the Interests Working For Settlement Since the Beginning of the Strike—President of the State Federation of Labor Getting Ready for Calling Out of the Men—Terms of the Car Company Refused by the Strikers—More Conferees Were Held Today But Without Any Result and Prospects of Halting Strike Are Meagre.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19—E. E. Greenawald, president of the State Federation of Labor, today began preparations to call a state-wide general strike of 1,000,000 workers for Monday morning. Although President Greenawald had not definitely decided on this course, it was declared that only an immediate promise of peace could avert the hastening of the state-wide strike.

President Greenawald today disclaimed all responsibility for the part of the strikers for the violence of yesterday.

"That can only do our cause harm," he declared. The attempts to dynamite two cars last night—one at Coral and Dauphin streets and another at 31st street, and Columbia avenue—today were the subjects of close investigation by the police.

The situation today showed firmer deadlock than had met the interests working for a settlement since the beginning of the car strike.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company has outlined the terms on which it will accept peace, and C. O. Pratt, international organizer of the car men, has definitely declared that the men will not return to work on those terms.

More conferences were held today, but the result announced was the same and the prospects of halting the great industrial war throughout the state appeared more meagre than ever.

The car company is willing to take back the men on these conditions. It will re-employ nearly all, but not the 173 whose discharge brought

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## THE SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE SETTLED

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, March 19—Officials of railroads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen met today to ratify the decision of the state board of arbitration which granted the switchmen involved in the wage controversy with their employers an increase of two cents an hour. This means an aggregate increase of from \$330,000 to 375,000 a year.

While both switchmen and railroad officials expressed dissatisfaction with the finding of the board, both sides said they would abide by the decision because of their previous agreement to be bound by the action of the arbitrators, of whom B. F. Shadley was chairman.

A. F. Whitney, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, asserted that while the men believed they should have been granted the 5 per cent increase asked for, one of their greatest disappointments was in not receiving time and one half for overtime. He charged that the action of the switchmen's union of America, a rival organization, in withdrawing their over-time demand in a separate arbitration had influenced.

All evidence and arguments in the arbitration sessions between the switchmen's union of America and railroads before a specially appointed federal committee, are in, and a decision is expected soon.

Commissioner Knapp and Nell continued their efforts today to find a peace basis in the controversy between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and 48 railroads. The firemen had voted to strike next Monday.

## SHACKELTON WILL COME TO AMERICA

(By Cable to The Times)

London, March 19—Sir Ernest Shackleton, commander of the expedition that got within 100 miles of the South Pole, left today on the liner Lusitania for America. He will go direct to Washington, where it is expected, he will discuss Antarctic conditions with the managers of the expedition fathered by Commander Peary. It is reported that Lieutenant Shackleton is preparing for another trip, on a much larger scale than his last, toward the South Pole, to start in 1911 with two ships.

Urged to Stand With Insurgents. (By Leased Wire to The Times)

Richmond, Ind., March 19—The executive committee of the Wayne republican central committee in session here today sent a telegram to Congressman Barnard, urging him to oppose Cannonism in the present fight and to stand with the insurgents in their efforts to change the house rules. Barnard has thus far been on the other side of the contest.

Joseph Chamberlain Sick. (By Cable to The Times)

London, March 19—Reports received here from the Riviera say that the health of Joseph Chamberlain, former premier, has not been helped by his trip, and that he is compelled to remain indoors most of the time. Great anxiety for his life is felt here.

## JUST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS MORE IN WHICH TO WORK AND PLAN FOR ONE OF THE MAGNIFICENT PRIZES

### The Times Great Popularity Voting Contest Ends Monday March, 21st Next--Look Out For The Contestant Behind She May Lead You At The Close-- Make Every Minute Count From Now Until the Close

## COME IN MONDAY AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Contest is Ending With Leaders Closely Bunched and Much Depends on Work the Last Day—Make Every Minute Count.

Only one more working day after today, when The Times Great Popularity Voting Contest ends. Just forty-eight hours, counting tomorrow Sunday, in which to plan and work for the magnificent prizes which are to be awarded to the lucky contestants Monday, March 21st 6 p. m.

Just as soon the clock strikes six Monday, March 21st next, the Great Contest will be over. The committee will break the seals on the box and in a very few minutes count will be made and the prizes awarded. One thing the contestants must not overlook is that all subscriptions and voting coupons must be in this office by the time mentioned above in order to count. Do not delay in sending in your voting coupons and subscriptions.

It is better to bring them in with you Monday so as to be sure they arrive, then you can be here and see the count made. Bring in your friends with you.

The contest is ending with several of the leaders closely bunched, and it is possible that some girl who has been scarcely considered in the race will spring to the front in the last hour with enough votes to capture the Two Trips to Europe.

This is not unlikely to happen. The Times doesn't know. The Contest Manager doesn't know. It is not possible for anybody to know what is in the minds of the contestants, what success they may have had in securing subscriptions as yet unreported, how strongly their interested friends may be determined to make their favorites win.

Nothing can be taken for granted in a contest like this, save that there shall be an absolutely fair count and no favoritism shown. The committee which has been appointed in control and

the make up of the committee insures a faircount for all.

Each contestant and her friends now know how many votes have been reported, and each one knows that the report is accurate to date, so far as she is concerned, and she will be sure to know exactly how many more are cast in her favor before the end.

The ballot box was sealed Thursday afternoon at 6 p. m. All contestants can turn in their money, have a voting coupon issued and drop this coupon in the box, or have the Contest Manager drop it in for them, and no one will know how many voting coupons are in the box until after the seals are broken by the committee at the close.

On the last day after banking hours, only coin currency, postoffice or express orders, or certified checks, will be accepted.

Look out for the contestant behind, she may be pilfering for a whipping finish.