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BERGER WANTS TO ABOLISH THE SENATE

Socialist Member of the House Introduces Resolution Claiming Senate Is Out of Date

WANTS REFERENDUM

Would Abolish the Senate and Vest All Power in the House of Representatives, Subject to the Referendum—Says Senate Has Become Like the House of Lords and Has Outlived Its Usefulness—Referendum the Most Conservative Political Power in Existence.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—Declaring that the senate has run its course, Representative Berger, the Wisconsin socialist member of the house, introduced a resolution today calling for the abolition of the upper branch of congress.

In the preamble of the resolution, Representative Berger states that the senate has become a useless and obstructive body, a menace to the liberties of the people, and an obstacle to social growth. Many of its members, he says are representatives not of a state or people, but of certain predatory combinations "and a body which by reason of the corruption often attending the election of its members, had furnished the gravest public scandals in the history of the nation."

The Berger resolution would abolish the senate and vest all legislative powers in the house of representatives, whose enactments, subject to the referendum, shall be the supreme law of the land. The referendum clause of the Berger resolution follows:

"Upon petition by 5 percent of the qualified voters for members of the lower houses of the state legislatures in each of three-fourths of the states, filed within ninety days after the passage of a law by the house of representatives, such law shall be submitted to a general referendum, and if such law receives a majority of all votes cast at such referendum, it shall be in effect, but if it fails of a majority it shall be null and void."

Representative Berger declared today that the senate has become in some respects similar to the house of lords. He denied that the senate should be regarded as "a check" against sudden upheavals in government, and adds that there is nothing more conservative than a referendum. Speaking of the referendum, he said:

"The referendum is, in reality, the most conservative political power in existence, as the example of Switzerland proves, where it has been in use for many years. The referendum is infinitely stronger than all the senates in the world, because no democratic power is great enough to resist it, and yet no progressive measure, no reform, is safe until it is accepted by the majority of the people."

PRESIDENT HAS BUSY DAY IN NEW YORK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, April 27—This is president Taft's busy day, but he had a good night's sleep in preparation for it. He did not arise until late at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, where he had retired after a speech made at 1:30 o'clock this morning to the Hungarian republican club at the Cafe Boulevard. The president had sat down to dinner with the club shortly after midnight breaking all presidential records as a late diner. After breakfast, he had a full program awaiting him. This included a discussion of federal vacancies in New York with Lloyd Griscom, chairman of the republican county committee and other republican leaders; luncheon at the home of Henry Clow; dinner with the Aeronautical Society and addresses this evening before the American newspaper publishers association and the Methodist social union. He will leave at midnight for Washington.

THE COMMITTEE PLACES

Republican Wrangle Brought to Floor of Senate

Resolution Fixing Committee Assignments Went Over On Objection of Senator Cummins Until Tomorrow—Democrats Well Pleased With Their Assignments.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—The republican wrangle which has been going on between the stalwarts and the insurgents for the past three weeks over committee assignments was brought to the floor of the senate today by the resolution presented by Senator Gallinger, chairman of the caucus, fixing the committee assignments. Senator Gallinger asked immediate consideration for the resolution, but Senator Cummins objected and the resolution went over until the next session of the senate.

The democrats of the senate held their conference at 10 o'clock this morning and formally ratified the selections and assignments made by the democratic committee on committees without any controversy. As a matter of fact the democratic progressives, after having bitterly fought the election of Senator Martin, of Virginia, as chairman of the caucus, found that the committee assignments made under his supervision were practically all they could have reasonably asked for. Three new senators, Kern, Indiana; Williams, Mississippi; and Johnson, Maine, all of them with progressive tendencies, were added to the important finance committee and generally speaking the democratic list was deemed to be quite satisfactory by the minority.

MEETING OF THE CHILD WELFARE CONGRESS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—Today's session of the Child Welfare Congress included proposed amendments to the constitution, songs by a group of second grade children from the Washington public schools and the report of the education committee, by Mrs. Orville T. Bright. The following addresses were delivered:

"The Homes' responsibility for corruption and dishonesty in business and politics," by Dr. Tom A. Williams.
"Father's need for child study," Mrs. George K. Johnson, president Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers, Philadelphia.
"What child study means to a mother," Mrs. J. R. Little, president of the Georgia Congress, Atlanta.
The Homes' responsibility in preventing immorality, Mrs. B. F. Carroll, president Iowa congress of mothers, Des Moines, Ia.

Senator Frye Resigns As President Pro-tem.
Washington, April 27—Senator William P. Frye, of Maine, today resigned as president pro-tem of the senate. His communication to Vice President Sherman stated that "ill health caused his action.

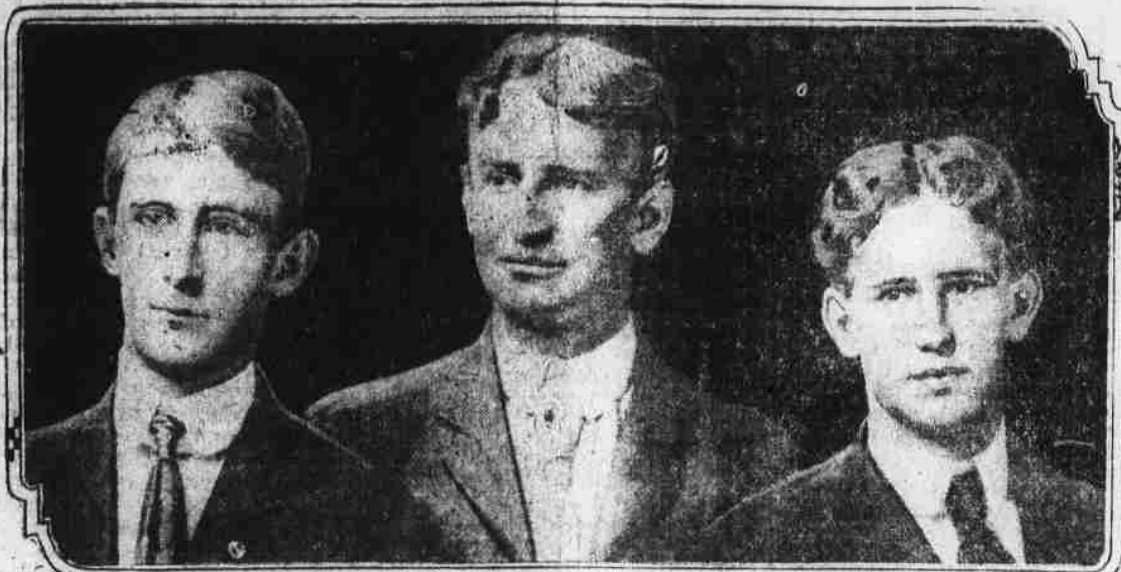
Senator Frye has been ill with blood-poisoning, caused by a tight shoe rubbing his heel, and has been confined to his bed for three weeks. Senator Gallinger will succeed him as president pro-tem of the senate.

Report On Monetary Commission.

Washington, April 27—Senator Aldrich will soon make a report on the expenditures of the national monetary commission in response to the joint resolution introduced in the house several days ago by Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the house appropriations committee, it was announced at the commission today. The commission has spent to date \$200,000.

Americans Released.

Washington, April 27—Ambassador O'Brien, at Tokio, advised the state department today that Fletcher and Richardson, the two Americans who were arrested for photographing the Matsu naval station at Yokohama from the deck of a passing ship, have been released. An investigation showed the Japanese that these passengers, both of whom are from San Francisco, were innocent of any intent to spy upon the fortress.



John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, the central figure of the group. On his right, with a button in the lapel of his coat, is James B. McNamara, also under arrest in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times plant and numerous buildings and bridges throughout the country. On his left is Hogan McNamara who is not involved in the dynamiting cases.

M'NAMARA IN JAIL

Mrs. Ingersoll Identifies Him As "Bryce"

Men Put in New Steel Cage and Separated From Each Other—Guards Slept in the Cell With Them. Prisoners Formally Arraigned Today—Burns Has Suit Case Full of Evidence.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Los Angeles, April 27—In the top story of the county jail building in a new steel cage, far removed from the ordinary cells and cages of that institution and separated in such manner that communication with each other was practically impossible, J. J. McNamara, J. W. McNamara, and Ortis E. McManigal, alleged dynamiters, spent their first night in Los Angeles. Locked in the cells with them during the night were three of Sheriff Hamilton's most experienced and trusted deputies.

HALLIGAN IS READING CLERK.

(Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—Patrick J. Halligan, editor of the National Hibernian, prominent in Irish-American affairs in the District of Columbia, was today selected to fill the office of reading clerk of the house. The position pays \$4,000 a year and there were many applicants for the plum. Members of the Tammany delegation in the house pooled their patronage in order to land the place for Mr. Halligan.

Mr. W. W. Willson, of this city, was a candidate for the position and it was hoped by his many friends in Raleigh that he would be elected. It was said in news dispatches from Washington that Mr. Willson stood a chance of securing the position of assistant reading clerk, which pays a salary slightly less than reading clerk.

Postmaster at Murphy. (Special to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—Frank D. Dickey was confirmed as postmaster at Murphy today.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN NOT VISIBLE

The sun will be in total eclipse tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, but the passing of the shadow of the earth over the body will not be discernible or visible in the least in this part of the country. The phenomenon will be witnessed largely by the Pacific coast observers and a number of British scientists have set up their instruments for the unique event. The last total eclipse of the sun was May 28, 1909, when Wadesboro was a center of observable territory, and to this point great throngs of people journeyed in order to witness the spectacle.

Robbed of Jewelry. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Newark, N. J., April 27—Because his burglar alarm was too noisy, James Ogden, of Lincoln Park, turned it off last night and this morning found he awoke he found he had been robbed of \$500 worth of jewelry.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Royal Arcanum Meets Next Year In Charlotte

F. W. Hancock, of Oxford, is Elected Grand Representative—Most Enthusiastic Meetings Ever Held—E. L. Harris, of Raleigh, Elected Grand Treasurer.

(Special to The Times.)
Hickory, April 27—The state grand council Royal Arcanum closed its twenty-second annual session this morning in this city. The session was called at 10:00 o'clock and the body proceeded at once with the election of officers for the next year, which resulted as follows:

- G. R.—F. W. Hancock, of Oxford;
- G. V.—C. A. Johnson, of Raleigh;
- G. H.—H. B. Craven, of New Bern;
- P. G. R.—H. E. Bonitz, of Wilmington;
- G. Sec'y—Dr. J. H. Way, of Waynesville;
- G. Treas.—E. L. Harris, of Raleigh;
- G. G.—Neale Burfoot, of Elizabeth City;
- G. Chaplain—Dr. S. Mendelsohn, of Wilmington;
- G. Warden—S. M. Hampton, of Leesville;
- G. Sentinel—John Machin, of Asheville.

The following were elected as a committee on laws—H. E. Bonitz, C. A. Johnson.
Representatives to supreme council—First Rep., H. C. Dockery, of Rockingham; 1st alternate, E. L. Harris, of Raleigh; 2nd rep., H. E. Bonitz, of Wilmington; 2nd alternate, Dr. J. H. Way, of Waynesville. Charlotte was unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting.

Yesterday's Session.
Hickory, N. C., April 27—The Grand Council Royal Arcanum met in this city yesterday at 10 o'clock in yearly session. Mr. F. W. Hancock, of Oxford, Grand Regent, presiding. The meetings are being held in the hall of the local council. The council numbers about sixty members, representing about thirty different councils of the state.
Last night at 8 o'clock a banquet (Continued on Page Two.)

RESOLUTION AS TO COTTON SPECULATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—A resolution calling upon the attorney general for all the information in his possession as to existence of a combination to control the price of cotton was introduced in the house today by Representative Blackman, of Alabama. The resolution mentioned by name as alleged manipulators of the cotton market, Frank P. Hayne, W. P. Brown, Eugene Seales and James A. Patten. The attorney general is also asked why he did not proceed against the Patten corner of the wheat market from May to July, 1910, and also why Prosecutions have not begun against Wall street speculators who manipulate prices of cotton.
There's a kind of man who thinks people will take pompousness to be power.

BUILDING COMMISSION FOR STATE STRUCTURE

Col. Alex. J. Field, private secretary to Governor Kitchin, this afternoon announced the members of the commission for the building of the new \$250,000 administration building, authorized by the last legislature. They are: Col. Ashley Horne, Clayton; Mr. A. S. Roscoe, Windsor; Gen. Julian S. Carr, Durham; Hon. J. A. Long, Roxboro; Mr. J. Elwood Cox, High Point; Mr. W. L. Parsons, Rockingham; Col. W. E. Springer, Wilmington.

Nominations Confirmed. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations:
Laurits S. Swensen, Minnesota, now minister to Switzerland, to be minister to Norway, vice Herbert H. V. Peirce.
Frederick C. Harper, Washington, to be collector of customs for the district of Puget Sound.

HOUSE TAKES A REST

From Discussion of the Free List

The Day Given Over to a Study of the Reapportionment Bill—Representative Small Takes a Hand—Crumpacker's Amendment.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, April 27—The house interrupted the debate on the free list bill today in order to take up the reapportionment measure, which increases the membership of the house to 433 members. No state in the union loses a member under this reapportionment plan, while several of them make large gains.

Debate on the free list bill has dragged along in weary fashion for two days. A number of speakers wanted a little additional time in order to prepare speeches for and against the bill, and, in order to relieve the monotony, it was decided that the house might mark time on the free list, and pass the reapportionment bill in the meanwhile.

The reapportionment bill, reported by Chairman Houston, of the committee on the census, is practically the same as the Crumpacker bill which passed the house last session. One section of the Crumpacker measure, however, was stricken out by the democrats, this being the one that gave the secretary of commerce and labor authority to make reapportionments ten years hence, and thereafter.

Many members of the house think that an increase in its membership will make the lower body entirely too large and cumbersome. At one time the plan was considered of retaining a membership of 391, although a number of states would have lost representation under this plan while others would have made gains under the new ratio. The (Continued on Page Five.)

MR. PERRIN BUSBEE SUFFERS AN ATTACK

Mr. Perrin Busbee, district supervisor and past grand master of the North Carolina grand lodge of Odd Fellows, was this afternoon at 3:45 struck with an attack of paralysis in the hallway of The Raleigh Daily Times building. Dr. Watson was at once summoned and prescribed for him. Mr. Busbee rapidly recovered from the shock. He was sent to his office in a carriage, and it is hoped that he will improve steadily.

WAKE TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED NORMALS

Quite a number of primary and upper grade teachers have taken advantage of the offer of the county board of education made last year to bear a part of the expenses of such teachers who would attend an approved spring or normal school. To such primary teacher attending such a course \$5 a month was added to her regular salary and \$10 to a teacher in an upper grade. The offer is repeated this year. Those who took advantage of the offer of the board are: Primary, Miss Emma Ellis, Miss Daisy Reid, Miss Estelle Yerborough, Miss Mary Kilpatrick, Miss Mary Jackson Woodward and Miss Gypsy Barker. Upper grade teachers: Miss Susie Pasmore, Mrs. Irene J. Cook, Miss Lydia Yates, Miss Estelle Edwards, Miss Mattie Kirkpatrick, Miss Ohio Scarborough and Miss Lala Wienn. Supt. Judd today drew up vouchers for these teachers.

Forest Fires Threaten Town.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Adams, Mass., April 27—The town of North Adams, just north of here, on the Hoosac river, is threatened with destruction from forest fires today.

The fire, which started at Williamstown two days ago, could be plainly seen today spreading over Pine Cobble mountain and 250 fire fighters are battling desperately to check the conflagration, which is sweeping toward the boundaries of North Adams. A heavy pall of smoke is hanging over the country for miles around.

Johnson Going to Europe.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, April 27—Champion Jack Johnson, first fighting will probably be done in Europe, according to his present plans. Following his twenty-five days of servitude for automobile speeding, Johnson is at home here recuperating. He declared that he will go to England to see the coronation of King George; thence to Dublin to see the Irish horse show and then to Paris, where he will do some fighting.

PULLMAN CAR BURNED AT ROCKY MOUNT

One Passenger, a Clothing Salesman of New York Suffocated to Death

GAS EXPLOSION CAUSE

Flagman Heard Escaping Gas, and Thinking it Was Air, Carried a Lantern to It—The Explosion Followed and the Car Was Burned. Mail Clerk and Fireman Badly Injured—Ten Passengers, Asleep in the Car, Got Out Safely—The Dead Man Was J. Probst, a Traveling For a New York Clothing House.
(Special to The Times.)
Rocky Mount, April 27—A Florence to Richmond Pullman, part of train No. 86, Palmetto Limited, over the Atlantic Coast Line, northbound, was destroyed by fire here this morning, and one passenger, J. Probst, New York City, was suffocated to death, while flagman J. C. Ruse and Mail Clerk W. F. Ireland are in the hospital, suffering injuries the extent of which are not known.

The fire started from a leaking gas tank, which was ignited by the flagman, who believed it was air escaping and rushed near with a lantern. The explosion gave him a severe injury and ignited the inflammable material in the car. Ten passengers were asleep in the car at the time, but the crew, assisted by one other passenger, and Mail Clerk Ireland, went at the task of getting the sleepers awake and to a point of safety. There were three women and a girl that were carried from the car unhurt and six male passengers left the car in safety. Only a part of the belongings of the passengers were recovered.

The one passenger who lost his life, J. Probst, was a traveling salesman for the clothing firm of M. Finkelshtein & Son, 729-741 Broadway, New York, and was himself a resident of New York, living at 201 West Illinois. He is 30 years old. He was a passenger from Charleston to Richmond, entering the sleeper at Florence. His remains are in the care of a local undertaker, upon the authority of railroad officials.

Several firemen were overcome getting Probst's body from the car, and when removed he was breathing, but died in a few minutes, though medical attention was at hand. Both the Pullman Company and the railroad officials say a rigid investigation will be made.

Ireland was burned in helping the passengers from the car.

Pawned Wife's Teeth.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Newark, N. J., April 27—William Mare, of Vesey street, has been summoned to court by his wife on the charge that he pawned her false teeth.

CHURCH CONGRESS HEARS ADDRESSES

Washington, April 27—Today's session of the church congress was devoted to hearing addresses on various theological subjects. Among the speakers were the Rev. George C. Stetson, pastor of St. Luke's church, Evanston, Ills. The Rev. Elwood Worcester, D. D., pastor of Emmanuel church, Boston; the Rev. William M. Graton, dean of the Divinity school of the Protestant Episcopal church, Philadelphia; the Rev. Harold S. Brewster, pastor of St. Agnes Church, East Orange, N. J.

The Washington Cathedral council entertained the delegates today on a pilgrimage to the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon.

Married in Taxicab.
Cincinnati, O., April 27—Because they were in a hurry to catch a train, Roy Maddigan, of New York, a well known athlete, and Miss Marion Kriebel, of this city, were married in a taxicab on their way to the station.