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## SPEAKER SHORN OF POWER

### Hurled From Lofty Position Last Saturday

## END REACHED IN BITTER FIGHT

### Refused to Resign, and House Refused to Further Humiliate Him by Deposing Him.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The house of representatives by a vote of 182 to 160 repudiated Speaker Cannon and his committee. By this unexpectedly large majority it overruled his decision and insisted upon considering the resolution of Norris, of Nebraska, providing for a re-organization of the committee of rules with the speaker eliminated. The complete overthrow of Speaker Cannon and the annihilation of the house machine was a question of time. The grizzled old warrior is going down with flags flying, asking no quarter, giving none. He was contesting each point with a grim determination, knowing full well that his down fall was but a question of hours. It was currently reported that Cannon would resign the speakership in the event of his defeat in the fight. There was no confirmation of this report, however, and it was not given the credence that was placed upon it before the result of the fight became so painfully apparent. More succinctly than it can be told in any other way, the complete downfall of the Cannon forces in the House of Representatives is shown by the various roll calls taken in Saturday's historic struggle. Oratory and strategy counted for little in that tremendous fight. It was the brute strength of votes that was of availing importance. In their chronological order, the votes taken, resulted as follows:

- Ayes Noes.**
- On Dalzell's motion to lay on the table the appeal of Norris' appeal from Speaker's ruling. . . . . 164 181
  - On Norris' motion ordering the previous question on his appeal. . . . . 182 160
  - On the question, "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained." . . . . . 160 182
  - On ordering the previous question on the adoption of the Norris' substitute. . . . . 178 159
  - To substitute the new Norris' resolution for the old, offered Thursday. . . . . 193 153
  - To adopt the Norris' resolution. . . . . 191 155
  - On Burleson's resolution to declare the Speaker's chair vacant. . . . . 155 191
  - What will be the definite, tangible results of the big victory of the allies no one is yet in a position or of a mind to say. Admittedly Cannonism is ended, for one thing. Nor again, is it claimed will debate be prohibited.

### 17-Inch Lemon.

Bedford City, Va., Special.—J. R. Brown, of Good View, Bedford county, while in Richmond had a lemon nearly as big as himself. The lemon is six inches high and seventeen inches in circumference, and weighs two pounds. This lemon was raised in Mr. Brown's house in Bedford from a lemon tree grown from a small slip, which he got from Ohio. Mr. Brown thinks that better lemons can be raised in Virginia than in any other place in the world, and certainly larger.

### Slayer of Carolinian Convicted.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—W. P. Samuels, who shot and killed Sheriff William V. Flannigan, of Draper, N. C., in October, 1908, has been given 18 years in prison. The verdict was the same as that rendered by the jury at a former trial in November, 1908, which resulted in the granting of a new trial. Under the Virginia laws he could not have given a term severer than what he was originally sentenced.

### Is 400,000,000 Years Old.

Chicago, Special.—Old Mother Earth, who has closely guarded her age for her entire life, is 400,000,000 years old, according to the current number of a geological publication of the University of Chicago. In their scientific phraseology, the approximate age of the earth, it has been discovered, may be determined by dividing the amount of salt in the sea by the amount brought down into it. Sir John Murray, Professor Joly and M. Dubois, all famous geologists, stand back of the new method.

## PHILADELPHIA TROUBLE.

### No Indication For Peace Yet Established

Philadelphia, Special.—After a week of peace talk and innumerable conferences between union leaders and peacemakers, the striking motormen and conductors and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company are apparently still far apart. There is, however, on both sides a better feeling which might lead at any time to the opening of negotiations. In no peace conference yet held has the transit company been directly represented. It is said that the informal peace meeting will continue until common ground can be found on which to bring both sides together.

President Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, has announced that all peace negotiations between the strikers and the peace makers, so far as he and the ear men's union is concerned, are off. It is now 29 days since the strike and the fifteenth of the general walk-out. There have been few desertions from the ranks of the trolley men but there is a slow movement toward a return to work on the part of the general strikers. The return is not universal, but each day finds a few more men going back, so that there is not nearly the great number idle which there was in the first few days of the sympathetic strike. President Greenawalt of the State Federation of Labor, is still determined to put the State-wide strike into effect. He said he hoped such action would not be necessary but he saw no way in which to delay carrying out the instructions of the recent State convention.

The dynamiting of three cars in different parts of the city Saturday are the first acts of violence reported in nearly a week. In this connection it has been learned that 100 sticks of dynamite were stolen from a quarry on the outskirts of the city Thursday night. The police have been instructed to watch all persons who carry packages of suspicious appearance.

### Sentenced to Wed.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—If the sentence imposed upon him by Judge Ralph S. Latschaw, of the Criminal Court of this city, is carried out, Fred M. Miller, an attorney of this city, will have to wed the first woman who will consent to become his wife. Miller filed an application in the court, in which he represented himself as a "lonely single man, inspired with the lofty ambition to take unto himself a wife," and soliciting the aid of the court to this end. "Here is a man who desires to prefer against himself in the criminal Court a charge of wanting to get married," said Judge Latschaw, when Miller's application was read. "File the application, Mr. Clerk. Enter a plea of guilty after his name and sentence him to be married to the first woman who will consent to become his wife."

### Complication Avoided.

Richmond, Va., Special.—No vacancy having occurred in the United States senatorship during the session of the General Assembly all of the constitutional questions which have so deeply stirred the minds of State officials during the past few days have been disposed of. The fact that Senator Daniel was alive at midnight Saturday night removed the last doubt in any one's mind as to the correct situation. The Governor will appoint if it is necessary.

### Negro Murderer Respited.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Governor Mann at the eleventh hour Friday granted a respite until May 13 to Henry Smith, one of the negroes convicted of the murder of Walter F. Schultz, a Chicago artist, at Alexandria, Va., on March 6 last year. Richard Pines, Eugene Dorsey and Calvin Johnson, three other negroes convicted of the same crime, had been respited until May 13. The four therefore will be hanged together on this date.

### Big Demand For Babies.

New Orleans, Special.—The demand for babies here has reached such a proportion that it is feared there will be a serious shortage in the supply. A carload of babies from the New York Foundling and Orphan Asylum was given away here last week. Many women clamored for babies in vain and so numerous are the applications that the institution has decided to send another carload of infants to New Orleans.

## TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

### News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

### Big Fire at Shelby.

Fire which originated in the office of Dr. I. A. Woods, a dentist, in the Shelby National bank building, threatened an entire business block there Sunday night. But for the hard work of the fire department the loss would have been much more severe.

As it is, the damage is estimated at \$10,000, most of the loss being due to water. Dr. Woods' office is on the second floor of the building and the other apartments on this floor are occupied as offices. One apartment is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith. Mr. Smith is secretary of the Shelby cotton mill. His loss was small. The fire was confined to the second floor by excellent work on the part of the fire department. Those who suffered a loss by water are the Shelby National bank, Evans McBryer, a clothing merchant, Farmers' Hardware Company, Eskridge Millinery & Jewelry Co. and Pendleton and Magness music house. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an overturned lamp in Dr. Woods' office.

### Evans, Chauffeur, Released on Bond.

George Evans, the negro chauffeur, who was held for five days in jail in Charlotte, following the coroner's investigation and inquest into the death of M. W. Christenbury, who was run over and killed by an automobile belonging to Jeremiah Goff, half-mile south of Derita, has been released following a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by attorneys before Judge James L. Webb, at the conclusion of the day's work in civil court Saturday.

### White Woman Charged With Murder.

Mrs. Jake Coble and Albert Ryan, the latter colored, have been committed to jail in Greensboro charged with being implicated in the murderous assault upon John M. Staley, of Julian, who died Saturday at St. Leo's Hospital. Officers are searching for Jake Coble and his son, Hiram, who have disappeared. Mrs. Coble, a woman of 50 years, says the assault was committed by her son, Hiram, who struck Staley over the head with a beer bottle.

### Glenn Visits Hughes.

Former Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, paid his respects to Governor Hughes in Albany, N. Y. He introduced a delegation from Charlotte, who were in Albany to invite Governor Hughes to attend a convention in that city in April under the auspices of the Greater Charlotte Club, in the industrial growth of their section.

### Masons to Meet 29-30.

On the 29th and 30th of this month the Carolina Consistory, No. 1 of the ancient and accepted Scottish Rites of Freemasonry will meet in Charlotte.

Representatives from the Oasis Temple and the Shrine will be there for these days and delegates will be appointed to go to New Orleans on the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th of April to attend the biennial meeting of the Imperial Council of Shriners of the United States. New Orleans entertains this noble order for the first time.

### Shoots at Mother-in-Law, Kills Child.

Following separation from his wife, who had gone to the home of her father, Clem McLean, near Hope Mills, taking her two children with her, Gaston Kirk, a negro, Saturday night, after forcibly taking charge of one of the children, and started off with it, fired at his mother-in-law from the yard, and instantly killed a six-year-old child of his wife's sister, Gertrude McLean.

### Carolinian Dies in Manila.

News has reached Marion announcing the death of Arthur Byars in Manila, Philippine Islands. The news came through a cablegram to E. H. Byars, his father. Typhoid fever was the cause of death. Arthur Byars was about 24 years old. He received an appointment in the agricultural department of the Philippine government.

### Bring Kline Back For Trial.

The sheriff of Catawba county arrived there with J. E. Kline, wanted for the alleged embezzlement of \$6,000. A reward of \$200 will be paid to the local police in Bluefield, W. Va., for the capture of Kline.

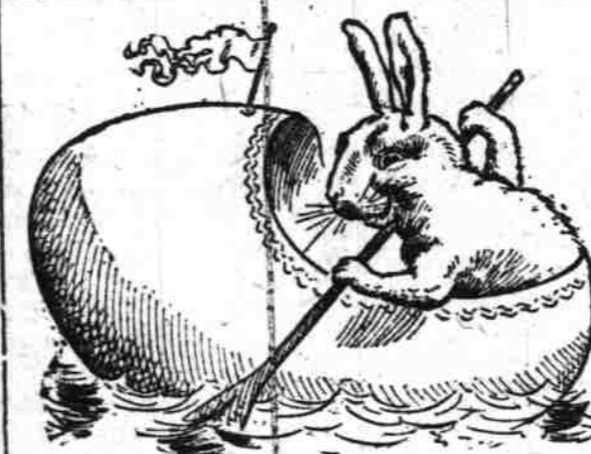
### New N. C. Postmaster.

North Carolina postmasters appointed: Maury, Greene county, Leonard L. Hardy, vice A. I. Grimsley, resigned; Proctorville, Robeson county James P. Priece, vice T. F. Barnes, resigned.



## EASTER

Easter, of all holidays, is the most significant; for it symbolizes the wide spread, nay, almost universal belief in the immortality of the soul—the belief which, most of all, makes life valuable; the hope which helps men forward from day to day, and cheers them as they toll on the monotonous plane of routine and materialism. For always before their eyes gleams the rosy-tipped peak which tells of purer heights, and which shines alive with the radiance of a sun entirely submerged from the mortal view. At Eastertide the serious and thoughtful think of the glorious promise of the life to come, made certain through the Resurrection. Nature is alive with the glad tidings of life revived. After slumbering for months under frost and snow, with the approach of the gentle spring there is a great quickening. To nature's analogy add the truth of revelation, and man's hope for life beyond is assured. It has been well said that man's longing for immortality is inherent. Men are born into this life with that fond anticipation. This heart-throb-



bing for life beyond impelled the giants of philosophy of ancient times to speak and write on the subject. It inspired Socrates in his noble work among the Athenian youths, and gave courage to Cicero in the Roman forum. And what was regarded by them as only a possibility was later made manifest by the appearance of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." The Christian's ideal of immortality, it should be noted, was that of prolonged existence upon an immeasurably elevated plane.

The wonderful truth of immortality, impressed at Easter, gives the highest possible motive for faithful Christian life and service. Impelled by the fact of immortality, wise men live as they ought to live, for life goes on forever and the future is the harvest of the present. They realize that the eternal years of God belong to truth, justice and righteousness. The light of immortality shines on and unravels all the apparently hopeless entanglements of earth and time. It is worth while to live, to fight, to labor, to wait, and endure, for the end is sure. Men can struggle, toil and sacrifice in hope and patience, for they realize that life goes on forever. In new fulness, with new earnestness and power.

It is well that once a year the symbolism of Easter brings home anew the lesson that men, if they will, may overleap the barriers that their own errors and weakness have created, and emerge into a fuller and higher life, crowned with the assurance of immortality.

### An Easter Luncheon.

Utilize the shad roe, using it in a new way. The fruit course at the beginning of the luncheon may be cherries or strawberries, or the meal may begin with soup.

**Fruit.**  
Cream of spinach soup.  
Olives, salted nuts, radishes.  
Shad-roe balls, horseradish sauce.  
Broiled squab on watercress; peas and potatoes; or chicken cutlets; French peas; potato balls, browned; banana balls in shells, French dressing.  
Frozen cheese with preserved figs; wafers.  
Coffee.



### GOT HIS.

"Th' adm'r I was trying to get something for nothing."  
"Well?"  
"I got what I deserved."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## NEWSY GLEANINGS.

All France is aroused by the Dues scandal. Paris is declared officially to have resumed its normal healthy condition. Arthur F. Zimmerman, spurious Baron Lichtenstein, was convicted of perjury in Brooklyn. Congress devoted a day to exercises in connection with the unveiling of a statue of John C. Calhoun. Plans to use oil as fuel in the United States Navy arouse strong interest in the British Admiralty. Prince Henry of Prussia, speaking at Hamburg, expressed absolute confidence in England's good will. The German Government proposed to introduce a bill widening the self-government of Alsace-Lorraine. Canada is flooded with anonymous circulars directed against any tariff concessions to the United States. Serious street fighting followed a meeting of Catholics at Saragossa, Spain, to protest against lay schools. Liverpool brokers resented the treatment of James A. Patten by the members of the Manchester Cotton Exchange. Sir Edward Grey, speaking at a Liberal dinner in London, urged a radical reform of the Lords, but opposed a single chamber. Cheers, fireworks, singing and speeches marked the trip of the first electric train on the Harlem Division of the New York Central Railway. A bill was passed at Washington, D. C., providing for the enumeration of the nationality and mother tongue of all persons included in the next census. Prosecutor Garven, of Hudson County, N. J., appeared before a legislative committee at Trenton, and told conditions of cold-storage plants of Jersey City, urging a law to protect the people.

### Governor Vetoes Birthplace Bill.

Frankford, Ky., Special.—Following on the failure of the Legislature at its recent session to accede to his request that the Lincoln memorial farm be exempted from taxation, came Governor Wilson's veto of a bill appropriating \$5,000 for improvement to be made on the birthplace of Jefferson Davis, in Todd county, Ky.

### John D. Turns Down a League.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—George R. Washburne, secretary of the National Model License League, received unopened and marked "declined to receive," a registered letter he sent John D. Rockefeller several days ago, asking the financier's moral and financial support of the Model License League.

### Seminary at Muskogee Burns.

Muskogee, Okla., Special.—Fire destroyed the main building of the Cherokee Seminary at Tahlequah, one of the oldest institutions of the Cherokee nation Sunday. Personal effects of the 200 Indian students were lost. The loss on the building is estimated at \$75,000. The seminary was built in 1856 by Cherokee Indians, who hauled the material for its construction more than 75 miles overland.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Robert B. Mantell, actor, is fifty-six. Prosecutor Garven, of Jersey City, said cold storage foods are a menace to health. The Rev. J. M. Robinson, an Episcopal clergyman from Ireland, is to raise funds for Irish charity. J. Pierpont Morgan, in Rome, was amused at reports of his death, and said that he never felt better. Prince Henry of Germany urged support of the company organized to build airship stations for overseas lines. James R. Keene, testifying before the United States Commissioner, said greed was the cause of the Hocking pool collapse. London's Court of Common Council unanimously voted to confer the honorary freedom of the city on ex-President Roosevelt. A new schedule went into effect in the New York City subway and Frank Hedley said he hoped to be regarded "as a decent citizen yet." Mayor Gaynor is so overwhelmed with callers and invitations to make speeches that he has asked the public to keep away for two weeks. The Bishop of North Dakota declared in Grace Church, New York City, that advertisers could help to make the papers more godly. Martin W. Littleton, who left Texas ten years ago and has since achieved reputation at the bar and in politics in New York, is thirty-eight years old. Bolton Hall, lawyer, socialist and land reformer, intends establishing a farm near Plainfield, N. J., as a residence colony for persons of artistic bent who have been unable to market the fruits of their genius.

### Released on \$1,500 Bond.

Denbigh, Va., Special.—Santa A. Morse, a negro, assistant postmaster at Denbigh, has been arrested by Deputy United States Marshal R. S. Holland, on the charge of stealing the contents of three registered letters. The accused was released on a bond of \$1,500 for his appearance.

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