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CHAMP CLARK CHOSEN SPEAKER OF NEXT HOUSE

THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS TAKES
FROM THE CHAIR THE POWER
TO NAME COMMITTEES.

UNDERWOOD GETS BIG PLACE

Alabama Congressman Heads Ways
and Means Committee With
Power to Name Committees.

Washington.—Champ Clark of Missouri, chosen speaker of the next house of representatives and given a rousing ovation on mention of his name for the presidency, ways and means committee, previously agreed upon, chosen to name the standing committees and frame tariff legislation for early action of the next congress; a New York member read out of the party, a barrel of resolutions and a host of speakers—these were features of the caucus of Democratic members of the coming house.

Mr. Underwood of Alabama, the lieutenant of Mr. Clark, heads the new ways and means committee. The caucus developed considerable difference of views as to the method of selecting committees, but when the time came for voting alignment,



various resolutions were voted down, the Fitzgerald resolution to leave the committees to the speaker's selection being beaten, 29 to 166, and the Foster resolution placing that power in the ways and means committee carrying by 166 to 7.

EXPRESS RATES REDUCED.

Radical Cut in Express Charges on Through Shipments.
New York.—Officers of the Canadian and American Express companies, in conference here, announce a reduction in through rates soon to take effect between all offices of the United States and many of Canada.

All the important express companies were represented, including the Adams, Canadian, American, National, Northern, Southern, Western, Pacific, United States and Wells-Fargo, and the New York and Boston Dispatch.

NEW ORLEANS SCORES.

Southern City Endorsed for Location of Panama Exposition.
Washington.—New Orleans won the first round of the fight for the location of the Panama exposition when the exposition committee of the house by a vote of 9 to 6 decided in favor of it as the site for the fair to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915. No appropriation for the peculiar aid of the New Orleans fair is authorized. It is understood, however, that the committee will favor an extensive government exhibit to cost approximately \$1,000,000.

STATES SELECT SENATORS.

Augusta, Maine.—Charles F. Johnson of Waterville (Dem.), was elected United States senator to succeed Eugene Hale by the Maine legislature.

Lincoln, Neb.—Representative G. M. Hitchcock (Dem.) was elected United States senator to succeed Senator E. J. Burkett.

Hartford, Conn.—George Payne McLean of Simsbury (Rep.) was chosen United States senator from Connecticut for the six-year term by the general assembly.

And-Opting Cotton Bill Up.
Washington.—The anti-opting bill to prohibit gambling in cotton futures was the subject of discussion before the senate committee on interstate commerce, and was actively urged by the national officers of the Farmers' union. This measure passed the house at the last session, and all that now stands in the way of it becoming a law is favorable consideration in the senate. It prohibits the use of the mails or wires for making any cotton contract where actual delivery is not contemplated.

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VILE REPORTS ABOUT SOUTH

LABOR AGENT'S STORIES ARE
SUPPRESSED BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Revolting Stories About Private Lives
of People in South Told in
Reports.

Washington.—That Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor has suppressed much of the reports of agents of the labor bureau, because of their revelations concerning the private lives of people in North Carolina and other Southern states, was asserted in the senate by Senator Overman. He said some of the reports were so revolting in character that, if printed, the law prohibiting the circulation of obscene literature would prohibit their transmission through the mails.

The statement followed an inquiry by Senator Beveridge as to the publication of the investigation into the employment of women and child labor made a few years ago by the bureau of labor.

ALABAMA BARS LOBBYISTS.

First Clash Occurs in the Prohibition Fight.
Montgomery, Ala.—Anticipating a bitter contest over the effort to repeal the prohibition legislation, the lower house of the Alabama legislature, after prolonged debate, adopted a rule forbidding anybody on the floor of the house while the body was in session, except members, employees and active reporters. This shuts out all lobbyists, of whom there are said to be not a few here.

The first clash over the liquor question came on a motion in the house to have all the liquor bills introduced during the session printed. This also provoked a spirited debate and ended in a victory and, if it was a victory, it is a pyrrhic one.

Senator Frank S. Moody, known as "the father of temperance in Alabama," introduced a bill which has for its object the establishing of a dispensary in every county in the state. This is the most far-reaching liquor bill so far introduced.

The fight over the liquor legislation has been transferred from the senate to the house, and it is plainly understood that the issue in that body is in doubt. The senate is said to be local option by a small but working majority. The local optionists deny this. The local optionists control the temperance committee of the house, not a prohibitionist being on it.

The mobile delegation put in a bill that allows the sale of liquor in that county.

Explosion Kills Nine Seamen.
Washington.—Eight men met instant death and one man was so horribly burned that he probably will die as a result of a boiler explosion aboard the battleship Delaware.

ON CRUISER AT SEA AVIATOR ELY LANDS

EXTRAORDINARY FEAT OF AVIATION PERFORMED BY MAN
BIRD AT SAN FRANCISCO.

FLEW BACK TO THE SHORE

Ely Flew From Shore, Landed on the Deck of Warship Pennsylvania and Flew Back to Here.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—A Curtiss racing biplane, under the leadership of a man who has been called "the man who flew like a bird," landed on the deck of the battleship Pennsylvania at sea, and flew back to the shore.

The feat was accomplished by Ely, who left the aviation ground early in the morning. After a few circles he headed northeastward and disappeared.

DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE

Meeting Was a Celebration and No Great Political Significance Attached to Proceedings.

Baltimore.—Content during the lean years of defeat to dine at "dollar dinners" with "hog and hominy" as the central theme and spring water on the side, the militant Democracy of 1911 sat at a feast in this city, where the exclusive diamond-back terrapin vied with the aristocratic canvas-back duck and the epicurean Smithfield ham in the courses of a banquet celebrating the Democratic victories of 1910.

The banquet was the closing feature of a day given over to harmony conferences among the Democrats from various sections of the country. Governor Harmon of Ohio and Champ Clark of Missouri were the central figures in the doings.

Contrary to the general impression the meetings constituted a celebration rather than a conference, and no great political significance attached to the proceedings.

BLEASE IS INAUGURATED.

South Carolina's New Governor Very Warmly Roasts the Press.

NORTH CAROLINA.

ADVERTISING NORTH CAROLINA.

Southern Railway Issues Booklet—May Be Had Free.

A handsome and well illustrated booklet, descriptive of the agricultural resources and products of North Carolina, has just been issued by the Land and Industrial Department of the Southern Railway, for distribution in the North and West in connection with the work which the Southern is doing in the effort to attract desirable settlers to the Southeast.

The volume is the fourth in a series on the different states traversed by the Southern. It is not for circulation in the South, but will be given a wide distribution in sections where it is believed the greatest good can be accomplished.

The agricultural and forest resources of North Carolina and the opportunities in general farming, stock raising, fruit and vegetable growing that await the homeseeker as well as the many advantages offered for various branches of manufacturing and the many prosperous cities and towns are treated extensively. Full information is given concerning the character of the soils, while especial attention is directed to the delightful climatic conditions which have given North Carolina wide fame as a resort State, both summer and winter.

COTTON MILLS TO CURTAIL.

Factory Owners Recommend a Cut of 25 Per Cent. in the Output.

Boston, Mass.—Millions of spindles in the cotton mills of the United States will be idle one-quarter of the time until market conditions improve if a recommendation made by the Arkwright Club is accepted generally.

ORIGIN OF HOBBLE SKIRT.

North Carolina Farmer is Responsible for New Style.

Iredell, N. C.—It transpired that the hobble skirt was first worn in Lincoln county many, many years ago long before the idea ever occurred to Gray Parry.

WANTS DIVORCE AFTER 20 DAYS.

Arthur Talmage Abernethy, of a prominent North Carolina family and well known in Washington and Philadelphia as well as in the West, as a newspaper writer, has the distinction of being a groom and a defendant in a suit for a divorce in twenty days.

N. C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MORE TROUBLE FOR NEW YORK SLEUTHS

Must Now Stroll Along Rubberneck Row in Full Evening Clothes.

New York.—Hist! The new detective has arrived!

There are several dozen of him in this little old town, and Second Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn is his boss.

There never was a sleuth like unto him since the days of Vidocq and M'sieu Lecocq, and he is making tremendous new strides in his recrudescence from his old-time "boil," so well known at all our best social functions where jewelry and a showing of gowns are displayed, to say nothing of fair backs and shoulders.

There's going to be dress inspection every evening soon, just as well as marking time in the morning. Already orders have been put in for full dress clothes, dinner jackets, English walking suits and the latest in morning sartorial effects.

Dress inspection is to be something of marvelous interest if plans do not fall. The big boss is to look over his society detail and will probably criticize something like this:

"Here, you big boob, you've got on square toes. Away, with them even if the pointed ones will give you corns. And that coat isn't cut right. Who's your tailor anyway? Don't you know that a lavender tie is only to be worn with your afternoon frock or English walking suit?"

"Take that piece of brass cable off your shirt front. Get a bob if you insist on wearing a watch. No turndown collars with evening dress. Get a spite fence effect if you don't get the Waldorf detail."

"Remember what I say, if you go into a restaurant you are not to do the sword swallowing act with your knife or use your fork as a toothpick. Now that's about all for today."

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NEW YORK SLEUTHS

CITY TO HAVE DANDY SQUAD

Detectives Detailed for Social Functions Have Got to Learn to Drink Tea, Have Their Nails Manicured, and Look Like Real Gents.

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New York Detective's Outfit.