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LEGISLATIVE MARATHON IS CRISIS OVER SPEAKER CANNON'S CAREER

TWO WEEKS TO ARBITRATE IN

LEADERS SEEM HOPELESSLY DIVIDED

FIRST SECRET CONFERENCE HELD IN CHICAGO TODAY

Impending strike is staved off for a period of about two weeks according to general opinion—Matter is now in the hands of mediators but both sides hope to reach a speedy end of the conference.

Chicago, March 18.—It is reported later that the firemen and officials are hopelessly divided on the wage question. The railroads are willing to concede but two and one half percent increase. The firemen demand 12.1-2.

Chicago, March 18.—That the impending strike by thousands of the Western firemen has been staved off for a week or two, and that it will require about that length of time for the mediators and the strike leaders to come to some sort of degree of understanding with each other, are some of the new features of the strike situation today.

A secret meeting was held here today. Both sides hope for a speedy agreement or climax and it is generally believed two weeks are necessary in which to take up all phases of the matter.

Women of Woodcraft
Meet in I. O. O. F. hall 1st and 3d Thursday evening of each month. All visiting members welcome.
Cleo Robinson, G. M.
Lizzie Ellsworth, Clerk.

Mikado Rehearsal
Tonight (Friday) at 7 o'clock at the Elks hall, principals and chorus. The chorus men are especially asked to come early in order to rehearse some of their numbers first. Miss Kelly wishes it thoroughly understood that any desiring private rehearsals may have them by arranging with her.

SLAYING THE LION IS TOPIC

The revival campaign waxes warmer and warmer. The noonday lunch with business women and girls was a delightful hour. A good audience was thrilled with the study of the Holy Spirit in the afternoon service. The evening marked an advanced step in the meetings. Desperate earnestness characterized the evangelist and he spoke with convincing power.

Comprehensive Prayer
Mr. Johnson's prayer preceding the sermon was marvelously comprehensive. He prayed for all, even the "Devil" of the printing office, and it was most evident that La Grande is on his heart from highest to lowest. The text was, "Son, go work in my vineyard." Mt. 21:28. Other associated scriptures were "They that turn away from righteousness shall shine as the stars of heaven," "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned."

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INSURGENTS AND THE DEMOCRATS WILL USE FORCE IF NECESSARY

WILY SCENES DURING SESSION THAT LASTS 24 HOURS WITHOUT A HALT

EVERY ABSENT MEMBER UNDER ARREST

Worst Deadlock Since Reed Was Speaker On In the House Over New Rules

Washington, March 18.—A desperate struggle against Speaker Joseph Cannon begun late yesterday and started again in deadly earnest early today, after an all-night session. When a number of the Republican "Regulars" left the house at 2:30 this morning it was thought the debate had been checked, because no quorum was on hand. Warrants were then issued for the arrest of every member of the House and Sergeant at Arms, Casson instructed to serve them.

Cannon Is Foxy

At four o'clock, Hollingsworth, of Ohio, appeared under arrest. Cannon returned to his house at 6 showing the effects of the strain. Democrats showered him with questions regarding the truant members. Cannon said he had signed warrants for them, but it developed, however, that he had issued warrants only to Cannon, a Republican and Sinnott, a Democrat assistant, had not been instructed to bring in the absentees. Cannon was accused in bitter speeches of attempting a personal filibuster. His tactics were declared to keep away those who would join the insurgents. Finally 20 deputies were sworn in to help in the search for the absent ones.

Regulars Beaten

At 7:30 a roll call showed a quorum present. Olmstead, a regular, moved the Sergeant at Arms and the deputies be instructed to cease efforts to arrest absentees.

A roll call was demanded and the Cannon organization was defeated, 124 to 93. Twenty-nine Democrats refused to vote, being paired with absent Republicans.

Allied Democrats and insurgents declared at this time they would have a majority of seven, even with a full membership of the house present.

Use Force, If Necessary

Norris, of Nebraska, the leader of the insurgents, was asked: "Suppose the speaker persists in his refusal to consider the question at issue for a day or two, what then?"

"The only thing to do will be to use force, he must be deposed. A new speaker would have to be put in the chair and if Cannon were to refuse to give up the gavel, you can imagine what a scene would ensue."

Moore Takes Chair

At 9 o'clock put Moore of Pennsylvania, in the chair. Hostilities were suspended but it is expected that the fight will be resumed soon. Insurgents are confident of victory.

At half past ten the insurgents gathered in Gardner's rooms for conference. Murdock, of Kansas, was one of the leaders. He calls the present deadlock the "Legislative Marathon."

At noon Sims attempted to force the chair to do something. He subsided after a lengthy argument in which he gained nothing.

During the forenoon Vice-president Sherman dropped into the house and stepped to the speaker's desk. He shook hands with Moore, who was presiding. While thus engaged, Sab-

ath of Illinois, asked if a quorum was present.

"Doesn't seem to be one," replied Moore.

"How much are you shy?" asked Sabath.

"Four blue chips and a red one," exclaimed Sherman loud enough for everyone in the chamber to hear.

"Speaker Cannon will be obliged to rule sooner or later," said Asher.

Hinds, the official parliamentarian, "In theory he could maintain the deadlock until the term closes but I guess it will be broken as soon as both sides get their absentees to the house."

The present situation is almost identical with the situation in the 51 Congress over four years when Reed was speaker.

Democrats Take to Singing

Shortly before Cannon returned and took his chair, a number of Democrats began to sing first hymns and then popular songs. Among the songs were "Old Black Joe" and "There'll be a Hot Time." Moore, presiding, could not stop them.

Shackleford of Missouri, then took the floor and vehemently demanded the speaker to stop this "Everlasting Flaco."

Payne, New York, cut him short saying it was the most senseless speech he had ever heard.

Finally, after 24 hours continuous session the house took a recess until four this afternoon. The action was taken to give the regulars time to frame a compromise upon the Norris resolution.

Cannon voted in favor of the motion.

"New Rules" the Cause

The fight is for a new rules compilation for the re-organization of the committee was presented by Norris, of Nebraska, late yesterday. It is through this committee it is claimed, that Cannon is able to rule the house.

Insurgents and Democrats turned down three compromise propositions this afternoon. The insurgents then submitted a counter-proposition and which was rejected by Cannon, who said he wouldn't "be the goat."

NEAR BEER INTOXICATING

Olympia, March 18.—Attorney general has just ruled that "near beer" and "two per cent" are intoxicating liquors and are prohibited from sale in territory which has voted "dry" and any person attempting to sell same or any common carrier delivering the same is guilty under the law.

NEWLIN JURY IS SELECTED

SEVERAL PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES EXERCISED

JURY IS PICKED BY THE NOON HOUR THAT SUITS BOTH SIDES

Introduction of testimony follows immediately after reconvening after noon recess—Not expected that evidence will be lengthy from either side of the issue. Plan aiding local counsel.

THE NEWLIN JURY

P. L. Robinson.
E. E. Kuhn.
Wm. Wigglesworth.
W. W. Randall.
M. L. Rush.
John L. Slater.
W. E. McClure.
Geo. E. Gekler.
T. A. French.
H. J. Ritter.
Geo. W. Wells.
E. C. Reese.

Spending but a few hours in the selection of a jury that in prior discussions was deemed hard to choose, the state and defense came to an agreement on jurors in the State vs. Adolph Newlin case at noon today and immediately after the noon recess, court listened to the introduction of evidence by the state. While the struggle for jurors with the State's Attorney, F. S. Ivanhoe on the one hand and attorneys Cochran & Cochran and C. H. Finn of Portland, defendant's counsel, on the other hand, was not a long one, it was marked with frequent skirmishes. The defense exercised five peremptory challenges and the state three. The table above shows the jury.

Up until three o'clock this afternoon the state had not presented its chief witness. The issue at stake is whether or not Newlin shipped liquor to a party a Meacham. Documentary evidence, and the verbal testimony of Agent Hibberd of this city and the express employee at Meacham were among those called along this line of preliminary evidence. It seems likely this evening that the case will consume all of tomorrow, too.



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