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LA FOLLETTE SCORNS FIGHT

RELITTLES VICTORY BY INSURGENTS RECENTLY

CANNONISM WITHOUT CANNON IS AS DANGEROUS AS EVER

Recent victory ousting Cannon not deemed sufficient by La Follette in his weekly, published today—Is only a skirmish so far, real battle being slated for November in the primaries.

Madison, Wis., March 25.—The victory will strengthen the morale of the progressive organization. It will demonstrate that the system can be beaten. But it will be clearly understood the temporary humiliation of an old man of bad eminence, whose successor the system must, at all events, soon put forward.

Out from the center of the smoke of battle which raged in Washington for three days last week, Senator La Follette, in today's issue of his weekly magazine says that "The effect of this contest in the House has been greatly exaggerated." Senator La Follette believes that the change in the house rules increasing the members of the committee from five to 10 without the Speaker as chairman, to be selected by a caucus, will accomplish little.

"The new committee on rules shall have the same power as the old committee on rules, that is; whenever a majority of its members so determine, it is privileged to present for the consideration of the house a special rule or motion with respect to

some particular bill or proceeding. It has always had that power. The Republican majority of this committee on rules will be named by a Republican caucus. The steel trust, the sugar trust, the beef trust, in short, the system will control that caucus by an overwhelming majority. It dominates both branches of congress. It speaks through Aldrich in the Senate and through Cannon in the House. It will name the new committee on rules.

"Cannon will not be a member of the committee, but this system will be potential on that committee as though Cannon were its chairman. Sheltered behind that committee he will be as effective an instrument for wrong as though he still were the head and front. He may even be more dangerous. His offensive arrogance, his coarse personality will be less conspicuous."

Senator La Follette says that so long as the Republican majority in the House serves the system it will make little difference whether or not Cannon is a member of the committee on rules.

"Cannonism without Cannon is just as hurtful to the country as is Cannonism with Cannon. The people must understand that Cannonism is a short definition of government by that system. Aldrich and Cannon would have little power for evil if a majority of the Republican majority in both the Senate and the House, represented public interest instead of special interest.

"The American people must understand that this has only been a skirmish. The real battle is yet to come, and that must be fought out in the primaries and the elections between now and November. Candidates must be nominated who will vote against Cannon and his type without flinching, and against Cannon in every form.

"In fear of the approaching elec-

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PERSONNEL DETERMINED

DALZELL HEADS LIST FOR THE REPUBLICANS

RULES COMMITTEE NOW LINED UP BY CAUCUSES

Champ Clay given the leadership for Democrats—Rate war with Canada may be avoided by a newly provided for conference between Canada and America—Want Ballinger on the stand.

Washington, March 25.—The new rules committee over which the recent sensational fight in the house was waged, was formulated today. The committee is made up as follows: Republicans—Dalzell, Pen; Smith, Iowa; Fassett, New York; Boutell, Ill; Smith, Calif. and Lawrence, Mass.

Democrats—Clark, Missouri, Underwood, Ala.; Fitzgerald, N. Y. and Dixon, Ind.

May Call Ballinger
Attorney Brandeis has asked that Ballinger be called to the witness stand when the Ballinger inquiry was resumed today. Attorney Vortrees objected and a long squabble ensued. The committee agreed to thresh out the question and decide it later in executive session.

Tariff War May be Averted.
Good luck of Ambassador Bryce today in securing another conference on the Canadian tariff question gave new hope of the prevention of a tariff war with Canada. Minister of Finance Fielding has consented to come here for the final conference with President Taft.

12 KILLED IN CHICAGO FIRE

ONE GIRL KILLED BY JUMPING FROM SIXTH FLOOR

LIST MAY YET GROW TO FIFTEEN IS THE BELIEF

Eleven burned to death and one killed by jumping—Boy filling cigar lighters with alcohol is the cause of the conflagration—Many were pinned in and consumed by the upstairs fires.

Chicago, March 25.—Ethel Finkelstein was killed by jumping from the sixth floor of the furniture store of Fish & Company. Seven girls and four men are missing and many had narrow escapes as the result of the fire which raged in the building today. The fire was started on the fifth floor by a boy filling cigar lighters. The alcohol became ignited and the boy fled. The elevator shaft was closed to prevent spread of the flames. The occupants were forced to use the fire escapes. Several trapped on the top floor are believed to have been suffocated. The loss was \$150,000.

Twelve persons, eight girls and four men were killed today by the fire that destroyed the building of Fish & Company, furniture dealers. The list may reach 15. Eleven were burned to death and one girl killed when she jumped from the sixth story.

The dead are Ethel Finkelstein, Veronics McGrath, Hanna Burden, Rose Burach, Gertrude Quinn, Lillian Sullivan, Minor Bell, Herbert M. Mitchell, Bert Sinclair, William Green, Ethel Anderson and Mary Wargo.

The women were on the sixth floor. Escape was cut off by automatic fire doors which were closed when the fire broke out. The flames barred the way to the stairways and the women were forced to the windows. The girls clustered on the narrow ledges and watched the firemen endeavoring to reach them with the scaling ladders. The fire approached nearer and it became a race between the firemen and the flames. A great crowd watched the attempts of the girls to cheat death by running to the windows farthest from the fire. Finally it was seen that the girls were doomed. Firemen reached the fourth floor but could go no higher.

Policeman Dynamited
Philadelphia, March 25.—The police are seeking the perpetrators of another dynamite outrage which last night injured six policemen who were riding in a patrol wagon. The wagon was moving along the street car tracks when an explosion threw it to one side. Policemen were hurled to the pavement. It is believed the dynamite was intended for a street car.

County Chairman Resigns
Seattle, March 25.—James D. Hoge, a Seattle banker, today accepted the position as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, following the resignation of Ellis Debruler. The state committee will be called together in Seattle on April 27th, when arrangements will be made for calling a state convention for nominating candidates for the supreme judges.

Thirty-one Indictments
Pittsburg, March 25.—The grand jury this afternoon returned 31 indictments against present and former members of the common council. The grand jury reported evidence sufficient to warrant the indictment of 25 other former councilmen but no indictments for the 25 were returned because of voluntary confession.

Rats Prevent "Caps."

Seattle March 25.—There will be no mortarboard caps and collegiate gowns for the graduating co-eds of the University of Washington this year. If any attempt is made to enforce the time honored custom a war worse than the hat pin rebellion at Chicago will ensue.

"It is the way hair is being worn that makes the difference," said a senior today. "In the first place, there isn't a spot on the head where the things will fit. They have been tried with hat pins and with ribbons tied under the chin, but the effect was startling. The cause of the difficulty is rats."

Roosevelt Travels by Camels
Cairo, March 25.—Former President Roosevelt journeyed by camels and sand cars to Memphis today to visit the tombs of Sakkara and the Temple of the Bulls. The Colonel was greatly interested in animal pictures on the wall of the temple.

More Councilmen Indicted

Pittsburg, March 25.—Five former members of the common council were indicted today by the grand jury on the charge of receiving \$105,000 from local banks for votes naming the banks as municipal depositories. The men indicted are William Brand, Charles Stewart, John Klein, Jos. Wasson and Hugh Ferguson.

LA GRANDE GIVEN NEXT CONVENTION

INLAND TEACHERS MAY MEET AT SPOKANE NEXT

La Grande given convention of E. O. teachers next year.

Pendleton, March 25.—The Inland Empire Teachers' Association closed this afternoon after the most successful meeting in the history of the organization. From present indications, Spokane will secure the convention next year. The following slate of officers is expected to be put through when the elections are held.

President, A. N. Wright, Lewiston; First Vice-president J. A. Churchill, Baker City; Second Vice-president, W. E. Harmon, of Montana; Third Vice President, Margaret Craig, Cheney, Wash.; Sec., Henry M. Hart, Spokane; Treas., Geo. Craig, Davenport, Wash.

Most of the delegates will return home tonight. At a business session of the Eastern Oregon division of the State Teachers' Association late yesterday La Grande was chosen as the place of the convention next year.

MOUNT AETNA VOMITS FIRE

ROCKS THROWN HIGH FROM NEW CRATERS FORMED

MANY TRAPPED BY DIVERTING STREAMS OF THE LAVA

Insufficient to stay progress of the lava—Build trenches to change course but all to no avail—Dykes insufficient to stay progress of the molten rocks. The situation is extremely grave.

Catania, Sicily, March 25.—The eruption of Mount Aetna is growing in intensity every hour. Six new craters were opened up today and shot forth streams of lava which have joined the boiling torrent that is despoiling cities, towns and farms.

Peasants Flee to Safety
The towns of Boiello, Beipasso, San Leo, Rinazzi Copello, Albanello and Nicolosi have been wholly or partially destroyed. Thousands are fleeing from the mountain towns. It is feared the disaster may prove to be one of the most destructive of modern times. There are now 18 craters pouring forth sulphurous vapors, stones and ashes, while each is an overwhelming well of molten lava. Clouds of smoke pouring from the craters obscure the sun and increase the superstitious fears of the peasants.

Resemble Mesina Disaster
Scenes following the destruction of the mountain town resemble those following the Mesina earthquake. Whole villages are on the move and streams of refugees composed of terror stricken men, women and children are coming to Catania. Already the authorities are facing a serious problem in caring for the homeless.

Lava Streak Like River
Government engineers are vainly endeavoring to avert destruction of the towns in the path of the lava torrent by erecting dykes and digging trenches to divert the stream. An irresistible torrent of hot mud and boiling lava has swept away all obstruction. The lava is traveling at a speed of 1800 feet an hour. The main stream is 50 feet deep and half a mile wide.

Inhabitants Caught by Streams
Word has been received here that scores of refugees have been cut off by diverting streams of lava and volunteers have left for the scene. Many thrilling rescues were made. In addition to the lava, inhabitants of the mountain towns are threatened by death by outpouring of rocks and the showers of hot ashes from the main crater.

The extent of the disaster measured by property loss is enormous.

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