

CANNON CRUSHES INSURGENT ARMY

Defeats Attack on Joint Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

HOT WORDS IN DEBATE

Adam Bede Retorts to Stur From New York by Scoffing at Her Notorious Senators—Bill Will Pass Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—When the smokes of the liveliest legislative battle of the session had cleared up in the House today, Speaker Cannon and his organization were in complete control and the joint statehood programme of the Administration had been adopted.

Forty-three Republican "insurgents" went down to defeat, having voted vainly with the Democrats to gain control of the rule the terms of which are to govern the statehood bill in the passage through the House. The vote ordering the previous question on the rule was 192 yeas and 165 nays. This clearly defined the opposition's strength, the full vote of which was polled, and little interest was taken in the vote for the adoption of the rule, which immediately followed and was carried by a majority of 50.

Previous to the vote the debate on the rule had passed under high tension. The speeches were short but the words uttered were hot and full of strife. The veterans, Payne, Datsell and Grosvenor, upheld the organization. Fitted against them were the leaders of the insurgents, Babcock, Mondell and Jones (Wash.). Tawney, one of the erstwhile insurgents, arose and announced his acquiescence in the will of the organization, and Mark Smith, the Delegate from Arizona, just as sorrowfully interpreted this action as the "most unkind thrust of all."

The rule adopted provides that the bill granting statehood to Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as "Oklahoma," and Arizona and New Mexico as "Arizona," should be debated until 2 o'clock tomorrow and then voted on without opportunity for debate. The House adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, after agreeing to meet at 11 o'clock.

Williams Leads Attack.

Williams stated that the rule in question denied to the House the right to vote on the question of admitting either of the four territories separately. It was holding a whip over the House, compelling it to agree to admit Arizona and New Mexico as one state, which was undesirable, in order to admit Oklahoma and Indian Territory, to which no one had objections.

Williams Yields 15 Minutes to Mondell (Wyo.), one of the Republican "insurgents," who expressed the hope that the demand for the previous question would be voted down. Mondell denied that the bill was a Republican party measure; "should the woman and child in New Mexico was opposed to being joined to Arizona. There was a large number in the House who, if their hands were not tied, would vote against joining these two territories. He characterized the proposed rule as a violation of party pledges.

Grosvenor Defends Rule.

A reply to Mondell was made by Grosvenor (O.), who stated that the joint statehood bill was a Republican measure. The President was for it and the House in caucus had indorsed it. That it was a party question, he said, would be easily recognized within the next hour and a half, as every Democratic member on the floor would vote against the rule and the bill.

When Grosvenor had concluded, Williams protested with great warmth to make the rule a partisan question. The question of the permanent welfare of the people of the two territories, he said, should never be a partisan measure.

Opposition to the rule was made by Adams (Wis.), one of the Republican insurgents.

Appealing for the rights of the people of the great State of New York, Payne (N. Y.) protested against equal representation in the Senate from the territories. "Should the Providence of God," he said, "infringe the country with Democratic rule, we should have such legislation."

Bede Lashes New Yorkers.

J. Adam Bede (Minn.), began: "We have Democratic rule, it won't be the Providence of God; it will be the mistakes of the Republican leaders." (Laughter.) "Why," he continued, after order had been secured, "the Payne speaks about the New York Senators—most people are trying to forget them. It was several minutes after this statement before the vigorous efforts of Speaker Cannon availed against the shouts, laughter and applause.

"The gentleman from Minnesota," warned the Speaker, "does know, or he ought to know, that his remark is against the rule of the House and against all parliamentary usage."

"I only intended my reference in the kindliest spirit," remarked Bede, who proceeded. He was tired, he said, "of the treatment accorded the West, generally resigned the wild and woolly West." It reminded him of the daughter of an old Kentucky Colonel, who said she was 27 years old before she knew that "damn Yankee" was not one word.

"It was usual," he said, "when they want to whip us into line, to use the name of the great President; but when the President is opposing something the East wants, he is 'the broncho statesman.'"

"Why," continued Mr. Bede, "you say they have not got enough 'folk.' Never heard of a Senator representing 'folk.'" (Laughter.)

Reverting to the early days in New England, Bede convulsed the House again by declaring that the Pilgrim Fathers would not have landed there, had they not been seafish.

Voting Against Judgment.

Tawney briefly explained that in bowing to the leaders of the House in

supporting the rule, he did so against his own judgment. The rule was adopted by a vote of 157 to 157. Following is the rule: Wording of the Rule.

Resolved, That immediately upon the adoption of this order, and daily thereafter, immediately on the approval of the Journal, so long as the bill hereinafter referred to shall be pending in committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, the House shall resolve itself into committee of the whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill to enable the people of Oklahoma and of the Indian Territory to form a constitution and state government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and to enable the people of New Mexico and Arizona to form a constitution and state government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, that after the said bill shall have been referred, general debate shall continue until Thursday next at 2 P. M., and at that hour, or if general debate shall be concluded before that hour, immediately upon the conclusion of said general debate, the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union shall rise and report the bill to the House; whereupon immediately without debate, intervening motion, or appeal, a vote shall be taken on the bill to a final passage.

Joint Statehood a Crime.

De Armond (Mo.) and Kahn (Cal.) spoke against the rule, when four and a half minutes were yielded to Babcock (Wis.), leader of the insurgents. He had, he said, always been opposed to joint statehood. He considered joining Arizona and New Mexico a crime. He said the argument against single statehood was "we shall have four Democratic Senators."

In this connection he referred to the passage of the Dingley affair bill, which, he said, could not have passed but for the vote of Senator Jones, of Nevada, whose every amendment was accepted. He scouted the idea that those states would be Democratic.

Debate was closed by Datsell in favor of the rule. Datsell based his argument in opposition to single statehood that it was unjust to the Eastern section of the country, as it represented nothing but "rocks and sand" should have as much weight as Senators representing large Eastern states.

Rule Is Adopted.

Datsell demanded a roll-call on the previous question on the adoption of the rule. The roll-call began at 11:45 o'clock. During the discussion of the rule, Mr. Roosevelt and Miss Alice occupied seats in the executive gallery. The Speaker requested the call of his own name and voted for the rule. The rule was adopted, the vote being 192 yeas, 165 nays.

Williams asked for a recapitulation of the vote, which was granted after some objection by the Speaker, who stated that the rule had been carried by a large majority and such action was not unusual.

Names of Insurgents.

The following Republicans voted with the Democrats on the test vote ordering the previous question: Adams (Wis.), Babcock, Bede, Biedler, Bonney, Brooks (Cal.), Brown, Calderhead, Cushman, Darragh, Davidson, Eick, French, Fulmer, Gilbert (Cal.), Goshel, Grona, Hayes, Hermann, Howell (Iowa), Humphrey (Wash.), Jones (Wash.), Kahn, Keener (Ohio), Kewland, McLaughlin (Pa.), McKinley (Cal.), McLaughlin, McMoran, Marshall, Miller, Mondell, Mudd, Nease, Newsham, O'Brien, Reed, Smith (Ohio), Stearns, Thomas (Ohio), Wacker, total, 43.

On the motion for the adoption of the rule, Williams demanded another roll-call, which was ordered. As the vote on the previous question was practically the adoption of the rule, many members left the chamber for luncheon during the call and many persons departed.

Coming Wedding Brings Its Problems

Whom Shall We Invite Is Perplexing the Roosevelts

Correspondence of New York Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Problems of statecraft have given way temporarily in the White House to another problem, probably far more vexing than the most intricate international question the President has tackled. The great question today is, "Whom shall we invite to Miss Alice Roosevelt's wedding on February 17?"

It isn't that there is any scarcity of men and women entitled to invitations. The trouble is there are too many persons whom the President's family and the family of Representative Longworth are anxious to have at the ceremony. The list of invited guests, it is expected, will reach 50, and it is believed that even with this large number invited there will be many "soreheads" who will say-mean things about the President for overlooking them.

"Invite the whole nation, and then you can't slight any one," was the advice a distinguished diplomat gave the President, but as it is impossible to invite suggested that only the immediate family of the bride and bridegroom be asked. Reasons developed why that would not be a good plan, and the result is that the President, Mrs. Roosevelt, Alice Roosevelt, Representative Longworth and several members of his family are holding long conferences trying to determine, who is to be asked.

Wise in Having No Bridesmaids.

Washington society is on the tip of its tongue in regard to the Roosevelt invitations. There has been much speculation about Miss Roosevelt's bridesmaids, but she settled the question by announcing she would not have any. Miss Roosevelt showed her wisdom in this action, for she has become so popular that no matter how many bridesmaids she would have had, other young women would have felt offended at not being asked.

Miss Roosevelt's Girl Friends, however, will not be forgotten. They will be asked to breakfast and will be grouped in a conspicuous place on the right of the bride party. Some who will be asked to the East Room are: Miss Mathilde Townsend, daughter of Richard Townsend; Miss Jean Reid, daughter of the American Ambassador to London; Miss Irene Cadin of St. Louis; Miss Frances Griscom of Philadelphia; the Misses Anderson and Miss Taft of Cincinnati; Miss Katherine Eddy of Chicago; Miss Pauline Morton of New York; the Misses Boardman, the Misses Warder, Miss Annie McCawley of this city and Miss Lorna of New York. To this group of girls must be added Miss Christine Roosevelt, daughter of Senator Roosevelt; Miss Lorraine Roosevelt, daughter of Mrs. J. West Roosevelt; and Miss Corinne Robinson, daughter of Douglas Robinson.

Miss Roosevelt's best man undoubtedly will be his brother-in-law, Buckner Wallingford, of Cincinnati. The ushers are likely to include young Theodore Roosevelt, Viscount de Chambrun, whose brother married Longworth's sister, Representative Robert Adams of Philadelphia, who has been Longworth's chum since he came to Congress; Representative Gillette of Massachusetts, another close friend, and Benson Forsaker, son of the Ohio Senator.

Guests in the East Room.

Tentative plans for the ceremony include the placing of the guests in the East Room and a procession from the upper corridor down the western staircase and through the wing and corridor into the historic chamber identified with events in the lives of the Chief Executives of the American nation for more than a century. Miss Roosevelt will enter on her father's arm, and will be followed by the members of the family, her venerable grandmother, Mrs. George C. Lee, and the numerous connections of her mother in Boston. Kermit Roosevelt will be the mother, Miss Esher will walk with Archibald and Quentin will be conducted by his cousin, William S. Cowles,

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