

HOT WORDS LEAD TO ANGRY BLOWS

Democratic Leaders Fight With Fists on Floor of House.

LIE GIVEN BY MISSOURIAN

Quarrel Over Place on Committee Breaks Out After Adjournment. Combatants Forcibly Separated While Women Look On.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The spirit of rivalry that for five years has alternately smoldered and blazed between John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and David A. De Armond, of Missouri, culminated in a fist fight today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Williams Strikes First Blow.

The immediate cause of the fight was the passage of the lie by De Armond to Williams, resultant from a complaint by the former that the minority leader had broken faith in "burying" Booker, of Missouri, by recommending his assignment by Speaker Cannon to the committee on coinage, weights and measures.

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Vigorous Slugging Match.

Everybody looked, but so startled were they by what they saw that no one seemed for the moment to think of rushing forward and stopping it. Williams and De Armond, wedged between two rows of desks, were still exchanging blows.

Williams' Version of Quarrel.

"The disagreement arose over a committee assignment. Mr. De Armond called me to task for recommending his colleague, Mr. Booker, to no more prominent committee than that on coinage, weights and measures. I replied that I had been given to understand by Mr. Lynd that Mr. Booker would be well satisfied with that assignment.

Word 'LIAR' IN MUCH FAVOR

Used Twice by Southerners in Controversies in House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The word "liar" was twice used in anger on the floor of the House of Representatives today, the first occasion being when John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee denounced a local paper for printing a statement regarding his alleged interest in the efficiency appropriation for seeds for free distribution, and the second more serious occasion when De Armond of Missouri applied the epithet to John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the minority leader, the two men then engaging in a fist fight, which only ended when they were forcibly separated.

What De Armond Says.

According to De Armond the episode arose over the correctness of a conversation between himself and Williams about 10 days ago regarding the committee assignment of some Missouri members and particularly of Booker. De Armond said he had spoken highly of Booker and of the other members of the committee assigned to any committee, but that he had not specified to Williams any special committee on which he wished to have Booker or any other member placed.

CANNON NAMES COMMITTEE

Oregon Members Well Placed—Several New Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Speaker Cannon today announced the committee assignments for the 60th Congress. Many changes from the last Congress are made, but in the main the members who had heretofore held important offices were retained in them. The ways and means committee is as follows:

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financial conditions in this city and state have practically resumed their normal condition. Governor Gillett has announced that after Saturday, December 21, no more holidays will be declared. This action was taken after the receipt of a resolution unanimously adopted by the San Francisco Clearing House, declaring that the special holidays have served their purpose and are no longer required. Specie payments already have virtually been resumed by the banks.

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