

INSURGENTS WIN BITTER CONTEST

Battle of Rules Divides Both Parties and Personal Wrangles Many.

DALZELL IS TURNED DOWN

Wings of Speaker Clipped After Cannon's Re-election and Cannon Says He Likes It—Says Bryan Suffers Defeat.

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amendment makes three important changes. First, it establishes a "calendar" for the consideration of bills, the effect of which is to enable a member to have a proposition brought before the House without having to go to the Speaker for recognition. This change, they say, will be a relief to the Speaker.

Second, when consideration of a bill is concluded and the previous question is ordered, the rules committee is provided for a motion to commit with or without instructions. It has been the practice to recognize a member of the majority to make the motion and thus prevent the minority from offering such instructions as it may desire. The new rule gives the minority the preference in making such a motion and thus enables them to get a record vote on propositions that would otherwise be settled in committee or the whole House, where no record vote is possible.

Third, it protects the calendar Wednesday by requiring a two-thirds vote instead of a majority vote to set it aside.

Fourth, it is said that the amendment will have the effect of preventing favoritism by the action of the committee on rules in special cases.

Cannon Likes Changes.

A prominent feature of the Clark resolution was an amendment providing for a committee of 15 to revise, amend and codify the rules, and much of the opposition to it was because of this fact. As adopted, the Fitzgerald amendment makes no change in the present method of selecting the rules committee, nor is there any change in the method of selecting committees.

Cannon is inclined to regard the amendment as a slight improvement on the present rules, in that, instead of throwing the responsibility for the revision of the rules on the committee, it sets aside certain days for considering measures under unanimous consent; but, he says, under the new rules members will have to wait for those days.

Triumph Over Bryanism.

In a conversation soon after the action of the House he commented freely on the fact that Mr. Bryan had interfered in the interest of the changes submitted by Clark, and spoke of the adoption of the Fitzgerald substitute as a triumph over the Bryan forces, saying the conservative Democrats who really want legislation had stood for the old rules with the amendments offered by Fitzgerald.

"It was," he said, "a protest by the conservative against Populism and all kindred things."

Few Vote Against Cannon.

The election of House officers preceded the action on the rule. Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected Speaker, receiving 304 votes, as against 168 for Champ Clark, of Missouri, 8 for Cooper of Wisconsin, 2 for Norris of Nebraska, and 1 each for Esch of Wisconsin and W. P. Hepburn of Iowa, an ex-member. All the Democratic members voted for Clark, so that the voting vote represented the Republican defection from Cannon.

The whips of both sides were kept busy holding their respective sides together. Looking down from the galleries was a great throng, who had been admitted only by card. The diplomatic and executive galleries were overflowing.

One of the most interested spectators was Mrs. Taft.

All the Republican caucus nominees were elected, no changes being made in the personnel.

The dissenting Republican votes were cast as follows:

For Cooper—Hubbard (Ia.), Lenroot (Wis.), Morse (Wis.), Nelson (Wis.), Poinsett (Wash.), Murdock (Kan.), Cory (Wyo.), Davis (Minn.).

For Esch—Carpenter (Wis.).

For Norris—Hinsaw (Neb.), Cooper (Wis.).

For Hepburn—Lindbergh (Minn.).

Cannon having been re-elected, the chair by Clark (Mo.), Campbell (Kan.) and Bartlett (Go.), addressed the House as follows:

Will Be Difficult Session.

"The election to the high office of Speaker, which I now have for the fourth time, by virtue of your confidence and support, is a compliment, the honor of which I do not underestimate and of which I am not lacking in personal appreciation.

"We have before us a most important and difficult session of Congress. The adjustment of the National revenues has been since the foundation of the Government a fundamental question, yielding to none other in importance.

"We must subordinate personal feelings to the general good, trusting to the judgment of the people for approval of our work when it shall have been completed."

As senior member of the House, Bingham, of Pennsylvania, administered the oath to the Speaker, who in turn swore in the members.

All the Republican caucus nominees for the various offices of the House were re-elected.

The usual committees were appointed to notify the Senate and the President that the House was ready for business.

Dalzell Opens Rules Fight.

The attention of all the members was concentrated on the adoption of the rule. Dalzell rose to offer the usual resolution providing that the rules of the previous Congress should govern the present Congress.

"And on that motion I move the previous question," he said quickly.

It had been understood for weeks that this motion, designed to shut off debate, would be the signal for the long-threatened fight on the rules. Clark demanded the ayes and noes before Dalzell had regained his seat, while Fitzgerald, under the guise of making a parliamentary inquiry of the chair, asked to have the rules explained.

The Speaker promptly held the question off of order and refused to recognize Fitzgerald further. The Democrats, led by Clark, forced a roll call on Dalzell's motion. During the call of the roll Townsend of Michigan sought to make a statement in "explanation of his vote." The Speaker held that he could not do so. Townsend then voted "present."

The previous question was ordered—yeas 194, nays 188, present 1. Mighty shouts went up from the Republican side, many members standing on chairs and

applauding, shrieking and otherwise manifesting their delight at the defeat of the "insurgents."

On the adoption of the resolution to adopt the rules of the Sixtieth Congress, the Democrats forced another roll-call, but before this was begun the Speaker, Champ Clark and Fitzgerald became involved in a controversy over a request by Clark for a recapitulation of the last vote. The Speaker refused to enter into the proposition, and sharply directed the clerk to proceed with the call.

The vote resulted: Ayes, 189; nays, 182. The following 31 Republicans voted in the negative:

Roll of Insurgents.

Cary, Cooper, Davidson, Kopp, Kuestermann, Lenroot, Nelson and Morse, Wisconsin; Fowler, New Jersey; Gardner and Levering, Massachusetts; Grinnell, North Dakota; Hayes, California; Hays, Hingworth and Johnson, Ohio; Madison and Murdock, Kansas; Good, Haughen, Hubbard, Kendall, Pickett and Wood, Iowa; Hinchaw, Kincaid and Norris, Nebraska; Lindbergh, Davis, Stearnson and Volsted, Minnesota; Poinsett, Washington.

The Democrats voting for the rules were: Riordan, New York; Broussard and Espinal, Louisiana; O'Connell, Massachusetts.

Townsend of Michigan voted "present" under an agreement with Russell of Texas.

Conroy, Fornes and Goldfogle, New York and Moon, Tennessee, who voted with the regular Republicans on ordering the previous question, voted against the adoption of the rules.

The votes of Johnson of Ohio increased the insurgent vote of 30 on the previous question to 21 on the adoption of rules. When the vote was announced pandemonium broke out among the Democrats and "insurgents." Their demonstration exceeded by far the regular Republican cheering when the previous question was ordered. It was some time before order was restored.

Clark's Motion to Revise Rules.

When the noise had subsided, Champ Clark, amid much cheering, offered his resolution affecting the rules. Clark's resolution provided that the rules of the Sixtieth Congress be adopted, that the Speaker appoint standing committees on ways and means, printing, accounts, mileage and enrolled bills, and no others unless specifically authorized; that the rules committee be composed of 15 members, to be elected by the House, and to elect their own chairman; that a special committee, consisting of Dalzell, Pennsylvania; Esch, Wisconsin; Mann, Illinois; Currier, New Hampshire; Joseph H. Gaines, West Virginia; Gardner, Massachusetts; Nelson, Minnesota; Norris, Nebraska; Hayes, California; O'Connell, Kentucky; Champ Clark, Ohio; W. Underwood, Hitchcock, Nebraska; Hay, Virginia, and Burleson, Texas, be appointed to revise the rules and to report on the first Monday in December, 1909.

Dalzell and Clark Quarrel.

The Republicans forced a roll call on Clark's motion for the previous question, and the call had not proceeded far when Clark demanded that members be ordered away from the Speaker's desk. He had observed Dalzell on the rostrum, and called particular attention to that fact.

"There is a member of the House getting your resolution, which he has a perfect right to have," replied Dalzell, from the rostrum. General turmoil ensued. Clark was insistent that Dalzell be ordered away.

"The gentleman from Missouri is not in order," Cannon announced. "Oh, h—!" a member remarked audibly, in disgust.

The Speaker halted the roll call, and said he did so because of the high character and standing of Dalzell and Clark. "And now," he said, "the gentleman from Pennsylvania has the form of the resolution."

"He could have had it by asking me for a copy," hotly remarked Clark.

Will warmth Dalzell interjected that he had a copy of the resolution, and, saying, he left the rostrum and took his seat. The roll call proceeded.

The motion of Clark for the previous question was voted down, 179 to 202.

Fitzgerald and Clark Bandy Words.

Fitzgerald of New York immediately offered a resolution modifying the present rules. His resolution eliminates the present requirement of obtaining the consent of the Speaker for the submission of bills under unanimous consent; requires that bills be placed on a calendar where there may be a chance for their consideration; makes the calendar a permanent fixture, and majority vote to set aside calendar Wednesday, and provides for a modification of the present power of the committee on rules to force a vote on a bill.

Fitzgerald and Clark, both Democrats, became involved in a sharp colloquy. Fitzgerald had yielded to the minority leader for a question, but he proceeded to propound it to Dalzell. The New York member insisted that it was an abuse of his courtesy and that the question should be asked of him.

"I am going to do it, and I don't want any slack law about it, either," retorted Clark.

"I decline to yield," replied Fitzgerald, amid Republican applause.

Clark appealed to the Speaker that Fitzgerald actually had yielded to him.

"Well, I take it back," said Fitzgerald, with some show of temper.

"You will wish you had yielded," was Clark's rejoinder.

Jig Up With Machine.

Fitzgerald remarked that he was not going to be scared by any threat. He declared no man could take advantage of his courtesy and then abuse him.

"I now yield to the gentleman from Missouri," said he.

"I absolutely refuse to accept," responded Clark.

When Fitzgerald concluded, Clark got the floor.

"The jig is up with the House machine," he said, amid great Democratic applause.

Touching the incident with Fitzgerald, he said he had entertained toward him feelings of respect and regard, and had the New York member been in sympathy with him in his ideas regarding the amendment of the rules, Fitzgerald's name would have been the first to be suggested by him for the rules committee.

"I think," said Fitzgerald, "that under the circumstances it was with the utmost propriety that I was left off the committee."

"I think so, too, under the circumstances," sarcastically replied Clark.

Reason for Changing Rules.

Clark declared that he regretted exceedingly to part company with Fitzgerald. He contended that outside the House the demand for the change of the rules was so strong as to force a change, and it must come, if not now, then later. He was friendly personally to the Speaker, but was opposed to his plan. He complimented the Speaker on his "jig" undisturbed of all the cabinet, the Senate regulars and the local newspapers. He was sure that, as they had stood against the powerful elements they would continue to stand. He was equally certain that the Democrats would hold firm.

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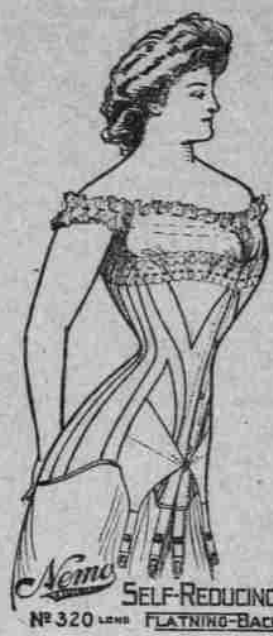
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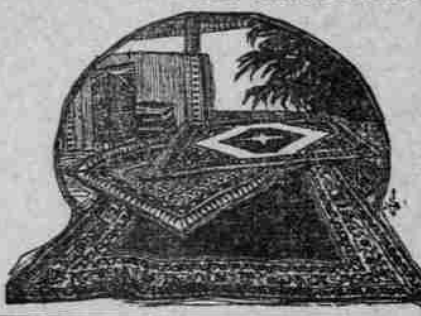
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CANNON WILL IGNORE CLARK

Appoint Democrats on Committees Without Consulting Him.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Only five committees of the House will be named by Speaker Cannon for the present. Those will be the ways and means, rules, printing, mileage and accounts.

In making up the committees, it is stated on reliable authority, the Speaker will consult with "every member of the House who desires to discuss assignments with him." This means that Clark, the minority leader, will enjoy the privilege accorded his predecessor, John Sharp Williams, of selecting the minority members.

It was stated today that Cannon had concluded that the plan was not the best and that henceforth he would not shift any of the responsibility for committee assignments to the minority leader.

The attitude taken by the Democrats at a caucus this evening is in sharp conflict with the new policy. A resolution was adopted to prevent members of the minority accepting committee assignments without approval of Clark.

SENATE IN BRIEF SESSION

Hears President's Summons and Appoints Committee on Committees.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Senate session today was brief, the chief business being the reading of the President's proclamation calling an extra session of Congress and the appointment of a committee formally to notify the President that the Senate was ready to receive any messages. Senator Stephenson was sworn in.

Senator Hale, chairman of the Republican caucus of the Senate, announced the following as the members of the Republican committee to select the standing committees of the Senate:

Aldrich, chairman; Keen, McCumber, Crane, Flint, Sutherland, Curtis, Borah, Dixon.

The committee immediately proceeded to reorganize the committees.

SERVA ADDS FUEL TO FIRE

Reply to Austrian Note Displeases Vienna Government.

VIENNA, March 15.—The reply of Serbia to the Austro-Hungarian note of March 6, referring the government to Serbia's previous communication to the powers, has a tendency to brighten the fever of the war party in the dual monarchy. There are rumors that the Austro-Hungarian reply may be the issuance of orders for a partial mobilization.

AGREE ON BULGARIAN AFFAIR

Russia and Turkey Compromise on War Indemnity.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—The prolonged negotiations between Russia and Turkey have ended in a compromise. The Turkish and Russian Foreign Ministers, in connection with the financial arrangement of the Turco-Bulgarian difficulty, have been concluded and an agreement reached.

This is a compromise between the Russian and the Turkish proposals for capitalizing the war indemnity, which, in accordance with the Berlin treaty of 1878, Turkey is to pay Russia for 100 years. It is understood the arrangement exempts Turkey from paying installments of the debt to Russia for 40 years, which will compensate Turkey for the non-payment of indemnity by Bulgaria.

TAFT MAY DELAY MESSAGE

Victory of Insurgents Makes House Unprepared for It.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Doubt was expressed at the White House today as to whether President Taft's message would be sent to Congress tomorrow, even if ready. The chaotic conditions in the House, due to the victory of the insurgents and Democrats, may continue for several days. In that event the House will not be in a position to receive communications from the White House. As a rule these communications are promptly returned to appropriate committees.

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1906. Chief Justice Fuller was not in his seat today, but Justice Harlan, who acted for him, stated that on next Monday this court would take a recess until April 5. If, therefore, the case is not decided Monday, no decision can be announced for three weeks from that day. The court, however, has given no intimation of its intention in this respect.

Captain Hains to Face Trial.

FLUSHING, N. Y., March 15.—Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., will be put on trial April 19 at the courthouse here on the charge of murdering William E. Annis. Justice Garretson, of the Supreme Court, will preside.

Delays Commodities Decision.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Contrary to expectations, the Supreme Court did not render its decision in the case involving the constitutionality of the commodities clause of the Hepburn rate law of 1906.

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