

STRIKE TO DEFEAT CANNON HOUSE

Insurgents Sharpen Knives to Get Speaker's Scalp at Next Session.

MAY JOIN WITH DEMOCRATS

Fowler, Parsons and Others Are Willing to Let Them Elect House Rather Than Submit to Cannon's Rule.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Oct. 25.—The insurgent element in the House of Representatives promises to make all sorts of trouble for the House leaders during the regular session of Congress which opens in December. Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, angry because he was deprived of the chairmanship of the committee on banking and currency...

Beat Cannon at Any Price.

Mr. Fowler, Parsons and all are not in the least concerned over the effect of their fight against Mr. Cannon, provided they can overthrow the Speaker. They are willing to go to the extent of electing a Democratic House, if need be, in order to accomplish their purpose. With them it is not a question of whether they will or will not fight within the Republican party; in fact they will not consent to do this. They prefer to make the fight in the House, where they can have the needed co-operation of the Democrats. And in all this they are receiving the most cordial encouragement from the Democratic leaders.

Fear Democratic House.

But it is also true that in Republican circles throughout the country there is a profound fear that the tariff bill, if nothing else is considered, is likely to bring about the election of a Democratic House in November, 1910. The keeping alive of the insurgent fight on Mr. Cannon most certainly will contribute to this end and make it even more probable that the Republicans will be ousted from the House.

Can Only Change Rules.

There may be something in this reckoning. It may be possible for the insurgents, supported by the Democrats, to make further changes in the House rules and curtail the power of the Speaker. There is no possibility, however, that the insurgents can muster enough votes to take Mr. Cannon out of the Speaker's chair in the middle of his term. The only question is whether they can possibly hope for a further amendment of the House rules, and there is considerable doubt if that can be brought about prior to the organization of the House at the beginning of the 62d Congress, two years hence. By that time it is quite probable that the rules will have to be changed by a majority of the House.

FIGHT LOOMS FOR FUNDS

and more apparent that some of the Western delegations will have no direct interest in it, for it is a foregone conclusion that quite a number of states cannot hope to share in the distribution of such a fund—particularly states that have already been over-allotted, or states that have no feasible projects to present.

Personal Politics Suspected.

While there is no doubt that the bond issue would be a sensible and business-like move looking to the early completion of works that ordinarily will drag out for a number of years, the suspicion is growing that there is considerable personal politics in the movement. Some of the men who are most loudly advocating the bond issue are doing so in the hope of strengthening themselves politically. This is particularly true of Senators and Representatives who are soon to come up for re-election.

is to be made upon him. He needs all the help he can get, and he looks to the transcontinental railroads that cross his state to help him in his time of trouble. The Great Northern has long been prodding Carter because it believed that not enough Government irrigation work was being done along its line of road in Montana, and notice has been served on the Senator that he must get busy. Carter, therefore, is strongly in favor of the bond issue, for he believes that out of the \$10,000,000 he ought to get not less than \$2,000,000 for the Mike River project in Montana. The Great Northern has put it up to him to have this project rushed to completion, and this is the most feasible plan that has yet presented itself to him.

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Atlantic Liner Hurrying to Land Cargo From France—Retaliation War Unlikely—M. Jusserand Is in Compromise Role.

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Three States Want Recognition.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, was the first to propose the bond issue and as the author of the scheme he naturally will insist that his state should be liberally recognized in the appropriation. The Yavapai county project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000 to bring it to completion; it is an expensive undertaking at best, and from the Idaho standpoint at least \$4,000,000 should be set aside to carry out the project in order to hurry the work along.

Holiday Not Recognized.

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There is little danger of a tariff war. Neither country, it is pointed out, can afford to embark on such a suicidal policy as wholesale retaliation, nor is there any necessity for it. It is true France must submit to higher duties upon exports to the United States, but so long as it does not discriminate against her, she can have no serious objection.

France May Shade Duties.

The Ambassador has this considerable advantage: That France can shade her concessions, while the United States must grant the minimum rates on all or none of the French products. If Senator Aldrich, in his address in France, corrects the present legislation, it would not be necessary for France to accord the minimum rates on United States imports in order to secure the reimbursement for French products on all of her imports into the United States. All that would be necessary for her to do would be to satisfy the President that she is not imposing discrimination against the United States and that might be done even by the retention of maximum rates of tariff on a considerable number of articles which now enter France from this country.

American Products Favored.

If the President can be convinced that such is the fact, he will not doubt he will be willing to issue the proclamation required to admit French goods and products to the advantages of the minimum schedules of duty. The new policy is believed to be the present purpose of the French Ambassador. American products now enjoy the minimum French tariff rates on such commodities as coffee, pork, coal, oil and Porto Rican coffee, so that the French government has much to offer for the concession she asks and it will be the business of the Ambassador to get the most he can for what he can offer.

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