

TAFI FORESEES RECONCILIATION

Belief Expressed That Warring Factions Will Get Together.

INSURGENTS YET IN FOLD

Speaker Cannon Declares Opposition Will Not Be Punished if They Show Spirit to Be Good.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Following President Taft's advice to Republicans in Congress Wednesday to "stop quarreling and get down to the party legislative programme as quickly as possible," there were evidences yesterday of a definite attempt to bring the warring factions together upon some basis of at least a temporary understanding.

There seemed for the first time this season to be a spirit of conciliation in the air and decidedly less bitterness of the last few weeks. President Taft let it be known that he still considers all of the "insurgents" as Republicans. Speaker Cannon announced that all Republicans would be invited to the caucus in naming the Ballinger-Pinchot committee next week and that it is hoped all will attend.

Leader Goes Twice to See Taft.

Representatives Hayes, of California, one of the leading insurgents, made two trips to the White House. After the first of these he announced that attempts to adjust matters were under way. He consulted with most of his brethren and reported back to the President.

President Taft declined again yesterday that his list of Republicans will not when action is taken upon legislative recommendations which he has made in compliance with the party platform.

The President said he would not withhold any patronage. If, however, there are any among the "insurgents" who intend to carry their fight against the Speaker and against the cabinet to the extent of opposing purely Administration and party measures to which the party is pledged, the President will no longer regard them as Republicans and declared he would not be justified in recognizing any claims for patronage from Senators or Representatives.

Mr. Taft is said to have received many personal assurances that the so-called insurgents will support Administration measures. Speaker Cannon declared "insurgents" of the House would have a square deal in the coming Republican caucus if they came to it.

Every one of the 500 and more Republicans in the House would be bidden and they should attend, said the Speaker.

The caucus will be held probably early next week and it is understood that it is to be made the basis for a contemplated reconciliation. How this is to be brought about is not apparent tonight.

Speaker Cannon said yesterday that there would be no effort in the caucus to punish anybody for what might be termed past misdeeds, but that they should come to the caucus and "take pot luck" on results.

CLARK ATTACKS "CANNONISM"

Declares Tide is Everywhere Rising Against Speaker.

DAYTON, O., Jan. 14.—Speaker Cannon and "Cannonism" were vigorously attacked tonight in a speech delivered by Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Clark declared "the tide is everywhere rising against 'Cannonism,'" and that the fight against House rules would continue until crowned with complete success. He said the statement of Speaker Cannon that the fight against the House rules was simply an effort to prevent any tariff legislation was untrue.

Referring to Speaker Cannon's Kansas City speech, Mr. Clark said "it was devoted chiefly to a discussion of the fight to amend the House rules, and to the motives, ambitions, mental equipment and political situation of one who has endeavored to hit our eyes above our shoulders, look him squarely in the face and battle in the opening for the rehabilitation of the House of Representatives. It would be interesting to know how that speech happened to be written and read to the audience, and it would be edifying to know who furnished him with certain alleged facts on which he based some of his remarks."

"Against Hon. J. G. Cannon personally," said Mr. Clark, "I have nothing whatever to say. He has done me many kindnesses, which I have tried to repay, but I am honestly of the opinion that has come to be known as 'Cannonism' is a great evil in our legislative system and should be rooted out. The tide is everywhere rising against 'Cannonism.' Since the adjournment of Congress I have been over most of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma and into Colorado and South Dakota. Everywhere in that region 'Cannonism' is the resounding theme of every tongue, and against it that portion of the country is aflame."

WOMAN'S SCREAMS SCARE

Burglars Attempt to "Jimmy" Way Into Home; Foiled.

P. R. Gease, 23 Salmon street, reported to the police last night that two burglars attempted to "jimmy" their entrance into his apartments, and fled after Miss Gease had uttered a series of screaming screams.

The police investigated and found evidence that a jimmy had been used on the front door of the house. No description of the prowlers was secured.

MORGAN GIVES YALE GIFT

Noted Financier Donates \$100,000 in Memory of Late Editor.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 14.—A gift of \$100,000 from J. Pierpont Morgan for the establishment of the William M. Laffan professorship of Assyriology and Babylonian literature at Yale was received by the Yale corporation yesterday and accepted.

The gift is a memorial to Mr. Laffan, late editor of the New York Sun.

BOOSTERS OUT IN FORCE

South Portland People Discuss Plans for Improving District.

Three hundred citizens and taxpayers attended the most successful meeting ever held by the South Portland Boosters, last night in St. Lawrence Assembly Hall, at Third and Sherman streets.

In addition to an elaborate programme of addresses and music there was an enthusiastic discussion concerning the municipal interests of South Portland and of plans for the betterment of existing conditions. It was the sentiment of the various speakers that a determined effort should be made to make South Portland the most attractive part of the city, and that no expense should be spared to make the section an ideal residence district. The following programme was given:

Opening remarks, President J. G. Holtkamp; piano solo, Miss Martha Moore; address, "South Portland Boosters as a Profitable Investment," M. J. Clowherry; vocal solo, Miss Dagnair Kelly; address, "South Portland as a Desirable Residence Section," J. H. Laker; solo, Mrs. F. J. Tucker; address, "Direct Improvement," Mrs. M. J. Clowherry; vocal solo, Miss Dagnair Kelly; address, "The Lighting of Streets by the Drop or Cluster System," Julius Friendly; solo, A. G. Fleming; address, "Improving the Channel in the River as far West as the location of the vocal solo, A. B. Cain; address, "Progressive Improvement Made and Contemplated for the Benefit of South Portland," Councilman Belding.

LOVE BACK OF ROBBERY

PORTLAND HINDU APPEALS TO POLICE TO SAVE HIM.

Tale Told Reveals Sacrifice and Intrigue Which Started Years Ago in Hindustan.

Joseph Fatahdin, a Hindu, well known on the streets of Portland as "Tamahe Joe" because of his vociferous selling of tamales to pedestrians, appealed to the police Thursday night for protection against a quartet of his countrymen who he declared are seeking his life.

Underlying his appeal to the police is a tale replete with love, sacrifice and intrigues with the local police. Recently the villainous characters of the melodramatic tale have become actual according to the personated Hindu, and have selected this city as the spot to bring about the bloody climax.

Through an interpreter, "Tamahe Joe" told the police how three of his countrymen dragged him to a shack in the rear of the Bridge Square saloon Tuesday night. After being severely beaten he was forced to sign a number of papers under threat of death. He dramatically described how the trio of villains held a keen-edged butcher knife against his throat while he signed his name to two documents, the contents of which he avers are a mystery to him.

When he had completed his writing he was laid down on a cot and held by the three, then thrown out into the darkness. His outward appearance bears evidences of a terrific struggle which he was cautioned not to reveal without jeopardizing his life. In an incoherent manner he told of a strife which originated between him and one of his countrymen in Hindustan several years ago.

The motive was the undivided love bore him by a Hindu maiden. His jealous rival threatened his life on numerous occasions.

Fatahdin came to America and set up his popcorn stand in Portland six years ago. He is regarded as a well-to-do and a conscientious business man. In view of that fact he has held a religious hand over the Hindu colony in Portland. Several months ago he advanced money to a countryman to pay for a voyage back to their native country. His three assailants are said to have taken exception to his generosity. Their anger and respect and the smouldering fires of hate of the episode in Hindustan years ago, combined with robbery, he believes, was a motive for their murderous attack upon him Tuesday night.

TWO FALLS MAY BE FATAL

As Longshoreman is Pulled Out After Ship Rescuers Let Go Body.

W. Kelly, 75 years old, a longshoreman, is dying at St. Vincent's Hospital as the result of a fall at 8:30 yesterday morning while at work about Marina dock at the foot of Seventeenth street. Physicians assert that Kelly's injury, combined with his frightful fall, preclude all hope of his recovery.

He slipped and fell a distance of 25 feet into the river. In his downward flight his head struck a piling and he fell upon the logs beneath the dock. Before his fellow-workers could reach him he slipped from the logs into the river. He was rescued before he sank. While the rescuers were hoisting his apparently lifeless body to the dock floor he rebounded from the logs below.

With all the ribs of his left side shattered and his skull fractured Kelly was eventually taken from beneath the dock and placed in a Red Cross ambulance. He has been a longshoreman for several years. Up to late last night no one had been found who knew of his antecedents.

PULLMAN GREETS FARMERS

Wheat Convention Attracts Hundreds in Annual Meet.

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Fully 300 persons, mostly farmers, were in attendance at the first session of the third annual wheat convention which opened at Washington State College today. Vice-President Orin Dorman, of Spokane presided.

President Bryan of the State College, being absent, Professor Thatcher spoke on "The Extension of Wheat Production Into the Dry Belt." He advocated the extension only along scientific lines and after soil and climatic conditions had been fully analyzed to ascertain if wheat growing could be made profitable.

Professor C. C. Thom talked on "Practical Seed Improvement for the Farmer." L. C. Crow, of Palouse, state president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, urged co-operation among the farmers.

HUMAN BONES EVIDENCE

Doctors Testify in Logan Murder Trial—Ashes Reveal Brooch.

SPOKANE, Jan. 14.—Expert testimony of the time today in the trial at Colville, Wash., of James Logan, charged with murdering Mrs. Jansen, his housekeeper, and with cremating her body. Several doctors were called to prove that the animal remains found in the embers of the fire at the lonely mountain spot where the crime is alleged to have been committed, were those of a human body. They were examined at great detail as to the effect of the fire on flesh and bone.

Logan sat unmoved most of the time, but showed deep agitation when a brooch identified as having belonged to Mrs. Jansen and found in the ashes, was produced in evidence.

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ATTENTION INSISTS ON REDUCED FARE

Appeal of United Railways for Time Rejected by Meeting of Citizens.

COMPANY TELLS OF LOSS

Line Now Cause of Deficit, Judge Wickersham Declares—Compromise Proposal to Wait Year Finds Little Favor.

In the meeting held Thursday night in the Chamber of Commerce 75 residents of Linnnton voted almost unanimously in objection to an extension of time in which the United Railways might prepare to grant a five-cent fare to Linnnton. The meeting was organized by L. B. Wickersham and other interests of the United Railways, who desired to talk the proposal over with the Linnnton people and if possible effect a compromise.

O. M. Clark, of the Clark-Wilson Lumber Company, presided; Dr. S. M. Mann was secretary.

In response to a request from Rev. Frank James for a statement from the United Railways interests, L. B. Wickersham said that while the corporation did not mind cost, it did not want to commit financial suicide.

"We do not wish to antagonize the Linnnton people," said Mr. Wickersham, "but we would like to arrange matters for the interest of both sides. The road cost us \$1,000,000 and the service costs us from \$500 to \$1000 a month more than we take in. We ask you whether you are going to put the screws on and put the company out of business or extend the time so that we can get on solid ground. I appeal to you as fair-minded people to suspend suit and give us time to get on our feet."

O. M. Clark expressed himself as in favor of granting an extension of time to the company.

Secret Plan is Charged.

That the company had sent an agent in the person of J. H. Lawson to Linnnton a few days ago to work among the Linnnton residents in the interests of the corporation and to arrange for a secret meeting last night, so that a compromise could be made, was the statement of C. F. Bunker. He asserted that Lawson had gone to Linnnton with the stated purpose of looking for a site for a large manufacturing plant, but that he had acted as a secret agent for the United Railways Company.

"Mr. Lawson," said Bunker, "came to Linnnton ostensibly as the representative of a large manufacturing concern in Minneapolis and wanted to know what he could get in the way of a site. I am satisfied, however, that Lawson acted under false representations and was merely an agent of the company. I know that he rode on a pass on the trip to Linnnton. He promised to see me again later about the purchase of the proposed site, but telephoned that he had gone to Linn County and would not be back until Saturday. I see him here tonight, however."

Lawson replied that Bunker was wrong. He was looking for a manufacturing site, he added.

Friends Needed, Says Wickersham.

After another request by Rev. Frank James for a statement from Mr. Wickersham regarding his purpose in calling the meeting of the Linnnton residents, Mr. Wickersham replied:

"We wanted the people of Linnnton to come together in order that we might consider the situation. We have not done what we have wanted to during the past year on account of lack of funds, but have done all possible. We want you to give us a chance on this 5-cent fare proposition and not put the screws on."

A statement by Dr. S. M. Mann that the meeting would amount to nothing and that the Linnnton people would have nothing but a 5-cent fare was applauded.

Peter Jensen was called to the chair and O. M. Clark moved for the extension of one year be granted to the company if it would agree to grant a 5-cent fare at the end of that time, the 10-cent fare to hold meanwhile. An amendment by Mr. Bunker that only those outside of the 5-cent fare limit should vote was accepted. The vote against the extension was almost unanimous.

Following this Dr. Mann said: "We have a 5-cent fare because the franchise says so and because the franchise has ruled it. Property in Linnnton is valued with the fare at 10 cents, and what we want is justice."

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