



LEADERS OF NEXT CONGRESS, PUZZLE

Republicans in Quandary Over Situation.

SPEAKERSHIP IS REAL WORRY

Tawney Is Cannon's Only Available Successor.

MANY WOULD LEAD SENATE

Retirement of Senators Aldrich and Hale and Speaker "Joe" Cannon, Possibly, Leaves Majority Party in Bad Predicament.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 24.—When the Sixty-second Congress organizes, the Republicans of both Senate and House of Representatives will be called upon to choose new leaders, and the task will be a difficult one.

The retirement of Senators Aldrich and Hale, and the certainty that "Uncle Joe" Cannon can never again be elected Speaker, will make reorganization necessary, and the situation in the House may be further complicated by the defeat at the polls this Fall of several of the prominent men identified with the existing organization.

Aldrich Is Born Leader.

It is unfortunate for the Republicans of the Senate that no man among them is pre-eminently qualified to succeed Senator Aldrich as the leader of the majority. The situation in the House is almost as serious, for the best qualified of all the dominant members, Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, is very likely to be defeated this Fall, and no member, who will be returned, is as well equipped as he to step into the shoes that will be put aside by "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

Senator Aldrich is a man of rare attainments—attainments that will be fully appreciated now it is known he proposes to retire to private life. As an organizer and leader of men, as a manager of affairs, as a director of legislation he has no equal in either branch of Congress. The man nearest approaching him in qualifications for leadership, Senator Hale, of Maine, is also to retire, but were he to remain he could be no more than nominal leader, for his years are so far advanced and his health so impaired that he has not the strength or vitality to take up a task that has broken down Aldrich, his marked superior in both mind and body.

Perhaps Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, is better qualified than any other to succeed to the leadership, for like Aldrich, Crane is an adroit politician, level-headed and practical, and is lacking only in ability to defend in debate those things which he wishes to promote.

If Senator Crane be not chosen, it may be that Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, will succeed Aldrich, but Penrose, like Crane, is no speaker, and is less active and alert than the man from Massachusetts.

Root to Step Upward.

The retirement of Aldrich and Hale will have one certain effect; it will advance Senator Root to a high place in the party councils of the Senate; he will become at once a more prominent figure than he would have had his continued to be overshadowed by those two men. While Root's ability has been acknowledged, his reputation has rested on his accomplishments prior to his election to the Senate; not to anything he has done since he entered that body.

Western men, who have demonstrated ability, will rise to the top, and be closely identified with the work of the new Senate as they have not been heretofore. Senator Borah, of Idaho, will become a greater factor than he has been in times past; Senators Warren and Clark, of Wyoming, and Carter of Montana, if he is returned, will all come more prominently into the limelight, as will Perkins of California, if his health permits.

No Chance Seen for Oregon.

But Oregon will be as inconspicuous as it has been for the past two years. There is no opening at the front of the stage for her Senator, who has been closely affiliated with Aldrich, and will blink-out as the great light falls.

Among the insurgents are many willing to assume the duties of leadership, and all of them believe they are competent. Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, thinks he is the one man who can take the hold and save the Republican party from utter destruction. But, unfortunately for Beveridge, nobody agrees with him. Senator La Follette enters very similar views as to himself, but not even his insurgent associates are willing to concede his fitness for leadership of the Senate. The same is true of Cummins of Iowa and Bristow of Kansas.

There is one among the insurgents, however, who is qualified; one who

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SPREAD OF RIOTING IN HUNAN FEARED

STATE DEPARTMENT REALIZES GRAVITY OF SITUATION.

In Event of Serious Trouble, Nations Will Join as in Boxer Troubles, Is Belief.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(Special.)—There is concern at the State Department over the Chinese riots in Hunan Province because of the possibility that the trouble may spread rapidly at any moment. Official advices received Friday do not picture the danger as being great as the last press reports. Nevertheless, even official advices indicate that chances of rioting being suppressed without serious consequences are not more than half way encouraging.

It is realized here that information in the Chinese provinces travels with lightning-like rapidity from mouth to mouth. So, with flaming anti-foreign posters being posted in the streets of Chicago. It is readily understood what the effect may be on the neighboring districts.

If the riots spread it is believed that the foreign nations will stand together with the Chinese government to help bring about order and prevent bloodshed, as during the Boxer troubles. Effective naval vessels in the vicinity appear to be the United States cruiser Cleveland, the Japanese gunboat Uji, and the British river gunboat Snipe.

CROP DAMAGE IS RELIEVED

Middle West Loss Great, but Wind Shifts to Better Quarter.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Despite the almost unprecedented storm that swept over a dozen states in the last 48 hours and Government prediction of more cold and snow, the shifting of the wind to the northeast promises to mitigate extensive crop damage in the Middle West. "A canvass of the situation shows that the greatest damage has resulted in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Greatly reduced fruit crops and loss of early corn are certain. Reports from the North-west indicate that barley, oats, rye and corn were badly damaged by cold. The soil, however, is still in fine condition for plowing and it is not too late for re-seeding.

Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky snow is expected to protect small fruits and lessen the loss on apples, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas report considerable damage has been done by the coldest late April weather on record in those states. Information from Wisconsin indicates the fruit crop will not be much more than one-half the usual size.

RACING AUTOIST INJURED

Wheel Collapses, Sending Machine Through Fence, in Shriners' Event.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—When rounding the far turn of the Ingleside race course in the third event of the Mystic Shriners' automobile speed tournament today, William Nelson, with A. B. Bright, his machinist, was sent crashing through the concrete fence and over a low embankment into a ditch when a wheel collapsed.

Nelson suffers from laceration of the face and scalp and from a possible fracture of the skull.

Crashes, driving the 100-horse-power Darracq, lost control of the machine when the steering knuckle snapped and the racer plowed through the fence at the back stretch. He was uninjured.

Goldfield lopped another second off his Coast record for the mile on a circuitous track when he made the distance in 51.56 seconds.

GRAND JURY NOTES STOLEN

Accusation Is Made by Prosecutor in Hyde Case.

KANSAS CITY, April 24.—Prosecutor Virgil Conkling is satisfied the grand jury notes which Dr. Hyde's counsel produced in court last Wednesday were stolen from Ruby B. Garrett, an assistant prosecutor.

What Mr. Conkling is going to do about the case is a mystery. He gives assurance that he will take some action, but, following a long conference with his legal associates today, he was unable to tell just what his first move would be.

Judge Lathrop said tonight he intended to leave to the prosecutor the whole investigation of the loss of the notes.

Attorney Frank P. Walsh, representing Dr. Hyde, will resume his cross-examination of Miss Anna Houlihan, a nurse, when the trial is resumed tomorrow.

BABE DRINKS KEROSENE

Weston Councilman's Daughter Dies in Convulsions.

WESTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The infant daughter, 18 months old, of Councilman Frank Snider, is dead from the effects of drinking kerosene which she found in a cup on a table.

A physician labored with the child all day, but was unable to save her life. She had a cold, and the oil caused edema of the lungs, followed by convulsions.

TENNESSEE HAS SNOWFALL

Flurries Are Intermittent at Nashville During Day.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 24.—Flurries of snow were intermittent here all day. So far the damage in Tennessee from the present cold snap has been slight.

PREACHER REGARDS OLIVER AS MENACE

Indignation in Ashland Finds Spokesman.

BROTHER MINISTERS WARNED

Language Intemperate, Manger Called Dictatorial.

CONTRACT IS ONE-SIDED

Pastor of Christian Church Regrets Evangelist Was Engaged—False Statements Repeated Without Proof, He Declares.

ASHLAND, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Rev. French E. Oliver, the evangelist, has concluded his meetings here, but his work lives after him. Rev. G. K. Berry, pastor of the First Christian Church, called attention tonight to the methods of vilification and abuse used by Oliver in this city and completely repudiated the revivalist.

Rev. Mr. Berry is one of the ministers who joined in bringing Oliver to this city. He declares that the revivalist attacked citizens of Ashland on hearsay, tried to dictate what the clergymen of this city themselves shall do and made numerous statements that the people of the churches cannot indorse. It is his conclusion that Oliver "is a dangerous man to society" and he says churches of other cities which might engage the evangelist should be warned so that "they will know what they are getting." Oliver is now conducting meetings in Medford.

Language Is Violent.

Oliver, according to Rev. Mr. Berry, has said that President Taft is a disgrace to the Nation and that Christ was crucified at the ballot box at the last Presidential election. The revivalist also, says the pastor of the Christian Church, "condemned the preachers who had refused to submit to his dictation by saying he would not allow them to carry sloop to his dogs."

These are only a few of the objectionable assertions attributed to the evangelist.

Seven of the Ashland preachers, declared Rev. Mr. Berry, engaged Oliver to conduct the local meetings. They believed that criticism of his methods at Eugene must have been overdrawn, and this opinion was strengthened on March 29 when Oliver preached his first sermon in this city. That discourse contained nothing objectionable, but the Ashland ministers were soon disillusioned as to the Oliver methods.

Good People Disgusted.

"It was not long, however, until he began to make statements which disgusted many good people, both in and out of the churches," continued Rev. Mr. Berry. "He said he was not a Democrat and had never been low enough to be a Republican; that Taft was a disgrace to the Nation and that Christ was crucified at the ballot box at the last Presidential election. He said he cared for the souls of the people of Ashland, but did not care for their feelings, or what they thought of him. He made severe attacks upon the

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HERMANN IS IMPROVING

Patient Convinces With Family and Rests More Comfortably.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—After spending a restless night,linger Hermann is showing slight improvement. Not only is he able to lie in bed comfortably for the first time since his severe illness began, but he is also spending much of his time in conversation with members of his family, whom he readily recognizes.

According to a bulletin issued by K. L. Miller, the attending physician, late this afternoon, the patient is resting easier than at any time since his illness became serious. The only discouraging symptom noticeable at present is a bloating condition in the vicinity of the spleen. The physicians entertain hope of avoiding further spread of this swelling, however, inasmuch as they believe it a local ailment and not of such a serious nature as to cause alarm.

PATRIOTIC ROSE PROMISED

California Expects to Produce Red, White and Blue Flower.

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—(Special.)—Having a rosebush which produces a red and white flower, Park Superintendent Long, of Long Beach, thinks he can make it add a blue shade also, and thus he will have a National flower.

Last year a bush in Pacific Park bore snow-white roses. This season the flowers are beautifully tinged with red. Long attributes this fact to the proximity of a red rose bush and says that by next year, when the roots of the bushes mingle, the red stripe will be even more pronounced. He is now planning to force the red and white bush to take on the shade of blue.

DRIVER STAYS BY DERAILED ENGINE

Life Is Sacrificed for Passengers.

BURLINGTON TRAIN DITCHED

Two Killed, Two Injured Near Selah, Washington.

STOP MADE IN 400 FEET

Engineer Gordon and Fireman Meyers Crushed to Death Under Locomotive—Mail Clerks Pratt and Bragg Hurt.

SPOKANE, April 24.—A special from North Yakima says:

While running at a speed of 30 miles an hour past Selah station, six miles northwest of North Yakima, the Burlington passenger train No. 41, over the Northern Pacific Railroad, was wrecked. Engineer William Gordon, of Ellensburg, and Fireman Meyers, of Pasco, being instantly killed, and H. Pratt, of Seattle, mail clerk, and William Brogan, of Seattle, mail weigher, slightly injured.

That many passengers on the heavily loaded train were not injured was due to the presence of mind of Engineer Gordon, who lost his life in the effort to save those under his care, when he shut off the steam, threw on the air brakes and even placed the emergency brake in the 400 feet the train ran from the time it struck an open or defective switch.

Conductor Churchill, who was taking tickets in the day coach, says when the engine left the track the train was going at the normal speed of 30 miles an hour. Suddenly the air brakes were set, the engine whistle gave the short distress blast and a second later the crash came.

The engine, No. 280, pulling the train, had left the main line, and gone into the switch just east of Selah, jumped the track and been dumped over an embankment about five feet in height. Forced by the momentum of the heavy train, the mail car had swept by the overturned engine and been turned about a quarter over, and the baggage car had followed. Both cars were badly damaged. Apparently, after giving the warning signal, Engineer Gordon had attempted to get from the cab, for his body was found between the boiler head and the tender.

The body of Meyers was found pinned under the tender, his arms outstretched.

LITTLE CHURCH-GOER HIT

Seattle Child Is Struck on Head by Automobile.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Little Sarah Matdorm, 4 years old, was run down today by an automobile driven by Robert Anthony. The tot was struck in the head by the machine. She was carried to her home in an unconscious condition.

Accompanied by other children, the child was on her way to the Methodist Church when the accident happened. The physician attending believes the little one will recover.

CHURCH ORDAINS BRYAN AS ELDER

NEBRASKA TAKES SERMON ON MOUNT AS TEXT.

Life of Christ Held Up as Example to Citizens—Delegate to Ecumenical Council, Also.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 24.—(Special.)—In the little Westminster Presbyterian Church, midway between Lincoln and Fairview, W. J. Bryan was formally ordained and installed today as an elder of that denomination.

The ordination was conducted by Rev. H. E. Comin, the pastor, before an attendance of 300, practically the capacity of the church building. The installation and the acceptance address of Mr. Bryan occupied the entire service. Mr. Bryan was elected an elder in March, but today was the first opportunity for his ordination.

"The Sermon on the Mount" formed the basis of his remarks, following his obligation. Mr. Bryan said that he accepted the eldership because it imposed obligations new to those which he as a Christian had before had entertained. He dwelt on the life of Christ and the duties imposed on citizens to follow the Nazarene as an example. Mr. Bryan, coincident with his installation as an elder, was elected a delegate from the Nebraska synod, of which Lincoln is a part.

LOGGER SHOT BY OFFICER

One Wounded in Lively Scrimmage at Castle Rock.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—While resting at last night, Bob Graham, a logger, was shot in the arm by the night Marshal. He will recover.

With some companions, Graham was in a lurch place, making a disturbance. The party had been warned by the Marshal, but they refused to heed, Graham talking back to the officer. Finally the Marshal put him under arrest and started with him to jail. When the jail was reached, the door was opened, but the prisoner, a veritable young giant, braced himself and refused to enter. Two of Graham's companions then attacked the officer and a lively scrimmage ensued, one of them striking Hommel, the Marshal's assistant, in the face and staggering him, but the officer quickly recovered and gave his antagonist, Edmund Tygley, a blow which cut his forehead and caused him to quit. Meanwhile, Night Marshal McCormick was having a time with Graham, who had backed him up against a fence. The Marshal warned him to stop or he would shoot, but the fellow kept coming, and McCormick fired.

The man who made the identification was located by the police by means of a card found in Miss Forast's purse. She had recently hooked out of the bay this morning by a boy who was fishing from Meigs' wharf.

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ACTRESS TAKES OWN LIFE

Jennie Forast, Vaudeville and Variety Actress, Drowns in Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Through an acquaintance who had known her in her poverty, the body of the woman, found floating in San Francisco Bay yesterday off the sea-wall was identified today as that of Jennie Forast, who, only a few years ago, was one of the vaudeville stars of the country.

Miss Forast was known in the variety houses of New York, and had appeared in San Francisco at local vaudeville theaters.

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MAN BURNED; SKIN WANTED

Grafting Operation Alone Can Save Vancouver Resident.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—A skin-grafting operation will be necessary before Otto Johnson will be able to recover from the effects of a burn which he suffered two weeks ago when cooking breakfast for his motherless children.

The burns on Johnson's leg may not be healed for at least a year. It will be some time before the grafting of new skin can take place as the flesh was cooked to the bone.

IDLE MAN PREFERS DEATH

John Benson Could Not Afford to Be Out of Work.

SEATTLE, April 24.—John Benson, aged 46, shot himself through the head while in bed at his home in Ballard, a manufacturing suburb, today, because he believed that the closing of the shops before Otto Johnson will be able to recover from the effects of a burn which he suffered two weeks ago when cooking breakfast for his motherless children.

He was taken to the city hospital, where it is said that he cannot recover. He could not afford to be out of work.

ANGRY WIFE TAKES ACID

When Husband Comes Home Drunk, She Fulfills Her Threat.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Because her husband came home in an intoxicated condition at 10 o'clock at night, Mrs. William Hall, a roomer in a lodging house here, swallowed the contents of a small bottle of carbonic acid and may die.

She is said to have remarked that she would kill herself when her husband, who is an electrician, staggered into the room, whereupon he is reported to have said, "All right, old girl, go to it."

FISHBOAT TAKEN, THEN RECAPTURED

After Exciting Chase, Sheriff Triumphs.

WARDEN LOSES HUGE PRIZE

Fishermen Successful, for Present, in Salmon War.

DID RATHBUN PULL GUN?

McAllister Determined to Put Stop to Catches Before May 1—Portland County Asserts That Law Is Not Now Valid.

After a stern chase that lasted all afternoon and part of the evening, Deputy Sheriff Harry Bulger, of Multnomah County, and Sheriff White, of Columbia County, in the launch Traveler, overhauled the state fisheries patrol launch Astoria eight miles below St. Helens at 8 o'clock Saturday night and recaptured the 16,000 pounds of Clackamas County salmon confiscated Saturday by Master Fish Warden Rathbun.

The salmon, which were the property of the Portland Fish Company when seized, were found still in the launch Bonnie and two fish boats, the three craft being in tow of the Astoria launch. The fish were taken from the custody of Deputy Fish Warden Rathbun upon service of the papers in a suit of replevin and were brought back to Portland, the Traveler with the three fish-laden boats in tow reaching the city at 2 P. M. yesterday. The salmon, which had been exposed to the sun a great deal since taken from the water, were in bad condition and will probably be a total loss.

Fish to Be Sold in Kalama. Deputy Rathbun was taking the salmon out of the jurisdiction of Oregon courts and expected to sell them or place them in cold storage at Kalama, Wash. A few hours after being relieved of the fish, Rathbun in the Astoria started back for Portland and passed the Traveler and her two tows about 3 A. M. yesterday. Reaching a point within eight miles of Kalama, the waters of the Columbia became so rough that it was necessary to lug the shore with the heavily laden craft.

An anchorage in a cove not far from Deer Island Point was made, and Deputy Warden Rathbun left there for Goble, to get into communication with Warden McAllister.

Hue and Cry Raised. In the meantime there was a great hue and cry in this city when it was discovered by the local fish dealers interested that the Bonnie, with her finny load, had disappeared. Deputy Sheriff Harry Bulger, in whose hands the papers of the replevin suit were placed for service, accompanied by John F. Keshan, president of the Portland Fish Company, and Joseph O'Connor, of Malarky & Co., left Portland early Saturday afternoon in the launch Traveler, a speedy boat, with the purpose of locating the Astoria and her prize.

Every cove and possible hiding place along the Willamette and Columbia rivers was investigated by the chasing party. Arrangements had been made between Sheriff Stevens of this county, and Sheriff White of Columbia, and the latter boarded the stern-chase launch at St. Helens, the replevin complaint being given to him for service.

Had it not been for the flying of the Stars and Stripes from the stern of the patrol boat, it is probable that the fish dealer's launch, containing Sheriff White and Deputy Sheriff Bulger, would have entirely missed the prey. The fish launch was well hidden in a cove, and it was only the glint of the folds of the

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