

INSURGENTS RIP UP NEW RAILROAD BILL

Join Forces With Democrats in House.

PRESIDENT'S POWER CLIPPED

Organization of Commerce Court Taken From Him.

PROVISION ALMOST KILLED

The Vote Alone Prevents Excision of Commerce Court—Clapp Makes Furious Assault on Leaders and Talks of Dictation.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The railroad bill was the one conspicuous feature before both the Senate and the House today. In the House the insurgents, joining the Democrats, practically took charge of the measure. They succeeded in having adopted numerous amendments, one of which would transfer from the President to the Supreme Court of the United States the authority for organization of the Court of Commerce.

The entire day was devoted to discussing and voting on the commerce court provision. A motion by Hubbard of Iowa to strike out the entire commerce provision was defeated by a tie vote.

Clapp Defies Regulars.

In the Senate Clapp of Minnesota hurled defiance at the regulars and regular party leaders in Congress for the supposed effort to read "insurgent" Senators out of the party. Clapp intimated the people were not following the leaders, who, he said, were merely reading themselves out of the party by the course they were adopting. He took special exception to the recent speech of Attorney-General Wickersham.

Hughes denounced the railroad bill as a whole and Heyburn undertook to combat the contention that the Sherman-Elkins provision nullified the Sherman Antitrust law so far as it affects the railroads.

Voting on the amendments to the railroad bill began in the House late in the day. It became evident that practically all the insurgents were voting with the Democrats.

Insurgents Change Bill.

The amendment of Cooper, of Wisconsin, to strengthen the provision that the commerce court should not have jurisdiction exceeding that of the Circuit Courts was adopted, 139 to 90. Then by a vote of 143 to 118 the amendment of Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for the designation of the judges of the Commerce Court by the Supreme Court of the United States instead of by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was adopted.

Lenroot offered another amendment providing the Commerce Court should be organized in the first instance by the Supreme Court instead of by the President, as recommended by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the bill reported to the House. This amendment was carried, 135 to 131, the insurgents voting almost solidly to take this power from the President.

The House acting in committee of the whole, no record vote was taken, the voting being viva voce, by division and by tellers.

The Vote Saves Court.

Upon the motion of Hubbard of Iowa to strike out the Senate paragraph relating to a commerce court, Bennett of New York, in the chair, announced the vote was 131 to 130 and then announced his own vote in the negative, which defeated the motion. Fitzgerald, of New York, protested the chair had no right to vote in such a case, but this point of order was quickly overruled. A demand for a vote by tellers was made.

While this vote was being taken, Speaker Cannon came into the House from his private room to vote with the party organization. The vote by tellers was 140 to 130. Bennett again voting in the negative. This tie vote defeated the motion to strike out the provision.

The defeat of the motion was accomplished only after the greatest activity on the part of the majority to summon regular Republicans. A rather spectacular feature of this vote was the hurried entrance of the Speaker without a collar. He had been called unexpectedly, when there was not a moment to lose.

One Democrat, Russell of Texas, voted with the regular Republicans on every motion. The insurgents today varied in their voting. At times as many as 25 voted with the Democrats, while on other motions their numbers were reduced to a dozen.

The amendment of Macon of Arkansas, to reduce the number of judges on the Commerce Court from five to three, and that of Wagner of Pennsylvania, to increase their terms of service on the court from five to ten years, were defeated.

Another amendment by Lenroot of Wisconsin, insuring the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States in special cases, was defeated 134 to 135.

Take Shepherd From Barber Chair.

Morris Shepherd, of Texas, supporting the important amendment had the misfortune to go to the House barber shop, but no sooner had he been shaved on the chair and his collar been removed, than a messenger rushed in to insist that the Texas member hurry back to vote. With towel wrapped

MOSS HEIRS FIND HIDDEN TREASURE

MORE THAN \$200,000 DISCOVERED BY MERE LUCK.

Son of Rich New Yorker in Stumbling Touches Secret Spring and Reveals Store of Gems.

NEW YORK, April 26.—(Special.)—After having given up all hope of locating the treasure for which they sought, the heirs of the late Mrs. Octavia Adelaide Moss, widow of Theodore Moss, one time owner of Wallack's Theater, have unearthed more than \$200,000 worth of treasure.

It was hidden in the Moss homestead at No. 543 Madison avenue. Of this amount more than \$50,000 worth of antique jewelry was found in a secret drawer in the pedestal of a statue in the library. Stocks and bonds worth more than \$75,000 and \$10,000 in money were found in a secret drawer in the pantry. It is believed that still more treasure will be found in the house.

The finding of the treasure was entirely accidental. It was located by the grandson of Mrs. Moss, Beverly Kator, a 19-year-old student at Columbia University, who is one of Mrs. Moss' three heirs. Mrs. Moss died on January 15. While it was known that she possessed antique jewelry of great value, no trace of it could be found. It was known that after her husband's death Mrs. Moss had refused to put her money in either banks or safety deposit vaults, but what she did with it was a mystery to all.

A few days ago by chance Beverly Kator happened to stumble against a pedestal supporting a statue in the library and by luck touched a secret spring. This opened a jewel chest, in which the gems and antique jewelry were found.

EASY DIVORCE RESENTED

Reno Lawyers Seek Disbarment of Attorney Who Advertises.

RENO, Nev., April 26.—(Special.)—Proceedings to bring about the disbarment of Attorney W. H. Schnitzer were begun today in the Supreme Court in Carson City by members of the Reno bar. Those bringing the charges assert that he has used methods not in accordance with ethics of the profession.

"I do not know what the charges are," said Schnitzer, "and do not feel that I should talk at this time."

Schnitzer has a lucrative practice and has done more than any one single attorney or group of attorneys in Reno to know the easy requirement of the Nevada divorce laws to the people outside of the state by advertising this as the mecca of unhappily mated pairs.

FARMER HURT IN RUNAWAY

John Wittikka's Recovery Doubtful; Auto Frightens Horse.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—John Wittikka, farmer residing on the old Waldron ranch, four miles south of Goldendale, was seriously injured in a runaway accident Sunday and his recovery is doubtful. The accident occurred on the road between his place and Centerville. His horse first became frightened at an automobile driven by Ell Miller, a Goldendale machinist. Mr. Miller stopped his auto and got out and led the horse by the machine, but in trying to quiet the horse by jerking on the lines, one of the reins broke and the horse ran up the hill and got out and into the chest and internally. Mr. Wittikka is a native of Finland and one of the early settlers of the Kllickit Valley. He is 55 years old.

ADMIRERS "MOB" HUGGINS

Hood River Residents Honor Winner of Race at Stanford.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Several hundred students and 600 enthusiasts gathered at the train tonight to meet Charles Huggins on his return from Stanford University athletic meet, where he won the intercollegiate mile run in almost record time.

Huggins believes that if it had not been for the mob he would have broken the world's record. He was mobbed at the depot by the excited throng and carried through the town on the shoulders of his admirers.

CONSUL GIVES WARNING

Changsha Governor's Peace Proclamation Not Fully Reassuring.

CHANGSHA, China, April 26.—Yang Wen Ting, Governor of Changsha, today issued a peace proclamation. The British Consul, however, has given notice that he will not be responsible in case those who go ashore are attacked.

Missionaries arriving here from Changsha report that the trouble with the rioting natives apparently is over. The Governor estimates the damage done at about \$2,000,000.

EXCHANGE PROBE KILLED

New York Legislature Refuses Move on Stock Brokers Inquiry.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 26.—By the vote of 16 to 92 the Assembly today refused to withdraw from the ways and means committee the Tombs' resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate the New York Stock and Consolidated Exchanges and all other exchanges throughout the state. This kills the measure.

FAMOUS FIGURE OF LETTERS IS DEAD

Bjornstjerne Bjornson Passes at Paris.

CONDITION LONG PRECARIOUS

Peaceful End Comes to Long and Useful Career.

UNIVERSAL PEACE HOBBY

Born in 1832, Litterateur Early Began His Labors, Working Through Drama, Verse, Fiction and Even Politics.

PARIS, April 27.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet, novelist, dramatist, reformer and advocate of universal peace, died here tonight, surrounded by his family. His end was peaceful.

The last serious illness of the novelist extended over nearly a year. He was brought to Paris for special treatment in the early part of last November, accompanied by his wife and daughter, a physician and nurse, and during part of the journey traveled with the King of Denmark in the King's private car.

Vitality Keeps Him Long.

In Paris, however, he was unable to receive the treatment for arterio sclerosis, from which he was suffering, but notwithstanding, he showed marked improvement for a time, due entirely to his wonderful vitality.

Again in February his death was expected momentarily, but the crisis which he was leaving him less able to withstand the next attack. During the last week it was apparent he could not hold out much longer. Prior to his death he was conscious for some hours.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson was born at Kvikna, Osterdal, Norway, December 8, 1832. His father was a clergyman. Two hereditary traits dominated in his character—the placid peasant nature, which he drew from his father, a country parson, and the fighting spirit which came to him from his more remote ancestors, the old Norse re-voers.

His literary tendencies manifested themselves early, when he was still a small boy, in fact, and took the form of hymns. At Molde, where he was sent to school, he distinguished himself as both a fighter and a poet, taking the side of the little boys against the big ones, and turning the old Norse and Icelandic sagas and hero-tales into modern verse.

Sagas Turned to Dramas.

At the age of 20 he entered the University of Christiania, and while there began writing in a more serious vein. The old sagas still furnished him his material, but he attempted drama. He seems to have been unsettled as to his future at this time, for he abandoned, temporarily, his dramatic ambitions and became a journalist in the Norwegian capital.

As a Journalist, Bjornson expressed his dramatic ambitions and became aroused considerable public excitement. Finally he was condemned to a year's imprisonment for treason, but escaped to Germany, and afterward to America, finally returning to Christiania. Once more he began the work of agitation against the government and the union of the two Scandinavian kingdoms.

Director of Theater.

After two years as writer and editor he became the director of the Bergen Theater and held the post two years. This was in 1857. Shortly afterward he married Karoline Reimova. The next few years were devoted to travel and residence in Denmark. Germany

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CERTAINLY IT'S UP TO YOU

Will you be satisfied if Portland's census shows, say FIFTEEN PER CENT LESS than its real population? If so, no need to appeal to you.

But do you want everybody counted? Probably you do; but you don't intend to get excited about it.

No, not now, perhaps; but you will be a little excited when you know that the prospects are that the census, at the present rate of progress, is going to show VASTLY LESS than everybody, or nearly everybody, thinks it will. How will you explain it when you find that the returns are much UNDER 200,000?

Doubtless you think this statement is made merely to alarm you, and has no substantial basis in fact. It is not; but no matter, anyway. You will have no right to put up a great outcry afterwards if you neglect your plain duty now as a citizen of Portland.

These remarks are addressed particularly to EMPLOYERS. Every employer of Portland should take the census NOW of his establishment. Let him get the necessary blanks at the Census office or at the Commercial Club. Cause them to be filled in and turned over to the census office, Lumber Exchange building.

How about those absentees? How about those laborers who may have gone elsewhere seeking work? How about any others who may be away from Portland on any errand?

Call up the census office and give the names. Tel. Marshall 1422; Home, A. 7213.

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TAGGART CAUSES SPLIT IN INDIANA

Leaders Hurry to Forestall Disruption.

OPPONENT FORGES CRISIS

Both Convention and Primary Plans Make Trouble.

COMPROMISE IS OFFERED

Separate Convention to Name Candidate for Senate Is Suggested. Shively Is Counted On to Pour Oil on Waters.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—An open break among the hundreds of delegates to the Democratic state convention over the question whether the convention, which opens tomorrow night, shall endorse a candidate for the United States Senate or whether a primary election to name a candidate shall be called, brought about earnest conferences among the party leaders to decide upon a course to forestall a possible disruption.

The crisis came late today when John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was hosted upon a chair in the lobby of the Denison Hotel and denounced as a "bomb" Thomas Taggart, and declared that the convention should not be a "Taggart Christmas tree."

Taggart Wants Primary.

Both Lamb and Taggart are candidates for the United States Senate. Lamb advocates the plan originally proposed by Governor Marshall, that the convention endorse a candidate, Taggart proposes the primary method.

Many of the leaders looked to the counsel of Senator B. P. Shively, who arrived today from Washington and who will be permanent chairman of the convention, to bring about peace and harmony.

It can be stated upon the best authority that Senator Shively is opposed to the convention plan or to the statewide primary plan, and maintains a candidate for the Senate. He prefers, it is said, that the question should go to the Legislature direct, but as a compromise he would be in favor of calling a separate state convention, the delegates being selected for the express purpose of nominating a candidate for the Senate.

Presentation of Rules Delayed.

At the request of Governor Marshall the report of the committee on rules and order of business will not be presented until he has taken charge of the convention as its temporary chairman.

As originally planned, this report was to have been presented when State Chairman Jackson called the convention to order. The programme called forth much criticism among the anti-Taggart delegates.

Many of the candidates for places on the state ticket are opposed to the Marshall plan. Taggart's movement for a statewide primary has gained much force from his sweeping victory in the primaries last night.

Fish Named as Secretary.

THE DALLES, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Judd E. Fish is the new secretary of The Dalles Business Men's Association, having been chosen at a meeting of the directors of that body last evening. J. M. Patterson, who had been secretary of the organization for several years, resigned in order to give attention to his fruit ranch on Three Mile. J. C. Hoagland and James Shippey were elected directors to all vacancies caused by resignations. Various promotions and publicity methods were discussed by the directors and plans mapped out for the ensuing year.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP LOSING IN FAVOR

RIGID CONSTRUCTION NOT APPROVED BY GERMAN ARMY.

Latest Accident, in Which Hundreds Could Not Save Craft, Turns Tide of Opinion.

BERLIN, April 26.—(Special.)—German aeronauts are asking whether the destruction of the airship Zeppelin II at Weullburg will not prove a fatal blow to the school of rigid airship construction.

There has been manifested lately a disposition in army circles to oppose further purchase of airships of the Zeppelin type on the ground that they are too unwieldy to meet varying conditions of actual service. In the latest accident it was noted that the crew of several hundred men under experienced officers was unable to keep the enormous framework from blowing away, whereas the ship of the non-rigid type could have been deflated and saved.

The Zeppelin craft has enjoyed marked preference in the German army, owing to the personality of inventor and the personal support given him by the Kaiser. Lately, however, aeronauts have been inclined to the adoption of a more elastic and more easily managed type. This latest accident lends argument in favor of such a change.

M'GUIRE SEEKS NEW TRIAL

Though Found Guilty, Slayer Keeps Nerve Up—County Loses \$1500.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—It took five days to find a jury to try James McGuire, an aged miner, for killing Alagna Knaboka last January and but three hours for the jury to deliberate upon the mass of circumstantial evidence and return a verdict of manslaughter at a 10-hour last night.

McGuire, in a way, seemed pleased and remarked:

"I am not finding fault with the jury for the verdict. I misunderstood the situation, though it seems pretty tough for a man who had to shoot in self-defense."

He keeps up his nerve and for the first time shook hands today with the forestry service man who had been a witness in the case.

Tomorrow the defense will move for a new trial upon the ground that the evidence does not support the verdict. The verdict evidently was a compromise, as the jury stood about even for acquittal one time during the balloting.

The case has cost the county about \$1500.

FROGS DISTURB ORATORS

Nocturnal Disorderly Conduct Baffles Police of Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—Speakers in the Auditorium here, interrupted by Vancouver's bullfrog chorus. Other citizens have mentioned the night's occurrence as if it were a reflection upon Vancouver's character as a metropolis.

But the police are powerless. The first made for the trestle of the North Bank railway, recently created a dam, through which in the past few days the water has seeped. As if by magic myriads of frogs have come to life, and their raucous medleys every night, Sunday included, have caused heartburnings among the slumbers and speakers in the Auditorium near by, who have been interrupted.

A train of 120 cars passing over the track made the only noise heard here recently that could drown the noise of the frogs completely.

ACTRESS-HEIRESS IS SUED

Judgment for \$50,679 Pursues Mrs. Laura Biggar-Bennett.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Laura Biggar-Bennett, the statuette actress, who years ago made one of the numerous hits in Charles H. Hoyt's farce comedies, but who afterwards quit the stage and married a millionaire of Pittsburg, to find herself his widow and heir within a short time, is defendant in an action filed in the Superior Court today.

Agnes M. Hendricks is plaintiff. She sets out that on April 14, in New York a judgment was given against Laura Biggar for \$50,679.87 and that it is unpaid.

In the action referred to Laura Biggar was defendant in action alleging the alienation of the affections of Dr. Hendricks, husband of the plaintiff.

BINGER HERMANN BETTER

Patient Relishes Food for First Time Since Taken Sick.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Binger Hermann's condition is considered very encouraging today, according to a bulletin issued by Dr. K. L. Miller, the attending physician, late today.

Not only does the patient appear stronger, but his appetite is returning and he was able to relish limited rations today for the first time since his illness became serious. The bloating condition of the spleen is also much improved, and the physicians anticipate a rapid recovery should no complications develop.

College to Observe May Day.

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—A big May day celebration will take place on the campus of McMinnville College on Saturday. Miss Myrtle Maxwell has been chosen by the students as the Queen of the May, and the coronation of the queen will be the first event of the morning, at 10 o'clock. A tennis match is one of the numbers on the programme, and in the afternoon there will be a field meet. Columbia University versus McMinnville College.

VALLEY OF ROQUE SEEN FROM AUTOS

Portland Party Guest of Fruit Growers.

GRANTS PASS GIVES OUT ROSES

Newtown Pippins Distributed by Medford Folk.

ASHLAND CLUB IS HOST

Automobiles Carry Excursionists Through Southern Oregon Orchards—Train Leaves for Klamath Falls.

BY R. G. CALVERT. ASHLAND, Or., April 26.—(Staff Correspondence.)—If any set of men ever saw more of the unsurpassed Rogue River Valley in one day or had a better time in doing it than the Portland business men's excursion, 75 individuals members of that party would be pleased to hear how it was accomplished.

From two of the larger communities of the valley, Grants Pass and Medford, the visitors were carried in automobiles through miles of orchard lands dotted with trees already showing evidence of an enormous crop, besides alfalfa fields, where the first crop had just been cut and along roadways lined with gorgeous California popples, at all times gaining glimpses of the cleared tracts, orchards and vineyards that are rapidly extending from the bottom lands hundreds of feet upward into the foothills.

Trip Made in Motor Cars.

As a culmination to these journeys, the Portland business men, in the twilight of a perfect Spring day, were taken in motor cars over the scenic drive that winds among the hills 900 feet above Ashland, and given a view of agricultural prosperity and evidences of enterprise and happy homes spread below.

This morning, at Grants Pass, the special train ran into a country where cultivated roses are already in bloom, where laurel trees without number are putting forth their blossoms, and where the acacias are spreading their fragrance in the air.

The women of Grants Pass came to the train with bouquets of roses, pinned the blossoms on the lapels of the visitor's coats and distributed the flowers in the cars. Preliminary to the automobile ride through the orchard lands of the vicinity, an informal reception was held in the Board of Trade rooms, and where there were more roses and where punch was served.

Fake Telegrams Start Laughs.

George H. Durham presided for the Grants Pass citizens, and was joined in welcoming the visitors by Mayor R. G. Smith.

The Portland men were in a humor for "joshing" this morning and a number of fake telegrams had been addressed to members of the party, which were read by Mr. Durham, and replies called for. Here is a sample:

"Portland, April 26.—Dr. Andrew C. Smith: Understand you are making political speeches. Remember our agreement. JOE SIMON."

Ray W. Hoyt got a telegram from Secretary Hutchins, of the Rose Festival Committee, based on the report that Mr. Hoyt had broken his suspenders pulling for the Rose Show. Phil Metcahan got a dispatch that 10 more stores were to be added to the Portland Hotel, and to come home immediately and get busy. Herman Wittenberg received a warning from Portland that it was reported a rival cracker factory was to start in Grants Pass, and to "knock it in the head" if possible.

Medford Distributes Apples.

All those were called on to