

CANNON UNLIKELY MAJORITY LEADER

Ex-Speaker Not Favored as Chief in Next House of Representatives.

OLD ISSUE TO BE AVOIDED

Mann of Illinois and Olmstead of Pennsylvania Seem to Be Most Prominent Candidates of Republicans.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 14.—There is considerable speculation among Republican members of the next House of Representatives over the impending selection of a minority leader who shall be entrusted with the direction of the partisan fight of the minority during the next two years. The first question, naturally, is whether or not this leadership shall be conferred upon Joseph G. Cannon, the retiring Speaker. If it is not to go to Cannon, then the question arises, who is the best equipped man among the minority to handle the affairs in debate...

State ex rel. the Nicomen Boom Company against the North Shore Boom & Driving Company, has upheld the Pacific County Superior Court. The litigation extended over a number of years and was carried to the United States Supreme Court. After consideration of the case before it, the State Supreme Court directed the lower court to enter judgment against the North Shore Boom Company and John W. Kiebb and John F. Hohl. The lower court then entered judgment for \$18,866.18 and costs, which amounted in all to \$19,511.82. The appellants contended that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction, had no right to order judgment entered, that the Superior Court had no right to enter it and that they were not liable for logs boomed prior to January 16, 1909. It was argued that Kiebb & Hohl were not liable for the booming of logs which were their individual property. The Supreme Court holds that the appellants have no right to raise these



Champ Clark Next Speaker of House, Who Advises Young Men to go South.

points and affirms the lower court. This action may close the famous case for all time unless new trouble should arise in the minority of the present time. His selection as Republican leader would revive the old issue, and would convey to the country the impression that the Cannon administration is in control of the House, would again elect Cannon to the Speakership.

VAN BLARCOM IN FEVER

SAN DIEGO EDITOR ENDURES PRIVATION AND HUNGER.

Auto Trip Into Mexico Proves Disastrous—Party Wanders All Night in Wild Country.

SAN DIEGO, March 14.—Fainting from hunger and exposure and with a raging fever, W. D. Van Blarcom, editor of the San Diego Tribune, staggered into Ensenada, Mexico, with two of his companions, early today and is under the care of a physician at that place. H. C. Eller, a reporter, and Bert Phillips, draughtsman, who were members of the party, are en route to San Diego on a fishing smack. The telegraph line was in working order this afternoon and Eller, the one of the three who was able to be out, told a tale of suffering and privation that pursued the party from Sunday morning until today, when they arrived on foot at Ensenada. The party under Van Blarcom attempted to penetrate the country between the international lines south of San Diego and Ensenada, a distance of 110 miles, in a motor car. Forty miles south of the line, the motor car began to break down and 25 miles from Ensenada it was finally abandoned and the men started to walk. They had to eat from Sunday morning until Monday evening, when a rancher gave them some black bread and fresh honey. Van Blarcom and his companions lost their way in the darkness of Monday night and the cold and hunger so exhausted them that the help of a peon who had enabled them to continue to their destination. Van Blarcom, according to Eller, is in a serious condition. Assistance has been sent him and, if possible, he will be brought home on a steamer Thursday night. Worst reports that a band of rebels killed at Real Castillo, who refused to obey their demand for provisions and horses. Real Castillo is about 50 miles south of the border. Worst also says that rebels in bands of ten or more are occupying the country between Ensenada and Tia Juana, robbing ranches and hamlets of horses and provisions. These bands had no hesitation about informing him they intend to unite and attack Ensenada. Official information received here is to the effect that Governor Vega has started a force of 100 Mexican troops to clear the country of insurgents and bandits.

Candidates Are Few.

Assuming that Mr. Cannon will not be the minority leader, the selection will be made from among a very few Republican members, Mann of Illinois, Olmstead of Pennsylvania, and possibly Dalsell of Pennsylvania. Representative Payne of New York, long chairman of the ways and means committee, and Republican floor leader while Cannon was Speaker, is not to be seriously considered, for he is utterly unopposed. He showed that during the past few sessions. Payne is fat, sluggish, petulant and slightly deaf. He is overbearing, pompous and personally unpopular. And he is just as unpopular with the insurgents as Cannon, if not more so. Therefore he will not lead the minority. Representative Dalsell might have been chosen had he not been so domineering as first lieutenant to Payne. But he is so extremely regular in his Republicanism that he cannot get insurgent support, and so personally unpopular that he can command but slight following. The choice, therefore, probably rests between Mann and Olmstead, with the chances decidedly favoring Mann. Both these Representatives are good parliamentarians; both are popular, and both are men of considerable intellect. Mann, however, is by far the more aggressive; he is quicker than Olmstead, he is more effective in debate, and more scathing in his denunciations of the opposition. Mann possesses all the qualities of good leadership, save alone a good voice, but that which he has he uses to advantage, and can manage to make himself heard when occasion demands. It is believed that either Mann or Olmstead would receive insurgent support, for while both are regulars, they have never been extreme in their views, and have not made themselves offensive to the insurgent membership of the old House. Olmstead probably has fewer enemies than Mann, for Mann has made it his business to kill off a tremendous amount of bad legislation by exposing it. However, in this respect he did the country a good turn, and it is not likely that many members will harbor that against him. That an insurgent should be chosen minority leader is not likely. The insurgents will constitute the minority of the minority, and will not be able to control the caucus. It is doubtful if they will make the attempt. Rather, both factions are now showing a disposition to get together and fight the Democrats, and there is every indication that a harmony programme will be carried through. Moreover, there is not an insurgent in the House who measures up to Mann or Olmstead in point of ability, and this fact will also operate to prevent the selection of an insurgent as Republican leader.

IN DEBT, WOMAN KILLS

Fearing Exposure, She Slays Husband, Son and Self.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 14.—That Mrs. Christopher G. Wood shot and killed her husband at their home in Branford on March 8, their 10-year-old son, Valdemar, on the day following, and then inflicted a fatal wound on herself as a result of which she died on March 13, was the finding of the coroner, made public today. The coroner's report says Mrs. Wood was deeply in debt to stores and had withdrawn money deposited in several banks by her husband. Mrs. Wood, fearing exposure or criminal proceedings, shot her husband, her son and herself.

COURT SUSTAINS SHIPPER

Roads Cannot Charge Local and Transit Rate on Livestock.

DENVER, March 14.—A point of interest to Western shippers was decided today by Federal Judge Lewis, who held that a railroad could not charge a local and transit rate on livestock which was fed and watered en route on an interstate journey, where the shipper already had paid the through rate. William R. Bishop, of Colorado, shipped seven cars of sheep from Pueblo, Or., to Kansas City, Mo., at Pueblo the cars were sent to Alamosa, where the stock was fed and watered, and then the journey was resumed. The railroad sent Mr. Bishop a bill for the extra trip to Alamosa and he refused payment, the court sustaining him.

BOOM COMPANIES LOSE

Nicomen and North Shore Are Decided Against Again.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court again called upon to pass on the case of the

GO SOUTH, MY BOY, SAYS CHAMP CLARK

Next Speaker of House Enthusiases Over That Part of United States.

OTHER TOPICS NEGLECTED

Missouri Statesman Admits Democratic Party Might Go Farther for Presidential Candidate and Fare Worse.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the coming Speaker of the National House of Representatives, amended the famous saying of Horace Greeley: "Go West, young man; go West," and made it read: "Go South, my boy; go South." The Missouri statesman headed off newspaper men who sought to ask him questions pertaining to other matters, and insisted that they first "learn something" about the Southland from someone who knows and wants everyone else to know. Supplementing his remarks, he said: "The South is the place and my advice is to go there. You won't eat as much as you do in the North. If you do, you'll die. Your clothing must be lighter and therefore less expensive. You won't have to buy fuel to speak of, and you can allow your horses and cattle to graze out of doors the year round. South to be rich. "Believe me, the South is the poor man's land, and you'll live to see the day when the South is going to be the richest part of the United States. "Why, say, I know a man who made \$10,000 in one year off three acres of lettuce. Sounds flashy, doesn't it? True, though, for I took the pains to find out. It is a great country, boys, and if you want a good tip, follow my advice. That is, go early to the Southland and grow up with its progress. "If anyone doubts that Representative Clark would make a good Democratic candidate for President, at the next election, they have his own word for it given today. He admitted that he would make a good candidate, saying: "Well, the Democratic party might go further and fare worse—and I think it will." Two Topics Avoided. The next speaker of the House discussed any and all other subjects but to him except the Lovimer vote and woman suffrage. Of the latter, he said: "I know when to let well enough alone and I am going to keep still." He prophesied victory for the reciprocity measure and said of the tariff: "We can get by Mr. Taft with a few schedules, we hope where we never could get past with a whole bill." Mr. Clark intimated that if Republicans in the next House did not like committee appointments they could go hang, for all the good it would do them. Only he said it was this way: "Those who don't like the appointments can take advantage of the great American privilege of caucus."

PLAGUE RAVAGES CONTINUE

Lives of 20,000 Lost in Harbin District Alone.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The plague is continuing its ravages in China, as shown by the reports reaching the State Department from American consular officers. It is estimated that 20,000 people have succumbed to the epidemic in the epidemic district since the outbreak of the epidemic in Harbin and its suburbs, Fuchiatin, 6014, including 50 Europeans, died up to February 1st. The disease is playing havoc with the Chinese troops at Chang Chun, according to Japanese statistics, 350 deaths among them being reported up to January 20th, the daily death rate of the town being 50.

MOB FEARED, POLICE RUSH

Pistol Welders at Wilkeson, Wash., Hurried to Tacoma.

TACOMA, March 14.—Fred Ripoll, who was shot by Frank DeLima at Wilkeson last night, is in a hospital here and probably will recover. Fearing DeLima might be mobbed by friends of Ripoll, the police smuggled DeLima out of town in an automobile and landed him in the County Jail in Tacoma early today. Sheriff Longmire has appointed several deputies on the mining town of Wilkeson, fearing further trouble. DeLima has several bruises on his face and says Ripoll attacked him.

END OF DEADLOCK SEEN

Governor Dix Promises Interesting Information Later in Week.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 14.—Following a conference at the Executive Mansion today with Mayor Gaynor and Charles F. Murphy, Governor Dix said that progress was being made toward settling the Senatorship deadlock and that he hoped to have interesting information to announce later in the week.

Three Killed in Strike Riot.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 14.—Partial confirmation of the reports of rioting at Glenmary and south of there was received today when the engineer of a passenger train declared that three men were killed last night near there. One of the belated passenger trains arriving from the South today came in with broken windows, as the result of an attack by strike sympathizers.

Raymond Structure Rising.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Work has begun on the new concrete building adjoining the con-

done, and the Federal officials declare that a large number of them are now in circulation in this coast. H. M. Moffitt, chief of the secret service of this district, declares that Martinelli is the ringleader of a large gang of counterfeiters who have been manufacturing and circulating the bogus bills. It is probable that Martinelli will be taken to Portland, where most of the evidence against him was gathered. The fourth member of the gang, Lorenzo Rinaldi, was arrested today in Fresno. Amario Martinelli, or Antonio Martinelli as he is known in Portland, is said by local officials to have been a clever passer of counterfeit bills. Secret Service Agent Connell said yesterday Martinelli had upon his person when arrested 28 bogus checks bearing the name of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of New York City. Other arrests are expected within a few days.

PYTHIANS TO ASSEMBLE

15 Lodges of Six Counties Will Convene at Olympia.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 14.—The programme for the 17th semi-annual district convention of the Knights of Pythias of District No. 4, embracing the 15 lodges in Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Chehalis, Lewis and Pacific Counties, is completed. The meeting will be held at Olympia March 22. A spirited third-rank contest will be waged the prize being a silver loving cup, twice won by Wishkah Lodge No. 44 of Aberdeen. If Aberdeen wins the cup a third time it will become the property of the victorious lodge. A banquet will be given by the Olympia lodge. Reduced railroad rates have been obtained for 50 or more under the certificate plan.

COUNTY CLERK ACCUSED

Tampering With Grand Jury Witnesses Charge Made.

CINCINNATI, March 14.—At the opening of the graft trial today Peter W. Durr, clerk of Hamilton County, was declared guilty of contempt of court for alleged tampering with grand jury witnesses. The finding was reported by a committee of attorneys appointed to consider the charges. The committee found that Durr had coached county employees and others who had been summoned to the grand jury room, and had suggested to them the way in which testimony should be given.

DAY IS ONE OF TRAVEL

NO SET SPEECHES MADE BY EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Colonel Spends Time Resting for His Activities Today in El Paso.

BIG SPRINGS, Tex., March 14.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt made no set speeches today, for the first time since he left New York a week ago. He was whirled across hundreds of miles of the state without stopping. His train passed through Big Springs at just 7 o'clock, to be greeted by a crowd at the depot to which the Colonel waved his hat from the rear platform. He was similarly greeted at every station along his route today, but spoke only at Baird and Abilene. At the latter place, the ex-President said that he was glad to stop because it was the town at which his old friend of frontier days, Colonel John Simpson, had settled many years ago. Colonel Simpson, who left the party at Fort Worth, made it a point to ask Colonel Roosevelt to say a word at Abilene. The special train carrying Colonel Roosevelt was kept strictly to schedule during the long day of steady travel. Colonel Roosevelt spent most of the day reading or chatting with those on his car, and was apparently much benefited by his rest. No stops are scheduled for tonight, and Colonel Roosevelt will not be disturbed until he is received by the reception committee at El Paso tomorrow morning.

3 COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT

Italians Arrested in San Francisco Passed Bad Bills Here.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 14.—Charged with flooding this city and Portland, Or., with counterfeit National Bank notes, Amario Martinelli, Amma-deo di Grazio and Constantino Della Migliora, three Italians, were placed under arrest today by secret service operatives H. M. Moffitt, G. A. Porter, of this city, and J. S. Statter, of Seattle. Secret Service officers found in Martinelli's possession 23 counterfeit \$5 National bank notes of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank, of New York. The notes were exceedingly well made.

TWO TO OPPOSE FAWCETT

W. W. Seymour, ex-Park Board Head, Would Be Tacoma's Mayor.

TACOMA, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Two candidates to oppose Mayor Fawcett at the recall election April 4, filed nomination petitions today, the last day for filing. The candidates are: W. W. Seymour, who resigned yesterday as president of the Park Board, and B. Lewis, ex-Councilman, who was defeated for Mayor a year ago. Other candidates withdrew in favor of Seymour. He will likely be endorsed by the Public Welfare League.

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crete warehouse built by Mr. Rugger last year. The building will be two stories high, and will be used for store and office purposes. J. R. Stratton and Mr. Rugger are the owners.

Tar Kills Two Persons and Himself. SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—A love tragedy of the underworld brought quick death to two men and a woman here early today. R. B. Mestyn, a first-class gunpointer on the cruiser Callifornia, shot and killed Bessie Cook, a dancehall singer, and Hugo Randall, night clerk in the hotel where the girl lived. He then sent a bullet through his own brain. All died almost instantly. Mestyn about 2:30 o'clock this morn-

ing arrived unexpectedly at her hotel, quarreled with her, shot her and, when Randall went to learn the cause of the trouble, shot him dead, then killed himself. Letters found among Mestyn's effects indicate that he came from Washington, D. C., where he was well connected.

Bingen to Have Auto Line. HUSUM, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—Expecting heavy passenger traffic up the White Salmon River this year, an automobile line from Bingen is planned. Automobile lines making Trout Lake or Glenwood their terminus, pass through Husum.

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