

HOOTS MARK FIERY CLASH IN CONGRESS

Sumners Leaves Sickbed to Attack Colleague.

PAY GRAB PLAN IS DENIED

Blanton Tries in Vain to Obtain Hearing but Uproar in House Gets Beyond All Bounds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Hoots, catcalls and the word "har" were shouted in the house today in the stormiest session in years. The uproar started when Representative Sumners of Texas, having left a sick bed, appeared and supported by most members of his own state, attacked his colleague, Representative Blanton. Rumors had been circulated that the Texans were preparing an attack, but it was held off until Mr. Sumners could direct it. When he stepped forward, holding a faded newspaper clipping, nearly every member was on the floor.

Read by the clerk, the clipping revealed that Mr. Blanton, in a letter to Texas newspapers had charged members with a plan to raid the treasury and obtain salary increases, which he alone had prevented heretofore. The press was asked to help, and many papers responded with bitter assaults on those charged with backing the alleged salary grab.

Blanton is Challenged. There was a tense moment as the reading was concluded and Mr. Sumners, stepping close to Mr. Blanton's seat, shook his fist in the latter's face and shouted:

"And when you sent that statement to Texas, you knew it was as false as hell."

The house broke into a wild shout, half the membership rising. Blanton, jumping up and trying to make himself heard, demanded the right to speak. He was howled down, the chair sustaining a point of order that he could not be heard at that time on a question of personal privilege.

Mr. Sumners, walking back and forth, continued, Blanton's eyes following his every step. The speech was constantly interrupted with shouting.

Claim Declared False.

Mr. Sumners declared the record showed no effort had been made to slip through a salary increase bill and that Mr. Blanton's claim that he was forced to remain constantly on the floor to block it was absurd and untrue. The question had come up twice, Mr. Sumners said, and it was blocked on points of order by Representative Byrnes, democrat, Tennessee, and Representative Wood, republican, Indiana.

Mr. Blanton, he asserted, was not even "in on the work."

The demonstration reached remarkable proportions when a tap of the gavel marked the close of the time allotted for the speaker. Democrats first on their feet, were joined instantly by every republican. There was a rush to the front as members struggled to shake Mr. Sumners' hand.

Blanton Strives in Vain. Above the tumult Blanton strove vainly to make himself heard. As Mr. Sumners turned toward his seat other members started toward him to offer congratulations. Mr. Blanton, his voice still pitched high again, attempted to gain a hearing. Again he was howled down as a dozen republicans insisted on enforcement of the rule that he take his seat.

After the hubbub had kept up several minutes, Chairman Siemp of the sub-committee in charge of the fortifications bill, which was before the house, gave the Texas three minutes to reply, but nobody could hear half he said. At the start Mr. Blanton caused a row by charging that Representative Campbell, democrat, Pennsylvania, had asked him to keep away when the salary bill was called up.

Also angry, Mr. Strong walked toward Mr. Blanton and told the house the statement was false.

In the last minute, Mr. Blanton declared Mr. Sumners wanted to run for the senate from Texas and that this desire was the basis of the attack.

As this the house again rose with a mighty shout. Old members said it was the most remarkable spectacle they had seen. Finally, when some semblance of order was restored, Blanton declared that he, too, had been mentioned by Texas papers for the senate. Then nothing could be heard, for the uproar got beyond all bounds.

The attack was the culmination of many made heretofore by members who charged Mr. Blanton was continually blocking legislation by points of order.

MOTHER FACES ARREST

WOMAN ACCUSED OF EXPOSING PUBLIC TO DIPHTHERIA.

Prosecution Determined in Fight to Eradicate Epidemic That Grips Woodmere School.

A warrant for the arrest of Mrs. V. V. Chandler of 4412 Eighty-fourth street southeast will be sworn out this morning by the city health bureau, according to Dr. George Parrish, chief of the bureau. The arrest of Mrs. Chandler will ensue from the endangers of the health bureau to eradicate an epidemic of diphtheria which has appeared in the Woodmere school at Eightieth street and Sixty-sixth avenue southeast.

Mrs. Chandler is accused by Dr. Parrish of knowingly and deliberately breaking health laws by bringing a child whom she had been told displayed symptoms of diphtheria into the center of town on a stretcher.

Five cases of diphtheria were discovered at the Woodmere school yesterday, when cultures were taken from the throats of pupils exposed to the contagion. Five of the nine were virulent cases, according to Dr. Parrish.

Because of the seriousness of the situation Dr. Parrish personally visited the school with Dr. Richard Sipple, assistant health officer, and gave orders that the children who had developed symptoms of diphtheria

should be sent home and told to remain there.

One of the children with positive symptoms, according to Mrs. Mary E. Albro, school nurse, was Kenneth Chandler, who was sent home with a note from his teacher explaining the situation.

Dr. Sipple visited the Chandler residence in the afternoon but found no one at home. Still later in the afternoon a woman accompanied by two children—a boy and a girl—appeared at the desk of Mrs. Albro in the health offices at city hall.

"My son has had a slight cold and I want a certificate so he can go back to school," Mrs. Albro quotes the woman as saying.

Investigation by the nurse revealed the fact that the child in question



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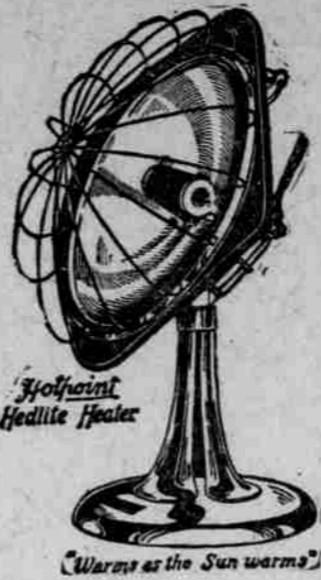
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ELMA, WASH., HAS BLAZE

ALL BUT THREE BUILDINGS IN BLOCK DESTROYED.

Loss Estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000—Plate Glass Windows Across Street Shattered.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Fire at Elma starting about 6:30 o'clock this morning in the rear of a bowling alley destroyed all but three buildings in the block bounded by Main, Third, Waldrip and Fourth streets, entailing a loss in buildings and merchandise estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000. The building loss is placed at \$25,000, of which \$14,300 is covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Favored by a brisk east wind, the flames raged for three hours, for a time threatening the Imperial hotel. They finally were controlled by the Elma volunteer department and the chemical apparatus from Montesano, which made a 20-minute run to Elma, reaching there at 6:29 o'clock.

The sole building undamaged in the block swept by the fire was the Wade building, a concrete structure, occupied by the Farmers & Lumbermen bank and the A. & S. Robinson furnishing store. The heaviest losses were sustained by Minard & Co., the Idle Hour poolroom and the Taverna cafe. Other establishments burned were the C. M. Moore realty office, George Dewade's barber shop, Williams barber shop, China Music company, branch office; C. C. Rasmussen shoe store and Berg tire shop. Stock burned and damaged by smoke and water in these stores was estimated to be worth between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

In addition to the direct fire losses merchants on the north side of Main street lost their entire plate-glass store frontages, all windows in the block across from the fire breaking from the heat.

A valuable hunting dog belonging to Oscar Tyler, which had been tied in the rear of the Idle Hour poolroom, was the sole victim of the fire. The dog was forgotten until the blaze

had gained such headway as to make rescue impossible.

Mike Karajanas, proprietor of the Taverna cafe, may figure as a heavy loser. In the restaurant safe he had a large amount of paper money, bonds and other securities. Karajanas is

waiting for his safe to cool before opening it, hoping to recover at least a part of the paper within.

A great industrial plant in one of the Chicago suburbs employs 5000 women, 1000 in the offices and 4000 in the shops.

HOUSING FUND PROCURED

Work to Relieve Klamath Falls Situation Soon to Begin

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The home-building corporation organized by the chamber of commerce reported subscription of more than the necessary 50 per cent of its \$100,000 capitalization—close to \$60,000 is in the treasury.

Active work to relieve the housing shortage will start within 30 days, Manager James Holland hopes to erect 100 homes this year.

Early Spring Is Indicated.

QUINCY, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—A light fall of snow Tuesday and freezing temperature at night does not seem to have checked the indications of an early spring. Sap is flowing in the trees and peaches are on the point of bloom. Dandelions, wild strawberries, violets and daisies are blooming bravely six weeks in advance of their season, while the arrival of bluebirds from the south this morning practically completes the roster of spring birds now here.

Gasoline Law Repeal Urged.

BEND, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Bend garage men deluged the central Oregon delegation in the house today with telegrams urging repeal of the specific gravity gasoline test law, which they held responsible for the motor fuel famine here last summer.

Bend School Costs Averaged

BEND, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Average cost of instruction of one pupil for one year in the Bend schools is \$97, the city school superintendent announced in his semi-annual report issued today.

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