## CANNON CONSCIOUS OF NO WRONG DONE

Resignation Refused, but Election of Successor Would Be Welcomed.

#### COHERENT MAJORITY GONE

Country Mistaken in Belief That Republicans Control, Speaker Declares--New Majority Urged

to Take Reins.

WASHINGTON. March 13.—"The real truth is that there is no coherent Republican majority in the House of Representatives." In these words, and some others, Speaker Cannon told the House today of his refusal to resign.

Mr. Cannon gave two reasons for his refusal. One was that he declined, of his own motion, to "precipitate a contest upon the House that might greatly endanger the final passage of all legislation necessary to redeem Republican pledges." The other was, he said, that a resignation in and of itself was a confession of weakness, or an apology for past actions. He was conscious of having done no political wrong.

The speech came just after the announcement of the final adoption of the amended Norris resolution for the appointment of a new committee on rules. There was intense slience when Mr. Canthere was intense. non asked the indulgence of the House for about three minutes "to make a state-ment." He said: "Gentlemen of the House of Represent-

atives: Actions, not words, determine the conduct and sincerity of men in the affairs of life. This is government by the people acting through the representthe people acting through the represent-atives of a majority of the people. Re-sults cannot be had except by a majority, and in the House of Representatives a majority, being responsible, should have full power and should exercise that pow-er; otherwise the majority is inefficient and does not perform its functions.

#### Minority Has Mission.

The office of the minority is to put the majority on its good behavior, advo-cating in good faith the policies which it proposes, ever ready to take advantage of the mistakes of the majority, and appeal to the country for its vindication.
"From thus to time heretofore the ma-jority has become the minority as in the present case, and from time to time here-

present case, and from time to time hereafter the majority will become the milnority. The country believes that the Republican party has a majority of 44 in the House of Representatives at this time, yet such is not the case.

'The present Speaker of the House, to the best of his ability and judgment, ro-operated with the Republican party, and so far in the history of this Congress the Republican party has been enabled, by a very small majority, when the test came, to legislate in conformthe test came, to legislate in conformity with the policies and the platform of the Republican party.

#### Majority Is Changed.

"Such action, of course, begot criti-cism—which the Speaker does not deprecate—on the part of the minority

The Speaker cannot be unmindful of the fact as evidenced by three previous elections to the Speakership that in the past he has enjoyed the confidence of rad of the Republican members of the would be to permit a member to inter-House. But the assault upon the Speaker of the House by the minority, supplemented by the efforts of the sosupplemented by the efforts of the so-called insurgents, shows that the Democratic minority, aided by a number of socalled insurgents constituting 15 per cent of the majority party in the House, is now in the majority, and that the Speaker of the House is not in har-mony with the actual majority of the House as evidenced by the vote just

There are two courses open for the Speaker to pursue—one is to resign and permit the new combination of Democrats and insurgents to choose a Speaker in harmony with its acts and purposes; the other is for the combination to declare a vacancy in the office of Speaker and proceed to the election of a new Speaker.

#### Resignation Is Refused.

"After consideration at this stage of the session of the House, with much important legislation pending, involving the pledges of the Republican platform and their crystallization into law, believing that his resignation might ronsume weeks of time in the reorgan-ization of the House, the Speaker, heing in harmony with Republican poll-cies and desirous of carrying them out, declines by his own motion to precipi-tate a contest upon the House in the election of a new Speaker, a contest that might greatly endanger the final passage of all legislation necessary to redeem Republican pledges and fulfill Republican promises.

does not resign at once. "Another is this: In the judgment of the present Speaker a resignation in and of itself is a confession of weak-ness, or mistake, or an apology for past actions.

This is one reason why the Speaker

#### Rules Long in Force.

that have been in force for two decades. House, The Speaker has construed the rules as he found them, and as they have been construed by previous Speakers from Thomas B. Reed's incumbency down to.

"There has been much talk on the part of the minority and of the insurgents of the "Czarism' of the Speaker, colminating in the action taken today.

"The real truth is that there is no coherent Republican majority in the House of Representatives. Therefore, the real majority ought to have the courage of its convictions and logically meet the situation that confronts it.

"The Speaker does now believe and always has believed that this is a Government through parties, and that parties can act only through majoriceed to other matters and it is claimed parties can act only through majori-

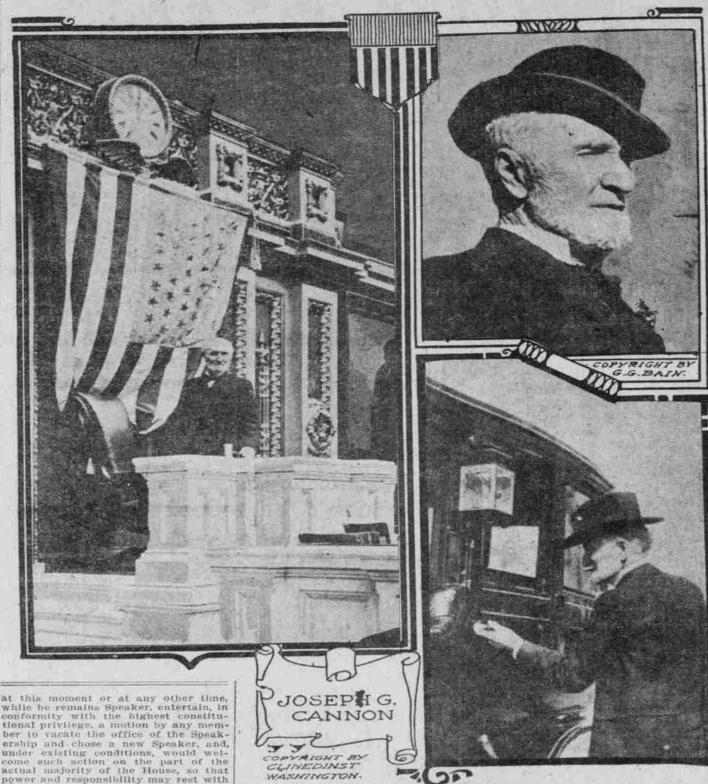
#### Retirement Would Be Welcome.

The Speaker has always believed in "The Speaker has always believed in and bowed to the will of the majority in Congress, in caucuses and in the legislative hall and today profoundly believes that to act otherwise is to dissolutive that to act otherwise is to dissolutive and as the House may and has in one notable instance, proceeded without rules, it does not seem impossible the reflection of the wishes to the chair that there is here given any constitutional mandate which would justice.

of the people in statutes and in taws.

The Speaker has always held that, under the Constitution, it is a question of highest privilege for an actual majority of the House at any time to choose a new Speaker, and again notifies the House that the Speaker will, passions and purpose of this House. He passions that the Speaker will, pan look back to another hour when, in

THREE CHARACTERISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF SPEAKER CANNON, AROUND WHOM TWO DAYS' BATTLE IN HOUSE HAS RAGED.



tional privilege, a motion by any member to vacate the office of the Speakership and chose a new Speaker, and, under existing conditions, would welcome such action on the part of the actual unjority of the House, so that power and responsibility may rest with the Democratic and insurgent members, who, by the last vote, evidently constitute a majority of this House. The chair is now ready to entertain such motion." such motion

Quiet attention characterized the great assemblage until the Speaker sald, in clear tones: "The Speaker is not conscious of having done any political wrong."
Then there was prolonged cheering.

RANDALL PRECEDENT QUOTED

Speaker Finds Democratic Authority

for His Ruling. WASHINGTON, March 19.—Speaker cided by a great Democratic Speaker.

"On December 13, 1878, this identical question arose in the House. Roger Q. Mills, of Texas, proposed as a question of order. He declared also that to susof order. He declared also that to sustain the introduction of the resolution

mediately after the routine work of opening the House had been accomplished Reading slowly, he began his presenta tion by referring to the fact that he had been criticised for being slow to rule on the point, but he explained this was pectedly upon the attention of the House

#### Full Debate Demanded.

This, he said, had been done "in revolutionary manner, making it of such transcendent importance to the future procedure of the House that the fullest,

even the most protracted, discussion seemed justifiable."

In no manner could the most complete information be brought to the consideration of the question, and in no other way could the largest participation of

simple.

"It has been held always," he went on,
"that the ordinary legislative duties and
functions of the House, exercised by authority of the Constitution, must proceed according to the order prescribed
by the rules. The fact that the Constitution says the House 'shall have power
to' lay taxes, regulate commerce, make
naturalization laws coin money estabnaturalization laws, coin money, estab naturalization laws, coin money, estab-lish postoffices, create courts, support armies and a Navy, etc., has not given these subjects when embodied in bills any right to disturb the order of busi-ness provided by the rules. The very object of the rules is to provide in an orderly way for considering those and other subjects entrusted to the House's The Speaker is not conscious of hav-g done any political wrong. The me rules are in force in this House

#### Rule of House Obeyed.

round them, and as they have been instrued by previous Speakers from thomas B. Reed's incumbency down to present time.

There were, however, certain functions which the Constitution enjoins Consequence of the committee on rules coverages to do and for the doing of which it fixes the time. Among these requirements was one that Congress should proments was one that Congress should promember of the committee on rules covering a period of 60 years, and the present Speaker neither has sought new power nor has he unjustly used that already conferred upon him.

The property of the committee on rules covering a period of 60 years, and the present Speaker neither has sought new power nor has he unjustly used that already conferred upon him.

Whether that construction proceeded too far when the Constitution gave a year within which to preform the duty is a eady conferred upon him.

There has been much talk on the within which to perform the duty is a

ceed to other matters and it is claimed that the chair would be justified in doing this because the Constitution says that 'each House may determine the rules of its own proceedings.' Whether the word 'may' means 'shall' or not, the chair will

a day of calm, the navigators who steered the business of this House took their latitude and longitude unembar-rassed by the exigencies of the tempest. Democratic Precedent Found.

"The pathway of the chair has been blazed, not by any flushed majority in a moment of factional success, not for any ends of one political party as op-posed to the wishes of another political arty, not under auspices which prejudice he chair because of memories of politi cal affiliations of his own; but on a tion of order raised by a great Demo

proposed today, to offer from the floor for immediate consideration, a proposiion looking to the amendment of the rules and when objection was made, as it is today, Mr. Mills argued: 'It is the Constitutional privilege of a House of Representatives to adopt rules at any time; it is a continuing power of which the House cannot divest itself.'

"The members of the House did not agree with Mr. Mills, and James A. Garfield objected that it was proposed to carry the power in this respect furrules and when objection was made, as

to carry the power in this respect fur-ther than the Constitution justifies. It the position of the gentlemen were cor-rect, a member could at any time inter-rupt our proceedings by bringing in a proposition for the amendment of the

#### Randall Ruling Quoted.

"The great Democratic Speaker-and the chair measures his words in memory of the fame of a man who was the peer of his associates, the great Speaker Samuel J. Randall-heard the arguments He said that the question of individual privilege in the House had not been reviewed, and the principles governing it had not been questioned for many years. Those principles, he said, were relatively simple.

"It has been held also "Putting himself upon the law made for the House by Mr. Speaker Randall, appealing from the passion of this day to the just reasons of that day, the chall sustains the point of order and holds that the resolution is not now in order.

#### Poindexter Out of Caucus.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton, March 19 .- Throughout the clos ing day of the fight against Speake Cannon, all the Northwestern Congress men, save Poindexter, stood by the Re men, save roindexter, stood by the Re-publican organization in the House, go-ing down to defeat with it on the Norris resolution amending the rules, but coming again to the top on the vote which insured Cannon his posi-tion as Speaker for the remainder of the Sixty-first Congress.

Poindexter alone insurged and was one of the nine insurgents to vote with the Democrats on the final roll call to depose Speaker Cannon. As he cast his vote, Poindexter was vociferously applauded by the Demogratic members, but escaped the hisses of the Republicans, which were directed at Coope when he cast a similar vote.

Poindexter showed that he is one who not only objects to the rules of the House, but objects personally to Cannon as Speaker. His votes today and yesterday will exclude him from the Republican caucuses for the re-mainder of his term in Congress.

Acolytes Rob Church Boxes.

### PITTSBURG, March 13.-A systematic robbery of the contribution boxes in the Immaculate Conception Italian Church, which has been going on for two years, has ended in the arrest of seven altar boys. Detectives hidden in the confes-

donals saw the boys come in and pr the boxes open with jack knives and the coins dropped one by one into the hands of confederates. The ringleader said that a brother now dead had taught him to rifle the boxes. One of the boys said he had stolen between \$250 and \$300 in the past two years and had spent it for candy and nickeledions. Marked money put in the boxes was found on the boys.

#### Canadian Plans Extension.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 19.-The Canadian Pacific Rallway is preparing to build an extension out of Victoria to the north end of Vancouver Island. Negotia-tions for the right of way for this line

## TOO MUCH MONEY SPENT

WISCONSIN PRIMARY NOT VIO-LATED, BUT VERY NEARLY.

Investigating Committee Censures Stephenson, La Follette anr Others for Conduct.

MADISON, Wis., March 19 .- (Spe cial.)-Candidates for United States Senator in the Senatorial primary of 1908 did not plan to violate the law, but they did use questionable methods in the conduct of their campaign, according to the report of the joint Sen atorial investigating committee file with Governor Davidson this afterneon. The report urges corrective legislation to prevent a recurrence of such methods.

"Your committee," the report says,

"believes that the Republican Sena-torial candidates and their managers did not deliberately plan to violate the law, but in their desire to win their candidates, particularly Stephen son, Cook and Hatten, conducted their campaign with an idea of getting re-sults, and men were hired and money was spent and state officials and em-ployes and members of the Legislature were used without regard to propriety. "Expenditures of so large a sum of

money in a political campaign is of itself degrading, both to the candidate and to the electorate." Senator La Foliette was severely criticised for the alleged use of state amployes for political purposes during his administration as governor.

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ture here, to rent the Hood River | built. The property in which Mr. | will be started May I. As no other Opera-house. This will prohibit any further theatrical entertainments here just been sold and will be torn down opera-house for a year and will turn for a year unless a new theater is to make way for a brick block which it into a furniture store.

## SOMETHING DOING!

State Fruit Inspector M. O. Lownsdale on the Ground

**READ THIS:** 

Scappoose Fruit-Growers' Anticipations About to Be Realized

Addresses Scappoose Fruitmen. SCAPPOOSE, Or., March 11. - State Fruit Inspector M. O. Lownsdale spent Wednesday visiting the orchards at this place, and during the afternoon gave a strong talk on the care of orchards and how to combat the prevailing tree diseases, to a representative assembly of local fruit men. The ground work was laid for the formation of a horti-cultural society for this county. Mr. Lownsdale will come again in the near future to perfect the organization.

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