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CANNONISM DEAD POLITICAL ISSUE

Speaker Realizes He Can't Win Again.

DEMOCRATS PLAY GAME BADLY

By Destroying Cannon's Power They Injure Own Cause.

FACTION FIGHT WILL LAST

Bitterness Between Regulars and Insurgents Will Be Carried Into Campaign and Profits Will Go to Opposition Party.

BY HARRY J. BROWN.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 26.—Cannonism is no longer an issue in American politics. Not only is the issue eliminated so far as the approaching campaign is concerned, but it is eliminated for all time, for the House has so curtailed the power of the Speaker as to make it impossible for him longer to dominate that body, and at the end of his present term, March 4, 1911, Cannon will step down from the Speaker's chair for the last time.

No Republican House of Representatives will again elect him Speaker, notwithstanding the splendid endorsement he received at the close of the memorable battle of last week.

It is now generally believed among Cannon's Republican friends that he will not again seek the Speakership. Rather they expect him to announce before the close of the present session that he will retire at the expiration of the 61st Congress. It was not his original intention to do so, but to stay in the fight to the bitter end, he that what it may. Now, however, he has begun to realize what his friends have long known, that he must eliminate himself or suffer another defeat, and the next one at the hands of his friends.

Democrats Throw Away Issue.

Now that Cannon has been shorn of his power and the speaker, like the Vice-President, has been made a figurehead, Democratic members of the House who joined the insurgents to bring about this result are beginning to wonder whether they were wise in overthrowing the Republican organization and eliminating the Speaker from the committee on rules. It was this membership of the old rules committee that gave the Speaker most of his power, and it was the exercise of this power that created the issue of Cannonism.

And Cannonism was one of the big issues on which the Democrats intended to rely in the campaign this coming Fall. By their own hand they have destroyed this issue, which unquestionably would have given them not a few close Republican districts. Having done all this, they are pondering over their accomplishment, and wondering whether they have impaired their chances of success in the November elections.

It is true they can set up the claim to the credit of curtailing the power of the Speaker, for they furnished the large majority of the votes that defeated the Republican organization, and the fight started by the Republican insurgents would not have succeeded without the complete co-operation of the Democrats. But this contention will be met with the argument that, inasmuch as the rules have been changed, a Republican House could not again confer on the Speaker the powers he enjoyed prior to the insurgent-Democratic coalition, and the further argument that Cannon will not again be Speaker, even if the next House be Republican.

Fight Will Continue.

But while the Democrats are inclined to take a pessimistic view of the situation, the regular Republicans are in no

LITTLE PICKANINNY ALMOST ADOPTED

WHEN BABY TURNS BLACK, TACOMA WOMEN BACK DOWN.

Fannie Paddock Hospital Takes in Foundling and Makes Great Plans for Its Career.

TACOMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—There is a dark cloud hovering over the nurses and attendants at the Fannie Paddock Hospital. For 21 days they have cared for a wee baby that was left on the doorstep of C. C. Hunt's residence, 49 South C street, the night of March 5. It had been planned to keep the child at the hospital and bring it up as a ward of the institution. So young was the baby that no suspicion entered the minds of any one that it was other than white.

Of late, however, it has been growing darker and today it was considered certain the child is what Superintendent Burroughs declared "a high-class little colored gentleman."

It might have been worse, say the hospital authorities, for several prominent Tacoma women had each expressed a willingness a few weeks ago to adopt the baby. The pickaninny is a 6-week-old bouncer. His future is now uncertain.

TRENCHES DUG FOR PIPES

Forest Grove Will Soon Have New Water System.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The distributing system for the new water works is being put in and a large crew of men is at work digging the trenches for the pipes, the first consignment of which is expected to be here Tuesday.

The work is being rushed and it is expected that the city system will be in operation by the same time the contracting company completes the installation of the conduit line from the headworks to the reservoir on Buxton Hill. A bond issue for \$40,000 has been made to defray the expenditures of the new system.

The source of the water supply is up in the mountains in the Clearwater district, southwest of Gales City, and the water, which has been tested, is said to be most wholesome. It trickles down direct from the mountain, and Forest Grove citizens are as proud of their new source of water supply as the people of Portland are of Bull Run.

SHIPS TO VISIT EUROPE

Long Cruise Planned for Vessels of American Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Europe is to see again many of the ships that sailed on the great American naval expedition, that encircled the globe, Secretary Meyer today stated that it was his present intention to order the Atlantic fleet to the Mediterranean, some time in November next.

The ships are to go in division formation to distant commands, and necessary experience in long cruising when, to a large extent, they will be thrown upon their own resources.

From the Mediterranean the vessels will proceed to Guantanamo, Cuba, reaching there in time to take up their regular summer target practice.

MARRIED MAN NOT WANTED

Wife Is Bar to Diplomatic Assignment to Japan.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Ensign George E. Lake has been ordered to Tokyo in place of Ensign Charles M. Austin, who had been selected to be one of the American naval officers to be attached to the American Embassy for the purpose of studying the Japanese language.

As he is married, Secretary Meyer deemed that it was necessary to find a substitute, as only unmarried officers were wanted for the place.

DESTROYERS ARE SPEEDY

Only Preston and Lamson Fail to Exceed Speed Limit.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Every one of the torpedo-boat destroyers composing the Atlantic torpedo fleet except the Preston and the Lamson exceeded their contract speed on the recent run from Key West to Pensacola, a distance of about 450 knots.

The Preston fell behind her contract record only two-tenths of a knot and no trouble of any kind was experienced. The Lamson was 2 1/2 knots behind her trial record.

FOOTBALL CRUELTY WILL BE MODIFIED

Important Changes Are Made in Rules.

NUMBER "ROUNDS" INCREASED

Amendments Seek to Anticipate Demand for Abolition.

EXPERIMENTS TO BE MADE

Open Plays to Be Feature of New System—Opportunity Given for Compensating Advantages to Offense.

ADOPTED CHANGES MAKE FOOTBALL "SAFER" GAME.

- 1. Removal of the requirement that the player who receives the ball from the snap back run five yards to either side before advancing.
2. A requirement that seven men be maintained by the offense on the line of scrimmage.
3. Prohibition on the flying tackle.
4. Division of the game into four periods of 15 minutes each.
5. No pushing or pulling of the runner to be allowed.
6. A requirement that the ball, in the case of an on-side kick, must strike the ground at least 25 yards beyond the line of scrimmage, failing which, the members of the team kicking the ball are off side.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Six far-reaching changes in the game of football were decided upon today by the intercollegiate football rules committee at the close of a two-days' session in this city.

These rules cover offensive tactics, prohibition of the flying tackle, four-gesed games, no undue interference with runner, and two requirements to modify the violence of scrimmaging. The problem before the committee was to eliminate, so far as possible, the dangers which have attended the game, while preserving its fascination as a spectacle and its disciplinary and educational elements.

Move to Abolish Feared.

It was felt that the next session would be crucial. Either injuries must be fewer or there would be a serious hand in the widespread movement to abolish football.

The steps decided upon to effect reforms will result in weakening the power of the offense so materially that it was necessary to devise means to offset the acquired strength of the defense. In this purpose two general plans are under consideration.

In the interval before the next meeting of the committee in Philadelphia on April 29, experiments will be carried out by each member of the committee at his own college, and on the result of these experiments will depend the plan which shall prevail.

Mass Plays Eliminated.

Briefly stated, the changes so far adopted will result in the elimination to a large extent of mass plays and the substitution of open plays.

The first change adopted was the removal of the present restriction that a runner receiving the ball directly from the snap back must run five yards to one side. This, in the opinion of the committee, will give the quarterback much larger opportunities to make good runs, will offer an opportunity for quicker plays and will create a need for the exercise of more strategy.

The second change provides that seven men be kept by the offense on the line of scrimmage. This will prevent the drawing back of linemen for offensive plays and is a direct blow at mass plays.

The third change is the prohibition of the diving tackle. The flying tackle

ENGINEERS ALMOST STARVE IN WILDS

CACHES OF FOOD ROBBED BY INDIANS IN MOUNTAINS.

Canadian Northern Survey Party of 22 Men Subsist Five Days on Five Pounds of Bacon.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 26.—Their supplies stolen by Cree Indians in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains, and with every one of their 44 horses dead of starvation, 22 men belonging to a Canadian Northern Railway survey party, headed by Engineer C. F. Hinkton, arrived in Vancouver today, after having fought their way to civilization through mid-winter snowdrifts.

On their return trip from Yellowhead Pass, where they had been at work, the engineers discovered that their caches of supplies had been robbed. The horses perished of starvation on the trip into the Rockies, the animals finding it impossible to dig their food from beneath the frozen crust of the snow.

March 2, when 122 miles northeast of Canby, the 22 men found that all that lay between them and starvation was five pounds of bacon. On that they pushed over the snow for two days to Blue River, where 50 pounds of flour was given them by a trapper. Twenty-nine miles further south he cache of 100 pounds of flour was found.

Flour was made into bannocks, which were evenly divided among the men, who struggled on over the wind-swept ice drifts of the North Thompson River, 50 miles to the head of a government wagonroad. At this point a settlement was reached and two days' rest taken.

So famished were the men on reaching the settlement that they consumed five bushels of potatoes at one meal.

CANNERY WILL BE BUILT

Supplies and Machinery Shipped for Bristol Bay Plant.

ASTORIA, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The Columbia River Packers' Association, which has operated canneries on the Columbia River and at Nushagak Bay, Bristol Bay, Alaska, for several years, is to erect a new cannery at Anchorage Bay, in Chignik Bay, on the south side of the Alaskan Peninsula. The schooner, Forester, sailed for there today with lumber and material for the new plant, as well as a force of mechanics to erect the buildings.

The plant, which is to be a "one line" cannery, with a capacity of about 50,000 cases a season, is to be located on property taken up by James Gemond, who has been a pilot in the revenue-cutter service of that district for a number of years and who is to be the superintendent of the new cannery.

About April 6, the ship James Howes will sail with the machinery, cannery crew and supplies for the plant. The building in Chignik Bay is done with traps, few if any gillnets being used. Two canneries are there at present, one belonging to the Scandinavian Fishermen's Company and the other to the Alaska Packers' Association, the latter being the plant originally established by the Scandinavian Packing Company of this city. Last season those canneries packed 50,000 cases of salmon each.

BLACK HAND HAS VICTIM

One of Petrosino's Former Aids Shot in New York.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Another of Lieutenant Petrosino's former aids was fatally wounded today, a victim it is believed of Black Hand vengeance. He was Thomas Maresca, a youth who had been employed on the confidential squad, maintained by Petrosino.

While following a bitter clue obtained after the receipt recently of letters in connection with Black Hand crimes he was shot today by an Italian near St. George's, Staten Island. His assailant was arrested.

SHIP FLOUNDERS HELPLESS

Steamer Atlas Tells by Wireless of Broken Propeller.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—That the lumber steamer Atlas is floundering about off the coast of Humboldt County with her propeller broken, was the wireless information flashed to the steamship Nann Smith, which arrived here today. The message gave no position and although the Nann Smith cruised about for some time, she was unable to locate the crippled vessel.

VERTREES DEFENDS NEW REIGN OF LAW

Case for Ballinger Is Outlined.

CONSERVATION NOT CAPRICE

"Pinchot Service" Is Flayed in Caustic Epigrams.

ALL TO BE MADE CLEAR

Committee Refuses to Compel Secretary to Appear Immediately—Division Indicates That Two Reports Will Be Made.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—After the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee had declined twice to grant the request of Attorney Brandeis, representing Louis R. Glavis and others, to compel the immediate attendance of Secretary Ballinger as a witness, John J. Vertrees late today made the opening statement in Mr. Ballinger's behalf and began the presentation of testimony. Mr. Vertrees declared that the testimony of Glavis and others would be shown to be "grossly false."

"There is no act of Mr. Ballinger," asserted the attorney, "to which it is possible to ascribe an unworthy motive or improper purpose otherwise than through the suspicion of a perverted mind, or the resentment of a discharged public servant, or the programme of an unscrupulous political intrigue."

Law Succeeds Men.

Mr. Vertrees statement sparked with epigrams. In one of these, referring to the acts of officers of the last administration, the attorney said:

"There was the reign of men, March 4, 1898, came the reign of law."

Although Mr. Vertrees was particularly referring to Messrs. Garfield and Pinchot, some members of the committee after adjournment were inclined to construe the statement as a fling at Mr. Roosevelt and so expressed themselves.

"Patriot Glavis," came in for a large share of Mr. Vertrees' attention, "Glavis, suspicious by nature, became perverted by detective service."

"Glavis believed to be honest and known to be capable."

"He would not speak is to be ascribed to a vanity that brooks no suggestion."

Pinchot Vanity Pointed Out.

Mr. Vertrees also dwelt at length upon Gifford Pinchot, and "the Pinchot service," as he chose to designate the "forestry."

"Mr. Pinchot, vain and flattered by his own publicity bureau."

"Pinchot ceased to be the Department of Agriculture."

"He was exposed and Mr. Ballinger had committed the unpardonable sin of defeating the ambition of a self-exaggerated man."

"He reviews the birthplace of that spirit of resentment and revenge."

"To assassinate the good name of Mr. Ballinger and bring reproach on the President of the United States who had not retained Mr. Garfield and had dismissed Mr. Pinchot."

"Of Mr. Ballinger, the attorney said: 'Mr. Ballinger holds that conservation is not a thing of caprice, but of law.'"

"True Conservation" Has Friend.

"True conservation has no sturdier supporter than he."

"Those who have already been born and now breathe, have rights as well as those yet to be born and yet to breathe."

"In restoring to entry vast areas of the public domain, which he believed to have been wrongfully withdrawn, Mr. Ballinger still believes he was right, but if he erred, he denies that it was an error for which the good faith of his official action should be questioned by those who would substitute opinion for law."

"Not a site was lost."

"He could have transferred Mr. Glavis at any time and obviously

WIFE WOULD LOSE CONTRACT HUSBAND

ANNULMENT IS ASKED AFTER SEPARATION OF 27 YEARS.

Wife Loses Faith in Spouse on Learning He Had Other Partners When She Signed "Contract."

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—Although she has not heard from her "contract husband" in 27 years, Mrs. Charlotte Thomas, known to her friends as Charlotte Judd, petitioned the Circuit Court today to dissolve her marriage to Ambrose Thomas and declare the contract void.

Mrs. Thomas, who is 70 years old, signed the marriage contract in 1871. In it she expressed the belief that marriage was founded by laws of nature and "no law should or could make such partnership indissoluble or keep it in force."

Her petition alleges that she learned in 1883 that Thomas had one or more wives living when she signed the contract. From the day of her discovery until now, she said, she had not heard from him.

FEDERAL OFFICE SOUGHT

Several Candidates in Field for Receivership at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Several candidates for the position of Receiver for the United States Land Office in this city are already in the field. Alexander Cook, incumbent, will not seek reappointment, as his health is not good, but will retire to his farm on the Columbia opposite Hood River, to recuperate. During his term of office the salary has been about \$3000 a year. At most the Government lands in this district has been disposed of, the office in the future will not pay so well.

Among the most active candidates for the office is W. W. Sparks, who was a member of the last Legislature. He was attorney for the prosecution of J. H. Schiweley, Insurance Commissioner. Mr. Sparks has the endorsement of some influential politicians of Clark County.

Among others mentioned for the office are L. H. Inus, attorney at Kalama; Senator Presley, at Goldendale, and Mr. O'Brien, of Klilickit County, and E. E. Beard, of Vancouver.

The appointments will be made upon the recommendation of Senators Piles and Humphries.

CLIFF CLIMBED FOR MAIL

Man of 72 Takes Hard Tramp Because Bridge Is Washed Out.

DAYTON, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—"I'll have my mail," declared "Uncle Ed" Maloney, aged 72, yesterday as he stood on one side of the raging Touchet river unable to reach his mailbox on the other side because the bridge had been swept away. Securing a stout walking cane and donning a pair of heavy shoes, the aged mountaineer walked to Dayton, a distance of two miles, crossed the river, walked down the opposite side and traversed his steps, securing the letter he had expected.

It was a difficult, as well as long tramp, Mr. Maloney being compelled to climb a sheer bluff over 100 feet high and to walk through sloughs and mud sinks deep.

"Uncle Ed" has lived in a cabin 15 miles back in the Blue Mountains for 35 years, often walking to Dayton for provisions. He is only five feet tall and weighs 125 pounds. He came from Ireland when a boy, but secured naturalization papers a short time ago.

CONTEMPT FINE REVERSED

Superior Court Releases Man Committed by Justice.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—George W. Smith was fined \$50 yesterday and committed for contempt by Justice the Peace William H. Walker for disobeying the order of the justice to keep quiet. When brought here by a Deputy Sheriff he employed counsel, Judge McMaster, in the Superior Court, dismissed the order of commitment on the ground that the justice had exceeded his jurisdiction.

Two Indians were on trial for assault and Smith ordered the justice to dismiss the case. Walker told Smith to sit down. Smith retorted that it was a kangaroo court and defied the justice to fine him.

The jury acquitted the Indians.

Noted Editor Dies.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Charles J. O'Malley, editor of the New World, a Catholic publication, and a poet of considerable reputation, died here today of paralysis.

GIRL, 15, CHOKED, BURNED IN FLUE

New York Is Scene of Ghastly Murder.

YOUTH, 18, TRAILED, ARRESTED

Decoy Promise of Employment Lures Fiend's Victim.

CHARRED BODY IN SACK

Ruth Wheeler, Disappearing Thursday, Sisters Trace Her to Apartment—Young German Held for Abduction—Admits Letters.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The body of Ruth Wheeler, the little girl graduate who was lured from her widowed mother last Thursday by a decoy promise of employment, was found late this afternoon in a gunnysack on a fire escape outside the apartment of Albert Wolter, the man charged with her abduction.

The girl had been strangled with a rope, hacked with a knife, burned beyond recognition and thrust carelessly out of doors. Like so much rubbish, identification was possible only by shreds of clothing, and fragments of jewelry, but there was abundant evidence of how the murder had been committed.

Around the neck were the charred fibers of manila burlap into the flue. The apartment reeked with the odor of kerosene. There were oil stains in front of the newly-painted fire board that hid an open grate. Fully dressed the girl's clothing and hair had been saturated with kerosene. The fire board had been removed and a body thrust up the chimney standing. When the match was touched to her, she burned like a torch.

This afternoon a neighbor had noticed the lumpy bundle outside his window and thinking it refuse, had poked it off the fire escape into the back yard with a broomhandle.

The bundle moved obstinately and fell with a crash. His suspicions aroused, the neighbor hurried down stairs for the janitor to investigate.

Ruth Wheeler was 15 years old, the youngest of four children, encouraged by their mother, a dressmaker, to self-support. Ruth had just been graduated from a business college and was eager for employment. An employment agency for graduates is conducted by the college, and Ruth called there often to look for a situation. Thursday morning she left home on her usual errand and never returned.

The girl's failure to come home alarmed her relatives. The elder sisters, Pearl and Adelaide, went to the college and learned that the following postcard had been turned over to her:

Postcard Is Clew.

"Dear Madam—Please call in reference to position of stenographer at residence of the secretary."

(Signed) "A. WOLTER, '125 E. One Hundred and Fifth street."

Investigation at the address given soon showed that Wolter, whom his landlady described as a sickly, white-faced youth of about 20, with flashy clothes and elaborately-curled hair, had left the apartment where he lived with his wife earlier in the same day. He received many calls from young girls, said the landlady, and she had noted peculiarly that the one who called yesterday was fresher of face and better dressed than the ordinary run of them.

With Wolter gone, the detectives waited for his wife. When she appeared they trailed her until she met a man answering Wolter's description. He was arrested immediately and taken to the rooms he had vacated. At first he denied writing postcards to business schools, but later admitted the correspondence, but could not explain it.

Before a magistrate he had nothing to say but to others he admitted that he

HARRY MURPHY SEES A VARIETY OF TOPICS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS WORTHY OF PICTORIAL PRESENTATION.

