

CLARK LEAVES SPEAKER'S CHAIR

Peace and Good Will Suddenly Take Place of Stormy Filibuster.

CLARK PAYS FINE TRIBUTE

Rival Political Leaders Who Are Warm Friends Speak Good Words for Each Other—Cannon First Speaker to Serve 8 Years.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—When the 51st Congress was about to expire by limitation, the House set back the clock 30 minutes and, in strong contrast with the turbulent scenes which had gone before, the House devoted itself to the exchange of courtesies, the more notable by reason of the fact that they marked the retirement of the venerable Speaker, Joseph G. Cannon, and the passage of control from a powerful Republican majority to a Democratic majority even larger.

First, Cannon asked Underwood of Alabama, who will head the ways and means committee of the new House, to take the chair, and Cannon took a seat among his colleagues. Then Speaker-to-be Clark offered a resolution paying a high personal tribute to the retiring Speaker and Acting Speaker Underwood put the resolution before the House, which adopted it unanimously. In his speech Clark characterized Cannon as "a great and historical character." Clark said in part:

Clark Sounds Cannon's Praise.

"It does not make a particle of difference whether we like or dislike him, whether we admire what he has done in whole or in part or not at all, he is a man with whom the historian will deal in days to come, and he will occupy a large space.

"Human nature is a very curious and unreliable institution. Under stress of circumstances and aggravation good men may find in good humor they never would dream of showing. When angry, they are not so forgiving. Men who are ordinarily just, when in temper will be unjust.

"And while we do not endorse everything that Speaker Cannon has done, or everything that Speaker Cannon has said, and while perhaps he and all the rest of us would need to ask that some of the verbal sins at least should be forgiven, I offer this resolution without retracting anything from the principles that we have advocated in this Congress or any other, without apologizing to any man for the talk of the minority in this House during this Congress. All have accorded the Speaker the honesty and the integrity that we claim for ourselves. I believe this resolution is just and ought to pass.

"I am certain when the heat of the session is passing, when we come to reflect on it, that we all wish for the retiring Speaker peace, plenty, prosperity, happiness and length of days."

Then Cannon offered for a committee of two to notify Cannon of the adoption of the resolution and to escort him back to the retirement.

Underwood, appointed Clark and Mann of Illinois to act in this capacity. They were watched as they came down the main aisle by a great crowd that overflowed the galleries and even stood in all the available space between the railing and the rear of the hall.

Clark introduced to the house "our old familiar friend, the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, known from the Atlantic to the Pacific as 'Uncle Joe.' He is the second man in the history of the Government to serve as Speaker of the House as long as eight years, and he is the only man in the history of the Republic that ever served in the House 36 years. In his 36 years of service he has been the length of service he is exceeded by Henry Clay alone."

"Majority Rules," Says Cannon.

In his reply Cannon recalled when he first marched down the aisle to become Speaker when the present Speaker John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, introduced him.

"From that time to the present," said Cannon, "I have never forgotten that my duty to the House was to obey the majority and to preside with courtesy and impartiality."

Suggesting that all legislative bodies were controlled by a majority, he proposed that the House should be controlled by the will of the majority.

"Because," he said, "and a new majority is made, the present majority voice the will of all the people—subject, yes, to criticism, but such criticism leaves with me no heart burning, no ill will, whether it be in church or state, or in legislative bodies, the seeming troubles of those clothed with power and responsibility come not from the majority, but from the minority."

"I have served in this body for almost a generation and to me it is the greatest body clothed with power on earth. I have shined faith that whatever political body is in power, the privileges of the House will be maintained as defined in the Constitution. In their maintenance rests the freedom, the security and the liberty of 90,000,000 of people."

"It is necessary that some method shall be maintained," the Speaker continued, "by which the House can select the best from the great avalanche of bills introduced, and no two men agree at all times as to all the business that shall be considered; so the regulations of the House must be sufficient to enable nearly 600 representatives to select what business shall be considered."

"I leave this place not without regret. I have performed the duties of this office according to my best judgment under the rules of the House. I do not leave the chair with malice in my heart toward any colleague; toward any member with whom I have served."

"My friend, the Speaker-to-be, the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. Clark, believes this is my departure as Speaker of the House. I agree with him. At the age of almost 74, in the course of nature, I could not hope to occupy this great place again, and would not if I could; but I am so fond of my friend from Missouri, the Speaker-to-be, that I mean to serve under his gentle rule as a member of the House and to look on."

Cannon ushered in his last day as Speaker with a ringing declaration of his vigor and alertness.

All night the Speaker had ranged through the House chamber and lobbies, taking an occasional turn at sitting in his place in the Speaker's chair. He was there a little after 4 o'clock, when Chairman Tamm, of the appropriations committee, arose to ask further consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

"Mr. Speaker," began Tamm.

"The Speaker is asleep," said some member in an aside to Tamm.

The figure in the Speaker's chair roused into action.

"The Speaker is not asleep," he shouted. "The Speaker is very much awake, and his gavel strikes the desk with an emphasis that brought men tumbling off the lounge in the cloak rooms."

TEXAS SENATOR WHO RESIGNED AND THEN WITHDREW HIS RESIGNATION.



JOSEPH W. BAILEY.

BAILEY OUT AND IN

Texas Senator, Miffed, Resigns, but Repents.

REPUDIATED AS LEADER

Colleagues Refuse to Carry Out Deal Regarding Lorimer and Tariff Board—Resignation Is Withdrawn in Few Hours.

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his friends looked upon that vote as the "last straw" in a series of snubs intended to show Bailey the futility of aspiring to the Democratic leadership in the Senate.

Close observers of recent developments in the Senate know that a movement against him has been growing on the Democratic side during the last few weeks, and many people here believe now that the filibuster against the tariff bill, led by Stone of Missouri and backed by a large Democratic following, was due partly to a desire to show Bailey that his influence was waning.

By withdrawing his objection to the tariff board measure in order to get an agreement for a vote on the Lorimer case, Bailey alienated considerable of his following.

Tariff Board Deal Repudiated.

When the Lorimer-tariff board compact was made, it was the belief on the Republican side there would not be a filibuster against the latter portion of the agreement. Otherwise the insurgent Republicans, who were a unit against Lorimer, would not have agreed to the arrangement. A vote was taken on the Lorimer case and almost immediately obstructive tactics were begun by Democrats against the tariff board bill.

The only explanation Bailey could make was that he was unable to call off his colleagues. In this state of affairs it took little to arouse his anger to flame. Then followed the open slap given today, when he advised against the adoption of the Owen motion in regard to the tariff board.

The motion was defeated, its defeat was due almost entirely to Republican votes.

COLWELL NAMED AGAIN

Taft PROVES TO BOURNE THAT HE IS APPOINTING POWER.

Nomination Made Too Late for Action and Taft Cries "Check."

Malcolm Will Stay on.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 4.—As a further demonstration to Senator Bourne that the power of appointing Federal officers rests with the executive, President Taft, at 11 o'clock this morning, again sent to the Senate the nomination of Elmer H. Colwell as United States Marshal for Oregon.

Bourne was astounded at this move, for he had assumed since Colwell's nomination was recently withdrawn that he (Bourne) would be permitted to select a new Marshal. This, however, is contrary to the designs of the President, who has determined, for the time being, at least, to retain Colwell in office, and to that end will give him a recess appointment in the very near future.

Colwell's name was returned to the Senate today it was impossible to bring about his rejection, for the nomination was referred immediately to the Judiciary committee, and there it remained.

Moreover, there was no subsequent executive session, and therefore, no opportunity to move its rejection. This leaves the President free to retain Colwell despite any protests that may be made by the Oregon Senators.

It is learned that the President has also determined to retain Collector of Customs Malcolm, but a nomination was not necessary in his case, as he

can continue to serve under the original appointment at the pleasure of the President.

The primary object in retaining these officials is to demonstrate that the President alone has the appointing power.

Taft Authorizes Land Exchange.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 4.—President Taft just before noon signed Representative Ellis' bill authorizing exchange of 9000 acres of Oregon state school lands in forest reserves for 3500 acres embraced in a Carey act selection near Burns, in order that the Portland company can continue its reclamation under contract with the state. Without this relief, land embraced in this selection would, under law, revert to the Government.

New Postmaster Appointed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 4.—New postmasters have been appointed as follows: Greenhorn, Baker County, S. C. Richardson; Imnaha, Wallowa County, J. S. Pratt; Wenatch, Wasco County, Lida J. Farrington. Ernest Creek postman was appointed rural carrier route 2 at Cornelius.

Two Postmasters Not Confirmed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 4.—Oregon postmasters, S. M. Worthington, of Athena, and G. B. Littlefield, of Mill City, failed of confirmation.

SILETZ SETTLERS WIN

Taft APPROVES BILL GRANTING THEM LAND PATENTS.

Advised by Ballinger, President Acts on Measure Which He Pocketed.

Voted in 1910.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 4.—President Taft shortly before noon today signed Representative Hawley's bill granting relief to certain settlers on the Siletz reservation, practically the same bill that received a pocket veto a year ago.

Ballinger this morning personally examined the bill as it passed Congress and found it only confirmed those entries made for the exclusive use and benefit of the entrymen, which have been actually improved and have not been sold or contracted to be sold by entrymen. It does not validate any entries where contests or adverse proceedings were commenced prior to final proof or within two years thereafter. The bill further provides for payment to the United States of \$2.50 per acre for the land.

Webster Ballinger, Washington attorney for the entrymen affected by this legislation, says the previous bill received pocket veto because it was alleged by department officials that it validated fraudulent entries, and the President not having time to consider the measure properly during the last hour of the session, withheld his approval.

"Passage of this law," said Mr. Ballinger, "means the patenting of about 40 entries cancelled by the department upon a technical holding relating to residence."

GALE GRANGE OPPOSING

Move to Invoke Referendum on O. A. C. Appropriation Bill.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—The movement for invoking the referendum on the appropriation of the State College at Corvallis is not favored here, and the petitions that are expected to be circulated here will not be signed liberally.

Gale Grange, of this city, today went on record as being opposed to the movement. There is a movement on foot to invoke the referendum on the appropriation for the State Agricultural College; and, whereas, we believe the appropriation to be based on very conservative estimates and the actual needs of the institution; and, whereas, we believe further that the timing of the appropriation for a period of two years would result merely in a serious handicapping of the work of the college and that there is no question but that the appropriation would be ultimately approved by the people; therefore, be it

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CONGRESS OUTS; THEN THE GALE

Taft Summons Extra Session for April 4 to Act on Reciprocity Bill.

NEW STATES TO STAY OUT

Owen Defeats Admission Rather Than Exclude Arizona Alone.

New Congress to Revise Tariff in Several Schedules.

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be little likelihood that any President would care to invoke the power.

The Congress ended amid extraordinary scenes of excitement and uncertainty. The disorder at times during the closing hours, when the successful filibuster against the tariff board bill was progressing, became almost a riot. Johnson of Kentucky, glaring angrily at the Speaker, shouted above the general roar of confusion a challenge that but for the Speaker's gray hairs he would carry the wordy disagreement to a more serious conclusion.

The Speaker, his sparse gray hair bristling with rage, declared, with a blow of his gavel on his desk, that "no member need let his gray hair be a bar to anything they had to offer."

"The House stood up and cheered."

Owen's Filibuster Wins.

In the Senate a filibuster, conducted by Owen of Oklahoma, threatened the final approval of four of the great appropriation measures, up to within half an hour of the time set for adjournment. Senators of both parties appeared in vain to Owen to stop talking and let the supply bills go through.

The Senator said he had set out to talk to death the resolution approving the constitution of New Mexico and conferring upon that territory the last rights of statehood.

When the President arrived at the Capitol at 10:30 o'clock to sign the last of the bills rushed through in the closing hours, he found the whole of the Senate at a standstill and the tariff board bill absolutely blocking the progress of the House.

The President was appealed to by the Senate leaders to use whatever influence he might have with Owen. The Senator declined to see the President. He said Arizona must come in jointly with New Mexico and have her "referendum and recall" legislation approved at the same time or the appropriation bills would fail.

Both sides accomplished their immediate purpose. The Senate did not approve the constitution of New Mexico and the House did not pass the tariff board bill.

Good Words Follow Wrangle.

When the filibuster had been brought to a close, the time remaining was too short to allow the custom of turning back the clock was resorted to. The House clocks were set back twice, each time 15 minutes. The Senate recessed but once, the hands being pushed back a full half hour. The Senate adjourned at 12:30; the House at 12:35.

All of the big appropriation bills finally managed to squeeze through in time to secure the approval of the President. The work of whipping these measures into shape and engaging them to their utmost the systems at the Capitol and at the Government printing office. Eight of the bills, carrying the names of the left-hand side through in the last 48 hours of the session.

Bailey, "Miffed," Resigns.

When the excitement and uncertainty as to the fate of the appropriation bills and the filibuster against the tariff board had fallen in adjournment of the Senate, the news came that Senator Bailey, of Texas, had resigned.

It was said that Bailey, at the action of his Democratic colleagues in not following his leadership during the last few days.

The rumor was contradicted at first, but when it was confirmed by the Senator himself, the sensation in the Senate wing soon spread to the House and for a time the members of the old session were disposed of, and in both branches there was least light in the discussion of this development. Later Bailey withdrew his resignation.

The tumult of the closing hours, following an all-night sitting both in the Senate and House, died away as the last of the appropriation bills had been disposed of, and in both branches there were the usual scenes of nonpartisan felicitations. Galleries crowded to the doors watched the quick transition from snarls and heated words to smiles and handshakes and expressions of good will.

Old Leaders Disappear.

The end of the Sixty-first Congress had a far deeper significance than the surface show of wrangling and disorder indicated. In the House it meant the turning over of control to the Democrats after 16 years of Republican supremacy. It meant the stepping down of "Uncle Joe" Cannon from his position of power at the Speaker's desk to a more humble place in the ranks of the minority. It meant the retirement to private life of a small army of Republican members, who throughout the session had borne the taunts of the Democrats and the sobriquet of "lame ducks." Some departed with mournful men, while others, loyal to the Administration, hurried away to comfortable berths in the public service.

There will be new rules in the House of the Sixty-second Congress, and new men in charge of the committees. The work of framing supply bills and of initiating legislation affecting revenues and the general conduct of Government will be switched from the left-hand side of the chamber to that of the Speaker's right. The Democratic phalanx will encroach heavily upon the Republican domain.

For many years the House has been in the hands of a comparatively small coterie of Republican leaders. Men like Payne, of New York, Duffell, of Kentucky, and Speaker Cannon, have dominated the chamber. All these remain in the Democratic House, and their course as members of the majority will be followed with the greatest interest. It was the Democratic vote that passed the McCall bill, embodying the reciprocity agreement with Canada, through that body. The President feels confident such a bill again will be put through.

Rules of Senate Vanish.

While the terms of 30 Senators expired today and many of these have been returned, the upturn in the upper branch of the Senate Legislature as to leadership is almost as violent as in the House. Aldrich of Rhode Island,

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who for years was recognized as holding particularly supreme control in the affairs of the Senate; Hale of Maine, Burrows of Michigan, Depew of New York, Carter of Montana, Keam of Arizona, and Scott of West Virginia, all commissioned officers of the "old guard" of Republicans and all stalwart to the core, after serving long terms in the Senate, had been in the South because of falling health. The President, in his proclamation convening Congress on April 3, mentions as a reason therefor only the Canadian reciprocity agreement. Many persons had the hope to the last minute that the McCall bill might be rushed through the Senate and an extra session averted.

Month's Rest to Be Taken.

As a matter of fact, the extra session proclamation had been drawn up for several days, only the date for the session being left vacant. After the adjournment of Congress, the President had conferences with the House and Senate leaders of both parties as to the date that would best suit all concerned. Many of the Senators and Representatives were desirous of going home for a brief rest before taking up the tasks of the new session, while others would have preferred the better part of wisdom for the President to consult primarily the wishes of the Democrats and to defer to their desire for time in which to outline their organization in the new House. The President himself is anxious for a little rest. April 4, therefore, seemed suited to all parties.

Jobs Found for ex-Senators.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Vice-President Sherman today appointed Senators Flint of California and Tallaferr of Florida, neither of whom will be members of the next Congress, to vacancies on the National Monetary Commission.

Senator William Warner, of Missouri, whose term expired today, was appointed by the President today to be civilian member of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications, vice Thomas J. Hendricks, deceased. The Senate confirmed the nomination.

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