

INSURGENTS RENEW ATTACK ON POWER OF SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Plan to Have Committees Appointed by Representatives of Parties.

STIRRING SCENES FOLLOW THE MOTION

Representative Fowler of New Jersey Leads in New Assault Today.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—A movement was launched today by the insurgent republicans in the House to take away from the Speaker the power to appoint the House committees. Fowler of New Jersey one of the insurgents, asked the immediate consideration of a resolution providing for the selection of two committees, one composed of republicans and the other of democratic members, of which it will be the duty to designate all members of House committees. Immediately the House became a scene of confusion, the members expecting a repetition of the stirring scenes enacted several weeks ago when the insurgents combining with the democrats succeeded in removing the Speaker from the powerful committee on rules.

Majority Leader Payne rose to the situation and made a point of order against the Fowler resolution as not "privileged." Before the Speaker could rule, Hardwick of Georgia made a point of no quorum. The doors were closed and there was a call of the House. The members who had been absent at committee meetings when the resolution presented came flocking into the chamber and catching the fever of excitement added to the confusion. Speaker Cannon finally obtained a semblance of order and announced 275 members were present. Fowler was again recognized to the speaker for his resolution. He announced he did not wish a consideration of the resolution until May 1 but desired to have it referred to the committee on rules and to have it come up before the House as privileged matter on the date mentioned. Speaker Cannon promptly decided the resolution was not in order but said he was waiting to hear arguments on the point. The tension was relieved when Fowler said he would withdraw his resolution and "dump" it in the basket. Derisive laughter from the republican regulars greeted the decision and action.

GRAHAM LOSES \$550,000 CASE

Builder of Coos Bay Railroad Beaten in Federal Court At Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—In a decision from the District Federal Judge Bean held in favor of the defendants in the case of R. A. Graham vs. the Spreckels Bros. & Company, Graham had sued the big California corporation and the Southern Pacific for the return of stock of its value, estimated at \$550,000. This stock was in the old Coos Bay Railroad Company, which Graham had had put up with the Spreckels Bros. as a pledge, with the privilege of redeeming it. This stock was not deemed on the time specified, and was appropriated and sold to the Southern Pacific, which now pleads that it was an innocent purchaser, and not liable in any way. Judge Bean decided that the pledge was with the necessary forfeiture privilege, or was in effect an absolute sale, and that when Graham failed to appear on the time given the Spreckels Bros. acquired full title, which they had authority to sell. Graham can recover nothing.

If you have a piece of Needle Work call at the Needle Craft.

DEMOCRAT IS EASY VICTOR

Elected to Congress in Strong New York Republican District.

(By Associated Press.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 21.—(Delayed in transmission.)—In the first flush of victory the friends of James S. Havens, the democratic candidate who was elected to congress yesterday by a large plurality in one of the strongest republican districts in the country, are already talking of Havens for governor next fall.

Judging from the conservative tenor of the successful candidates' remarks, however, he accepts the victory as bearing little on the political situation in the state except as regards the issue of "Bossism." "This is not wholly a partisan victory" said Havens. "It is a victory over things for which Speaker Cannon has stood and for the ideals which Governor Hughes typifies." Hughes republicans claim that Havens victory has entrenched Governor Hughes and his policy more strongly than ever. According to Havens, the high cost of living was mainly responsible for yesterday's revolution.

Creates Sensation in Washington

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Not since the political campaign began have democrats been in such a jubilant mood as they were today, as a result of the New York election. They gathered early on the floor and there was everywhere a spirited feeling. The republican leaders declined to attach any particular significance to the result.

"It was just a skirmish and it doesn't mean anything" is the way Representative Boutell of Illinois put it. The democrats agreed with Barton Harrison, democrat, of New York who said it marked the overthrow of a regime nation wide in its extent. "It is the beginning of a new epoch," he said. "I don't believe a single republican congressman from New York is safe from defeat under the conditions we have here. The retirement of Senators Aldrich and Hale and the result of the elections in Massachusetts and New York means the passage of an old order and the establishment of a new and better one. It is the dawning of a new day."

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles Victors In Games.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—The scores in the Pacific Coast League ball games yesterday were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Score, and Result. Rows include San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Oakland, and Vernon.

THE WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 20.—Close May wheat 1.96%; July \$1.09%; September 98c.

PORTLAND, April 20.—Wheat market unchanged.

Fresh Halibut and Ling just received at Ellerby's Fish Market.

ROOSEVELT WELCOMED TO PARIS

Enthusiastic Reception Given Noted American, Rivalling Pomp of Ceremonies for Reigning Sovereign.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, April 21.—Theo. Roosevelt reached Paris at 7:30 o'clock this morning and was received with all the honors of a reigning sovereign traveling incognito. A cordon of troops surrounded the railway station and held back the multitude which in spite of the early hour had congregated. American Ambassador Bacon, a number of officers of the French government and M. Jusserand, French ambassador to Washington, who came from America especially to be present during the Roosevelt visit, were at the station

to welcome the distinguished American. Colonel Roosevelt appeared greatly touched by the character of his reception. After the formality of the greeting was over, Roosevelt, Kermit, Bacon and Jusserand went in an auto to the American Ambassador's residence where Mrs. Roosevelt and Ethel were waiting for them. The passage of the car through the streets was the signal for cheering and the large crowd which had gathered at the Embassy gave the party an enthusiastic welcome. Roosevelt spent the morning quietly at the Embassy lunching with Bacon and a number of invited guests. This afternoon Roosevelt called upon President Fallieres and Foreign Minister Pinchon who later returned the visits at the Embassy.

HOFSTOT IS HELD GRAFTER

Prominent Pittsburg Banker And Capitalist Arrested in New York.

(By Associated Press.)

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Governor Hughes granted the extradition to Pittsburg of Frank H. Hoffstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car Co., who is under an indictment for conspiracy.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—Frank H. Hoffstot was arrested on a warrant issued in Pittsburg charging him with bribery and conspiracy in the Pittsburg graft case and the alleged bribery of council men.

A writ of habeas corpus was asked by Hoffstot's attorney and the hearing set for Friday. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

RAPID TRANSIT HOLDS MEETING

New Directors Elected—Plans of Eugene Electric Are Told.

At a meeting of the Coos Bay Rapid Transit Company at the offices yesterday, a slight change was made in the directory board of the company and plans to hasten the project to completion as early as possible.

Besides the regular directors of the company, F. B. Kidder, M. Sverdrud and L. P. Nees of the Lane County Asset Company of Eugene were present and made talks on their projected line from Eugene to Coos Bay. In their talks, they announced that while the original intention of the company had been to build from Eugene down along the Siuslaw to Florence, they had changed and determined to build to Coos Bay. They stated that the great harbor and possibilities of development following the completion of an electric line from Eugene to the coast were much greater on the Coos Bay proposition. They gave details of the Lane County Asset Company's organization and told of the Eugene bankers and business men who are behind the project. They stated that they were here for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with Coos Bay and also to complete preliminary details of the project. They expect to return home via the proposed route of the line which is understood to be via Smith river.

At the business session, the resignations of E. D. McArthur of Marshfield and Henry Hoeck of North Bend as directors were accepted and R. H. Westwood and Dr. Brownlee of Cleveland, Ohio, were elected to succeed them. Messrs. Westwood and Brownlee recently arrived on the Bay and besides extensive property purchases are said to have subscribed for a large block of the Rapid Transit Company's stock.

No action was taken on any contract with Henry Hoeck although it is understood that one of the reasons

BUYS FORTY ACRES HERE

A. W. Patterson of Muskogee Pays \$20,500 For L. M. Noble's Tract.

(By Associated Press.)

A. W. Patterson, a banker from Muskogee, Okla., who has been spending a few days on the Bay with F. B. Waite looking over this section, last night closed a deal for the purchase of forty acres in the center of the peninsula, from Lyman Noble and wife for \$20,500.

The tract lies about a quarter of a mile northwest of the Coos Bay Water company's pumping station and is in Section 21. Mr. Patterson bought it purely as an investment and has no immediate plans for developing it.

The deal was made by Henry Sengstacken. Mr. Patterson left with Mr. Waite at 3 o'clock this morning for Sutherlin where he is a guest at the Waite home. He is highly pleased with this section.

REPORT BINGER HERMANN ILL

Former Congressman Said To Be in Critical Condition in Roseburg.

(By Associated Press.)

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 21.—Former Congressman and Commissioner of the General Land Office Binger Hermann is seriously ill at his home of an affliction of the spleen. The physician does not anticipate it will be fatal. His condition is somewhat improved.

for his resigning as a member of the board of directors was to enable him to become identified with the company which will probably construct the road.

Today, all the labor and other bills of the company up to April 1 are being paid. A. W. Myers drawing the checks for them and the latter being cashed at the First National Bank of North Bend.

Wait For Franchise. "We are simply waiting for the two cities to let us go ahead now," remarked President W. P. Evans today. "We want the franchise to go ahead with the project and we can't announce any further plans until we get them. We have men clearing right of way between Marshfield and North Bend now."

Major Kinney has renewed his offer to turn over his Belt line Railway proposition to the Port Commissioners of Coos Bay just as soon as he can be assured the original plan of the project will be carried out. Must Wait Month. Although the North Bend Council will probably pass Major Kinney's franchise at the next meeting Tuesday evening, the city charter there provides that no franchise can become operative within sixty days after its first reading. As the first reading was on March 24, the franchise consequently cannot become operative until May 24. However if the franchise passes its third reading as it probably will, this will be taken as practically assuring it.

FORTY-ONE MINERS KILLED IN ALABAMA COAL MINE

SENSATION IN SWOPE TRIAL

Miss Pearl Keller Gives Strong Evidence Against Dr. Hyde in Kansas City.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, April 21.—(Delayed in transmission.)—It was only when asked three times by Dr. G. T. Twyman and once by Mrs. Hyde to stop the flow of blood from James Moss Hunton that Dr. Hyde closed the wound in the patient's arm" testified Miss Pearl Keller, a nurse in the Hyde trial here today. "A few minutes after Hunton's death," she further said, "Hyde importuned her to use her influence to have him made administrator of the Swope estate to succeed Hunton but she refused. The defense made frequent and strenuous objection to the introduction of this testimony as irrelevant.

There was considerable excitement when it was announced by Attorney Walsh that he had in his possession papers containing the notes of the testimony that Dr. Walter S. Haines had given before the grand jury and which showed that the scientist had declared there was no cyanide of potassium found in the stomach of Col. Swope. Walsh said the papers were given him by a woman who found them on the street. Walsh's assertion followed the demand of the court for Walsh to tell whether he had in his possession papers belonging to the state.

"I refuse to answer," shouted Walsh.

"A man holding papers belonging to the state is no better than a thief" replied the court hotly.

Prosecutor Conkling said if the papers were returned he will give the defense a carbon copy of them. "It is to be the proof of the man's innocence that we hold," hotly said Mr. Lucas.

"And the same papers contained evidence of the guilt of the defendant," interposed Conkling.

"Marshal, take charge of the defendant," said Judge Latschaw. "I will look into this matter."

Before the Judge had left the bench Walsh expressed a desire to explain how the papers came into his possession. He said an advertisement in a local paper stated a certain woman had found papers connected with the case; he went to the woman and found they "were these notes." He said he took the papers because they would prove his client's innocence and told the woman to tell everyone that he had them. The woman who found the papers was Miss Eva Finney, colored, who was in the courtroom and on demand of the prosecution was about to take the stand when the court held that Walsh should return the papers. The witness was excused.

Attorney Reed arose and said he believed one of the defendant's counsel had intimated that he was a liar. "Everyone, including the court was called a liar during these few moments just passed," said Judge Latschaw smilingly.

Reed sat down without further remarks. Conkling admitted that the papers actually had been lost in the streets by one of his assistants. "Dr. Haines would testify," Conkling said "that cyanide of potassium was found in Colonel Swope's body."

Attorneys for Hyde declared if Haines testified that cyanide had been found they would prosecute him for perjury.

Had Marshal taken charge of Hyde when the court ordered it, his bond would have been revoked. "NO CREDIT" BREAKS STRIKE. (By Associated Press.) PITTSBURG, April 21.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Refusal of the storekeepers to grant credit to the striking foreigners at the Pressed Steel Car Company is disintegrating the strike. The force at work in the plant was largely increased today.

Not One of Force Imprisoned By Explosion Escapes From Disaster.

SUPERINTENDENT JONES RISKS LIFE IN RESCUE

Is Hauled Unconscious With Companion From Shaft After Futile Attempt

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.—Not one of 41 men imprisoned last night in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Iron & Coal Company is alive. This word was brought to the surface today when unconscious from the deadly fumes of the shaft, Supt. Jones and a man named Bonds who risked their lives in the rescue, were drawn up to the fresh air. When Jones and Bonds finally regained consciousness they confirmed the gravest anticipations of the people. "DEAD, all dead," were the words of the Superintendent as he regained his senses.

CONVICTS FREE A SHORT TIME

Five Train Bandits Make Get-Away From Fort Leavenworth Prison.

(By Associated Press.)

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 21.—Five train robbers serving life sentences escaped from the federal prison near here early today. Two were recaptured in a short time. At eleven o'clock three others were surrounded a short distance from the prison and it is believed they will be taken.

The break for liberty was well planned. Two of the convicts worked in the carpenter shop and the other in the tailor shop. The Union Pacific switch engine had backed into the prison yard. At sound of the whistle the men dashed into the yard and ran towards the engine. Leveling dummy guns at the engineer, the men climbed into the cab and compelled him to reverse the engine. The engine rushed through the gate into the open country. The alarm was sounded and the guards thrown out and farmers of the surrounding country notified by the steam siren at the penitentiary. When the engine reached a point a half mile from the prison the five men leaped to the ground and made for the woods. Two separated from the others and were soon captured. Guards soon surrounded the other three in the woods. It is believed their only weapons are wooden guns painted black.

Late this afternoon two more convicts were captured. A roll call developed another man is missing. There is no trace of him. All but one of the original five were captured.

CONVICT CUTS PAL'S THROAT

Row Between Prisoners at Walla Walla Over Tobacco May Prove Fatal.

(By Associated Press.)

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