

SECTIONAL ISSUES REVIVED IN SENATE IN TWO RESOLUTIONS

Gallinger and Sherman Would
Reduce Southern Representa-
tion.

ARGUMENTS ARE FAULTY

Statisticians Present Figures in Large
Numbers That Appear Convincing
Before They Are Analyzed.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(WASH-
INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—
Renewed activity toward discussion of
sectional issues is manifested in Rep-
ublican circles. Through the Gallinger
resolution looking toward a com-
mittee to report on reduction of south-
ern representation in congress, through
the Sherman resolution to the same
effect, and through the agitation being
conducted by a Chicago morning news-
paper, is seen a purpose by the minor-
ity party to embarrass the administra-
tion by charging favoritism toward the
south.

This charge was heard in the last
campaign. It was freely indulged in
by the Republican national committee
and even by the presidential candidate.
It seemed to make no hit with the
voters. Back of the renewal of this
line of campaign by the Republican
leaders lies resentment that has gather-
ed force since the result was announ-
ced in November.

Methods Used Declared Unfair.

To bolster up the charges some un-
usual arguments are urged. One fre-
quent method, the one pursued by the
Chicago newspaper, is to compare some
state of the north with some state of
the south in the amount of income and
other direct taxes it has paid, then to
compare the direct appropriations made
for public purposes in each state,
and finally to compare the total
vote and representation in congress.

These methods of striking a balance
sheet between different states have
been denounced by southern senators
as unfair and full of prejudice. Sen-
ator C. L. James pointed out that in-
ternal revenue taxes on liquor credited
to Kentucky are in fact paid by the
consumers of liquor all over the coun-
try. Because the south happens to be
comparatively poor, it was declared, and
has few rich men to pay income taxes,
it should not be deprived of federal
appropriations.

The Tariff and the Negro.

The discussion of the subject inevi-
tably comes back to two underlying
questions, the tariff and the negro. The
Republicans say they would raise
money for support of the government
by the tariff route, and would shift
the burdens of income and internal
revenue, taxation, which bear most
heavily on the north, where the biggest
profits are made, and the biggest in-
comes are found.

Then comes the question of the ne-
gro, involved in the resolutions to re-
duce southern representation, on the
ground that the right of suffrage has
been denied or abridged by various
devices. As a matter of fact, the south
is not the only offender in reducing
the vote by restrictions upon the fran-
chise. Twenty-eight states are said
to have property or literacy qualifica-
tions of one variety or another.

Comparison of the vote cast by Ore-
gon and the vote of South Carolina, for
instance, are made in statements sent
to the Oregon representatives by the
Chicago newspaper, omits consideration
of the fact that Oregon is a woman
suffrage state and the further fact
that the vote in the southern states
turns out for the primaries, rather
than for the general election.

Conditions over which the south has
no control have made it firm in al-
liance to one political party, and the
result of the general election is so
sure that no effort is made to poll a
full vote. The incentive for a large
vote is thus removed and statistics
are thus able to make a gross
showing in comparison with the states
of the north, especially by choosing
states where woman suffrage has prac-
tically doubled the vote of the north-
ern state.

Townsend Exact Vengeance.

General debate on the Myers water
power bill in the senate began in a
snarl. Townsend, of Michigan, miffed
over the displacement of his bill to
create a civil war officers' retired list,
took up a filibuster in the form of re-
quiring that the report on the bill be
reprinted in full. He insisted that the
reports made upon it should be read
in full.

Usually this waste of time is saved
by unanimous consent, but Townsend
insisted that all should be read, so
for hour after hour the clerk droned
over the lines. Senator Walsh, in
charge of the bill, sought in vain to
have some of the citations and letters
included in the reports omitted. At

one point he called attention to the
fact that only five Republican sena-
tors were in their seats.

Townsend gravely stated that he
thought it should all be read, and the
clerk spent some time struggling
through thrilling paragraphs loaded
with legal citations. The Michigan
man evidently was well satisfied with
his revenge, as the reading consumed
a large part of two days.

In addition to Townsend and a few
others disposed to adopt all means for
delay in their power, on account of
the volunteer officers' retired pay bill,
there is more formidable filibustering
strength in the coterie headed by
Smoot of Utah and Thomas of Colo-
rado, who are opposed to any legisla-
tion that permits federal control of
water power leases on the public lands.
Walsh had a hard fight to get the
water power bill before the senate. He
has a bigger job to keep it there and
pivot it to a successful vote. After
that is done, will come the uncertain-
ties of conference over the differences
between the bills passed by the two
houses.

Owen Creates Stir.
Senator Owen of Oklahoma created
more than an ordinary breeze when he
offered in the senate a resolution pro-
posing that justices of the supreme
court of the United States be turned
out of office if they insist upon de-
claring laws passed by congress un-
constitutional.

"The only authority which has the
right to declare a law constitutional is
the congress of the United States,"
was the doctrine he proclaimed. It
produced deep disgust in the breasts
of many of the other senators, and
Sherman of Illinois was moved to re-
mark:

"Anything will receive careful con-
sideration in this body, and the more
ridiculous it is the more apt it is to
receive favorable consideration."
Smith of Michigan said he had never
in his life seen anything so grotesque,
and about the only comfort Owen re-
ceived was from Vardaman of Missis-
sippi, who said the Owen idea is not
novel or new, and that in his opinion
had the constitution definitely con-
ferred upon the supreme court the al-
most despotic power it now exercises,
few of the states would ever have rat-
ified it.

Jealous of Power.
The move made by Owen is in fact
a protest against the power used by
the supreme court to overturn the leg-
islative will, the power held by nine
men in overruling the acts of 96 others
in the senate, 435 others in the house
of representatives, and the president
of the United States added for good
measure, none of whom, it may be as-
serted, would enact a bill they believed
unconstitutional.

"I am not willing to yield the sov-
ereignty vested in the people and in
their representatives in congress," says
Owen. "I think it is against a wise
public policy to permit this. It makes
it impossible for the people ever to
know what the law is according to our
written statutes if we allow this judi-
cial control. It introduces an ele-
ment of confusion and uncertainty in
the meaning of laws, and makes it
impossible for the people with certai-
nly to determine questions of public
policy."

Close Watch Is Kept On Thaw's Condition

Police Take no Chance Recovery May
Be Delayed Purposely as Maneuver
to Gain More Time.

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—The
police are taking no chances on Harry
K. Thaw's recovery from his self-in-
flicted razor slashes being purposely
"delayed" as a maneuver for time, it
became known here tonight.

One of the half dozen police sur-
geons attached to the detective de-
partment pays a visit to the Pittsburg
millionaire's room in St. Mary's hos-
pital at least every other day. This
physician makes a careful examina-
tion of Thaw's physical condition. Cap-
tain of Detectives Tate has declared
that so soon as the would-be suicide's
condition permits, he will be taken to
Central station.

Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw was back
at her son's bedside tonight.

Thaw's condition was unimproved
tonight. Physicians say his recovery,
of which outwardly at least they seem
assured, will be very slow. The
drowsy state in which he has laid
since January 11, when he attempted
to kill himself, has disappeared, phy-
sicians said.

Evacuation to Be Demanded.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—The
Labor (Socialist) party of Belgium has
declared against any international So-
cialist peace conference to end the war,
until Germany has evacuated France
and Belgium.

Duke of Atholl Dies.

London, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The
Duke of Atholl, one of the biggest
landowners in Scotland, died today,
aged 78. He owned upwards of 200,
000 acres.

West Front Remains Quiet.

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Jan.
20.—(U. P.)—Tonight's official state-
ment merely reported "No important
events" on the west front.

NOTE LEAK INQUIRY IS TO SHIFT HEARINGS TO WALL STREET VICINITY

Indications Point to Thorough
Examination Into Work-
ings of Stock Exchange.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY

Attorney Whipple to Take Up Work
and Determine Course Which In-
quiry Will Take in the Future.

Washington, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—The
note leak investigators resume their
hearings Tuesday in New York—at a
spot within a few stone throws of Wall
street itself.

Meeting in the custom house, they
will delve into the innermost processes
of Wall street action during the few
days preceding publication of the pre-
sident's note to belligerents.

The investigators will try to estab-
lish definitely, once for all, whether
there was a leak, and if so, whether
some of the money kings harvested
golden millions by advance informa-
tion.

Sherman L. Whipple, Boston attor-
ney, formally accepted by the commit-
tee today, will go to New York late to-
night or tomorrow as a vanguard, and
also commander-in-chief of the board
of strategy. He will select the first
victims of the committee.

Mrs. Ruth Visconti, introduced to
the public by Thomas W. Lawson, and
who promptly took the center of the
stage from him, may be a witness
there or may testify here when the
committee returns, but before she is
heard, much of Wall street, including
J. P. Morgan and other prominent fi-
nanciers, will be examined.

Attorney Whipple stated tonight he
hasn't decided what witnesses he will
put on. First, he will look around, he
said, and then will announce the pro-
cedure. That transfer of hearings to
New York means a thorough investi-
gation, with books and papers of
Wall street and with expert account-
ants to examine them, is certain.

Whipple tonight said he was new,
admitted that he has a large assign-
ment and said he would have to look
around before he issued any state-
ments.

Coast Chambers for Daylight Saving Bill

Membership of Association to Be In-
creased by Inviting the Smaller
Tidewater Cities' Organization.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—(P. N. S.)—
The Associated Chambers of Commerce
of the Pacific coast, assembled in their
ninth annual meeting at the San Fran-
cisco Chamber of Commerce today,
went on record unanimously in favor
of the "daylight saving bill" now pend-
ing before congress.

All chambers of commerce through-
out the Pacific coast states, were
urged to take action approving the
bill.

The membership of the associated
chambers will be automatically en-
larged to a considerable extent through
the execution of resolutions adopted,
inviting numerous smaller tidewater
cities to affiliate with the organiza-
tion. Stockton, Sacramento, Eureka,
Monterey, San Luis Obispo in Califor-
nia; Astoria in Oregon, and Belling-
ham, Everett, Port Angeles and Ab-
edeen in Washington will be invited to
join.

Following are the officers, elected
for the coming year:

Frederick J. Koster, San Francisco,
president; T. H. Rhodes, Seattle, vice
president; C. W. Burke, San Francisco,
secretary.

Lewis Aims to Get Public Work Bids

State Engineer in Report Urges Statute
to Prevent Collusion Among Con-
tractor in Submitting Estimates.

Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—A conspiracy
statute with suitable penalties to pre-
vent collusion among contractors in
submitting bids for public work, and
a provision which will assure the let-
ting of bids on a basis of direct price
competition between patented and un-
patented pavements, are two important
recommendations for a new road law
made by State Engineer John H. Lewis
in his report.

The report is now in the hands of
the state printer and Mr. Lewis ex-
pects to have it ready for distribu-
tion early next week. He declares
such a measure would have teeth
enough to give the people control of
highway work.

"The conspiracy provisions, he says,
would compel actual and open com-
petition among bidders for highway
contracts.

"In the reported recommended," said
Mr. Lewis today, "where patented
materials or processes are used upon
public work, it shall be only after
direct price competition with unpat-
ented products of similar character."

Successful Raid Is Made by the British

Mutual Artillery Firing North of
Somme, Dispersal of Enemy Work-
ers and Effective Shelling Reported.

London, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—A suc-
cessful raid of German positions east
of St. Eloi, accomplished by British
troops on Friday night, was announced
tonight by Field Marshal Sir Douglas
Haig.

North of the Somme, the British
commander-in-chief said, to the right
of the allies' line, there was mutual
artillery firing.

"Northeast of Neuve Chapelle," the
statement continued, "we dispersed
enemy workers and in the neigh-
borhood of La Basse canal and southeast
of Boise Grenier we effectively shelled
enemy positions."

Explosion Kills Orchardist.
San Jose, Cal., Jan. 20.—(P. N. S.)
—Rasmus Jorgenson, wealthy orchard-
ist, of Madrono, 10 miles south of
here, was killed this afternoon by the
explosion of a sack of dynamite which
he was carrying. The body was badly
mutilated.

Diplomatic Papers Stolen.
Paris, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Diplo-
matic papers in the safe of the United
States consul at Algiers were stolen
on Tuesday night, says a dispatch to
the Matin today.

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