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Disgraceful Scenes Enacted in the Senate—Adjournment Taken Until 10 To-day.

The house came to order immediately after joint convention dissolved and began consideration of regular business. Rogers got the floor and offered a woman suffrage bill which was voted down in short order. Cheer, as soon as he could get the floor, introduced a resolution to adjourn sine die at midnight. It was adopted by a strict party vote, and on motion of Gilbert the house adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

The senate reconvened at 11:30. After a little routine business, Simon moved that the resolution adjourning the legislature at midnight Friday be rescinded. He immediately moved the previous question. Bilyeu of Linn, rose to a point of order, and without stating the point began talking. Weatherford, Dorris and others gathered around him, urging him to talk till 12 o'clock. It was then about fifteen minutes to 12.

Simon respectfully demanded the previous question, but Bilyeu went on. Then Dorris, Weatherford and Myers, each on his own account and in the loudest tones, began a chorus of trade on what they termed an outrage on justice. Simon had outwitted them and their anger scarce knew bounds. In the meantime, while the four were shouting maledictions and threatening the president, the lobby filled rapidly, and it took the strongest exertions from Chief of Police Parrish, who happened to be present, and others, to prevent the crowd from rushing in. The Democrats in the crowd joined in the yell, and for five minutes riot was run loose. The noise halted for a second when a message from the house came in announcing that the house had rescinded the adjournment resolution. Then the chorus of abuse broke out again from the same four. Of course the message took precedence over all other business, and Simon moved its adoption.

The chair put the motion, and in response to the vote decided it carried. This so enraged Bilyeu that he rushed at Simon and reached in his hip pocket as he advanced. He was caught by the sergeant-at-arms and members, who restrained him. When it is considered that Bilyeu is a six-footer; and Simon a small man, the act was cowardly as well as outrageous. Simon maintained a dignified bearing.

Weatherford and Myers then raised a point of order that a joint resolution adopted by an aye and no vote could not be rescinded upon a viva voce vote and on the further ground that a motion to reconsider required a formal notice in advance. Myers and Weatherford spoke on this question, crowding with other members about the president's desk. Myers charged the president, upon his oath as a senator, and his honor as a man, not to commit what he termed the greatest political outrage in the history of the American nation. Weatherford followed in the same strain. Both were entirely enraged.

In the meantime the crowd rushed about the speakers, who stood within arm's length of the president. Hirsch stood silent beside Myers while he spoke. The scene in the lobby and on the floor was one of passion and confusion. Cheers and hisses filled the air, and it seemed for a time as if a free fight were inevitable.

When Weatherford concluded Simon was recognized by the president and offered a concurrent resolution to adjourn till 10 to-day, which was adopted, and the senate adjourned.

It should be explained that when the president put the motion to rescind the resolution no call was made by the Democrats or by anybody else for ayes and nays. It then lacked fifteen minutes of midnight, the hour fixed by the resolution for adjournment, and there was abundant time to have called the roll twice. Instead of demanding a fair vote on the motion to rescind they openly and loudly urged Bilyeu to hold the floor till the clock should strike midnight. As to their protest on the ground of notice not having been given, it ought to be understood that while the strict letter of parliamentary law demands such notice, it has been the uniform usage in both branches of the legislature to reconsider without notice. Practice has given this usage the authority of the fixed rule of proceeding—Oregonian, 21.

The Child's Teeth.

Teeth are troublesome things, both in coming and going. Thousands of children die in teething. Mr. J. H. Wicker, of Montezuma, Ga., writes, "Last spring, Brown's Iron Bitters saved the life of my little eighteen-month-old girl, who was teething." Some people have an idea that this medicine is only for grown-up people, but it is just as valuable for little folks. It gives them health and strength, and brings the roses to many a puny child's cheek.

The Nevada gold-seekers have discovered a new use for fowls. It is a common sight there to see men and women carrying a hen under one arm and a basket of chickens under the other. When they reach their destination the hens are picketed, and being already hungry, being to scratch and eat. After three or four days' honest toil they are killed and their craves examined for gold, as much as \$8 has been found in one crav.

A PORTRAIT OF THE MAHDI.

Imagine a man about forty years of age of medium height, as lean, as the sating is, as shaven, bearing, with a mahogany complexion, conical black beard and eyes, and three vertical slashes on his pallid cheeks; add to this a long cotton shirt as a garment, a narrow turban as a headress, a pair of wooden sandals, and in the hands—dry as those of a mummy—a string of ninety beads, corresponding to an equal number of divine attributes, and you have the Mahdi. Those who have seen him say that Mohammed-Ahmed plays to perfection the part of a visionary dervish, waving his head when walking, and murmuring constant prayers, his eyes fixed on heaven. His father was a carpenter on Naft Island, in the Nubian province of Dongola, and about 1862 came, with his four children, to Chindil, a small city on the banks of the Nile south of Berber. When still very young he was placed as an apprentice under the care of one of his uncles, a shipbuilder of Chababak, opposite Sennar. It seems that the future prophet was not without his failings, for one day his uncle thought well of flogging him in a regular French style. The proceeding was not appreciated, and the child ran away until he arrived in Khartoum, where he entered a sort of school or convent of begging dervishes, who were in charge of the monument erected over the venerated remains of Sheikh Hoghali, patron of the city. There his life was a remarkable one for his piety; but as to education, he never learned how to write or even how to read fluently. Later he went to a similar institution in Berber, then to one in Aradup, on the south of Kena. In the latter city he became, in 1870, the favorite disciple of an eminent fakir, Sheikh Nur-el-Daim, and finally was ordained by him and went to Abbas Island, White Nile. His fame as a saintly man was every year on the increase. He lived in a kind of pit or subterranean repository for grain, called silo, which he had dug up with his own hands; and there he passed his life, fasting and praying, burning incense day and night, and repeating the name of Allah for hours at a time until he would fall to the ground pausing and exhausted. If anybody spoke to him he gave back no answer except sentences from the sacred book of Islam. Earthly things seemed to inspire him with only disgust and pity. He had made a vow to absorb himself in the contemplation of divine perfections and to weep all his life for the sins of mankind. But his tears did not destroy his power of vision, and he kept his best eye wide open to business; and the faithful coming by thousands and depositing rich offerings at the month of his silo, he never failed to see the gifts nor to stow them away carefully for stormy days. In 1878 he had become so wealthy that he felt the necessity to declare that Allah had ordered him to leave his silo and to take unto himself a large collection of wives, whom, as a truly practical man, he chose among the most influential families of the country, especially that of the Bagaras, the most opulent slave traders on the White Nile.

Every one has still fresh in his memory the appalling extermination of the Fashaka's 15,000 men, surrounded on the 5th day of November, 1883—the first day of the fourteenth century of the Hegira!—at Kasghil while marching on El Obeid. This horrible butchery, happening on the threshold of the century, announced as the one of the last prophet, gave a bloody consecration to Mohammed-Ahmed, who, after the three days' battle, went all over the battlefield, piercing with his spear the ghastly corpses of his enemies and exclaiming: "It is I, the Prophet, who destroyed the heretics." Compared to him, Mohammed was no more, in his mind, than a small prophet. He alone was the only great and powerful Messiah announced by Mohammed himself. The sultan of Constantinople was no more the supreme Caliph, the chief of Islamism; it was he, Mohammed-Ahmed, and he ordered his own name to be invoked in public worship in the place of Mohammed's, right after the name of Allah!

I have said enough to show what kind of a man is the Nubian Mahdi. Alfred M. Cotte, LL.D., in the Catholic World.

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