

# UNCLE JOE IS ON WARPATH

### Speaker Denounces Insurgents and Shakes His Fist at Champ Clark Because Automobile Maintenance Bill is Defeated by Combination.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 12—Champ Clark, the democratic leader, precipitated a row in the house with Speaker Cannon yesterday. Clark had predicted a democratic success at the polls. This aroused the ire of Cannon, who walked out on the floor, shook his fist in the faces of the insurgents and shouted: "I want to notify you that unless the republicans on this side of the house who do not personally approve of the speaker, have courage to join the minority and remove him, I'll remain presiding officer of the house until March 4."

This brought wild applause from the regulars who ceased only when Cannon shouted at Clark, "In spite of a critical press and the aid of the false news and headlines that rarely tell the truth, I now say to you sir, that there are more than even chances on who will be elected when November passes."

"You'll wake up to find that the intelligent citizenship has again proved you a false prophet as you have been proved a false one for the last decade."

Cannon said that he did not approve personally of the controversy over the automobile bill. He said that he had never asked an appropriation for the transportation bill but that if it were voted he would use it.

Cannon declared that if he were re-elected member of the house and Clark became speaker, he (Cannon) would vote that the speaker's salary be \$12,000 a year.

Cannon said, "I believe that the speaker of the house, whoever he may be shall in all matters be of the same dignity as the vice president."

The house voted to send the bill back to conference.

The occasion of the speaker's outburst of wrath, was the refusal of the house to appropriate \$2500 for a speaker's automobile.

Twenty-two insurgents voted with the democrats against the bill. Cannon declared that it was more than an even chance that the regular republicans would retain control of the house after the approaching elections.

### LOVETT AND RIPLEY SHUT OUT GOULD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 12—Robert S. Lovett, president of the Southern Pacific, and E. P. Ripley president of the Santa Fe, have divided an empire between themselves. Lovett's tour of inspection in the west is completed and the Ripley conference held in San Francisco on Friday is the result.

Now the west is wondering what the local benefits will be.

The field of operations which is shaken up as a result of the tour of inspection, covers several states and in the game of chess which was played on Friday between the two great railway heads, the figure of George G. Gould loomed in the background, and made possible compromises that otherwise never would have been possible. In spite of Lovett's statement that "if Gould comes to the southwest, we can take care of ourselves," the whole meeting was worked out to prevent the Gould invasion from spreading beyond the single line of track which the Western Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande now operate from Denver west through Salt Lake to San Francisco.

### NOT AN ANANIAS, BUT STORY-TELLING CLUB

WASHINGTON, April 12—Washington society's newest fad is a story-telling club. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth—the former Alice Roosevelt—is one of the prime movers. It has been the intention to organize at a meeting at the Longworth residence next week, but this arrangement has been cancelled owing to the approaching departure of the Longworths for Europe.

This club is planned as an adjunct to the Playhouse club, soon to be organized. The object will be to develop entertainers. Without officers or directors, the club will gather at the residences of its members at intervals and hold "talk fests." At the end of the season the best stories will be combined in a little souvenir volume for private circulation. A stenographer will attend all the sessions.

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### RUSSIAN DEFENSES TO COST \$675,000,000

#### Old Chain of Forts Too Near Austrian and German Frontiers in the Event of War.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 12—The government will soon introduce into the Duma a bill providing for a general reorganization of the national defenses and involving an expenditure during the next ten years of \$675,000,000. The plan has been elaborated at a conference of the chiefs of the war department and other military authorities under the presidency of Premier Stolypin, and has received the approval of the czar. For land defenses \$325,000,000 has been arranged. This sum will be used principally to strengthen the fortresses at Kovno and Brest-Litovsk and for the construction of the new chain of fortresses in the interior of Poland which are to supersede the fortified positions in the western parts of Poland many of which will be dismantled on the ground that the old lines of defense are too near the Austrian and German territory to be maintained with advantage in the event of war.

The bill for the reorganization of the navy will not be considered by the duma before fall.

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### SAY LURTON IS MAN TO BLAME

#### Reported That New Member of Supreme Court Favored Trusts in Big Cases, But Did Not Cast Vote.

WASHINGTON, April 12—One of the foremost practitioners before the supreme court declared his belief that Justice Lurton, recently appointed by President Taft, was responsible for the decision to re-hear the tobacco and oil cases.

It is reported that Justice Brewer was one of the four justices who favored the government. Lurton is reported to have favored the trusts in both cases. Lurton's vote would have given a majority for the trusts among the members who heard the case. This would have meant had any decision been rendered it must have been rendered in favor of the trusts, although no decision could have been handed down unless at least five justices voted for it.

Lurton being a new member, according to the attorney who expressed this opinion, did not want to cast the deciding vote under such conditions.

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