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Disorganized Legislature.

A Dissolution Overtakes the Senate.

HOUSE ADOPTS SAME PROGRAM

No Serious Effort Made to Arrest Members.

JOE SIMON THE ONLY GAINER.

Holds the Whip Over the Republican Party.

SENATORIAL VACANCY MAR. 4.

May Be Filled by Appointment of the Governor.

Of course as was intimated in Tuesday's JOURNAL, no serious effort was made to compel attendance of the absent members by the Davis sergeants-at-arms. It was clearly the plan to have a disorganized legislature dissolved and thus compel an extraordinary session.

The way the legislature has wound up, it is difficult to see who has gained a point in the political battle, unless it be the president of the senate, Hon. Joseph Simon of Multnomah county.

He is left virtually master of the field, in his party, which retires from a session in which it had nominally 63 members out of 90, in a badly disorganized condition. Simon retires with the hold-over members almost solidly supporting him, and willing himself to stand for re-election on his record.

He has so completely disorganized Mitchell's forces that, in spite of that gentleman's claims that he will be elected if the legislature is ever convened, no one believes Mitchell can get upon his feet again politically.

GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT. As there has been no session of the legislature, and no organization whatever, and no ballot was ever taken in the sham Mitchell organization called a joint assembly, the general opinion is that the governor will appoint a senator to fill the vacancy that will occur by expiration of Mitchell's term March 4, 1897.

SENATE—TUESDAY. Senate met at 4 p. m. Present Bates, Holt, Mackay, Michell, Selling, Simon. Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION. Same members present. Senator Bates offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, For the purpose of effecting a complete and proper organization of the house, every possible effort has been made by it to secure the return of the members who have absented themselves without leave, and

"Whereas, The processes issued under the direction of the house to secure the return of such absent members have been resisted and its officers arrested and suits have been instituted, designed to complicate and delay the same, intending thereby to prevent the enactment of remedial legislation and the election of a United States senator, and

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revolutionary tactics adopted by the members of the house in so absenting themselves therefrom, and resisting all efforts made to compel their attendance, make it manifest that it will be impossible to secure a constitutional quorum to transact business, and

"Whereas, The senate has been for nearly a week past without a quorum to transact business, for like reasons, and it is more apparent that a dissolution of the legislature is imperative; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the senate, that the senate now dissolve and the members thereof return to their respective homes."

Holt opposed the resolution in a vigorous speech. He was willing to await the action of the courts as to the legality of the Davis house, recognized by the senate.

Michell said the senate had done its full duty and could go before the people without any reproach.

Holt replied, charging Simon with bad faith in departing from his own ruling. If the senate had a right to adjourn now, independently, it had that right last week.

SENATOR SIMON'S POSITION.

"The chair is constrained to speak to the strictures set up by the senator from Jackson and will premise his statement by saying that as that gentleman voted to overrule the chair on the occasion referred to it was hardly his just prerogative to insist upon a hard and fast adherence to the conclusion then stated by the chair.

"As to the attitude of the chair at that time, it had been held that the Davis house was the only legal organization of that branch of the legislature, (a conclusion still obtaining with the chair) and that as long as the Davis house sought in good faith to perfect a permanent organization it was the duty of the senate to remain in session. The Benson-house was an obstacle to such efforts, but that obstacle has been removed and still the Davis house has not accomplished its purpose. So long as there was any reasonable show of the Davis house organizing permanently it was the duty of the senate to stand by it, but every expedient having failed the senate was absolved from its allegiance and it became the duty of the latter body to adjourn."

The resolution offered by Bates to dissolve the senate was adopted and the senate was declared "dissolved."

THE HOUSE.

Temporary Speaker Davis called to order at 3:30 with following present: Barkley, Bayer, Blyeu, Bourne, Buckman, Craig, E. J. Davis, J. N. Davis, Dustin, Emery, Gill, Guild, Hill, Houser, Jones, Lee, Maxwell, McAllister, Misener, Munkers, Ogle, Povey, Riddle, Schmidlein, J. S. Smith, Svindseth, U'Ren, Whitaker, Yoakum.

After a few preliminary motions, none of which were adopted, the house adjourned to 11:30 a. m. Wednesday.

AT THE CAPITOL.

An air of mystery hung over the remains of the 19th general assembly that never assembled this forenoon.

Barkley and Craig were in their seats. Chapman walked in. Dr. Smith and McKinley Mitchell hung about the lobby. All wore a weary, dejected, disgusted expression. Riddle of Douglas alone seemed to be happy. The Mitchellite members in town were all just outside the bar, seemingly oblivious of the fact that any warrants were out for their arrest, or eight sergeants-at-arms out busy hunting for them.

HOUSE—WEDNESDAY.

Temporary Speaker (Davis) in the chair.

Called to order at 11:30. Roll call showed the following present: Barkley, Bayer, Blyeu, Bourne, Buckman, Craig, Davis, of Umatilla, Davis, of Multnomah, Dustin, Emery, Gill, Guild, Hill, Houser, Jones, Lee, Maxwell, McAllister, Misener, Munkers, Ogle, Povey, Riddle, Schmidlein, Smith, of Linn, Somers, Stanley, Svindseth, Thomas, Thompson, U'Ren, Vaughan, Veness, Wagner, Whitaker, Yoakum.—29.

Mr. Kruse is still confined at the Salem hospital. Mr. Huntley, who was to have made the 31st member, went to Portland, Tuesday.

U'Ren moved to adjourn to 7:30 p. m. Maxwell offered a resolution to dissolve the house. It was in substance same as senate resolution.

U'Ren opposed the resolution and declared that another day should be given the opposition to come in. He declared that he was opposed to adopting a resolution that was a mere copy of the action of the senate.

Blyeu said the opposition had not manhood enough to come in; he would wait forty days for the rest to come in. The Benson members were bandying words with the sergeants and bandying the laws. He charged that Nosler was here for the purpose of tying up the legislature. He was gone and now they were afraid to come in.

They were congregating at Portland, backed by the prosecuting attorney of Portland with a mob to keep legal process from being served on the absent members, and by a revolutionary manner thwarting the organization of this house. A club was held over their heads by Mitchell. He scored the Marion county members who were refusing to come in. Let them take the responsibility of defeating appropriations and preventing remedial legislation.

Hill and Davis of Multnomah, supported the resolution.

Emery moved to table the resolution until 7:30 this evening. After discussion withdrawn.

The resolution was lost by ayes 8, nays 21.

Ayes: Bayer, Blyeu, Davis of Mult., Hill, Jones, Lee, Maxwell, Povey.

Noes: Barkley, Bourne, Buckman, Craig, Davis of Um., Dustin, Emery, Gill, Guild, Houser, Kruse, McAllister, Misener, Munkers, Ogle, Riddle, Schmidlein, Smith of Linn, Svindseth, U'Ren, Whitaker, Yoakum.

U'Ren moved to adjourn to 11:30 a. m. Thursday.

Bourne moved to amend to 7:30 p. m. today. Carried as amended.

It is understood house members wanted this further time to draw up suitable resolutions setting forth fully their case upon which they wish to go before the people, and also to give the Bensonites further time to come in.

EXTRA SESSION TALK.

Governor Lord was seen this afternoon, but said it was too soon to talk about an extra session. If there is a special session of congress the governor will be required to appoint a senator to fill the vacancy that occurs at noon, March 4.

Secretary of State Kincaid has been in consultation with officials of public institutions this afternoon to see what must be done to keep them running.

Murders His Companion.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 3.—Nicholas Trautvetter, a young farmer, 19 years old, was found dead lying in the road a few miles from this city. Young Trautvetter was found to have three bullet holes through his head and had been dead some time when found.

He had left home in a buggy with another young man to call on a young lady. He failed to return at his usual hour, and his folks became uneasy and organized a search. When the remains were found the young man who had been with him was sought, but had not been found at last accounts. Messengers were at once dispatched to Boonville for the sheriff and coroner, and an effort will be made to track the murderers down.

Assaulted an Officer.

EUGENE, March 3.—Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Harris was called to Cottage Grove to prosecute R. H. Mosby for assault upon Marshal J. B. Baker of that place. Marshal Baker attempted to arrest Mosby who, with others, was intoxicated and creating a disturbance. Mosby resisted and struck the marshal a vicious blow on the head with a bar of iron, inflicting probably a fatal wound. Mosby is under arrest.

CRETE.

The Greek Collective Note

Powers Inform Greece and Turkey of Their Policy.

ATHENS, March 3.—The idea of note presented yesterday afternoon by the representatives of the powers to the Greek government says that the powers are firmly agreed upon a course of action to put an end to a situation which it was not in their power to prevent, but which, if continued, would gravely compromise the peace of Europe. It proceeds to announce that the annexation of Crete is impossible, and that they decline to accept such a proposal. The conferees propose, instead, an absolutely effective autonomy, assuring to Crete a separate government, under the suzerainty of the sultan.

Therefore, Greece is solemnly warned that unless the aforesaid withdrawal occurs within six days, the powers will not hesitate to take any coercive steps necessary to enforce it, and the decision is irrevocable.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 3.—The representatives of the powers this evening presented a collective note to the Turkish government.

Autonomy for Crete.

LONDON, March 3.—The Earl of Kimberley, the liberal leader, called attention in the house of lords to the Cretan policy of the government. He argued that it would have been wiser and safer to join Crete to Greece, and held that under any circumstances the Turkish troops should be withdrawn from the island simultaneously with those of Greece. The premier, Lord Salisbury, replying for the government, said that the policy which was foreshadowed on Thursday, was, in the main, that which has been accepted by the powers. Continuing, his lordship explained that there was not, however, complete unanimity in regard to the withdrawal of Turkish troops, and he added that Crete would not be joined to Greece. The premier thought the question should be deferred for quieter and more deliberate consideration. His lordship then said that he sympathized with the Cretans, and desired to see an end put to their oppression; but, he continued it was the duty of the government to maintain the existing condition until they saw the way to a safe and peaceful issue therefrom. In conclusion Lord Salisbury said:

"I can assure the house that we have resolved upon an effective autonomy for Crete, by which is meant the withdrawal of the arbitrary power of Turkey.

Work of Burglaries.

COBURG, March 3.—Burglars entered the general merchandise store of W. M. Vanduyne in Coburg. After helping themselves to goods from the shelves to the value of about \$20, they broke into the postoffice which is kept in the back part of the store and secured \$2 in cash and about \$23 in stamps. The burglars broke in the front door, using tools from a blacksmith shop. There is no clue to the burglars. Vanduyne offers \$50 reward.

Seven Times and Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Gottlieb Rittstern, a wood and coal dealer, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a carving knife. He went home last evening in an intoxicated condition, and had a dispute with his wife. During the brawl he attempted to kill her, but she ran out into the residence of a neighbor, Mrs. O'Brien. About half an hour afterwards he was found in the back yard with his throat cut. His wife was about to sue for a divorce, owing to his cruelty and neglect.

This is the seventh time he has attempted to commit suicide within twelve months.

CUBA.

Big Filibustering Expedition

Peculiar Maneuvers of a Strange Flotilla.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The World says:

Passing coasters observed four suspicious-looking craft, two tugs, a schooner and a barge, lying off Barnegat until the storm with its white fuzz of snow became so thick as to shut off the vision: A steamer with a single funnel, a black hull and two masts, rigged as derricks emerged from the gloom of the morning, signaled the tugs, which arrived understandingly, and they presently came about and tied up alongside the little fore-and-aft sailing vessel, which in turn was made fast to one of the tugs and had no sail spread. The whole proceeding was like the start of a carefully planned filibustering expedition for Cuba.

It was learned that Major Castroverdi, a young and dashing Cuban patriot, who was formerly with Maceo, disappeared a week ago last Sunday. He went south to lead an expedition from some point on the coast, his friends in the Cuban junta say. His outfit will comprise stores, rifles and ammunition and a few picked men. The point from which he is to sail is kept secret. No one about the junta would say that he knew about the arrangements for the expedition.

The tugboat Volunteer, which is tied up ordinarily when not running about, left the old logwood house at Green Point. In tow of the tug was the barge Relief, upon whose deck crouched more than a score of Cubans, mostly young men, and many, judging from appearances, of the adventurous and daring class that are always pressing the officials of the junta for a chance to strike a blow for Cuba libre.

Thus the flotilla lay until the mysterious steamer came out of the horizon on the southward. In addition to her many cases of arms, etc., the schooner is said to have had on board nine or ten men who climbed aboard the steamer.

From appearances Major Castroverdi's \$1000 expedition, headed for the mouth of the San Juan river, is already on its way.

Tired of Fighting.

HAVANA, March 3.—Captain-General Weyler, who is at Piacetas, province of Santa Clara, has telegraphed to Admiral Navarro in command of the naval forces, asking him to send the Spanish cruiser, La Gaspi, to Calibai, the port of Remedios on the northern coast of Santa Clara. From Plectas a railroad runs to Calibaien, and it is believed the captain-general intends to return to Havana.

Bribery.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 3.—A sensation was sprung in the Kansas state senate today when Senators Titus and Juniper said they each had been offered \$1000 to support a certain measure concerning the Kansas City stockyards. The parties were named, and Al Touchie has been placed under arrest.



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