

LONG WRANGLE IN PROSPECT

"Regular" and "Progressive" Senators at Loggerheads in Regard to Placing Members on Committees.

DEMOCRATS MAY HAVE TO ARBITRATE

Failure to Organize Committees Likely to Delay Legislation, Including Bill on Canadian Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Democrats of the senate may be called upon to arbitrate the differences between the Republican "regulars" and "Progressives" over the question of committee assignments.

This unprecedented situation was predicted tonight following the adjournment of a meeting of the Republican committee on committees, at which the demands of the Progressives for the right to dictate one-fourth of the Republican members on all committees was again denied.

The Progressives did not ask for a formal recognition, but this made no difference in the vote of seven to four, by which their original demands were defeated. It was said the Progressives will appeal to the senate from the assignments of the committee on committees, and in this way the Democrats will be called in to settle the difficulty.

Neither of the Republican factions is disposed to shirk the responsibility of the situation. If the dispute sets into the hands of Democratic senators it is predicted the result may be far more consequential. The next move is expected that no one could forecast the legislative results of the session. Just what action the Democrats would take as arbitrators is speculative. The dispute is likely to delay action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

At today's meeting a resolution adopted yesterday, which provided for the organization of the committees in alphabetical order was reconsidered, and Senator Gallinger, as chairman of the committee, was instructed to bring in a tentative list of assignments. But this action was not taken without opposition from the Progressives, who insisted on their right to designate their representatives on the committees. When they were voted down the Progressives retired to the committee room. They do not relish the prospect of having Mr. Gallinger name the Progressive members of the committee, and while they make no declaration of this effect, it is plainly their purpose to oppose the chairman's action whenever it fails to meet their requirements of one-fourth of the Republican committee assignments.

In such a conflict in the committee as would ensue it is expected the seven regular members would stand together in supporting the "Gallinger selections." The defeat of amendments offered by the Progressives would follow, and in the event the Progressives, refusing to accept the situation, would take the case to the senate. The principal contention in the committee on committees is over the assignments to the committee on appropriations. It is expected that the Progressives will be undertaken shortly. Plans of the surveys between Newport and the summit, near Anderson lake, were filed several months ago, and the recent filing completing the task. The official surveys show that excellent gradients for the entire route have been secured. The maximum grade to be overcome is only 1.6 per cent, and that only for a short distance over the main divide near Anderson lake.

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REBELLION QUELLED

Albanians Subdued by Help of Strong Reinforcements Sent Recently

WASHINGTON, April 22.—With the arrival of strong reinforcements from Constantinople, the rebellion in the Albanian vilayet of Scutari has been quelled by the Turkish government, according to advices to the Turkish ambassador here.

Reports that the insurgents at Luzzi had recently defeated the regular troops and taken the city were officially denied.

Blatt and Converse

EL PASO, April 22.—Edwin Blatt and Lawrence Converse, who were released from the Mexican prison in Juarez today were immediately placed under \$500 bonds each in the El Paso district court for their appearance May 5 as witnesses. They are wanted to testify against Ascension Archuleta, who is under arrest charged with being one of their kidnapers.

Dr. Hyde's Case

KANSAS CITY, April 22.—Attorneys for Dr. B. Clark Hyde, in whose behalf the supreme court of Missouri recently reversed a verdict convicting him of the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope and remanded the case for a new trial, filed with the clerk of the circuit court here tonight a petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the physician. Notice was also served upon Prosecutor Virgil Conkling that on next Monday morning Dr. Hyde's attorney will appear before Judge James H. Slover and ask that the writ be granted. If the court takes the action sought, Dr. Hyde will be released from jail.

Celebrate Millennium

PARIS, April 22.—This is a year of centenaries and anniversaries, and after Rome comes Paris. All Normandy will be in fetes from the 28th to the 30th of May celebrating the millenary of the conversion of the Normans to Christianity. This time the Church, which is in mourning in Rome, will take a leading part in the fetes, and a solemn "triduum" will be celebrated in the churches of Rouen, as a prelude to the civil fetes. Jeanne d'Arc was burnt in the market-plate of Rouen on May 30, so that the fetes will include this memorable anniversary. On May 28, Mgr. Touchet, the Bishop of Orleans, will pronounce a eulogy on the mass, as well as a panegyric on the actual date.

Auto Records Broken

DAYTONA, Fla., April 22.—Two world's records were to smash here today when Bob Burman drove a 200 horse power Blitzen Benz a mile on the beach in 20.12 seconds, and again when he went a kilometer in 16.27 seconds. Both records had previously been held by Barney Oldfield, the mile at 27.33 seconds and the kilometer at 17.04 seconds.

Kierman in Court

NORWICH, N. Y., April 22.—Patrick J. Kierman, former president of the Defunct Fidelity Funding Co., whose case involved many Catholic institutions throughout the country, pleaded not guilty today to the indictments charging larceny in the first degree. In default of bail he was placed in jail. The indictments charge Kierman with obtaining \$10,000 from the First National Bank of Earlville on a false statement of his financial condition. He came here from New York yesterday after Chenango county officials had gone to New York for him.

TO MAKE ATTACK ON BORDER TOWN

Insurrectos Surrounding Ojinaga Are Directed to Make Assault Because of Reinforcements Sent for Garrison.

INSURRECTOS surrounding Ojinaga, a town on the border between Mexico and the United States, are directed to make an assault on the town because of reinforcements sent for the garrison there.

General Sanchez, commanding the insurrectos, besieging Ojinaga, has received a telegram directing him to attack the town at once, as federal forces were marching from Chihuahua to the relief of the garrison. The reinforcements cannot possibly arrive in less than nine days.

Detachments of rebels guard all the trails and roads leading through the mountains to Ojinaga. About 1,800 men are in the town, and the two brass field pieces, one of them the famous McGilroy gun from El Paso, are planted near the southern end of the town.

The American company of twenty-six men commanded by a man who fights under the name of "Death Valley Slim" will operate the cannon and machine guns. An attack is expected. Sightseers have been warned to keep away from the Rio Grande during the expected battle to prevent a repetition of the Agua Prieta incident. General Leon and Colonel Toribio Ortega and Col. Antonio Villarreal command the insurrectos.

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PLAN PURCHASE OF H. M. S. EGERIA

Resolution Passed by Vancouver Branch of Navy League Authorizing Committee to Take Action.

A resolution was passed by the Vancouver branch of the Navy League authorizing a committee to take action in regard to the purchase of the H. M. S. Egeria.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 15 to 5, and the committee will be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the purchase of the vessel.

The H. M. S. Egeria is a minesweeper, and is one of the best of her class. She is now in the service of the British navy, and is expected to be available for purchase in the near future.

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TROOPS CALLED ON

Companies of National Guard Summoned to Assist in Maintaining Order

MUSCATINE, Ia., April 22.—Three companies of the Iowa National Guard again were called to this city tonight to assist in the maintenance of order in connection with the buttonworkers' strike. Governor R. F. Carroll issued orders for the calling of the troops here late tonight. The immediate cause, it is said, was the determination of the labor leaders here to hold a huge outdoor mass meeting tomorrow afternoon. Clarence Darrow, an attorney of Chicago, had been invited to make an address to the meeting, which Sheriff David Yost had ordered called off. This the labor officials refused to do, according to reports. All is quiet tonight.

EUROPEANS SAFER

More Reassuring News Received from Mexico—Tribesmen Still Troublesome

TANGIER, April 22.—A despatch from Tangier, dated April 15, says the situation growing out of the revolt of the tribesmen was then unchanged, but that the Europeans there were less anxious than they had been. The despatch said the prices of foodstuffs also had been reduced.

Ex-Chief Wapenstein

SEATTLE, April 22.—Former Chief of Police Charles W. Wapenstein entered a plea of not guilty when he was arraigned today on the indictment charging him with securing \$200 from disorderly and gambling houses, were overruled by the superior court.

Alaska Railway Rates

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The governor of Alaska has been instructed by the secretary of the interior to receive all complaints and hear all evidence in the matter of railroad rates in that territory for presentation to the secretary for action. Only two railroads are now operating in Alaska. The jurisdiction over Alaska rates is under the jurisdiction of the interior because of the refusal of the interstate commerce commission to assume the authority, which decision was upheld subsequently by the United States supreme court.

Big Increase in Assessed Values

Preliminary Figures Indicate Growth in Real Estate and Improvement Values Over Tax Rate.

Preliminary figures of this year's assessment of land indicate that when the assessment roll is finally compiled values in the city will be shown to have increased nearly \$5,000,000 over those of a year ago. City Assessor Northcott, assisted by Mr. Griffiths and Mr. A. H. Mitchell, have been at work for the past two months preparing the roll, which must be completed and submitted to the city council not later than May 15. The assessable value of land alone for this year as shown by these preliminary figures is \$46,001,442, compared with \$37,915,310, the aggregate for lands and improvements a year ago. The land values, the various wards are estimated as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Value. Ward One: \$7,203,170; Ward Two: 10,329,425; Ward Three: 9,475,325; Ward Four: 9,832,111; Ward Five: 9,172,411; Total: \$46,001,442

In consequence of the decision made by the ratepayers at the January election, when the referendum favoring the doing away with the tax on improvements was passed, it is altogether probable that no tax will be levied on improvements this year. Last year improvements to the amount of fifty per cent of their value, were taxed, while land values were taxed to their full assessable value. Last year the tax rate was twenty-six and one-quarter mills. While the estimates for the present year have not yet been finally passed and the aggregate expenditure which must be provided for is not definitely known it is altogether probable that this year a rate lower than that levied last year will be struck this year. In fact Alderman Bishop, chairman of the finance committee, believes a rate of about twenty mills will suffice to meet the city's financial needs for the year.

Shoe Manufacturers Object

BOSTON, April 22.—In adopting a memorial to congress today, the directors of the New England Shoe & Leather Association characterized the proposal to place leather, boots and shoes on the free list as "unwise, uncommercial and inexcusable."

ALL ARE READY FOR ARMISTICE

Agreement for Cessation of Hostilities in Mexico Likely to be Concluded in Immediate Future.

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PERMANENT PEACE MAY THEN ENSUE

Unofficial Negotiations Now Proceeding Between Dr. Gomez and Parties Representing Federal Government.

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While the details of the United States towards events on the border have not as yet been clearly defined, the general opinion in official circles was that the amicable settlement of the Mexican revolution would in a great measure relieve the United States of the necessity of making any move in response to protests of American citizens regarding the danger of border warfare. President Taft and his cabinet were pleased to learn that peace in Mexico was in prospect.

An evidence of the desire for peace was the issuance tonight of two statements, one by the Mexican embassy and the other by Dr. Gomez, declaring, in substance, that neither side had taken the initiative in proposing the armistice. It was inferred that an effort was being made by Dr. Gomez as the agent of the revolutionist party, and the Mexican government, to forestall friction in future peace negotiations by the possible cry of "triumph" or "victory" for either side.

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QUEER REPOSITORY

Cook Finds \$650 in Sheep's Carcass Upon Which He was Operating

PORTLAND, April 22.—When the chief cook of the Commercial Club cut into the upper ribs of a sheep's carcass today, \$650 in gold and silver coins and currency fell out upon the kitchen floor. There was a hurrying and scurrying in the culinary department of the club, and soon the treasure had been gathered up. A telephone call to the market from which the mutton had been obtained revealed the fact that a clerk had placed the money inside the carcass for safe keeping after banking hours. It had not been missed and probably would not have been missed until banking time today.

Pitcher Craig Likely to Die

INDIANAPOLIS, April 22.—George W. M. ("Lefty") Craig, pitcher of the Indianapolis club of the American association, shot by a burglar in his room at the training quarters of the club early yesterday, was in a critical condition tonight. Surgeons held out little hope of his recovery. According to the police, they have no clue to the identity of the person who shot Craig.

Sought in South America

NEW YORK, April 22.—Robert E. Davis, the Boston "boy broker," under indictment for embezzlement got back to the United States tonight after a flight to South America. He will be taken to Boston for trial. Caught in Rio de Janeiro, Davis said little during the voyage, but one of the ship's officers said he appeared to be "one of the happiest persons on board."

Postal Savings Banks

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 22.—"This office has been forced to refuse to accept more money from people not entitled to deposit here than is on deposit now," said Postmaster W. T. Cavanaugh, head of the Olympia postal savings bank today. Money has been received from Alaska, Eastern Washington and Oregon, but to mention the large cities on Puget Sound. One man in Alaska sent down \$100 each month for three months, as the third one had been started before the first money order he forwarded, and which had been rejected, was received by him in the mail.

Postmaster W. T. Cavanaugh says the postal savings bank is reaching the people desired, and that April is going to break all records.

TO BE TAKEN UP BY CONFERENCES

Methodist Church Stirred Up Over "No Tamere" Decree—To Seek Government Intervention.

TORONTO, April 22.—The Methodists are aroused over the "No Tamere" decree of the Roman Catholic church, and the matter will be taken up by every Methodist conference from British Columbia to Newfoundland at their meetings in May and June. Between forty and fifty representative men of the Dominion of Canada and the Methodist church have been appointed a committee to follow up the resolutions asking for the government intervention passed last Thursday. These men represent all the conferences.

Seven Killed and Six Seriously Injured by Explosion of Gasoline Tank Car in Suburb of St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—Four persons, two men and two women, died in a hospital here tonight, making the deaths resulting from the explosion of a tank car of gasoline today number seven. Six others are seriously burned. The car was standing on the Wabash tracks at the plant of the Bell Oil Company.

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