

CONGRESS FACES STORMY SESSION

Four Parties Working at Odds on Proposed Legislation.

UNCERTAINTY IS THE KEYNOTE

Uneasiness Equally Distributed Between Two Major Parties—Sharp Line Drawn Between Conservatives and Progressives.

Washington, April 10.—It is daily becoming manifest that congress is facing a stormy session and there can be made no forecast of the probable legislative results. The fact that both of the great political parties are divided is no longer denied and the leaders appear to have little hope of restoring anything more than surface harmony.

There are virtually four parties, each with a large representation, working at odds in the present session. The Republican minority of the house is divided between regulars and insurgents, as was evidenced by the vote in the speakership contest. The breach between these two factions is even wider in the Republican majority of the senate.

A sharp line has been drawn between the conservative Democrats of the senate, who are opposed to any attempt at detaction by William Jennings Bryan, and the progressive Democrats, including practically all of the new members and several veterans, like Senator Stone of Missouri, who are Bryan adherents. The house Democratic majority seems to have escaped a break, but the leaders fear the party contest in the senate may at any time spread to the other branch. The situation has interfered with the selection of committees and the beginning of legislative work.

Much Uncertainty Exists.

Probably there never has been a congress where so much uncertainty existed and where the uneasiness has been so equally distributed between the two major political parties. Of course, this is due, in part, to the fact that in the present congress the Democrats are in power in the house and the Republicans are in control of the senate.

The real cause of the anxiety is believed to be due to the proximity of the party conventions which will select the standard bearers for 1912 and the knowledge that a slip by either in the extraordinary session or the regular session to follow may very easily determine the result of the next national campaign.

So far as the administration program is concerned there is no room for speculation. President Taft has recommended the enactment of legislation to carry out the provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and it is no secret he would be glad to have congress stop at that and defer the question of further revision until the regular session assemblies next winter. His reason for this is that the tariff board will be able to report several schedules by that time.

Clark's Intention Known.

Neither is there any obscurity about the program of Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, chairman of the new ways and means committee, and other Democrats who are directing the policy of the house. Their plan for progressive legislation on several subjects with which the country has been familiar in the last year or so has been given out.

The division in the Democratic ranks probably would not have been so pronounced if it had not been for the interview given by Mr. Bryan deploring the election of Senator Martin as minority leader. It throws the issue in bold relief and it is freely predicted it will crop out frequently in debate.

If there is any disposition on the part of the conservatives in both parties to work together to prevent any radical revision of the tariff it is conceded that they will be able to carry out their plans. The progressives of both parties, actuated by the spirit of crusaders, will not hesitate to widen the gulf between the factions in their parties, for they have announced that they are playing for future stakes, and supreme stakes at that.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE OFF

Eight Thousand Coal Miners in Ohio Ordered to Return to Work.

Indianapolis, April 10.—Rescinding the order of their predecessors, members of the new executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, which came into office with President White, annulled the sympathetic strike order, sent out by former President Lewis on March 13 to miners in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, but decided to stand by the 2,000 men in the Tuscarawas field, who originally were on a strike. The action of the executive board will mean the return of about 8,000 miners to work.

Commodore's Funeral in Missouri.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 10.—Commodore Frank Sherman, United States navy, retired, who died at his home in Philadelphia, Friday, was buried here today beside his parents, who were St. Joseph pioneers. Commodore Sherman was appointed a naval cadet at large from St. Joseph by President Grant in 1871.

HON. WILLIAM PULS HOME.

Hon. William Puls returned home last Saturday evening, not losing much time after the close of the legislature to get to the old home west of Murray. His brother, Louie, and wife, Mrs. William Puls, were in Lincoln awaiting the close to return in the automobile, thus arriving home in pretty good time.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

Splendid Services, Good Attendance, and Eloquent Address by C. A. Rawls in Evening

It was a large and intelligent audience which gathered at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning and evening. An exceptionally fine duet was rendered by Mrs. Eaton and Miss Ruth Johnson. Mr. B. A. McElwain rendered a pleasing solo which was highly appreciated by the large audience. Rev. L. W. Gade preached a strong sermon on "The Hope That Springs Eternal."

In the evening C. A. Rawls gave a very eloquent address on "Temperance." In the course of his remarks he took up and discussed the temperance societies in bible times. He called the attention of his hearers to the wonderful thirty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah, which contains the greatest temperance pledge of all time. The Rechabites obeyed the command of Jonadab when they came into the chamber of the Lord's house and wine was set before them. They said:

"We have obeyed the voice of the son of Rechab in that he charged us to drink no wine all our days." And because they obeyed the commandments of Jonadab the Lord God of Israel said: "Jonadab, the son of Rechab, shall not want a man to stand before me forever." He vigorously emphasized temperance in thought, in language and in action.

That thought influences character, and we should guard well our thoughts. He said that everyone carries with him a mind picture of those with whom he comes in contact—a picture that portrays the life and character of the individual. This being true, how important it is that we see to it that our life and character measure up to the highest and the best. In concluding the speaker centered the attention of his hearers upon Jesus Christ as the only true example for noble living.

The address was a strong one and produced a profound impression upon his audience.

KEEP YOUR HORSES UP OR TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES

Uncle Nick Halmes was in the Journal office today, and informs us that someone in his neighborhood has been in the habit of turning out their family horse to graze at night, and several times during the past few nights he has been aroused from his slumbers by the animal being in his yard. Last night it came a little too strong, coming clear upon his porch, and his first thought was of burglars. He went for his gun, when he spied the horse. The light from the moon saved the horse from being shot. He says he is tired of being disturbed at night and will not put up with it longer. Uncle Nick says he is not very busy these days, so if the owner will only turn the horse out during the day he will herd him. At any rate, he thinks a timely warning is sufficient.

ATTEND MEETING AT THE CLUB ROOMS TONIGHT

At the Commercial club rooms this evening there will be a meeting of the merchants of the city, which will be addressed by Mr. Frank Cumknock, field secretary of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, who will speak of the beneficial features of the National Association of Retail Merchants, and explain the need of such an organization, and show how it will benefit the merchants who take hold of the matter and make it a success. Come out and hear Mr. Cumknock, who will interest you.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of sheriff, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming primary. I ask them to place me in nomination on the democratic ticket.

D. C. Rhoden.

For Sale.

R. C. and S. C. R. I. Red Cockerels, \$1.00 each. Eggs, per setting, 75 cents; \$4.00 per 100. Inquire of Mrs. C. E. Schwab, Murray, Neb. Phone 3H Murray. 2-16-2mos-w.

FLOYD WATHERSTON HAS A CLOSE CALL

The large derrick used for hoisting the stone to the top of the pillars for the next porch at the Elks' club fell late Friday afternoon, crashing through a window on the east side of the building and narrowly missing Floyd Watherston, a well known Nebraska City man.

Mr. Watherston and S. J. Thomas, the steward of the club house, were seated in the reading room conversing, while the derrick was being used just outside the window. Mr. Watherston was seated near the window and as the derrick started to fall he jumped. As it was he was bruised about the head and shoulders as the heavy piece of timber crashed through the window. Floyd's guardian angel was surely on the job for it was nothing but intuition that made him move from his seat. The crash was so quick that he had no warning and something, he knows not what, caused him to move from his seat.

The derrick, weighing thousands of pounds, tore away the window sash and scattered broken bits of glass all over the room.

A laughable incident connected with the accident was the quick move of Jewett Thomas in getting away from the scene. He moved so fast, in fact, that he fell down, disarranging the furniture and smashing the ten commandments into small bits.

The accident was a bad one as it is; had Mr. Watherston remained in his seat there would have been an entirely sadder story to relate.—Nebraska City Press.

PROF. FRED MORROW FLING OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Superintendent N. C. Abbott had a personal interview with Senator Hitchcock just before the senator left for Washington to attend the extra session of congress, at which the senator, on account of pressing business caused by the extra session, informed Mr. Abbott that it would be impossible for him to keep his date with the Plattsmouth High school at commencement time.

Superintendent Abbott at once got busy, as the time was short in which to secure a suitable commencement day orator, but his industry was soon rewarded, and he has secured for the occasion Fred Morrow Fling, head of the department of European History of the University of Nebraska. The subject of Prof. Fling's address will be, "A World's Society and a World's Peace." Senator Hitchcock will speak for Plattsmouth students at some future time, when important public duties will not interfere.

WILL SUPPLY THE STATE INSTITUTIONS WITH SOAP

J. B. Pitzer, who has lived in Plattsmouth for the past two years, but who is general traveling salesman for the N. K. Fairbank Co. of Chicago, arrived home Saturday evening, as usual, to spend Sunday. He was met in Omaha by Mrs. Pitzer, who came home with him. While in Lincoln Saturday Mr. Pitzer met the proper purchasing committee for the state and succeeded in landing for his company the contract for supplying all the state buildings with soap for the coming six months, which time is the limit to which the contract is let. Mr. Pitzer has only been with the Fairbank company about one year, but is advancing very rapidly and is at the head of the territory in which he works.

H. C. FARLEY HERE.

Mrs. Ida Hixon and her brother, H. C. Farley, who have been visiting relatives at Glenwood for a short time, departed for Omaha this afternoon, from where Mr. Farley will go to his home at Hobson, Wyoming. Mrs. Hixon went to Plainview, where she has been staying for a few months. Mrs. Hixon expects to take the children and go to Wyoming and reside with her brother. Mr. Farley was formerly a resident of Mills county, Iowa, but has been in Wyoming for the past twenty years.

VISITS OLD FRIEND.

Mr. J. E. Green of Albion, Nebraska, arrived in the city Friday to visit his former neighbor, Mr. T. T. Wilkins. Forty years ago Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Green settled on claims in Boone county, which were in the same neighborhood, and these gentlemen have been fast friends since that time. Mr. Wilkins sold his farm some years ago, while Mr. Green yet holds his, with many added acres.

Light Brahma Eggs for sale, 15 for 50c. Mrs. William Gilmour, R. F. D., Plattsmouth.

ENGLAND FACES NEW DANGER

Rats Run Rampant, Spreading Terror Over the British Isles.

London, April 10.—Menaces to the safety of England continue to multiply. The German peril is always present; the free trade threat against the integrity of the empire is an old friend; socialist spoliation often clouds the future, and recently the country has heard much about the white bread danger.

The latest source of perturbation is the discovery in England that "the balance of nature has been upset," and that innumerable evils are expected to flow from this dislocation. So many of the natural enemies of rats have been destroyed that the long-tailed terriers and the Associated Chambers of Commerce are advancing in a solid phalanx against the rodents.

"Incredible though it seems," says Secretary Matthews of this organization, "the country suffers from rats to the extent of \$75,000,000 annually. Nor is the plague of rats the only sign of the disturbed balance of nature. The board of agriculture has ordered a general attack on the migrant pigeons, which are descending by hundreds and destroying whole clover fields in various parts of England. Rooks, larks and starlings, some working in one place and some in another, have more than decimated the wheat fields."

LITTLE GIRL LOSES RACE WITH DEATH

Fire Sweeping Cornfield Burns Child to Death.

Tamora, Neb., April 10.—Flames, wind-driven across a cornfield, overtook and killed Bessie Moyer, five years old, after she had raced with death half of the distance to safety. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moyer, were dangerously burned in an attempt to rescue the child. Several playmates escaped.

The little girl was at play in the cornfield. She lit a pile of fodder stalks and clapped her hands in glee as they crackled in the breeze. The flames flared high and sparks fell about her. She started to run as the fire spread about her. She sped across the field as fast as she could in the rough ground and through the tangled corn stalks.

Twice she stumbled and fell, as the fire bore down upon her. The flames crept upon her as she fell exhausted. Her screams attracted the attention of the parents, who ran to the rescue. The child's clothes were burned from her body when she was borne from the blazing field. A physician was called, but before he could reach the Moyer home, Bessie was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer were badly injured in their desperate struggle to save the girl. They will recover.

G. A. R. LIBEL SUIT DISMISSED

Charge Against Former Commander Morgan Stricken From Docket.

Topeka, April 10.—The Grand Jury of the Republic libel suit, which has been in the courts for several years, was finally disposed of when the court affirmed the dismissal of the suit.

The action was a criminal one, in which Captain P. H. Coney was the prosecuting witness. W. A. Morgan, then department commander of the Republic, was the principal defendant, and there were six others. The charge was that they had circulated a false and slanderous story about Captain Coney to defeat him for national commander.

The first trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury and the court dismissed the case. The state appealed and the supreme court now sustains the dismissal.

MRS. LILLIE GETS INSURANCE

Lancaster Court Decides Woman Didn't Kill Husband.

Lincoln, April 10.—Mrs. Lena M. Lillie, convicted of the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, and later pardoned out of the penitentiary, won a suit in the supreme court against the Modern Woodmen of America on a \$3,000 policy of insurance on the life of her husband.

The district court of Lancaster county decided that she did not kill her husband and was entitled to the insurance money. The supreme court affirms that decision.

Failed to Deface Stamps.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 10.—After being out only about an hour a jury in the United States court returned a verdict of guilty in the case of the United States against E. E. Benson, a pool hall proprietor of Hurley, who was tried on an indictment charging that he had failed to deface the internal revenue stamps on six empty cigar boxes from which he had sold cigars in his place of business. He was given six months and fined \$50.

This Man Is Four Legs High.

Trinidad, Colo., April 10.—To lose four legs in exactly the same manner is an experience well calculated to strain credulity, but that is what has befallen Roy Thorpe of this city. Several years ago Thorpe fell from a train while beating his way and had both his legs cut off. He secured a pair of wooden legs. While beating his way from a neighboring town Thorpe again fell under the car wheels and again lost both legs. This time, however, he was uninjured.

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GUN EXPLODES AND INJURES WAYNE PROPST

Wayne Propst and Giles Lair of Mynard were out duck hunting Saturday afternoon on the Four Mile creek, when an accident occurred which came nearly taking off the left arm of Wayne Propst, who was carrying a double-barrel, muzzle-load shotgun. He had just gotten a line on some of the fowl wanted and pulled the trigger, when the gun exploded, wounding Wayne's left arm very badly. The forearm was gashed deeply and the shoulder bruised and wounded. The result was that both barrels were blown from the stock.

Giles Lair brought Wayne to Dr. Livingston's office as soon as a horse could make the trip, where the young man's injuries were dressed. Several stitches were required to close the gash in his arm.

SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S.

Palm Sunday was observed at St. Luke's church yesterday, with the ceremony appropriate. Cannon Burgess preached a discourse in keeping with the beginning of holy week. The special music was particularly fine. Mr. C. W. Baylor, one of the best baritone singers in the city, sang "Palm Branches" in a most pleasing manner and in a way which touched the hearts of his hearers. The choir in the evening sang with much effect a very beautiful anthem, the solo part being rendered by Miss Gretchen Donnelly, and was sung with much feeling.

W. K. Shepardson, one of the hustling farmers of near Murray, was in the city today looking after some shopping, and while here called at these headquarters and renewed for the Old Reliable for another year. Mr. Shepardson is one of the Journal's staunch friends and we are always glad to meet him.

M. FANGER'S MILLINERY OPENING ON TUESDAY

The new store of M. Fanger will be opened to the public on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time there will be on display one of the finest lines of millinery ever displayed in Plattsmouth, all the new styles, patterns, trimmings and shapes will be found in this line. Every lady in this part of the county is especially invited to call and see what we have in this line. We are confident that we can please them all, for we know the goods we have bought and the ability of our trimmers to please. Remember the doors will open on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, on which date we would like to see the faces of all our old customers. We will guarantee to please you.

FINE DOG POISONED.

R. M. Schlaes, the gentlemanly manager of the Majestic theater, will give \$10 to know who the miscreant is who administered a dose of poison to his valuable bulldog last Saturday night. Mr. Schlaes would not have taken \$25 for the dog. That the animal was poisoned and that while the last show was going on, is quite evident, as the faithful animal was entirely normal and walked through the house until a few minutes before it dropped dead. The person who did the deed should be prosecuted.

RENNER BUYS RESIDENCE.

Dad Renner has purchased a nice cottage, formerly owned by Michael Hild, and situated on the north side of Granite, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and is having the same moved upon the premises where his former residence was recently burned. H. C. McMaken & Son are carting the house over the hill on house trucks.

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