

THE NEXT SPEAKER

The next speaker of the national house of representatives will not be Cannon. Nor will he be Representative Smith of Iowa, nor Payne of New York, nor Dalzell of Pennsylvania, nor Tawney of Minnesota.

He may be a democrat, and it would not be surprising if he should be; but even if he is a republican, he will not be Cannon nor any of his chief lieutenants who have been leading the losing fight against the progressives.

It is not probable, of course, that even if the next house should be republican, a majority of its republican members will be avowed pro-

gressives. But the number of progressives will be increased, and so will be the number of democrats.

The defiant regulars will get such a drubbing between the midsummer primaries and the fall elections that the lesson will finally be pounded home to the party leaders in general that something is going on—something they have tried to kill with bluff and sneer, with arrogance and defiance, but have only stimulated with greater energy by their flagrant and fatuous servitude on behalf of the special interests.

Therefore, let no man who counts himself a progressive impair his usefulness with perturbation over Can-

non's defiant candidacy for re-election to the speakership. Let him rather rejoice. This avowed and early candidacy helps to crystalize the progressive movement. Cannon's speeches have helped in the same direction. The picturesque veteran of an obsolete system has exhibited himself once too often. The people know his day has passed.

No, the next speaker will not be Cannon nor any other man of his kind. He may not be one of the leading progressives, but he will not be one of the constructive exponents of Cannonism. The square deal demands a new deal, and that new deal will be given to the people by the

next congress in the election of a speaker.—Kansas City Times, Rep.

TOO MESSY

"Oh, mamma, I'm to travel with Edgar in Egypt—the land of the pyramids and hieroglyphics?"

"Well dear, remember I can't have you bringing any of those things home with you."—Fliegende Blaetter.

THE EXILE

The Walrus—"Gee! But it's lonesome around here. What caused you to become a hermit?"

Eskimo Dog (sadly)—"I was with Cook!"—Puck.

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