

their morning editions printed with the aid of non-union pressmen, the union wagon drivers struck and refused to deliver bundles. Also the union newsboys declined to work, and distribution was impossible over most of the city and all the suburbs.

The union pressmen made the charge that the publishers were making earnest efforts to install open shop conditions in all their offices. The publishers declare that the union men are at fault and that they broke the contract under which they were working by refusing to allow their differences to be submitted to arbitration. Union men call the situation a lock out; the publishers call it a strike.

A meeting of members of the allied printing trades was planned at which time the question of a sympathetic strike by the printers—linotype operators and compositors—was to be considered. It was stated before the meeting that the local typographical union has sufficient funds to finance a strike if it is decided to call the men out, irrespective of the attitude of the national officers. At a night mass meeting of pressmen a large number of printers attended and took active part.

An extra force of 250 policemen was on duty about the newspaper offices. When non-union pressmen employed on the morning papers went to lunch early in the morning, policemen accompanied them, but there were no moves on the part of strikers to indicate that violence was intended. The strike at this time has proven a boon to the Daily Socialist. A few days ago the paper was compelled to suspend publication for a day for lack of funds. Now its circulation figures show that more than 100,000 papers were sold in a day. A morning edition had wide circulation.

Officers of the local typographical union ordered its members back to work. Some of the men returned to the composing rooms, but a number of them refused to work, saying that their chapels had decided against working and they would obey their decision.

Nevada delegates to the national convention were instructed for Taft.

The contest among republicans in Texas was so close between Taft and Roosevelt that the result will not be known until the state convention on May 28th.

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The result of the republican primaries of Maryland is said to be for Theodore Roosevelt by a narrow margin.

A Spartanburg, S. C., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, "Pitchfork Ben" to friends and enemies and one of the most picturesque figures of the United States senate has published a sentimental appeal to the people of this state to return him to office. His term expires March 3, 1913.

"I am asking you to re-elect me, although my health is broken and I am no longer the strong and vigorous man I once was," says his appeal in part. "I have a strong desire to die in the harness for sentimental reasons only."

The flood conditions on the lower Mississippi are the worst in history.

Woodrow Wilson carried the Texas primaries with Champ Clark second and Judson Harmon third.

## WASHINGTON NEWS

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer says: Because of criticisms of his recitation to the senate of a political parody on the Apostle's Creed Senator Williams, of Mississippi, ordered that the parody be struck out of his speech in the permanent copies of the congressional Record. Senator Williams expressed astonishment at what he said he regarded as a misconstruction by many Christian people.

An interesting debate took place in the senate on the workmen's compensation bill. The following is taken from the Associated Press report: Senator Reed, concluding his speech, characterized the bill as a monstrosity, fraught with iniquity. Senator Ashhurst of Arizona, in his first senate speech, freely criticized the federal courts.

Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas condemned the bill in unmeasured terms, declaring he would resign his seat in the senate before voting for it. Mr. Davis charged the railroad lobbyists with a persistent effort to have the measure railroaded through the senate.

"Stop, stop, stop," he cried, "before you do this thing, stop before it is too late. Put on the brakes, the emergency brakes, wave the red light, give the laboring man a chance to be heard."

Asserting that President W. C. Brown, of the New York Central lines and his claim agent, had been sitting "too close to the throne" in the preparation of the bill, he declared the measure was "loaded."

"In the hands of professed friendship is concealed the dread dagger of the railroads," he concluded.

"Federal judges are under suspicion of being in league with big business," said Senator Ashhurst of Arizona, during a debate on the workman's compensation bill in the senate. "That is because railroad attorneys and presidents take them fishing. Let me take the judges fishing and I care not who makes the laws."

An Associated Press dispatch says: The senate adopted the Culbertson resolution calling for a full report on the contributions made to the national committees of all parties in the presidential and congressional campaigns of 1904 and 1908. The inquiry is entrusted to the committee on privileges and elections, which is instructed to supply the senate with full information as to amounts as well as to give the names of the contributors. The committee, of which Senator Dillingham is chairman, is clothed with the usual powers of senate investigating committees.

The government filed its suit against the Harvester trust in St. Paul, Minn., asking for the company's dissolution and seeking to bar its products from interstate commerce. The capital stock of the International Harvester company is \$140,000,000.

The house aided the good roads movement by passing a provision in the post office appropriation bill which would grant a subsidy to all highways used in the rural free delivery service.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: William Jennings Bryan, just returned from the south, visited the capitol, conferred with Speaker

Champ Clark and with other democratic leaders and was facetiously called "Satan" by Former Speaker Cannon.

Mr. Bryan, disclaiming that he was on any political mission, announced he had discussed with democratic leaders the bill to provide for the election of United States senators which has been in conference since last summer. Speaker Clark also said Mr. Bryan discussed nothing but that subject with him. The Nebraskan talked on this matter with Representative Rucker of Missouri, in charge of the bill for the house conferees; Representative Clayton of Alabama, chairman of the judiciary committee; Representative Henry of Texas, chairman of the rules committee, and others.

"Mr. Bryan prefers the direct elections bill as passed by the house," said Representative Rucker later, "but since we can not have that bill on account of the persistent opposition in the senate, Mr. Bryan is willing, like the rest of us, to accept the situation and take the senate amendment in order to get the bill upon the statute books."

The senate amendment preserves to the federal government the supervision of the time, manner and place of holding senatorial elections in the various states. This is the Bristow amendment which the house conferees agreed to accept after sixteen conferences. Mr. Rucker will present the conference report in the house and ask its adoption next week.

While Mr. Bryan was conferring in the lobby, Former Speaker Cannon entered unaware of the Nebraskan's presence. He had just referred to Mr. Bryan in remarks on the floor and as the latter rose to greet him, the former speaker shook his hand and exclaimed:

"Well, well, talk about satan and he shows up."

Everybody laughed and Mr. Cannon explained that in his remarks relating to the salary of the secretary of the president, he had said, "I don't know who will be in the White house next March, it may be a democrat; it may be a republican, it may be a what-not—I did not mean to call Mr. Bryan by name."

President Taft affixed his signature to the bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the repair of the levees of the Mississippi river.

The democrats of the house of representatives have refused, through their committee on appropriations, to make appropriations for the recently created commerce court. The bill reported by the appropriations committee is an attempt at wholesale reduction of government expenses. The bill proposes a reduction of the salary of the secretary to the president from \$7,500 to \$6,000, the old figure, and the abolition in the department of commerce and labor of the bureaus of manufactures and statistics. It is further proposed to abolish the mints at San Francisco and New Orleans and Carson City, Nev., and the assay offices at Boise, Idaho; Charlotte, N. C.; Deadwood, S. D.; Helena, Mont.; Seattle, Wash., and Salt Lake, Utah. San Francisco would get an assay office in lieu of its mint.

Specific instruction against the expenditure of public money for telephones in private residences is incorporated in the bill.

The bill carries \$33,519,194, approximately \$2,640,000 less than for

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