

THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

Bryan Snag to G. O. P.

Regulars Effected Truce With Insurgents When Rebel-Democratic Bloc Loomed as Certain to Exist.

Third Party Is Intimated

By MARK SULLIVAN.

Washington, Dec. 17.—What is about to happen in congress is likely the result of a brief but energetic outburst of activity on the part of a man whose first emergence in public life was 28 years ago, namely, William Jennings Bryan.

The regular democratic organization had adopted a plan of letting the publicans fight their family row out among themselves. They regarded it as the better policy for them as the minority party to avoid having any responsibility for the work of a congress whose cause they felt sure would be unsatisfactory to the public.

They thought they would be more certain to win a majority for their own party in the elections next fall if they should let the country get a clear picture of the republican party to function because of prolonged internal factionalism.

So long as this was the democratic attitude, the regular republicans felt they could "stand off" the La Follette insurgents indefinitely, and this was their program.

Bryan in Missionary Role.

But Mr. Bryan, as a mere titting up of his career, in a mere touch and go interlude between lecture trips in distant parts of the country, dropped into Washington, began to move about the capitol with the evangelist's zeal of his eyes, and in a few hours changed the whole situation.

What Mr. Bryan saw, from a point of view different from that of the regular democratic leaders, was a little group of insurgents, nominally republicans, but nevertheless fighting against the accepted order of things and trying to entrench themselves for bringing what they, equally with Bryan, regard as progressive legislation.

Mr. Bryan's missionary work among individual democratic congressmen began to develop a kind of democratic insurgency. It became so apparent that Mr. Bryan's work might turn the democrats from neutrality to alliance with the La Follette insurgents, that the regular republican leaders within a few hurried hours began to consider the possibility of a united front.

Fear Is Felt Over Health of Clemenceau

By Universal Service.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Condition of Georges Clemenceau tonight is giving rise to anxiety, owing to the fact that complications are feared as a result of the bullet which was fired at him in 1919 and which is still lodged close to the lung, defying all efforts at removal.

The "tiger" will be radiographed in an effort to find whether the automobile accident, in which he figured yesterday, dislodged the bullet, as he seems to have difficulty in breathing.

Transport Problems Discussed

Farm Bureau President Tells of Interest of Farmers at Middle West Foreign Trade Conference.

Farmers Must Pay Bill

The American farmer is vitally interested in the transportation problem; he includes in that interest both inland and ocean trade paths, declared O. E. Bradford, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, speaking before the Middle West Foreign Trade conference yesterday afternoon at Hotel Fontenelle.

The speaker called attention to the fact that one-half of the exports of the United States are agricultural. He stated that farmers consume a great part of the steady growing imports.

"In the last 10 years," said Mr. Bradford, "the farmer has increased his production efficiency 20 per cent. Price is the factor in the farm situation. The farmer pays the freight both ways."

A carload of hogs are shipped to Chicago from Nebraska, for example. The commission man, after deducting the freight, takes out his dues. The farmer gets the rest.

"Wheat farmers of Kansas and Nebraska get the same price for their product in Omaha that they get in Liverpool, less the freight to Liverpool.

Use of Proposed State Seal in Capitol Halted

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—Bertram G. Goodhue, architect of the new state capitol, has been notified not to incorporate in mural designs and hardware for the building a state seal designed by him until it is approved by the legislature, the state capitol commission announced today.

Members of the commission have been under the impression that the seal was accepted, but investigation showed that it cannot become the legal seal of the state until the old one is abolished and the new design accepted.

In a letter to Goodhue, the commission suggests that he continue with his designs and leave blank space that was to have been given to the seal until the matter can be definitely decided.

The Strain of the Christmas Season Has Begun

Insurgents to Swing to Democrat

Compromise on Couzens to Head Interstate Commerce Committee Fails—Howell Also Loses Out.

House Slates Approved

Washington, Dec. 17.—Deadline in the senate over the election of an interstate commerce committee chair man continued today but the house perfected its organization by approving its standing committee slates.

Five more ballots were taken by the senate which will resume voting tomorrow with the expectation that the republican insurgents will give their support to Senator Smith of South Carolina, ranking democrat on the committee. This vote with that of the democrats would result in his election.

The insurgents today supported first Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, and then Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, who on the last ballot received a total of 12 votes. In addition to that of the insurgents he drew support from Senators Cummins, Iowa, who has been endorsed by the republican party conference for the chairmanship; Gooding, Idaho; Jones, Washington; Norbeck, South Dakota, and Borah, Idaho.

Cummins Nearly Wins.

On the first ballot today Senator Cummins lacked only two votes of the majority necessary for election. Forty-three senators supported him as against 39 for Senator Smith; six for Senator Howell and one for Senator Couzens.

Smith held his strength on the second ballot, but Senator Cummins lost two votes which were transferred to Senator Couzens, whose total was nine. Howell's vote dropped to one.

On the third ballot the vote was: Cummins, 38; Smith, 38; Couzens, 11. On the fourth it was: Cummins, 39; Smith, 39; Couzens, 11. The fifth ballot—the 14th—resulted in a deadlock between Couzens and Smith, with 28 each while Couzens' vote was increased to 12.

On all of the ballots the democrats voted solidly for Senator Smith, except Senator Bruce of Maryland, who continued to support Senator Cummins.

Insurgent on Rules Body.

The house wound up its organization which had been hanging fire for two weeks in quick order. Democrats demanded debate on the republican committee assignments which had been revised to include Representative Nelson, Wisconsin, insurgent republican, on the rules committee but failed to delay the ratification vote, the insurgents with three exceptions voting with the republican organization. The democratic slates were approved by a viva voce vote.

The house action enabled committees confronted with pressing legislation to get down to work, the appropriations committee meeting at once to perfect its organization. Division of the committee into subcommittees for the framing of the annual supply bills will be completed tomorrow.

The ways and means committee which must pass on revenue legislation before it can be reported to the house, will hold its initial meeting tomorrow with the prospect that an effort will be made to give the soldiers' bonus bill priority over the Mellon tax reduction program.

Bonus Before Tax Cut.

Two members of the committee—Freyer, Wisconsin, insurgent republican, and Rainey, democrat, Illinois—announced today that they would offer resolutions to sidetrack tax revision until the bonus bill is offered to the house. Favorable committee action will be sought by bonus proponents on the measure introduced by Representative McKeene, republican, Illinois, which in its essential features is the same as the bill vetoed by President Harding.

In mapping its legislative program, the ways and means committee will be urged by some of its membership to delay action on the proposed constitutional amendment which would prohibit further issuance of tax receipt securities, until an authoritative opinion can be obtained as to whether adoption of such an amendment is necessary.

Before renewing the vote today on the interstate commerce committee chairmanship the senate re-elected its officers with the exception of a president pro tem. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, announced that republicans regarded as unnecessary the reelection of Senator Cummins as the president pro tem.

Westerner Demo Choice.

The democrats in party conference have selected Senator Pittman of Nevada as their candidate for president pro tem and they plan to move for an election after the interstate commerce committee chairman has been selected.

The vote today on the senate officers indicated, however, that their move would be unsuccessful. All of the republican insurgents and the two farmer-labor senators from Minnesota, Shipstead and Johnson, voted with the republican organization senators for the reelection of senator officers. Some leaders of the insurgents have said from the first they were not opposed to Senator Cummins as president pro tem.

Students Accused of Setting Fire

Wesleyan Chancellor Asserts Stadium Blaze Was of Incendiary Origin.

New Structure Desired

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—Chancellor I. B. Schreckengast of Nebraska Wesleyan university today issued a statement concerning rumors that fire which destroyed the athletic field grandstand was of incendiary origin. He declared, "We know nothing of the origin of the fire."

Rumors were current that students, who had been agitating for a new stadium, had set the fire early Sunday morning. The stadium was valued at only \$100.

"There was no insurance," the chancellor's statement says, "the main loss was in several hundred dollars worth of athletic equipment which belonged to the student body."

"A group of students had organized recently to offer their services to tear down the old stand, if the college authorities would begin the first act of a concrete stadium this summer."

The chancellor's statement declares there was a tractor stolen under the grandstand and that oil from this may have been the source of the fire. It concludes with the declaration that if this destruction was an act of vandalism, the college authorities will be very glad to see the guilty party punished."

College Fire Believed of Incendiary Origin

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—Loss through fire at the horse barn of the college of agriculture last night was estimated at \$3,520 by officials of the college today. The loss includes a purebred horse valued at \$300.

Fire authorities today stated they are at a loss to understand reasons for the fire, and advance the theory of incendiary.

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Prosecution May Complete Case in Souder Trial Today

State Will Cut Short Exhibits and Testimony in Effort to Speed Up Hearing.

By Associated Press.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 17.—A computation of a batch of original tax receipts showed they represented a total of \$15,618.21 whereas the corresponding duplicate numbers totalled \$25,830, according to testimony given at this afternoon's session of the trial of S. M. Souder, former Lincoln county treasurer, charged with arson in connection with the court house fire of last April.

The testimony given by A. E. Larson of Minneapolis, Minn., one of the public accountants who audited county affairs and a witness for the trial, has been presented in connection with the prosecution's contention that amounts represented by original tax receipts already taken while duplicates for smaller amounts against which a state examiner would check, were left.

Larson, during previous examination, had asserted that he could detect on the original receipts indentations, which in his opinion, had been made by Souder, and explained how it would be possible, with the aid of a stylus and copying paper, to make duplicate receipts without leaving any writing on the originals.

Include Neville Receipts.

The original tax receipts referred to by Mr. Larson included those of former Gov. Keith Neville, a resident of North Platte, the Nebraska Telephone company and others. Testimony relative to his tax receipts was given by Mr. Neville late last Saturday afternoon when he appeared as a witness for the prosecution.

Further testimony with reference to the state's contention that money received from Lincoln county taxpayers had been deposited by Souder in his personal account at the Union State bank, a local institution, was given at the afternoon session. T. A. Brennan, cashier of the bank, identified various original deposit slips of Mr. Souder's in this connection.

Cross-questioning of Mr. Brennan by Attorney Walter V. Hoagland of counsel for the defense, revealed that the witness had no personal knowledge of the transactions, and that this information was confined to what was indicated on the deposit slips themselves. Mr. Brennan's testimony followed that of taxpayers who asserted they had given checks for no other purpose than the payment of taxes.

Examiner on Stand.

Another witness for the state was H. E. Crandall of Lexington, Neb., a county treasurer examiner for the state, who told of a financial statement given him by Souder in April of this year showing a balance of cash and securities on hand for the treasurer's office of \$170,221.29.

Questioned by Attorney Hoagland relative to his check-up of Souder's office, Mr. Crandall said Souder's statement was but \$20.80 short of his figure, and that Souder gave him a check to make up the difference.

Mr. Hoagland drew from Mr. Crandall an admission that Souder had "accounted for every dollar" as charged against him by a checkup of duplicate receipts in his office. He also admitted that he had noticed nothing irregular at the time.

This was followed by some re-direct examination by W. A. Prince of Grand Island, one of the state's special prosecutors who brought out that Mr. Crandall's examination was confined to the recorded receipts and disbursements of Souder's office.

Excused for Wedding.

At this point the session was livened up a bit when W. A. Prince gravely announced that Mr. Crandall "had business in Lincoln" that he was to marry a young lady in that city and would like to be excused from further examination. Judge Teweell, presiding, complied.

That the state will cut short its presentation of exhibits and testimony in connection with its efforts to prove an attempt to cover up a financial shortage was the motive for the alleged crime, and then present further evidence on the arson charge, possibly finishing his case by tomorrow night, was predicted by G. N. Nibbs of North Platte, another of the state's special attorneys.

That the defense will attempt to show that no one could have carried records and other material to the top floor of the courthouse because of their great weight, and that someone else than their client was involved in the fire, was indicated by Attorney Walter V. Hoagland in questioning Hersey Welsh, special deputy employed to guard the building after the fire. Mr. Hoagland brought out that "there were tons of debris."

Toward the close of the session, the state called Earl Brownfield, cashier of the Bank of Lincoln County of Hersey for testimony in connection with its contention that three \$5,000 certificates of deposit of Drainage District No. 1 of Lincoln county were entered on Souder's financial statement as belonging to the county.

Legal Battles Feature Trial at Plattsmouth

Rumors Are Prevalent That County Attorney Will Resign—Woman to Face Jury Today.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 17.—Resumption of the indictment cases before District Judge James T. Begley were resumed here today. Judge James E. Raper of Pawnee City sat on the bench as an advisory council throughout the day.

Legal battles consumed the greater part of the day, the attorneys for the opposing sides arguing two motions from the time court convened in the morning at 10, until 2:30.

Julia Kaufman, who was indicted on three counts—unlawful possession, sale and giving away of intoxicating liquors—was placed on trial this morning. Attorney A. L. Tidd, who is representing her, made a motion that the case be heard before a new jury panel, because so many of the present panel were in the courtroom when Sheriff Quintin was tried last week, but was overruled by Judge Raper, who ruled on all points.

Motions Overruled.

Attorney Tidd then moved to disqualify Special Prosecutor D. O. Dwyer and Prosecutor W. R. Patrick of Papillion. He introduced an affidavit of County Attorney A. C. Cole, which declared that the latter was present and willing to try the cases on behalf of the state, while the state offered testimony concerning reasons for it.

At 2:30, after both motions had been overruled, a score of extra talents of the present jury panel were called for examination. The balance of the afternoon was spent drawing the jury, which was completed at 4.

Many jurors were dismissed for having insufficient assets for the \$500 bond required. After the jury had been completed, court was adjourned until 9 tomorrow morning.

Present in the court room with the defendant was her husband, Henry, and 14-year-old daughter, Florence.

Rumors are thick that County Attorney Cole will resign. Cole was indicted for malfeasance of office, but escaped trial, when the indictment was dismissed on a technicality. Three candidates for his office started machinery in motion in an effort to land the job.

Woman to Face Post.

Attorney Tidd, it is said, has asked the county attorney not to resign until the trials are completed. When approached tonight, Attorney Tidd said, "I have no statement whatever to make on any of the cases now on trial or to be tried."

The county commissioners will meet Thursday in special session to draw another panel of 60. The board also is expected to approve the bond of E. C. Stewart of Cass county.

Cases docketed for the remainder of the week are Alvin Jones, former police chief, Wednesday; Carl C. Peck, former building and loan inspector, Thursday; Constable William Grebe, on the second charge of assault and battery, Friday. This week will probably end the present court term, as Judge Begley will be busy elsewhere in the district next week. All cases not tried this week will be carried over to the January term of court.

Attorneys for Charles Parmalee, former bank head of Cass county, who also is under indictment, filed an affidavit stating he is too ill to stand trial. His case was carried over to the January term.

Train Strikes Car; One Killed

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 17.—John Kostick, 50, carpenter of St. Paul, Neb., today died from injuries received three hours earlier when he was hurled from an automobile. Approaching a railroad crossing he saw that a train would hit him if he crossed. He tried to shove his car to the side, striking a ditch. The car was hurled and struck the engine.

Five Hurt in Accident

Toll in Lincoln Sunday

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—Miss Maxine Hays of Hollywood, Cal., a university student, today returned to her home from a hospital after being severely cut about the head and face in an automobile accident Sunday night.

Five other persons were injured in Sunday night automobile accidents, police reports today showed.

John Hills was injured internally. Marine and Katherine Stranahan were cut about the face, scalp and arms. Henry Larabee and Mrs. E. G. Weinsold were cut about the face.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Fred Sipp, Lincoln, Neb. 25
Fred Baird, Lincoln, Neb. 25
Clara Clark, Fremont, Neb. 25
Earl Engelauff, Beaver Crossing, Neb. 25
Wiggo Hansen, Fillmore, Neb. 25
Verna Fuertema, Plainview, Neb. 25
Lawrence Gunn, Madison, Neb. 25
Charles Stevens, Madison, Neb. 25
Richard Lantz, Mason City, Ia. 25
Edna Kaufman, Kansas City, Mo. 25
John Greening, Ogden, Utah 25
Bernice Riley, Chicago, Ill. 25
Francis Halsey, Omaha, Neb. 25
Lola McCormick, Omaha, Neb. 25
Harriet Bowen, Omaha, Neb. 25
Helen Hefey, Omaha, Neb. 25
Charles Kowalek, South Omaha, Neb. 25
Rose Saman, Fremont, Neb. 25
B. F. Douly, Omaha, Neb. 25
Katherine McGee, Council Bluffs, Neb. 25
Lynton Ayres, Omaha, Neb. 25
Arbyth Cooley, Omaha, Neb. 25
Albert Fowler, Tekamah, Neb. 25
William Gilmer, Omaha, Neb. 25
George Brinkley, Plattsmouth, Neb. 25
Gale Callahan, Plattsmouth, Neb. 25
John Waid, Nebraska City, Neb. 25
Elio Johnson, Nebraska City, Neb. 25
William Hunter, Omaha, Neb. 25
Emma Andersson, Omaha, Neb. 25
Evan Coleman, Afton, Neb. 25
Mabel Hunt, Elwood, Neb. 25
Clarence Hanson, Council Bluffs, Neb. 25

Fire Sweeps Dakota Town.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 17.—Fire, which swept a part of the business district of Marion, S. D., Sunday, caused a loss of \$18,000. A building occupied by Reich and Sons, hardware, and the Turner Creamery company, was destroyed. The I. O. O. F. building and equipment also was burned.

Iowa Rail Official Dies.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 17.—Fred Austin, 49, agent of the Illinois Central railway in Sioux City for the last 12 years, died of pneumonia Sunday. Mr. Austin came to Sioux City from Waterloo, Ia., where he served in a similar capacity as agent for a number of years.

Two Injured in Accident.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 17.—Mrs. W. H. Bowman was cut about the face and neck by being thrown through the windshield of her car a short distance south of her farm home north of here. Her son, Harry, who was driving, escaped with minor bruises. The machine was not badly damaged.

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Nebraska Corn Sent Over Entire Nation

Ears of Nebraska corn are being sent all over the United States by Fred H. Richards, president of the Nebraska association of real estate boards, to show the standard of corn quality in Nebraska.

This corn was raised on a 152-acre field on the Keens Brothers farm, a few miles east of Fremont.

According to Mr. Richards, the farm produced an average of 70 bushels an acre, a total of 10,640 bushels for the tract. At the market price of 55 cents a bushel, this is nearly \$40 an acre.

Samples of corn being mailed out are of the cattle corn variety. They run from 12 to 13 inches in length. Among recipients of these samples are the National City bank of New York and Congressman Sears of the congressional district including Omaha.

Woman Slightly Injured When Hit by Automobile

Mrs. Alfred Munsey, 1420 North Eighteenth street, was struck and slightly injured by an automobile driven by an unidentified motorist, as she stepped from the curbing at Eighteenth and Cuming streets Monday afternoon. Police advise the car was traveling on the wrong side of the street.

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☀️ SUNNY SIDE UP ☀️

As regarding the question, "Is a bulldog a young catfish, or a catfish an old bulldog," a Daniel has come to judgment. Bill O'Brien, who knows all there is to know about fish, and who was Nebraska's fish commissioner until there arose a man who knew more about fish culture than Bill can ever hope to know, comes forward with the remark that the bulldog is really a small species of the catfish family; in fact, the most diminutive of all catfishes but one of the most valuable. "It bears the same relation to the catfish family as the Shetland pony does to the horse family," explains Mr. O'Brien. Having had the question settled by an expert, I don't want to hear any more about it until the fishing season opens next spring. Till then I'll be open to suggestions and invitations.

Behind the scenes at the Orpheum. Marvelous speed, dexterity and efficiency of the fellows who set the different scenes for the various acts. Congenial bunch, the actors and actresses who make up the bill. Perchance you've noticed the talent out in front looking toward the wings and moving their lips. They are "kiddling" their fellows in the wings. The audience does not hear all the good jokes, many of them being reserved for professional ears. I heard some of them, and got plenty of good laughs. Have often wondered how they managed to make the programs come out even every performance. Discovered that each act takes just so much time, and if the time varies a minute one way or the other some body gets called down. Back stage is about the quietest place in the whole theater. Going back again some of these days; they manage to permit. Rather like to meet the people on the quiet, and on the level.

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For 24 hours, ending 7 p. m., December 17:

Highest, 51; lowest, 21; mean, 46; normal, 28.
Rel. humidity, 45.
Wind, S. by E., 1 to 4 m.p.h.
Precipitation, inches and hundredths, .00
Total, 3. Total since January 1, 35.15 inches.

Hourly Temperatures:

6 a. m.	32	7 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	35	9 a. m.	38
10 a. m.	40	11 a. m.	42
12 m.	45	1 p. m.	48
2 p. m.	50	3 p. m.	52
4 p. m.	55	5 p. m.	58
6 p. m.	60	7 p. m.	62
8 p. m.	60	9 p. m.	60
10 p. m.	5		