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PRESIDENT AS PEACE

Executive Indicates He is holding Patronage from Agents Fighting Cannon.

SENATOR BROWN AT WHITE HOUSE Taft Asks Republicans All to Stand by Party Pledges.

SPEAKERSHIP NOT ISSUE TO HIM Main Thing is to Carry Out Will of the People.

INKLING OF INTENT TO CANNON President Carries on Correspondence with Congressman Norris, and May Make Public Proclamation Soon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Norris Brown saw President Taft today and had a talk with him. There is nothing strange or unusual in either of these statements, for he has very frequently, but the result of that talk is significant. President Taft is not withholding patronage from republicans who are fighting Speaker Cannon and his rules, as has been alleged, nor will he, but he insists that where platform pledges have been made it is the business of republicans to stand by the administration in its efforts to make these pledges effective, instead of fighting will-o'-the-wisp and thereby impairing the solidarity of the party.

President Taft is not wedded to Speaker Cannon nor will he punish those who are in the front rank of republicans, but what the president most wants is unanimity of action, for he told Senator Brown there was much to do in the next year or two and he wanted every republican to help carry out pre-election pledges.

In an evening newspaper Senator Brown is quoted as saying on emerging from the president's room: "We are going to get those anarchists before this session is over."

"Who do you mean by anarchists?" Senator Brown was asked. "I mean the regulars—the Aldrich crew," he answered.

When asked about this statement Senator Brown laughingly said it was intended for a joke as much as anything. He said he had told the newspaper men about the White House that he had nothing to say for publication, but on being "badgered" had used the words attributed to him, but with no thought of their being seriously accepted.

Cannon and Speakership. One thing Senator Brown is insistent upon and that is the president realizes the intensity of the situation and will do everything possible to bring about honorable peace between the contending factions and must be that the White House will give Speaker Cannon that to persist in his intention to be speaker of the Sixty-second congress will mean a democrat in the place he now occupies. Run for congress if he will in the Danville district, but keep out of the speakership fight.

Full correspondence has passed between the president and Representative Norris of Nebraska, one of the foremost of the insurgents, concerning the situation was admitted by the Nebraska member today, but in the absence of official sanction he declined to make public the contents of the letters.

President Taft is said to have written Mr. Norris a letter declaring that the administration was making no war upon any member of the house and that he in no wise blamed individual members for acting in an independent capacity in anything affecting themselves or their districts.

The president, however, is said to have deprecated the action of the republican insurgents in making such a fight as to cause the press and the public to believe that a division had occurred within the party, and that the administration was confronted with a serious defection in its own ranks before it had become a year old.

HOUSE BALKS ON SENATE MOVE Hallinger Inquiry Resolution is Sent to Conference. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The house today refused to concur in the senate amendments to the Pinchot-Hallinger resolution and decided to ask for a conference.

New Rivers Bill Will Provide for Western Streams

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Executive session today the rivers and harbors committee of the house voted for the annual rivers and harbors bill. The bill, which will in all probability be introduced about February 1, will carry about \$30,000,000. It will take care of the Mississippi and its tributaries and deal fairly, according to Chairman Alexander, with the Missouri from Kansas City to Sioux City.

"This bill will go down in history, in my judgment, as an inland waterways bill," said Colonel Alexander.

Senator Burkett, who has been indefatigable in his efforts to hold the Missouri river in bounds at Decatur, Burt county, where of late years serious washouts have occurred, said today that indications strongly pointed to something being done by the War department in the spring toward fixing the banks.

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Resolutions Presented to Convention of National Live Stock Association Will Provoke Debate.

OBJECT TO COMMERCE COURT Granting of Increased Power to the Commission is Favored.

FOREST SERVICE IS PRAISED Lease Law Governing Use of Public Lands Advocated.

CAREY AND HEARD SPEAK Arizona Man Says Only Hope for Grazers Lies in Federal Control of the Open Range.

DENVER, Jan. 12.—Many governmental reforms are demanded in resolutions presented to the National Live Stock association for adoption today.

The granting of power of the Interstate Commerce commission to review railway classifications, to annual changes in regulations and to institute proceedings on its own motion, as recommended by President Taft, are favored, but the resolution opposes the appointment of any interstate commerce court.

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From the Minneapolis Journal. Bryan Arrives.

FLOODS MENACE AT ST. LOUIS Rain Causes Mississippi to Assume Threatening Aspect.

GORGE FORMS BELOW THE CITY Warning is Issued to River Men to Be Prepared to Protect Their Property—Kansas Under Deluge.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—Rain today in Missouri and northern points caused the Mississippi river to assume a threatening aspect. The weather bureau issued a warning to the river men to be prepared to protect their property.

The Mississippi river is gorged with ice from Chester, Ill., sixty miles below St. Louis, to this city.

The Missouri river is gorged at Hermann, Mo., and many smaller gorges are reported north of St. Louis. The river gauge this morning stood at 21.5 feet, a rise of 7 feet in twenty-four hours.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 12.—Kansas is being deluged by a rain that commenced last night and which is continuing today. An inch and a half fall was recorded at the local weather bureau this morning.

Jolt for Brokers by Committee in Wall Street Finding of Board Investigating Rock Island Episode May Involve Three Firms.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The findings of the governing committee of the stock exchange in what has become known as the "Rock Island episode," will occasion much surprise and no little consternation, according to statements made in Wall street today.

Well informed individuals declare that not one, but at least three well known brokerage houses will be severely disciplined and that the acts proved against them are all connected with the manipulation of Rock Island stock.

The governors seem to have discovered evidence of a long and well sustained movement in Rock Island common under circumstances regarded as suspicious on the stock exchange.

Panic Stricken Cotton Longs Are Unloading

Third Sensational Slump in Prices Since Downward Movement Began Last Week. NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—There was a further break in the cotton market today, making the third sensational slump in prices since the movement started early last week.

Panic-stricken longs in all parts of the world seemed to be liquidating their cotton regardless of price, and the action of the market showed such intense excitement and demoralization as finds a parallel only in the series of sensational movements following the collapse of the Sully boom.

For more than a year the cotton market has been steadily advancing and toward the end of last month prices had reached a level which, since the civil war, had only been equaled when Sully was at the height of his fame.

March contracts selling at 14.15 and May at 14.45. But at the closing of today's trading March contracts sold at 14.00 and May at 14.75, a loss from the high record of from 17.85 to 18.40 per bale, almost all of which has occurred during the last week.

The declines from the closing prices of last night amounted to more than \$2.50 per bale.

There does not appear to have been any change in general trade conditions to warrant the almost unprecedented slump in prices. It is apparent, however, that one after another of the big bull cliques, which have been organized independently during the progress of the big bull market, have been liquidating.

Probably the selling movement was originally due to an effort to obtain profits on long lines, owing to the approach of the new planting season and expectations of greatly increased area, while the holder of any speculative short interest left the market with very little support.

It was reported today that spinners were buying more freely in the south and late arrivals from the leading southern spot markets show no material weakness.

INSURGENTS KEEPING BUSY

Ex-Speaker Paul Clark Says Work Has Only Begun. ALDRICH MAY BE THEIR MAN David City Man Declared in Line with Their Policies—Senatorial Fight Lively Among Democrats.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—While a number of those who attended the meeting of self-styled progressives last Monday have cut for cover and assured the public their presence was obtained through misrepresentation as to the object of the meeting, John C. Fremont McKesson and Paul Clark, the one a grand old genuine standpat progressive and the other spokesman of the house of representatives when progressives were not even thought of, are still insuring.

"You bet we are insuring," said Mr. Clark last night. "We have just begun. The public has not heard the last of that meeting we held."

McKesson failed to show up in his accustomed haunts today, so there is no reason to say he has quit insuring. The genuine progressives give out the hunch they intend now to include a governor in their program, and that Senator Chester Aldrich of Seward will be the man.

Aldrich has announced his platform and as it includes county option some of the progressives say he should be the running mate of the man who is nominated for senator.

Incidentally the little meeting the other day has created some peculiar situations. C. O. Whedon, Frank Harrison and other anti-D. E. Thompson men carrying water for D. E. Thompson's paper to help carry out D. E. Thompson's wishes.

"Senatorial Sacrifice." Democrats of Lincoln are very much interested in the announcement of W. H. Thompson as candidate for the senate, which followed this statement in the Columbus Telegram, Edgar Howard's paper: "Within this present year there may be on sale at Nebraska book stores a book of fact which will be as strange as any fiction. The title of the book will be 'A Senatorial Sacrifice,' and it will tell the story of a Nebraska man who willingly sacrificed a seat in the national senate in order that his bosom friend might be kept out of the penitentiary."

It being recalled that Edgar Howard is manager of the Thompson campaign, that item appears as a threat against some democrats and democrats who have read it are wondering at whom it is directed. It is the general prediction around here that the fight between Hitchcock and Thompson will be a red-hot one, and as both men have been mixed up in politics together for so long, it is the general talk that the fight will border on the sensational.

In the meantime George W. Berge is sounding public sentiment to see what chance he stands in the fight, while friends (Continued on Second Page.)

GRAVES NAMED FOR FORESTER

Director of Yale Forest School is Appointed Successor to Gifford Pinchot.

POTTER SUCCEEDS PRICE Forester and Associate Are Both Known as Pinchot Men.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE GROWS Number of Pieces Handled Increases 96 Per Cent in Four Years.

ROADS GREATLY IMPROVED Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Says This is One of the Indirect Benefits of Installation of Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Taft this afternoon appointed Henry S. Graves, director of the Yale Forest school, as forester of the United States to succeed Gifford Pinchot. He also appointed Albert F. Potter, at present acting forester, as associate forester. The new forester and his associate are both known as Pinchot men. Both have served under Mr. Pinchot, and both are in sympathy with his policy of administration.

It was largely through Mr. Pinchot's efforts that the Yale Forest school was established and Mr. Graves went from the post of assistant chief of the division of forestry under Mr. Pinchot to become director of the school in 1909. He had served in the forestry division for two years. Mr. Graves graduated from Yale in 1902. He was trained in forestry in this country and in Europe and has had extensive experience in the west, having made the reconnaissance survey of the Black Hills in 1907. Mr. Graves will take up his duties as forester February 1.

Mr. Potter, the new associate forester, who succeeds Overton W. Price, is a native of California and had spent all of his life in the west until he became a member of the forestry staff of Pinchot in 1907. He has had jurisdiction over all grazing privileges within the preserves. He is well acquainted with western conditions and is thoroughly informed of all the policies and practices of the forestry service.

Rural Mail Service Grows. An increase of 96 per cent in the amount of mail handled on rural delivery routes during the fiscal year ending June 30 last over the fiscal year of 1905 is shown in the annual report of the fourth assistant postmaster, General P. V. Degraw, which was transmitted today to the postmaster general. Commenting upon this fact, Mr. Degraw says:

"This remarkable increase is conclusive evidence that the institution of rural delivery has enlarged the amount of the mails handled and therefore increased the revenue. This is true, although 45 per cent of the bulk of mail on rural routes is second-class matter, as the increase applies to all classes of mail, especially to letters and postal cards, the latter due to the enormous use of souvenir or picture postal cards."

The report shows that during the last year 2,316 petitions for rural delivery service of mail were filed with the department. Of this number 361 were pending on June 30, 1908. Of the 3,055 petitions disposed of, 967, or 31 per cent, were rejected and 2,088 petitions were accepted for investigation. On June 30, 1909, petitions had been made in 1,400 of these cases, of which 647, or 46 per cent, were adverse to the installation of the service.

Mr. DeGraw says that the installation of rural delivery for the year has been followed by an increase in the amount of mail delivered and collected within the territories, respectively, covered by that service. During the last fiscal year the total expenditures for rural free delivery was \$35,861,604, an increase over the previous year of \$1,280,000.

"There has been unprecedented improvement of the roads traversed by rural carriers," the report says, "due to the intelligent and well directed interest of postmasters and carriers." At the dead letter division the receipts for the year aggregated 11,977,325 pieces, a decrease of 1,147,947 from the preceding twelve months.

The revenue derived from dead matter for the year amounted to \$29,234. Government and Powder Combine. Whether the government shall continue to buy its great supply of smokeless powder from the DuPont Powder company, the alleged "powder trust," or extend the work of manufacturing its own powder, was considered by the house naval committee today and officers of the army and navy and officials of the powder company gave evidence at length.

F. G. Buckner, vice president of the powder company, denied that the company is a trust. He said that there was a dozen competing companies in the United States and instanced the fact that a rival concern had recently captured the big government contract for the powder used on the Isthmus of Panama.

Denial was made by Mr. Buckner of the charge that his company had raised the price to the government for powder needed when the Spanish war began. On the contrary, he said, prices were lowered. The government now pays 63 cents per pound to the DuPont company, a decrease from last year.

It costs the government 63 cents to manufacture powder, but labor, materials, and other charges bring the cost up to the amount paid the private concern. Brigadier General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and Rear Admiral N. F. Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance, offered no contradiction of Mr. Buckner's testimony. Status of Federal Coal Lands. Of the 322,000,000 acres of western coal lands 70,000,000 acres still remain in the hands of the federal government, according to a statement contained in a bulletin issued by the United States geological survey. The report goes on to deal with the present scheme of classification and valuation by the government of its coal lands, which is based on selling coal lands at coal prices and fixing the prices per acre on an estimate of tonnage content and quality of coal.

Girl and Waiter Are Taken Back

Roberta de Janon and Frederick Cohen Will Reach Philadelphia This Afternoon. CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Roberta de Janon, the Philadelphia dressmaker, and Frederick Cohen, the waiter with whom she eloped on December 29, left for Philadelphia today with Detective Sergeants A. J. Emanuel and James Scanlon. The party is due in Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon.

The Philadelphia detectives observed the greatest secrecy in getting the elopers out of the city. They were taken to the depot in a heavier-than-air machine, with the curtains drawn, were smuggled into the baggage room and taken to a room below in a freight elevator. From there they hurried aboard the train and the curtains of the drawing room and section reserved were drawn.

Cohen's picture and measurements by the Bertillon system were taken. "I suppose they will give me about five years for this," said Ferdinand Cohen, the waiter, today to Miss Roberta de Janon, whom he is accused of abducting. "But I don't care. I have made you happy for a short time, any way, and that is enough for me."

Cohen and Miss de Janon met at the Harrison street police station for the first time since their arrest. They had a nice little talk together, to use the girl's expression.

Cohen pinched her cheek and told her he had read in the papers that she thought more of her dog than she did of him. She denied it strongly. "You know I don't," said she. "All right, then," said Cohen.

Many Are Hurt in Vandalia Wreck Truck Under Tender of Locomotive Breaks and Coaches Are Derailed. VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 12.—A passenger train on the Vandalia railroad south bound was wrecked three miles north of this city this afternoon. Many persons were hurt, but none fatally. A truck under the tender of the locomotive broke and the coaches being derailed, rolled down the embankment.

Peerless Leader is Roasted by Adj. General Hartigan

Echoes are still resounding from the affair at the Omaha Guards' new armory Monday evening, which was called "burning up," as one of them expressed it. The source of their heat, chagrin and cry for vengeance is Adjutant General Hartigan. During his talk to the assembled officers, guardsmen and their friends General Hartigan took occasion to say some blunt things directed straight at the one-time colonel of the Third Nebraska regiment.

"It may be called democratic treason in some quarters to say it, but it is true nevertheless that men in high station and of great influence in the dominant party in this state used that influence to be appointed to responsible commands in the army, when they had absolutely no knowledge of military matters or of the duties and responsibilities of commanding officers. It is in fact a record that they did not know the first rudiments of camp sanitation or how to care for the health of their men."

Major Dahlman, with all his cool nerve, tightened his lips a trifle when he caught Hartigan's meaning. Tom Flynn, with his fine sense of humor, smiled within while keeping a serious face. City Clerk Dan Butler began to look dangerous before General Hartigan had finished, and several vociferous partisans of Bryan were actually sick at the stomach. There was nothing to do but grin and bear it, however, for Hartigan was there to say what he had to say regardless.

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Let us help you find the room you want. On the Want Ad page of The Bee you will find a list of practically every vacant room in Omaha. The people who have rooms to rent are learning that the way to secure tenants is to advertise the rooms in The Bee. Have you read the want ads today?

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In speaking of the effect of the new valuation plans upon government coal sales G. H. Abley of the survey says the higher prices seem to have increased rather than decreased the sales of coal lands. In September last the sales of Salt Lake City averaged more than 48 an acre and in