

WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Nebraska—Fair.  
For Iowa—Fair; colder east portion.  
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### BURKETT SAYS SENATE IS SLOW

Nebraska Member Protests Against Fabian Tactics of Upper House of Congress.  
POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS DELAYED

Calls Attention of Body to Work He Thinks it Should Do.  
SENATOR BROWN IN NEW YORK

Makes Address to Jewelers on Income Tax Amendment.  
IOWA RATES ARE CUT DOWN

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Them Reduced from River to Ottumwa—Governors as Guests.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(Special gram.)—Senator Burkett delivered a tirade to the senate today which made him wise old owl blink and fidget about. It didn't avail much, but it did do something—brought home the fact that the senate has done little or nothing since the first Monday in December. From the manner in which the upper house of congress is proceeding Senator Burkett's deduction is that it intends to do nothing.

The Nebraska senator started the pyrotechnics on Senator Hale's motion that when the senate adjourn it be until Monday next. Of course, the motion prevailed, but the Nebraska member would not let the opportunity pass to take a "fall" out of the senate for its do-nothing attitude.

Senator Burkett said the senate had been called in session for two months and had done absolutely nothing. He called attention to the postal savings bank bill which had been two-thirds perfected at the last session of congress and insinuatingly wanted to know why the senate could not sit daily and perfect the remainder of the bill. It was his opinion that adjournment was being taken in order that the bill might never be completed.

Senator Hale, stated that adjournment was taken that committees might have time to formulate reports and put the final touch to bills. Burkett felt the crushing power of the steam roller, but says if the senate does not get down to work pretty promptly soon, he will pull the record on several committees of the first rank and show that they have not had a meeting since congress convened.

Brown Talks in New York.  
Senator Brown, who is one of the principal speakers at the Jewelers' club in New York tonight, took for his text his income tax amendment to the constitution and incidentally criticized the position of Governor Hughes, who has declared himself in opposition to the measure. Among other things he said:

"The virtue of the proposed amendment is that it contains no exemptions and makes no exceptions. Under the proposed amendment all incomes may be treated alike and bear each its share of burden should equally or per se of the nation. In the face of actual necessity, when it confronted the nation today, not a man could be found in New York who would object to the law because it reached the holder of public bonds as well as other people. When argument is applied to the real situation, such as the amendment is designed to meet, the argument falls.

"The capacity of the state to borrow money depends on the wealth and resources of its people. It does not depend and has no dependable relation to taxes or creditors the state has to pay. The capacity of an individual to borrow money depends on his wealth and resources and not on taxes collected from a man he owes. The railroad can borrow money if it has property to serve the loan without regard to whether the owner of the bond pays or escapes paying the tax on the bond.

"When New York, if it does, rejects the amendment the American people will know it is because it is opposed to conferring on the government the power to tax any income and not because its people are afraid the borrower will escape the tax of this great state will be impaired."

Iowa Rates Reduced.  
Railroad freight rates between Mississippi river crossings and Ottumwa, Ia., are declared by the Interstate Commerce commission to be unreasonable and excessive. In an order issued by the commission today in the case of the Ottumwa Commercial association against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Wabash railroads, the rates on first-class freight were reduced from 81 cents to 60 cents a hundred pounds and those on second-class freight from 50 cents to 46 cents a hundred pounds from Chicago to Ottumwa. These rates are to be made effective for two years, beginning March 15.

Governors Entertained.  
Representative Dawson, who has refused to stand for re-election in the Second Iowa district, was host today at a splendidly appointed luncheon in the house restaurant in honor of Governor Carroll. The entire Iowa delegation in the house were guests of Mr. Dawson.

Representatives Burke and Martin of South Dakota entertained Governor Vessey at luncheon today.

Governor Carroll of Iowa, who extended an invitation to the conference of governors to meet in Des Moines next year, hopes for favorable consideration of his invitation. In view of the fact that the governors decided to meet in one of the state capitals next year, Governor Carroll is of the opinion that Des Moines just about fills the bill.

Mrs. Morris Brown was hostess at a delightful luncheon at the Portland in honor of Mrs. Shallenberger, wife of Nebraska's governor. To meet Mrs. Shallenberger, Mrs. Brown invited the wives of representatives in congress from the Prairie state.

E. C. Ericson of Elk Point, Carl Gundersen of Vermillion and T. W. Dwight of Sioux Falls, S. D., were in Washington today en route to New York.

Senator Warren today introduced a bill carrying an appropriation of \$75,000 to purchase a site and erect a public building at Buffalo, Wyo.

### Paroles Granted to Two Chicago Bank Wreckers

Paul O. Stensland and Henry O. Hering to Be Released by Order of State Board of Pardons.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Paul O. Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, and Henry O. Hering, formerly its cashier, who were convicted in connection with the wrecking of the bank and the disappearance of \$1,300,000 of its funds, were paroled today.

Stensland, who was captured after a sensational chase extending across the Atlantic ocean, into Europe and into Morocco, had served three years three months and twenty-four days when the pardon board, sitting at the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., concluded he had been punished enough.

Allowing for good behaviour this time represents a sentence of four years six months and eight days. He was sent to the penitentiary on an indeterminate sentence from one to ten years. Hering was given a similar sentence. Arguments before the pardon board on behalf of the offenders was that their guilt consisted in trying to cover up shortages struggling to get the bank out of Stensland is almost 63 years old. The looking of the Milwaukee Avenue bank, for which Stensland, its president, Hering, its cashier, were sent to serve indeterminate sentences in the Joliet penitentiary, involved the savings of 23,000 depositors and the disappearance of about \$1,300,000 of the institution's deposits. Stensland left Chicago July 1908, and it was not until August that the bank was closed by the state banking examiner. Stensland's integrity and the confidence reposed in him by the small tradesmen and wage earners who figured largely as depositors in the institution, led both the authorities and the victims to believe for a time that undisciplined securities and careless bookkeeping would account for the steadily increasing shortages.

The suicide of the bank's paying teller and three ruined depositors, the death of another from worry and four victims adjudged insane from the same cause soon added an element of tragedy to the affair. In the meantime the fugitive president had been traced to Tangier, Morocco, where he was arrested September 4, 1908. Cashier Hering gave himself up.

### Fetzer Charged With Big Fraud

Former Omaha Man Accused of Participation in Alleged \$850,000 Swindle on Railroad.

Suit has been filed in the district court of Chicago accusing J. C. Fetzer, formerly of Omaha, with being one of three participants in a gigantic fraud upon the Chicago & Western Indiana Railroad company. The sum named is \$850,000.

Mr. Fetzer with Benjamin Thomas, former president of the road, and Charles R. Knappe, another Chicagoan, are charged with having made purchases of real estate with the road's money, transferring to "dummy title holders," and then transferring to the road at prices far in excess of the original cost. Thomas a handsome profit was realized on the alleged conspirators.

Evidence will at once be presented to a grand jury against the three men. Mr. Fetzer was at one time bookkeeper for the Marlin, Orendorf & Martin company. From here he went to Chicago to become credit man for Cyrus McCormick of harvesters fame. Then he secured the place of real estate agent for the McCormick estate after the death of Cyrus McCormick.

It was at this time that Mr. Fetzer sold the McCormick estate the old United States National bank building at Twelfth and Farnam for several hundred thousand dollars. It was recently disposed of at \$75,000.

Preparation of the suit filed in Chicago has been a matter of weeks and months, and no expense was spared. Directors of the company engaged William J. Burns, the famous detective of San Francisco fame, who traced down sales after sale, through all the transfers. The suit has created a terrific sensation in Chicago.

### FRANK E. HERING RE-WEDS

President of Eagles, Recently Divorced, Marries Rich Widow.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank E. Hering, president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, who was recently divorced and ordered by the court to pay his wife \$10,000 alimony, was married here today. His bride is Mrs. Claribel Orton, a wealthy widow.

Preparing for Fall Fair.  
HURON, S. D., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The office of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, in charge of C. N. McIlvaine, is a very busy place. Arrangements for next fall's exhibition are materializing and a force of clerks is pushing the work as rapidly as possible. A number of counties are being secured for an agricultural exhibit at the 1910 fair, which action will stimulate other counties to do likewise.

### Dan Lahey Catches Afire Fighting a Runaway Horse

Help! Fire! Whoa! Fighting with a runaway horse, beating a fire that was burning off his clothes, Dan Lahey, police emergency officer, tore along North Seventeenth street.

The agency of his burns did not deter him from his determination to stop the running horse. With one hand on the bridle while he frantically beat at the flames with his hat, the officer was dragged along in his manful struggle. The flaming concourse of horse and man was intercepted after a race of two blocks and a swarm of passersby held the horse, while others turned their attention to the flaming policeman.

### COAL AND METAL MINERS MAY UNITE

United Mine Workers Discuss Proposition to Merge with Western Federation.

OUTLINE OF BIG PROJECT  
Union to Include All Mine Workers in United States and Canada.

MATTER FAVORABLY RECEIVED  
President Lewis Will Appoint Committee to Report Further.

MOYER AND MAHONEY SPEAK  
It is Urged that Time is Ripe for All Miners to Stand for Higher Wages and Better Conditions.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—A merger of the resources of the Western Federation of Miners (metal) and the United Mine Workers of North America (coal) to embrace all the organized mine workers of the United States and Canada is in prospect during the convention of the United Mine Workers now in session in this city. President Lewis tomorrow will appoint a committee of seven, including himself, to confer with a similar committee sent to this city by the Western Federation of Miners and report a plan to the convention.

The purpose of the coalition was set before the convention today by Charles H. Moyer, president, and C. A. Mahoney, vice president, of the Western Federation of Miners, and T. L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers. Moyer urged upon the convention that unless the iron and coal miners of both north and south combine their forces it will be impossible to carry through the projected attack on the United States Steel corporation. He also pleaded that in these "copper trusts" campaign against the copper miners, now he said, begun, the copper miners were helpless, standing alone.

The several speakers urged that the time is ripe for all miners to amalgamate for a stand for higher wages and better working conditions.

Charles H. Moyer, president, and C. E. Mahoney, vice president, of the Western Federation, chiefly of metal miners, made speeches urging an offensive and defensive league of all miners as the only solution of their "problems."

The projected merger was unanimously approved by the convention. Moyer, who was enthusiastically received, declared that the interests of the metal miners and coal miners were identical.

He asked the convention to take a stand against William Randolph Hearst, "the great friend of organized labor," who, he charged, with having been influential in "locking out" organized miners in the northwest. He said if it were necessary to ask for financial aid in this fight he first would call on the coal miners.

### Dissolution of Harriman Merger Will Be Pushed

Attorney General Makes Authoritative Statement Suit Will Not Be Dropped.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—It was stated authoritatively today that the government suit for the dissolution of the merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways will not be dropped. Attorney General Wickham has found nothing so far in his investigation to warrant such action.

### Schiavone Family Acquitted by Jury

Declared Not Guilty of Complicity in Thefts by Cripple from Italian Bank.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The five persons who were on trial on the charge of conspiracy to fraudulently obtain money from Pasquale Schiavone, the owner of an Italian bank here, were declared not guilty today.

The defendants were implicated by Angelina Schiavone, the daughter of the banker, who confessed to the theft of approximately \$50,000. The girl, a cripple, said she stole the money to give to her uncle and aunt, Francesco Schiavone and Gilda Schiavone, in order that she might marry their son, who is also a cripple.

The defendants were Francesco Schiavone, his wife, two daughters and a son-in-law. Angelina Schiavone will be tried for the theft.

Eight Dressmakers Plead Guilty.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Eight of the dressmakers indicted for complicity in the "sleeper" trunk smuggling of millinery, today entered pleas of guilty in the United States circuit court. Fines aggregating \$10,000 were imposed.



### HEALTH TOPIC OF MAGNATES

Insurance Presidents Discuss Means of Prolonging Life.  
CAUSE OF TYPHOID SCOURGE

Dr. Rosenau Declares Conditions Causing Disease Are National Disgrace—Public Health Militia is Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The movement to prolong human life was the topic discussed by the various speakers at the morning session today of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

The report of the life extension committee of the association was presented by George E. Ide, chairman of the committee. The work of the federal government in the matter of health conservation and ways in which this work may be supplemented was discussed by Dr. Walter Wyman, surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service.

Dr. H. J. Rosenau of Harvard Medical college, the next speaker, told the life insurance presidents that they could do much in a campaign of education to teach the people the value of preventive medicine and that not only as organizations, but as individual citizens they should help to foster a fruitful and useful legislation of a public health character.

Dr. E. W. Dwight of Boston declared that the vast mine of information which had been collected by life insurance companies during the last sixty years could be used to great advantage in the fight to promote public health.

Typoid National Disgrace.  
"There is more typhoid fever in this country than in any other civilized land," said Dr. Rosenau. "The annual total is 35,000 deaths and over 350,000 cases. This is national disgrace and due entirely to lack of education on the subject. We probably know more about typhoid and its methods of spread and means for its control than we do of any other disease. Yet right here in our capital city there is an excessive amount of typhoid and this sad story finds repetition in all our large cities. It does not mean that typhoid is a new disease, but that we are not doing our duty in the cause of preventive medicine. I do not mean a marching column of men in uniforms armed with microscopes and disinfectants. The public health militia that I have in mind calls for the enrollment of all good citizens. Preventive medicine is the watchword of the hour and enlistment in the cause can come only through education."

Public Health Militia.  
"There are two important factors in public health work. One is the gaining of new knowledge through scientific research; the other is the diffusion of this knowledge through education. With prophetic foresight and characteristic energy, Harvard university has established a chair of preventive medicine as an integral part of its educational system. Not only the medical profession, but the public at large should be enlightened. The scientific and professional corps may be the regular army, but the public must be the reserve militia, in an effective warfare against disease."

"When the people understand that typhoid fever is as preventable as are railroad accidents we shall have a cause bell, and the courage needed for a victorious campaign. The government now protects us from cholera, leprosy, yellow fever and other exotic plagues; why should it not also guard us against the dangers that are present as well as those that are but remotely imminent? Present dangers such as tuberculosis, pneumonia, typhoid fever and infantile diarrhoea are infections which reap the highest toll of death among us and are foes more worthy of our best efforts."

### Train Plunges Down Mountain; Four Are Killed

Moffat Line Freight Buns Wild on Grade Near Summit of Divide.

DENVER, Jan. 20.—Tearing down the mountain side at the rate of nearly seventy miles an hour, a freight train on the Moffat road jumped the track at a point between Jumpy Lake and Antelope, near the summit of the range, early today and the entire train plunged down the hill. Three men were killed and another fatally injured.

The dead: ENGINEER GRAY, Denver. FIREMAN HOOSICK, Denver. BRAKEMAN BERRINGER. Conductor T. D. Chappott is reported fatally injured.

Berlinger was hurled far from his train into the deep snow and his body has not been recovered.

The train was bound for Denver. It was drawn by a big compound engine, one of the largest in use on the steep mountain grades. On the grade near Tolland, the train got beyond control and soon was plunging down the mountain at a terrific speed. Finally the engine and then the heavy train jumped the rails and was hurled far down the hill. The engineer and fireman were killed instantly.

### Thirty Miners Rescued, and Two Are Killed

Men Are Imprisoned Three Hours in Shaft Near Richmond, Missouri.

RICHMOND, Mo., Jan. 20.—Two miners were killed and several others were injured, none fatally, when thirty men were imprisoned in mine No. 6, owned by Pence & Cainan and situated one mile from here, today, the result of an explosion.

The dead: CHARLES WAIT. BUDD BRADY.

Among the injured was James Pence, a brother of one of the proprietors. The other miners were rescued after being imprisoned three hours. With one or two exceptions they escaped with slight injuries.

### AGREEMENT WITH SWITCHMEN

Tentative Trade Patched Up by the Chicago Roads and Their Employes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A tentative agreement has been reached in the controversy between the Chicago railroads and their switchmen. It is likely the announcement will be made later in the day by the mediators. The nature of the agreement is not disclosed, but it is believed to involve arbitration of the wage question.

### Banker Walsh Cheerfully Takes Up Prison Routine

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 20.—"I slept very well, thank you," replied John B. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, in response to the greeting of a guard this morning at the federal prison here.

The aged banker had arisen after his first night as "convict 691," had made up the little cot in his cell and stood, as did the other 900 prisoners, awaiting the order to march to breakfast.

Today, it was planned, and probably for several days to come, Mr. Walsh was to be permitted to rest before entering upon the regular routine of prison life.

If the prisoner was on the verge of collapse, he covered up the symptoms. His chief concern seemed to be that he should violate none of the rules of the institution. He was even eager to carry out to the letter every order that might be given him, and this he did with a cheerfulness that made his keepers, who had seen many a stout heart given way when finally merged into the existence of hundreds of fellow prisoners marvel.

### FIRM OF BROKERS SUSPENDS

Failure of Roberts, Hall & Criss Due to Hoarding Slump.

AFFAIR TO BE INVESTIGATED  
Probability that Special Committee of Stock Exchange Will Look Into Unusual Condition of Affairs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Roberts, Hall & Criss of New York and Cincinnati were forced to suspend as members of the New York Stock exchange today, following the failure yesterday, brought about by the collapse of the Columbus and Hocking Valley Coal and Iron pool.

Hugh F. Criss was the board member of the pool and had charge of the Hocking pool on the exchange. He estimates the liabilities of the firm at \$3,000,000, but is quoted as saying that he hoped to pay "100 cents on the dollar" unless the governors of the exchange permit switching on the part of other members with whom he had contracts.

The feeling among members of the exchange is that Criss is made to bear more than his share of the blame and that all the participants ought to be punished for their part in the episode.

The affairs of all three firms involved—J. M. Fiske & Co. and Lathrop, Hazkins & Co., which suspended yesterday—as well as Roberts, Hall & Criss, are now being investigated by the committee on insolvency of the exchange. But it is not unlikely the situation may get beyond the jurisdiction of this committee, necessitating the appointment of a special committee with plenary power, such as was done in the Rock Island case not long ago.

In announcing the failure of Roberts, Hall & Criss, the president of the exchange said there were peculiar circumstances which called for rigid investigation. These, as Criss' declarations indicate, imply faith on the part of other members of the so-called pool. A petition to remove the stock of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron company from the list of the Stock exchange is said to be under consideration.

Criss endeavored yesterday to stay the flood tide of selling orders in the stock and before the day was over almost collapsed and had to be assisted from the exchange floor.

The suspended firm, composed of J. Nevins Roberts, Thomas B. Criss, Hugh F. Criss and Walker Hall, has its principal office in Cincinnati. The firm was formed in August, 1902.

### GRAND ISLAND LOOKING INTO DEATH OF PROF. VAUGHN

Former Instructor in Missouri Normal School Died Last October.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 20.—An investigation into the death of John T. Vaughn, former professor in the First district (state) Normal school, is being conducted by the Adair county grand jury.

Prof. Vaughn died last October. His body is buried in a vault of steel and concrete in Monroe City, Mo. The county, where his widow and daughter reside, Prof. Vaughn was an authority on American history.

When the line formed the new prisoner simply took his place and moved toward the breakfast room. There, with the others he partook of the meager prison fare, outwardly with relish.

Breakfast over, all were returned to their cells to rest before the day's work should begin at 7:30. But Mr. Walsh did not begin his active duties today, instead, when the rest period was up, he was taken to the office of Dr. A. E. Yohle and given a preliminary examination. Here, also, he maintained his remarkable composure, answered all questions readily and gave the physicians whatever help he might in diagnosing his case.

From Dr. Yohle's office Mr. Walsh was taken to the office of William McCaughey, a son of the warden and special agent of the Department of Justice in charge of the Bertillon system. There he was to spend today under observation.

It was decided not to take the Bertillon measurements till Mr. Walsh has been given a chance to rest from the mental strain and fatigue which he has undergone. Later this week a more thorough examination will be made by the physician and then if the prisoner is found fit, he will be assigned to work, probably next week.

### CAUCUS SLATE GOES THROUGH

House Elects Ballinger-Finchot Inquiry Committee Nominated Wednesday Evening.

FULL STRENGTH IS MUSTERED  
Majority Carries Out Its Program, with Several Votes to Spare.

DEMOCRATS OFFER AMENDMENT  
Effort to Substitute Rainey for Lloyd is Voted Down.

LYOYD TRIES TO WITHDRAW  
Democrat Chosen for Place Refuses to Serve and Pleads for Recognition of Minority Caucus Nominee.

BALLINGER-FINCHOT COMMITTEE. Representatives—McCall of Massachusetts, Olmsted of Pennsylvania, Denby of Michigan, Madison of Kansas, republicans; James of Kentucky and Lloyd of Missouri, democrats.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Ignoring the protests of the democratic members, the republican majority in the house today ratified their caucus nominees for the Ballinger-Finchot investigating committee, displacing Representative Rainey of Illinois, one of the democratic selections, and nominating in his stead Representative Lloyd of Missouri, who indicated his unwillingness to serve on the committee. Consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was resumed, but was laid aside until tomorrow, after three hours' debate.

The senate had a brief session, the only incident of which was a speech by Senator Bradley of Kentucky, in which he defended Kentucky and charged that the "Tobacco trust" was responsible for the acts of violence which had been perpetrated by the so-called night riders in that state.

At 5:30 p. m. the senate adjourned until Monday, but the house remained in session until 5:45 p. m.

Republican Program Goes Through.  
The republicans today mustered their entire party strength in the house and forced through their caucus program, eliminating Mr. Rainey (dem., Ill.) from the Ballinger-Finchot investigating committee. The vote was 185 ayes, 145 noes, 10 voting present.

The house first voted down an amendment offered by Mr. Clayton (dem.) Alabama, substituting Rainey for Lloyd, who announced that he would not serve.

A caucus of the democrats was called after announcement of the vote on the resolution to toll immediately after adjournment of the house today to determine whether the democrats should decline representation on the committee.

Of the eighteen members who answered "present" four, Mann (Illinois), McLatchen (California), Lundin (Illinois) and Young (New York) were regular republicans. Gary (Wisconsin), Copeley (Wisconsin), David (Minnesota), Lenrow (Wisconsin), Lindbergh (Minnesota), Pondexter (Washington), Madison (Kansas) and Nelson (Wisconsin) were republican "insurgents." Ashbrook (Ohio), Burleson (Texas), Carter (Oklahoma), Poy (North Carolina), Rainey (Illinois) and Webb (North Carolina) were democrats.

Rothermel (democrat), Pennsylvania, and Olmsted (republican), Pennsylvania, were paired.

Carrier Resolution Adopted.  
The Carrier resolution naming the republican caucus appointees was adopted by a vote of 185 ayes, 145 noes and 10 voting present.

Promptly after the house was called to order by Speaker Cannon, Chairman Dalzell presented a resolution from the committee on rules, providing for an election by resolution of six members to represent the house on the joint committee to investigate the whole matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Finchot controversy.

Representative Carrier, chairman of the republican caucus, at once offered the names of McCall of Massachusetts, Olmsted of Pennsylvania, Denby of Michigan, Madison of Kansas, James of Kentucky and Lloyd of Missouri as members of the committee, all of them republican caucus selections.

Insisting on recognition by the chair, Representative Lloyd announced that in the selection of democratic members of the committee the choice of the democratic caucus should be respected. Messrs. James and Rainey having been selected by the caucus for those places, he declared he could not serve on the committee.

Clayton Speaks for Democrats.  
Representative Clayton of Alabama objected to the floor and said: "We democrats concede to the republican party the right to control this house, but we do not concede your right to dictate to the democratic party how it shall conduct its affairs."

Mr. Clayton's resolution to substitute Rainey for Lloyd was lost, 185 noes to 147 ayes.

Informal conferences early in the day between democratic leaders in the room of Minority Leader Champ Clark of Missouri, and between republican leaders in the room of Speaker Cannon, had paved the way for a battle on the house floor, made inevitable by the action of the republican caucus last night in rejecting Mr. Rainey as one of the minority members of the investigating committee.

The turning down of Mr. Rainey was condemned by the minority as hostile to the principle that the democrats should not be interfered with in their selection.

Those who met with Representative Clark were Messrs. James and Rainey, Lloyd of Missouri, Underwood and Clayton of Alabama and Finley of South Carolina.

Republican Leaders Confer.  
The conference in the speaker's room was attended by Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Republican Whip Dwight of New York and a number of others. The subject under discussion was the mustering of sufficient votes to put the republican caucus program through the house.

After the conference, Mr. Dwight sent notice to all republican members, including regular and "insurgent," requesting them to attend the session and remain until the vote was taken for the election of the investigating committee.

The minority took similar action to muster its full strength on the floor. Minority Leader Clark made this state-