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DYNAMITE CARGO SHAKES NEW YORK

Boatload of Explosive Blows Up, Killing Thirty and Wounding Hundreds of Persons.

PROPERTY DAMAGE OVER \$750,000

Ellis Island Suffers Along with Manhattan from Shock.

REAL CAUSE CANNOT BE LEARNED

Lighter Vanishes Utterly with Crew of Seven Men.

WRECKS RAILROAD TERMINAL

Shock Is Felt Forty-Five Miles Distant—Severe Damage Also in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A cargo of dynamite, in transit from a freight car to the hold of lighter moored at Pier No. 1, Communipaw, N. J., exploded at 12:40 today, 150 yards south of the Jersey City terminal of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and in the widespread ruin that followed seven men are known to have died and seven more are missing, from dead were wounded and varying reports leave from fifteen to twenty more unaccounted for.

Thirty seems to be a conservative estimate of the dead and property damage will hardly fall below \$750,000.

The cause of the explosion is variously attributed to the dropping of a case of dynamite and to a boiler explosion on a boat. The direct cause probably will never be known.

The Jersey City terminal was wrecked, three ferries on the slips were damaged; lower Manhattan, across the river, was shaken from street level to the top of the Singer tower; severe damage was done in Brooklyn and Staten Island and to the immigrant detention station on Ellis Island.

The shock was felt at Amityville, L. I., thirty-five miles distant, and in New Jersey at Long Branch, forty-five miles away.

Damage Over Wide Area.

The damage is so widely scattered that it is impossible to more than roughly estimate it, but in Manhattan alone it is placed at \$100,000, on Ellis Island, from \$100,000 to \$25,000, and in all \$750,000 appears a fair estimate. The lighter receiving the dynamite, the Katherine W., owned by James Healing of Jersey City, vanished utterly with its crew of seven men, including the master, Edward Traver.

Alongside was the lighter Whistler, which was so badly shattered that it sank with its crew of two, while the Swedish steel barkentine Ingrid was stripped of its rigging and two deck hands aboard killed. Fragments of one man's head were found swinging high on a tangled piece of rope. The Katherine W. was tied to the outer edge of the pier and a crew of dock hands was unloading a consignment of fifty-pound boxes from two freight cars to the lighter when the crash came.

One report was that the explosive was consigned to contractors up the river for blasting along the Hudson; another that it was bound for Havana.

Only the Whistler's flagstaff has been found. The freight went up in a puff of dust. On the rear deck of the barkentine Ingrid was found a pair of trucks. They may be the trucks of the dynamite car or of one of the other four cars standing near, which were also torn to bits.

Another Car Intact.

Fifty yards back stood another car of dynamite. The explosion ripped the roof off and broke in the doors, but the dynamite itself did not explode.

On board the Ingrid the steel mizen mast snapped off above the lower yard and the tangled wreckage came tumbling about the decks. Everything afloat was flat but the steel plating of the hull held.

For 100 feet the pier end was demolished. The planking seemed to have been ground to powder. The few splinters left were an adequate account of its bulky girders, planking, cross-stays, and massive framework built to withstand heavy seas and loaded trains. Over the broken edges twisted the steel rails of the track. A steel gondola car on the southernmost track looked like an old hat that had been used by boys for a foot ball.

All about were fragments of the explosion and outward on the farther side of the main shed of the terminal nearly the whole southern exposure of the glass roof collapsed, showering the passengers with broken glass. One man was struck by a twenty-pound fragment and so severely cut that he died.

Big City Is Panic-Stricken.

The commensurate alarms in many parts of the financial district of New York and the clatter of fire apparatus and the shrill shrieks of the fire engine sirens added to the confusion. Men and women swarmed out of the buildings, some of them by the fire escape route. The firemen hunted in vain for a blaze. They found they found the streets dangerously crowded and the sidewalks covered with broken glass.

Explosion Caused as Much a Commotion on the Water as on the Land.

New York fire boats and police patrol boats crossed the river to the scene and Jersey Central tug boat and other craft hurried to the foot of Henderson street where what was left of the dynamite boat lay.

Explosion on Dynamite Boat.

The dynamite boat, Katherine W., was unloading at the Jersey Central pier when the explosion took place. Just what caused it may never be known. The boat was under command of Captain J. Lamb, who was badly hurt.

William Nelson, employed on the boat, was seriously injured. A number of clerks in the adjoining passenger station were injured.

Great damage to the government immigration station on Ellis Island was caused by the explosion. Windows all over the island were smashed and many employees were injured by the fragments of glass.

The explosion caused panic in several of the big downtown office buildings, which seemed rocked to their foundations. Alarmed employees and tenants of the structures made rushes for the elevators.

Legislators Arrive Prepared to Conduct the Election Probe

Committee of the House of Representatives Will Begin Inquiry This Morning.

Four members of the house of representatives arrived in Omaha last night all ready to conduct the inquiry into alleged election frauds which was ordered by the house on receipt of Governor Aldrich's recent message.

The committee, composed of five members, engaged rooms at the Faxon and the full membership will be on hand this morning when Representative Matrau of Madison reaches here. The others are Messrs. Harrington of Brown, Seal of Saline, Prince of Hall and Cronin of Holt.

Representative Harrington announced that the committee intended holding a public hearing into the charges of illegal voting, if possible; but that if large enough quarters to accommodate all of the public that wished to attend could not be secured, every effort would be made to give the press access to all the incidents and results of the session.

The committee had no definite idea as to where the session would be held. It was decided that the investigation shall start at once this morning, and that all those having testimony to give one way or another bearing on the charges shall be invited to appear before the inquisitorial body.

"I have no idea how long the hearing will take," said Mr. Harrington. "We may get through in two days or we may be occupied with the investigation for a month."

The committee is clothed with full authority to summon witnesses and to expend the necessary money to conduct a searching inquiry.

It is understood that John O. Yelzer has been asked by Governor Aldrich to take charge of the examination of witnesses and to give to the legislative committee evidence that will aid them in their investigation.

Taft Cuts Short His Southern Tour; Extra Session Rumors Fly

President Says He Received Too Many Invitations—Will Visit Atlanta March 10.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—President Taft's announcement today that the southern tour which he had planned to take the early part of next month would be cancelled with the exception of the visit to Atlanta on March 10, started political tongues wagging with rumors that his purpose was to prepare for a possible extra session of congress in case the present session fails to enact the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada.

Pressure of business and numerous invitations to visit many places in the south while making the tour which had been planned assuming too large proportions, are the reasons assigned for the cancellation of the trip.

One report has been expressed that the senate will "talk the measure to death," or that it will be killed in some other way, although it is believed the house, probably with the aid of democrats, will pass it. If this should be the case, the president will feel, it is said, that he can depend on a democratic house, such as would exist after March 4, to support him in his efforts to pass the legislation. An extra session would force action on the question, with the chances apparently in favor of the president getting his reciprocity legislation.

Cannon Says Treaty Will Be Compromise

Speaker Says He Has No Apologies to Make for Payne Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—In a month's time will be called upon to enact the reciprocity agreement with Canada into a law, but I don't know what we are going to do with it—we will only have come to a compromise that cares for the industries of all our people."

This was Speaker Cannon's declaration at the banquet of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers tonight in a speech in which he defended the Payne-Aldrich tariff act as the best revenue measure ever enacted, adding he had no apology to make for it in any respect.

Among the western men who attended the banquet of the association were: Senator Warren and Representative Mondell, Wyoming; Senators Heyburn and Borah and Representative Hamer, Idaho; Senator Guggenheim, Colorado; Senator Carter and Representative Piny, Montana; Representative Needham, California; Senator Smoot and Representative Howell, Utah, and Senator Gamble, South Dakota.

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The accident occurred at the foot of a deep cut and the occupants of the automobile are thought not to have seen the car. The motor was struck in the center and dragged a distance of 200 yards. None of the three is expected to survive the night.

Miss Margaret Smith, one of the fatally injured is a daughter of Colonel A. L. Smith, quartermaster's department, U. S. A. New York City. Roger Morton is the only one who has a chance of recovery.

BROWN OPPOSES FURTHER DELAY

Nebraska Senator Declares Money Bills Will Go Over if Other Measures Do.

NOTICE SERVED UPON SENATORS

Pleads for Vote on Lorimer and Direct Election of Senators.

ILLINOIS MAN KNEW OF BRIBERY

Declaration by Nebraska that Senator Knew Full Details.

BETRAYAL ON WHOLESALE SCALE

Vote at Springfield Was Directed by His "Silent and Iron Hand Behind Scenes," Says Senator Brown.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Unless the senate votes at this session on the Lorimer case, on the resolution pertaining to the election of senators by the people, on the bill to create a permanent tariff board and a general service bill, Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska and some of his colleagues who favor the measures mentioned are determined that the appropriation bills also shall fail.

Senator Brown, from the floor of the senate today, said he had no quarrel with the "rule" that appropriation acts come first, but that he would object to its application in the light of the present emergency, unless it is agreed in advance that there shall be votes on the four propositions named before adjournment.

"This is not said as a threat nor in the nature of an ultimatum," said Senator Brown. "I am stating a simple fact, and it is well with only four working weeks ahead of us, that we understand now what the fact is in that regard. If congress adjourns without action on these measures, congress will adjourn without action on some of the appropriation bills."

Failure of any one of the appropriation bills would necessitate an extra session of congress.

Hale Makes Answer.

Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on appropriations, answering Mr. Brown, declared that appropriation bills are never used to consume time and thereby block legislation. He added that for the rest of the session they would be pressed whenever they might be ready, no matter what else might be before the senate. Mr. Brown then reiterated his position, saying: "If there is a disposition shown to defeat a vote and force over to another session the bills I have enumerated we may as well face the fact that some of the appropriation bills will go over with them."

Important Business on Hand

"They include a resolution to determine the validity of the election of a senator now sitting in this body.

"They include a resolution to amend the fundamental rules of the senate, providing for the popular election of senators.

"They include a proposition to create a tariff board or commission.

"They include a proposition to raise the level of pensions to the old soldiers of the union in what is known as the Sulloway bill.

"Besides these subjects the great appropriation bills necessarily and aggressively demand our consideration and vote. It is always assumed that the appropriation acts come first and other legislation must wait."

"I have no quarrel with this rule as such, but in the light of the present emergency I shall object to its application unless it is agreed and understood that we are to have a vote on the four propositions named before adjournment."

Appropriations Must Keep Out of Way

"Any program which contemplates by delay or unnecessary debate or by using the appropriation bills to consume time, the adjournment of this session without a vote on these bills, is indefensible and is certain to fail. It may as well be understood now as later that if these questions, or any of them, are to be put over to another congress or to the appropriation bills, they will go over with them. This is not said as a threat nor in the nature of an ultimatum. I am stating a simple fact, and it is well with only four working weeks ahead of us that we understand now what the fact is in this regard. If congress adjourns without action on these measures, congress will adjourn without action on some of the appropriation bills."

Lorimer Case Taken Up.

Declaring consideration of the Lorimer case to be essential to a proper discussion of the election question, Mr. Brown undertook to show that the relation between Mr.

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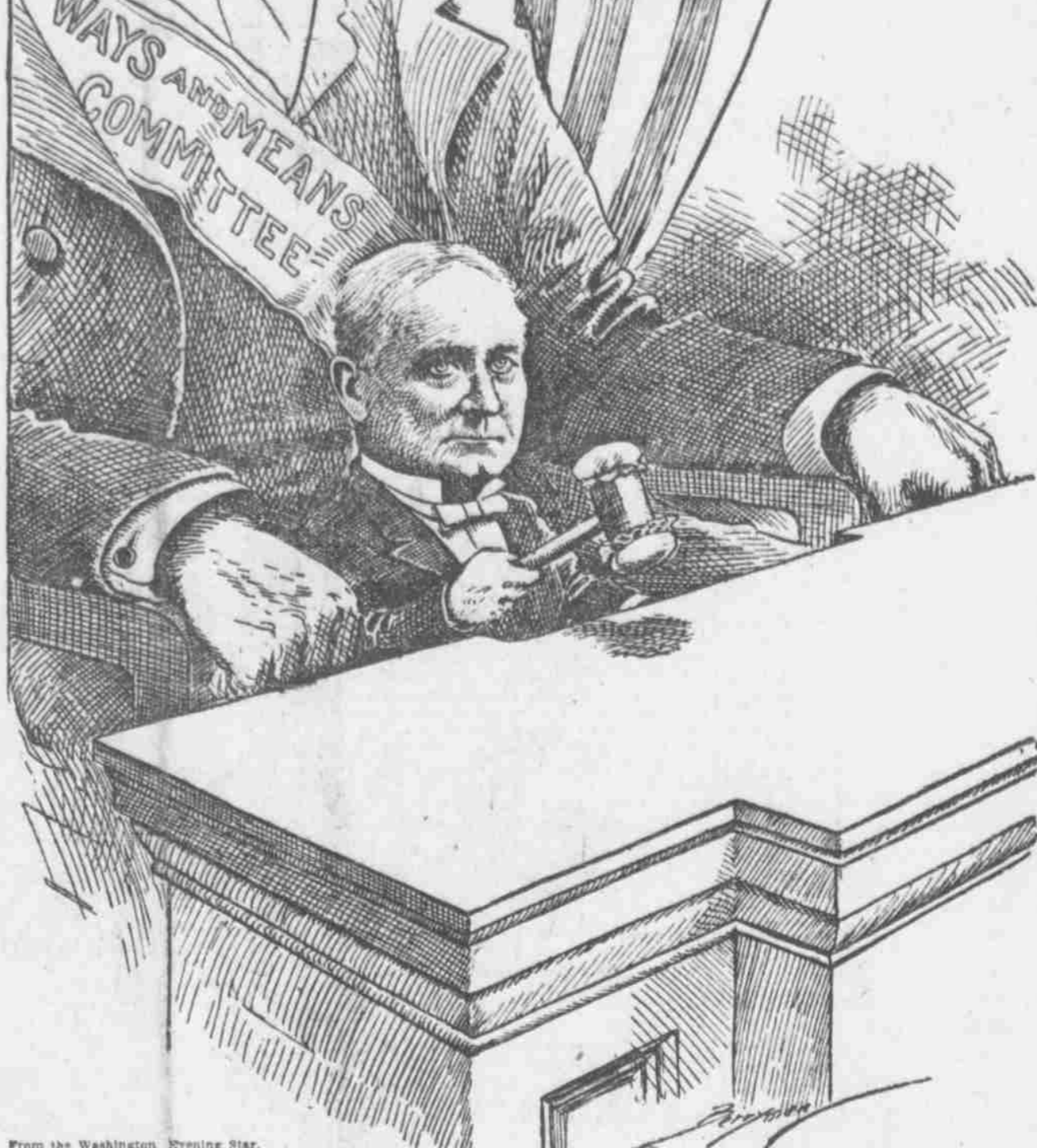
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The New Speakerism



From the Washington Evening Star.

DEMOS HIT COMMITTEE POWER

Ways and Means Members Rule Against Duplication of Service.

MANY CHAIRMEN LIMITED TO ONE

Chairman Underwood Announces Settled Policy—Decide to Select New Rules Committee—No Action on the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Another radical step to prevent the concentration of power in a few hands in the house of representatives was taken tonight by the newly designated democratic members of the ways and means committee for the next congress.

It was determined that in the makeup of the new committees of the house the chairmen of all the committees that have the power to prepare appropriation bills and the chairmen of the judiciary, interstate and foreign commerce and District of Columbia committees shall not be members of any other committees than those over which they preside. "This will add eleven to the number of members who are to be expressly limited to service on a single committee. The democratic caucus which chose the fourteen members of the ways and means committee restricted them to service upon that committee and gave them the power to select the other committees of the house."

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Archbishop Ryan Gives Last Message to United States

Noted Man Believed to Be on Death Bed—Nation Should Be Kept Conservative.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—The Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, archbishop of Philadelphia, who has lain almost at the point of death since last Thursday, is still alive, but his condition is extremely critical. In the afternoon he gave what is probably his last message to the world and his adopted country through Cardinal Gibbons, who visited him in the cathedral residence.

Late tonight the archbishop's physicians said his chances of surviving the night were slender.

Cardinal Gibbons made two visits to the dying prelate today. On the first visit, when he entered the room, the patient's eyes were closed and the cardinal placed his hand gently on his head, saying: "Your grace does not know me?"

"After forty years I know every one of your eminence's voice and now I am, as I ever have been, profoundly convinced that you are the instrument of providence for the promotion of every good thing of our church and country," replied the archbishop without opening his eyes.

In the conversation, the archbishop said: "If we keep our country conservative, no country will be as great as this. No country has such elements of greatness as this."

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FRAUD HELPS AMES MEN WIN

Secret of Iowa Aggies' Stock Judging Victories Out at Last.

MARKS UPON ANIMALS' HOOFS

Remarkable Series of Successes by Agricultural Schools Over Nebraska and Other Teams Explained to State Board.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
DES MOINES, Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Sensational testimony was taken today by the State Board of Education in the matter of accusations of fraud in stock judging contests, made against Prof. W. J. Kennedy, head of the department of animal husbandry at the State college at Ames.

The testimony showed that at least there is some foundation for various accusations of wrong-doing in that department and that the remarkable winnings of the Iowa college at various stock judging contests was done by fraud.

Three members of various classes, which had judged stock at the International show declared that the classes had been given secret signs by which they might know how to place the animals.

In 1907 Prof. Kennedy took the judging class, just before the time for judging at Chicago, and told them that they would find certain marks on the hoofs of horses by which they were to know how to place the animals. Some time ago the agitation for the promotion of every good thing of our church and country," replied the archbishop without opening his eyes.

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Woman Charged with Robbing Grave

STANFORD, Ky., Feb. 1.—Mrs. M. Harrison, known as Mrs. Amanda Gilmore, who is charged in a warrant sworn out by Rowan Saufley, with being one of the ghouls that attempted to rob the grave of a wealthy attorney, Monday night, has been arrested. It is reported she is in hiding in Casey county.

MAJORITY SPLIT OVER INITIATIVE

Democrats Unable to Agree on Provisions of Measure and Put Off Considering Bill.

CHANCE WILL FALL BY WAYSIDE

Strong Faction Opposed to Enacting it in Proposed Form.

INVESTIGATORS IN OMAHA TODAY

House Committee Coming to Look Into Aldrich Charges.

REINSTATEMENT BILL IS PASSED

House Favours Plan to Let State Buy Securities of Communities Within Its Borders—Committee to Soon Revisit Bills.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The discussion of initiative and referendum set as a special order of business for the house this afternoon was put off in accord with the democratic caucus held last night and the caucus of republicans held just before the session this afternoon, resulted in no decision on action by that party, so the initiative and referendum is a most question yet.

Hatfield of Lancaster, author of the bill now up for consideration, H. R. 1, sent in the resolution asking for more time as he hopes to get the democrats united on some definite modification of the bill that will satisfy all parties.

The republicans will support the bill because of a party pledge just as the democrats must to keep their promises, but there will be a strong disagreement on the percentage of voters allowed to start an initiative or referendum petition. The bill calls for a 20 per cent initiative and 5 per cent for referendum.

The nine days who still stick together as the faithful guard of "the forlorn hope" support Hatfield, who is one of their number and the majority of the republicans are anxious to have the percentage kept low.

Democrats Ready with Knife

The caucus of the democrats last night was far from harmonious, and it seems not only likely, but probable that the bill will fall of passage because of democratic reluctance to pass a bill which the champions say gives a chance for working out the principle to "let the people rule." The vote are lined up with more or less solidity for an initiative and referendum bill providing for a 25 per cent or 30 per cent of the voters of the state to practically an unenforceable privilege.

Reinstatement Bill Passes.

The Potts reinstatement bill, which provides for the sale of securities of other states now held by Nebraska and the reinstatement of the funds in bonds of Nebraska municipalities was passed in the house without a dissenting vote. The bill is considered a wise measure as it gives an opportunity for Nebraska to invest its several millions of capital in bonds for the improvement of its own cities. The educational boards of smaller cities can find this a way to invest their bonds at better terms and the money of the state surplus will become a factor in prosperity.

Assignment of Salary

The house passed the Grossman bill which prevents the assignment of a married man's salary without the written consent of his wife. The bill is aimed at the loan sharks and takes away his right to unearned wages without the knowledge or consent of his employer and his family. It also was passed without opposition. Upper's H. R. 55, the joint resolution ratifying the amendment of the federal constitution for an income tax was passed in a few days. No appropriations were the 1-billion for the state university and \$500 for the opening of the normal school at Chadron.

Colton on York County

Colton of York denounced a pamphlet issued by the Merchants and Manufacturers of Omaha on the prohibition question, which he quoted as saying that York county has paid \$700 a year for grand jury to investigate illegal selling of liquor. Colton declared that York county has, on the contrary, had only one grand jury in twenty-three years, and then it was scarcely able to find any information against bootlegging.

Good Roads Committee

The good roads bill that was introduced in both houses are to be regarded as a success. The bill is appointed to represent both the house and senate. The house members are Potts, Norton, Fries, Gustafson and Dorr and the senators Voipp, Skiles and McGrew. There are two road factions in the legislature, those who want authority over the roads centralized in county and state and those who want the administration of the funds left in the hands of the precincts. In these factions are active in the cause and a number of bills have been and will be submitted.

Omaha to Investigate

The committee to investigate the charge of the governor concerning election frauds in Omaha went to Omaha tonight to pursue its investigations. The committee met last night and decided to go ahead. The members have refused to disclose any of their findings in the affidavits. It is generally understood and one member has said that they are not substantially proofs of all the statements made, but their contents show some of the facts that are said to be common knowledge. Frank Sutcliffe is said to be the referee for testimony in Omaha. The committee consists of Harrington, Seal, Matrau, Prince and Cronin.

In the Senate Morehead introduced a resolution to have Harrington, Tanner and Reynolds a special committee to pursue this same investigation, but on the suggestion of Senator Ollis it was put over for one day in the hope that the governor may answer the communication sent him by the senate asking for evidence. The committee will be ready to report the capital renewal bill favorably for passage. This bill, introduced by Hatley and twenty-six others, will be brought up on the floor and be fought out.

Sunday Sports Bill

Senator Hartling's Sunday sports bill provided some oratory in the senate as a sort of prophecy of what is to come when it is finally up for disposition. Howland tried to take the effectiveness out of the bill by moving an amendment, but was voted down. Pleck spoke strongly in favor of allowing young men to take that form of amusement on Sunday if they wished

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