



DEMOS CAUCUS ON COMMITTEES

Majority Party in New Congress Accepts Distribution of Ways and Means Committee. PLACES ARE HANDED OUT Nebraska Get Some Positions that They Desired. LATTI LANDS UPON BANKING Lobeck Secures Berth in Body for District of Columbia. NEW RULES FULLY AGREED TO Several Changes in Procedure Are Provided for and Number of Office Holders Cut Off List for the Time.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Committee assignments, as prepared by the ways and means committee, were adopted by the democratic caucus just before noon and taken for dinner at 4:15 o'clock tonight.

Congressman Latta is assigned to banking and currency, Indian affairs and accounts. Lobeck gets the District of Columbia, which he was out after, and expenditures in the year of naming committees. Maguire goes to agriculture and claims. Congressman Pepper, the lone democrat from Iowa, is given military affairs and war claims.

The caucus was noteworthy for its harmony and the smoothness of its progress. Besides the committee assignments, the democrats adopted the economy program and the new rules prepared for the coming session by the committees that have been working in the last month. Important changes in procedure and a general reorganization of the house will result from the action of the democrats. The year of naming committees was definitely taken from the speaker by the rules and lodged in the house itself. Committee members are to be elected by the house, not only in the first instance, but also in the filling of vacancies.

Some Employees Cut Out. A saving of \$12,000 in the annual cost of running congress is promised through the cutting out of surplus employees and incentive committees and through the abolition of the "extra" committee, "extra month's pay." Appointive places are put into the hands of one committee, a special body to be known as the committee on organization and the scramble for congressional positions will center about its doors. The important changes in the rules under which the new congress will operate are: The selection of committees by the house. A provision to prevent filibustering under the rule giving authority to discharge committees from consideration of bills. A provision permitting amendments to appropriation bills whenever those amendments will result in retrenchment of national expenditures. Authority for bills to come up twice for passage under the unanimous consent privilege. The rule to prevent filibustering on a motion to discharge a committee from custody of a bill in the result of the filibuster conducted in the last session by Representative Mann of Illinois. He had the postoffice reorganization bill placed on the calendar under this rule, and demanded that it be read completely and periton that consumed several days.

The new rule provides that a bill shall be read only by title and that its title shall not be more than 100 words long. It prohibits any member from having before the house at any one time more than two motions to discharge committees from the custody of bills. Under this rule the democrats believe it can be made to work as originally intended, to prevent the burying of bills in committee.

The new rule affecting appropriation bills is a renewal of the so-called "Holman rule" first used by the democrats in 1874. It permits amendment to appropriation bills of wide character when those amendments will effect a reduction of federal expenditures.

Committee Assignments. The democratic members of the standing committee of the house for the sixty-second congress as selected by the democratic caucus today follow, the first member named in each case being chairman of the committee: Ways and Means—Underwood, Alabama; Randall, Texas; Harrison, New York; Branney, Georgia; Blackburn, Missouri; Kitchin, North Carolina; James, Kentucky; Rainey, Illinois; Dixon, Indiana; Hughes, (Continued on Second Page.)

THE WEATHER

Table with weather data for Nebraska and Iowa, including temperature, wind, and precipitation.

ALFANO FENDS SKILLFULLY

Leader of Camorra is Not So Convincing Under Cross Fire. FLIGHT TO UNITED STATES He Says He Went Abroad Because His Health Would Not Stand Detention in Jail—Did Not Need Passport.

VITERBO, Italy, April 1.—Under cross-examination today, Enrico Alfano appeared to less advantage than he did under direct interrogation yesterday, when his vehement denial that he was either the head or the tail of the Camorra or had guilty knowledge of the deaths of Genaro Cuccolo and his wife, fairly swamped the audience. He fended skillfully, but was not so convincing.

"If you were innocent," asked President Bianchi, "why did you flee to the United States? You did not take your flight when, immediately after the crime you were accused, in fact, you delayed and were arrested. But, following your release, you fled when Abbatemaggio's revelation began, and in so doing you showed that you felt that the informer spoke the truth."

"I fled," answered Alfano, "because for the second time I was experiencing an attack of intestinal trouble, and I feared that it would be aggravated by confinement, if I was held in prison for some years preceding my trial. Of my ultimate vindication I had no doubt."

"And what of the Camorra today?" pursued the president. "It no longer exists."

"It no longer exists," started the president. "Is explainable when it is recalled that a rule of the society obliges Camorristas to deny to the authorities their affiliation with the Camorra, this repudiation of their position not implying cowardice in the eyes of the Camorra."

Passport Not Needed. Alfano explained his failure to secure a passport when he went to America by saying that it would have been dangerous for him to have applied for one.

Regarding the statement that he had placed Luigi Fucci as his puppet at the head of the Camorra, Alfano said that this was untrue. On the contrary, Fucci, together with Abbatemaggio, the informer, and others who had not been arrested, had tried to play him false.

Says Confession is Absurd. The prisoner called the attention of the court to what he said was an absurdity in the confession of Abbatemaggio concerning the scene of the murder of Cuccolo. He asserted that owing to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 1905, lava covered the scene of the alleged assassination and that it would have been difficult for one to have gone from Torre del Greco to Capa Calastro, by which name the narrow strip between two walls of lava rocks fronting the sea is known.

The crime in said to have been committed at Capa Calastro. It was ridiculous to imagine, the prisoner said, that he went to Mim-a-Mare to watch the crime. Counsel for the defense brought out that Abbatemaggio was a persistent reader of detective stories. The informer interrupted to admit that he had read seven volumes from the prison library, the works including the memoirs of Petrosino. During the proceedings the priest, Ciro Vitozzi, and Pasquale Gargiulo, another prisoner, both of whom are in poor health, faintly.

General Weyler Will Be Asked to Form New Spanish Cabinet

Canalejas Cabinet Develops Wide Differences Over Opposition of Army and Decides to Resign. MADRID, April 1.—It is rumored tonight that General Weyler, captain general of Catalonia has been charged with the responsibility of forming a new cabinet.

The Canalejas cabinet met today and discussed the violent controversies which have arisen within and outside the Chamber of Deputies during the debate on the trial of Prof. Ferrer, the founder of the modern school at Barcelona, who was executed in 1909, after conviction of the charge of inciting revolution.

The ministers also discussed what action the government should take concerning new developments, particularly the opposition in the army. There was such a diversity of opinion that the resignation of the cabinet was decided upon.

SEVILLE, Spain, April 1.—King Alfonso, who has been stopping here with Queen Victoria and their children, left hastily to Victoria and their children, left hastily to official dispatches concerning the resignation of the cabinet.

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FAIL TO SECURE THE CASH

Attempt Made to Rob County Treasurer's Safe at Des Moines. SEVEN SUSPECTS ARE ARRESTED Deputy Keller Bound and Gagged While the Robbers Remain in the Office and Try to Dynamite the Vault.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 1.—Seven arrests were made by the police today in an effort to apprehend four men who shortly before midnight bound and gagged Deputy County Treasurer C. W. Keller and tried to dynamite the vault in the county treasurer's office in which \$100,000 had been placed late in the afternoon.

On what is claimed by the police to be a confession from Al Rhodes, the first of the men arrested, Deputy County Treasurer James O'Callaghan has been arrested. O'Callaghan is a brother of Robert O'Callaghan, a well-known Western league base ball manager.

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Dr. James Scott Brown Resigns. WASHINGTON, April 1.—Dr. James Brown Scott, solicitor in international arbitrations of the State department, has tendered his resignation, effective today. Dr. Scott severed his government connection in order to assume the duties of secretary of the Carnegie endowment for international peace.

IOWA BOY WHO IS HELD IN A MEXICAN PRISON.

General Stanley Formerly Member of Ninth Infantry Commander of Insurrecto Army at Mexicali May Be Arrested for Desertion if He Crosses Line. MEXICALI, Mexico, April 1.—"General" Stanley, the American leader of the rebels in Lower California, took full command today of the insurgents of Mexicali. Leyva, the deposed commander, has departed and is supposed to be on his way to Los Angeles. Should Leyva be caught he is liable to prosecution for a violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, as he and Berthold organized the original rebel force in Holtville, Cal., last January.

It became known today that Stanley's real name is Stanley Williams and that he was formerly quartermaster sergeant of the Ninth Infantry, U. S. A. If he should be driven across the line in the forthcoming fight with the Mexican forces he might be arrested by the American troops and tried for desertion.

Berthold, who commands the rebel detachment holding Alamo pass, sent word to Stanley today that he would not return to Mexicali at present, but would continue to hold the pass.

Senate Passes Merger Bill. The senate this morning approved of a telephone merger bill, while the house was passing the Minor bill with the merger clause stricken out. The senate took up the Varner bill providing for physical connection between competing exchanges, and by amendment it was to include mergers under the control of the State Railway commission.

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Nine Persons Hurt in Wreck of Fast Train on the Frisco Line Meteor is Derailed on Curve East of Springfield, Mo.—Debris Takes Fire, Two Coaches Burn. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 1.—Nine persons were injured when east-bound passenger train No. 35, a fast train, known as the Meteor, on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad was derailed on a curve forty-five miles east of this city today. Two coaches were destroyed by fire. L. E. Rugh, fireman of Springfield, was badly burned. It is believed none of the injured will die.

Among those injured were: Mrs. Ella Hesper, Merrimac, Okl., collar bone broken. R. Goodman, baggageman, St. Louis, back sprained. Mrs. A. Butler, Marion, Ind., left arm sprained, badly bruised. Henry W. Wood, mail clerk, St. Louis, legs and body bruised. Mr. and Mrs. R. Decker, Oklahoma City, head and feet cut by flying glass. R. E. Finkbecker, Benton, Ill., back injured. Joseph A. Karll, St. Louis, back sprained. A defective rail is believed to have caused the wreck. The train was going at a speed of about forty miles an hour.

Famous Painting Will Come to United States Option of British Nation on Rembrandt's Picture, "The Mill," Expired at Midnight. LONDON, April 1.—The nation's option on Rembrandt's painting, "The Mill," expired tonight. Only a small fund had been raised to purchase the picture and it therefore will go to an American. The painting is owned by Lord Lansdowne. He was tendered \$500,000 for it by an American whose identity is unknown, but offered to let stay in this country if the people would raise \$75,000 for its purchase. This they have failed to do.

HAS ALDRICH BASE BALL BILL?

Expected that Governor Has Plan of His Own for New Law. PRESENT MEASURE IS WEAK Thinks County Boards Are Not Given Sufficient Police Power Over Games Outside of Smaller Towns. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Aldrich is understood to be ready to veto the Sunday base ball bill, but may possibly suggest a way out of the difficulty by offering a bill of his own. Governor Aldrich cannot maintain that he is against the general principle of Sunday base ball as he introduced a bill for it when he was a member of the legislature and made a hard fight for it. He has objected consistently to the Bartling bill, but promised to approve it if the amendment excluding small towns from the liberties was adopted. When this was killed largely through the votes of small town enthusiasts and by the efforts of Arthur Mullen and J. C. Byrnes, who think they can cause trouble for the governor with the bill, he declared that his proposition had been turned down and there was nothing for him to do but retain his position.

Today the governor gave out the opinion that the bill as drawn does not give county boards the proper power to regulate playing of the game. There was an amendment giving county board the right to control playing outside of village limits, this, thinks the governor, does not give them sufficient police power to carry out the regulation.

The idea that he will offer a bill of his own is not official, but is well founded because the governor has had much political pressure brought to bear upon him and admitted after he had once made up his mind to veto that he believed that there were two sides to the question. If he introduces a bill of his own it will undoubtedly go through and the question will be settled.

Veto of Tanner Bill. Governor Aldrich by vetoing the Tanner bill to change the school board terms in South Omaha refused today to sanction the interference of the legislature in local municipal affairs. The bill was drawn to allow certain school board officials soon to retire from office a chance to hold over by a legislative extension of their terms. Their opponents are demanding another election to put other men in their places and the governor thinks that the legislature has better things to do than to take sides in such a dispute.

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DIAZ SAYS THIS IS HIS LAST TERM

"Iron Man" of Mexico Concedes No Re-election for President and Other Executive Officers. WILL REFORM ELECTORAL LAWS Effective Changes in Provisions for Selection of Officials. SENDS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS Improvements in Regard to Power of Local Authorities. SUFFERING IN MEXICAN JAIL Two American Boys Captured by the Rurales Are Starving. ARRESTED ON AMERICAN SOIL Evidence Gathered by Anxious Parents Proves Young Men Were Taken Without Authority—Rebuilding the Bridges. CITY OF MEXICO, April 1.—The principle of no re-election for the president and other executive functionaries and an effective reformation of the electoral laws, were conceded in the message of President Diaz to congress today.

Reforms touching the power of local authorities, judiciary and rural estates also were promised. After reviewing at length the progress of the nation in the last eight months and briefly the events leading up to the rebellion and its progress, the message continued to warrant the confidence which the various questions of governmental policy have attracted general attention and for this reason the executive sees fit to make known the measures which he believed ought to be adopted and the views by which he will be guided in his endeavors to warrant the confidence which the country has reposed in him.

Change to Satisfy Demand. The change of ministry just effected aims, for example, at satisfying in practice one very general aspiration, which is that the political personnel be renovated from time to time. I have not hesitated to part with the services of capable, loyal and honest advisers who, for a greater or less length of time had given me their valued co-operation. My single aim has been to set the precedent of not carrying on the government indefinitely with the same cabinet however high may be the merits of the persons composing it, and to show that room should be made from time to time to new energies in the direction of public affairs.

Furthermore, measures will be taken that will demonstrate a firm purpose to give heed to reasonable complaints that are made against some of the authorities, especially those who are in close touch with the people. Americans Suffer Hardships. EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—Locked in a filthy, narrow cell, with a dirt floor and compelled to eat only the very coarsest of food, Lawrence Converse and Edwin Blatt, the two American lads in jail at Juarez, Mexico, on charges of sedition, have decided that Sherman was about right about war. The boys, both of a venturesome spirit, decided at the outbreak of hostilities they would like to see a real battle. It was with this purpose in mind that they entered the interior of Mexico. For a time they were with Madero's forces, but finding battles were few and far between they started for the American side. They observed that a party of rurales eyed them curiously and so made greater haste to put the Rio Grande between themselves and Mexico. A short time after they had crossed the river and were seated on a log eating frijoles, sixteen rurales galloped up to the river on the opposite side. Stealthily four of their number crossed and seized the boys. They tied their hands and marched them across the river at a ford. Here rope nooses were thrown over their heads and tightened about their necks. The ropes were tied to the saddles of rurales and this way they entered Juarez. They were thrown in jail incarcerated, which means they were locked in a dark cell for seventy-two hours, without being allowed to see anyone. At the (Continued on Third Page.)

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