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CONGRESS HEARS MESSAGE OF TAFT

Democratic House Proceeds Further with Its Organization Senate Adjourns.

FEW CHANGES MADE IN RULES

Leaders Say Greatest "Reform" is Election of Committees.

POLITICAL BATTLE DEVELOPS

Republicans Assert They Are Debarred from Making Fight.

CANNON MAKES NOTABLE SPEECH

Special Order Limits Debate and Provides Only One Substitute Set of Rules Can Be Offered by Minority.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Both houses of congress listened today to President Taft's brief message urging the adoption of the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

Then, with the senate adjourned the democratic house proceeded further with its organization by adopting new rules.

These are largely a repetition of those that have been handed down by many congresses. The democrats say their greatest "reform" is taking from the speaker his power to appoint committees and to designate the chairman of each committee.

The new rules provide for the election of committees and their chairmen.

The second reform is a return to the former democratic practice of permitting legislation on appropriation bills when the legislation tends to reduce the expenditures of the government.

The rules continue "calendar Wednesday" and the unanimous consent calendar and seek to perfect the rule for the discharge of committees. This latter, the democrats say, effectively does away with the former practice of stifling legislation in committees.

Limitation of Debate Protested.

A special order limiting debate on the rules to four hours immediately brought out a cry of "gag" from the republicans. The speeches were more or less of a political nature and there was no serious fight on the rules themselves.

The republicans asserted they were debarred from making such a fight because of the further provision of the special order that only one substitute set of rules could be offered by the minority. Not even a roll call was demanded by the republicans on the adoption of the rules.

The political battle which waged for four hours was but a foretaste of others to come and which are expected to make the present congress notable. Representative Mann was ably seconded by former Speaker Cannon and Representatives Dalzell and Olmstead. Mr. Mann charged the democrats with insincerity in much they said in praise of the rules and said they had no purpose to take away from themselves as a majority the right to control legislation. He characterized the rule for the discharge of committees as "an utter

Chairman Henry of the new rules committee retorted that the rules thus characterized had called out the most doleful speech from Mr. Mann that he had ever heard that gentleman make.

Mr. Henry also said the fault the American people had found in the past was not so much with the house rules as the bad administration of these rules, absurdity, not to say idiocy."

Cannon's Speech Feature.

Mr. Cannon's speech was easily the feature. He was greeted with applause from both parties when he arose to make his maiden address of the session.

"I want to say here and now," he declared, "that substantially the rules proposed by this legislation are an endorsement of nearly all that is good in the rules that have 'evoluted' since the adoption of the constitution and therefore I am not going to criticise the rules merely because the majority of the house proposes to adopt them.

"Sometimes majorities and minorities tear passion to tatters and appeal from the standpoint of demagoguery and claptrap to people that would not know a rule or a code of rules if they met in the middle of a street.

"And it is now said we have a unanimous consent calendar. I am glad we have. Along with that is the saying, in the language of the distinguished gentleman from Kansas (Mr. Murdock) and the universal representation of the uplift magazines that it is no longer necessary to crawl on your knees, hat in hand, to ask the speaker for recognition for unanimous consent.

"When the unanimous consent calendar

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THE WEATHER

For Nebraska—Cloudy.
For Iowa—Unsettled.
Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	33
6 a. m.	35
7 a. m.	34
8 a. m.	35
9 a. m.	[illegible]
10 a. m.	40
11 a. m.	[illegible]
12 m.	[illegible]
1 p. m.	[illegible]
2 p. m.	[illegible]
3 p. m.	[illegible]
4 p. m.	[illegible]
5 p. m.	[illegible]
6 p. m.	[illegible]
7 p. m.	[illegible]
8 p. m.	52

Comparative Local Record.

	1911	1910	1909	1908
Highest today	[illegible]	[illegible]	67	56
Lowest today	34	32	41	42
Mean temperature	[illegible]	46	[illegible]	[illegible]
Precipitation	0	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature [illegible]
Excess for the day [illegible]
Total excess since March 1 [illegible]
Normal precipitation .08 inch
Deficiency for the day [illegible]
Total precipitation since March 1 1.41 inches
Deficiency since March 1 .31 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1910 1.73 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1909 1.01 inches

Reports From Stations at 7 p. m.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p.m.	High. Yes'y.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, cloudy	44	54	.10
Davenport, cloudy	44	48	.86
Denver, partly cloudy	58	61	.00
Des Moines, cloudy	46	52	.01
Dodge City, partly cloudy	74	78	.00
Lander, snow	28	44	.00
North Platte, cloudy	44	56	.00
Omaha, cloudy	34	60	.00
Pueblo, clear	66	70	.00

New Nebraska Mayors

Town.	Mayor and Ticket.
Albion	H. F. Lehr
Alliance	—— Harris
Arapahoe	C. A. Patterson (cit.)
Auburn	T. B. Frazier (ind.)
Beatrice	William E. Griffin (soc.)
Blair	John F. White
Bloomfield	H. W. Phillips (cit.)
Broken Bow	James Ledwich (cit.)
Central City	E. H. Bishop
Chadron	James W. Finnegan (cit.)
Columbus	Louis Hild (dem.)
Cozad	J. H. Darner
Creighton	M. C. Thelson
Crete	—— Dredla
David City	Thomas Wolfe
Dorchester	J. W. Byers
Fairbury	Frank Tincher (cit.)
Fairfield	D. B. Potter
Falls City	W. S. Leyda (cit.)
Fremont	George Wolz (rep.)
Friend	Frank Hacker
Giltner	George H. Thomas
Gothenburg	James Winchell
Grand Island	Chas. G. Ryan (rep.)
Harvard	George H. Thomas (cit.)
Hastings	C. J. Miles (rep.)
Hebron	E. M. Smith
Holdrege	C. W. McConaughty
Humboldt	C. E. Nims (temp.)
Kearney	John H. Patterson
Lexington	S. C. Mullen
Madison	Fred H. Dairs (cit.)
McCook	James McAdams (peop.)
Nebraska City	O. C. Norton
Neligh	W. T. Wattles (cit.)
Ord	J. H. Carson
Orleans	J. C. Gay
Pawnee	R. Lipp
Ponca	H. H. Hart (rep.)
Plattsmouth	J. P. Sattler (dem.)
Randolph	L. F. Holtz
Red Cloud	Sam Foe (soc.)
Schuyler	J. E. Arnold (cit.)
Scott's Bluff	Frederick Alexander
Seward	L. H. Diers
St. Paul	H. B. Paul (cit.)
Superior	E. Bossemeyer
Sutton	Jacob Bender (ind.)
Tecumseh	A. P. Fitzsimmons
Tekamah	A. M. Anderson
York	F. P. Van Wickle (rep.)
Wayne	John H. Kate
Weeping Water	F. H. Gorder
West Point	F. B. Shairer (cit.)
Wymore	E. O. Mauck (soc.)

Knox and Meyer Tell Why Ship Plans Were Loaned to Argentine

Action is in Policy with Act of 1909 for the Extension of American Trade Relations.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—In compliance with a resolution adopted by the senate last session calling for information concerning the part played by the State and Navy departments in obtaining from the Argentine Republic contracts for the building of two battleships in private American yards, replies were sent to the senate today by Secretary Knox and Secretary Meyer.

Both of these cabinet officers defended their course in permitting the use of confidential plans of the dreadnaught type of vessels now being built for this government and secret devices embraced in armament.

The responsibility of justifying the action of this government chiefly fell to the secretary of the navy, but Secretary of State Knox in his answer said the action of administration officials was in accord with the policy of the act of 1909 under which the Department of State was reorganized and the purpose of which was the extension of American trade relations.

FIFTY-EIGHTH BALLOT IN IOWA

Judge Kenyon is Fourteen Votes Short of Election on Wednesday's Ballot.

DES MOINES, April 5.—The fifty-eighth joint ballot for senator in the Iowa legislature today: Deemer, 35; Kenyon, 61; George M. Curtis, 3; Stillman, 1; Porter (dem.), 51; absent or not voting, 7; necessary to elect, 76.

ST. PAUL BREWERY BURNING

Bottling Plant of Hamm Company is Damaged One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

ST. PAUL, April 5.—Fire which started in the bottling department of the Hamm brewery at Greenbrier and Reaney streets, early this morning and which was still burning at 9 o'clock, has caused a loss of $100,000.

TIE FOR MAYOR AT NORFOLK

John Friday and E. E. Coleman Each Get Five Hundred and Seventy-Six Votes.

NORFOLK, April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The vote for mayor of Norfolk is a tie between John Friday and E. E. Coleman, each having 576 votes. A contest will result.

KOHLSAAT SAYS FUNK TOLD HIM

Chicago Publisher Gives Source of His Information Regarding Alleged Lorimer Slush Fund.

AGENT OF HARVESTER COMBINE

Mr. Funk Takes Stand and Tells of Request to Contribute.

SAYS IT CAME FROM HINES

Lumberman Told Him to Send Money to Edward Tilden.

FLAT DENIAL OF THE CHARGE

Mr. Hines Says He Never Contributed a Dollar to Any Lorimer Fund and Never Asked Any One Else to Do So.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 5.—H. H. Kohlsaat today told the senate bribery investigating committees that Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, was the man who informed Mr. Kohlsaat that a slush fund of $100,000 was put up to elect Lorimer.

To the first question of Attorney J. J. Healey, Mr. Kohlsaat identified a telegram sent by him to Chairman Helm, saying his confidant called at the Record-Herald office and was willing to appear before the committee.

"When I arrived at my office Mr. Clarence Funk called and told me he would be less than a man if he held me to my confidence," testified Mr. Kohlsaat.

"Mr. Funk told me that he talked with Cyrus H. McCormick, president of the company and told him he thought he ought to release me, whereupon Mr. McCormick said:

"'Good, that is exactly what I want. I do not care for the consequences to the International Harvester company.'

"I met Mr. Funk on Jackson boulevard about thirty days after the confession of White while on my way to the Chicago club. He did not seek me out at all.

"Mr. Funk told me the man who came to him told him they had an opportunity to elect Lorimer with a fund of $100,000. They sent it down and Mr. Funk told me they were looking for reimbursement."

Mr. Funk Takes Stand.

Mr. Funk was the next witness called. He said he had been with the company nine years. His attention was called to a conversation with Edward C. Hines shortly after the election. The witness said:

"The conversation took place in the Union League club. It was an accidental meeting. He said he had been wanting to see me and we sat in the lounging room.

"Hines said to me, without preliminary: 'Well, we put Lorimer over, but it cost us $100,000 to do it.'

"He said, 'We had to act quickly, so that it became necessary for us to put up the money. Now, we are seeing some of our friends to get it fixed up.' He gave me to understand they wanted to be reimbursed and I asked him why he came to us, and he said:

"'You are as interested as any one in having the right kind of a man in Washington.'

"I told him we would have nothing to do with it. He said he could only go to big people and wanted to get $10,000 from each of ten. He left me and told me to think it over."

Told to Pay Tilden.

"Whom did he say they were to send the money to?" asked Attorney Healy.

"I have no evidence on that and do not want to answer," replied Funk.

"Edward Tilden, connected with the stock yards at Chicago, is the man to whom I was told to send the money," said Mr. Funk, when an answer was forced by the committee.

"Was anything said of Tilden collecting the fund?" Funk was asked.

"No."

"Were other names used."

"No."

"Did he give you names of any contributors?"

"No, and I did not ask him," replied Mr. Funk.

"You told him you and your company would not contribute; did you talk to any of your officers?"

"Yes, I told Mr. McCormick, Mr. McCormick said, 'Good, I am glad you turned him down promptly.'

"I also told Edgar A. Bancroft, general counsel for our company."

Funk said he did not read the Record-Herald editorial which caused Mr. Kohlsaat to be called before the committee. He said Hines came to his office after the editorial appeared.

Says Hines Was Disturbed.

"Hines was disturbed," said Funk, "and undertook to refresh my memory on our conversation.

"He said he had not tried to get money from me and had talked of money, just in a general way. That was the first time I talked with him after the first conversation."

Funk said his company had some dealing

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Fixing the Responsibility

From the New York World.

Officials Must Provide Fire Escapes, Trouton

"All public buildings as well as private structures more than two stories in height, not provided with fire escapes, will have to conform to the state statutes." Such was the declaration of John C. Trouton, deputy state fire warden, Wednesday morning.

Trouton has been making a quiet investigation and he discovered numerous buildings which are not equipped with fire escapes. Among the list is the new high school building, which is being erected; the Vinton school building, a part of which is three stories high; the city hall, a five-story structure; the county jail, and the public library building.

"Neither of these buildings have fire escapes," said Mr. Trouton, who held a conference with City Fire Warden Morris Wednesday morning. The state statutes specifically provide that all three-story buildings must be equipped with fire escapes, so it is up to the city and board of education to get busy at once.

J. C. TROUTON.

"We will call the attention of the proper officials to the absence of fire escapes and request that they be erected at once. In case they refuse to comply, complaints will be filed and the officials will be forced to provide the necessary escapes.

"I do not anticipate any trouble in getting the buildings properly equipped. I think the request will be all that will be necessary."

Fire Chief Salter says that many buildings in the city are equipped with fire escapes so badly arranged that the effectiveness is practically destroyed. Especially is this true of public school buildings. The fire escapes are accessible only through windows. Salter says they should be rearranged and doors installed leading to the escapes.

HOT SPRINGS SHERIFF FIRED

Arkansas Official is Found Guilty of Releasing Prisoners Remanded to Custody.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 5.—Sheriff Sid Houpt was removed from office today when indictments were returned charging that he had granted freedom to prisoners remanded to his custody. The men in question, Ben Murray and John Rutherford, were ordered held to answer to a coroner's warrant which charged them as accessories to the killing of Oscar Chitwood, the young mountaineer, who was shot to death at the county jail December 28. Chitwood was held for the killing of a brother of Houpt.

EXPLANATION OF WAR GAME

Japan Was Bringing Insistent Pressure for Coaling Station.

DIAZ CONSULTED UNITED STATES

After Hearing from President Taft He Notified Mikado that He Would Not Make Lease to Any Nation.

EL PASO, April 5.—An explanation bearing all the marks of authenticity, clearing up the American-Mexican-Japanese situation was given here today by one of the most prominent Mexican-Americans in the country.

According to this informant, who is in a position to know, but who insisted upon the suppression of his name, President Diaz was seeking a way to refuse a coaling station on Magdalena Island to the Japanese even before the renewal of the American government's contract came up for discussion.

"Diaz," said the Mexican-American, "found himself between the upper and nether millstones. He was impressed with the influx of Japanese into Mexico and in particular with the knowledge that they had mapped his entire western coast. Slow insistent pressure was brought on him to give Japan a coaling station on Magdalena bay. On the other side was the United States and the Monroe doctrine. He temporized until knowledge of his situation reached the White House. From the latter to his considerable relief came an unmistakable intimation that Japan was not to have the station, although the same privileges for the United States was not insisted upon. Diaz then informed Japan that he did not care to lease any part of his country to a foreign power.

"Not knowing what might be the result of the Mexican attitude in Japan, President Taft ordered the mobilization of a division of American troops at San Antonio, Galveston and El Paso. In Mexico every citizen of standing and information realizes that in the event of Japanese aggression, which, however baseless the fear may be, is still feared, Mexico must rely upon assistance of the United States. As against any over-sea power Mexico would stand with its neighbor to the north.

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NAMES OF NASBYS SENT IN

President Taft Submits Several Appointments for Place.

NORRIS GIVES VIEWS UPON RULES

Nebraska Congressman Says He Could Still Suggest Needed Amendments —Elliott Likely to Get Dakota Judgeship.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—President Taft today sent to the senate the following appointments of postmasters:

NEBRASKA.

William B. Swindell.....Minatare
William W. McGaw.....Wilsonville
John M. McGuire.....Benson
James H. Logan.....Ponca
Timothy C. Cronin.....Spalding
E. S. Davis.....North Platte
Otto Zuelow.....Schuyler
Aaron W. Locks.....Falls City
Charles S. Hughes.....Pender
Lewis S. McKughlin.....Emerson

IOWA.

J. C. Davenport.....Clear Lake
Henry S. Ferris.....Lorimer
John J. Beverly.....Center Point
Hiram Lamb.....Murray
John Stevenson.....Jefferson
James L. Brown.....Clarinda
Clarence A. Mitchell.....Dyersville

SOUTH DAKOTA.

May A. Knappan.....Sisseton
Mira A. Mason.....Bowdle
Charles S. Meater.....Elk Point
William A. Schwichtenberg.....Kadok

Elliott for Judge.

It may so happen that the vacant judgeship now existing in South Dakota, due to the promotion of Judge Carland, may be filled by President Taft this week. President Taft has invited Senators Gamble and Crawford to the White House to confer with him Thursday evening in regard to filling this vacancy. It is understood Senator Crawford has joined with Senator Gamble and will suggest to the president the nomination of Charles F. Elliott, former United States district attorney. Senator Gamble said today he confidently looks for the nomination to fill the vacancy this week or at least early next week.

Norris on Committees.

During the discussion growing out of the amended rules suggested by democrats for the guidance of the Sixty-second congress, presented to the house today, Representative Norris secured fifteen minutes in which to express his views on the new manual. He said he had always considered rules for government of business of the house should be framed as a nonpartisan proposition.

"We ought to adopt rules for conduct of business without regard to which party may be in majority," Mr. Norris said. He thought some of the amendments to the old rules good ones. Taking from the speaker power of appointment of committees and precluding him even from serving

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SENATORS VOTE AGAINST M'BRIEN

Resolution by Tibbets Seeking to Cut Him from University Extension Work Adopted.

MEMBERS PASS IT BY 18 TO 13

Head of Department Denounced in Speeches on Floor.

SUNDAY BASE BALL BILL DEAD

House Unable to Muster More Votes Than on Passage.

AMEND THE WATER BOARD BILL

Omaha Body Will Be Given Permission to Charge Suburbs of City What it Pleases for Service Under the Change.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 5.—(Special.)—The resolution by Senator Tibbets asking that no more university money be put into the extension work managed by J. L. McBrien was approved by the senate this afternoon.

Senator Albert declared himself to be a friend of the university, but said the state was not getting its money's worth from this particular department. The accusation that a man was an enemy to the state's educational system simply because he criticized a part of it, he resented.

Senators Skiles and Brown were opposed because the blow at McBrien was a blow at a department which could be well administered even though it may not be so managed now.

Tibbets admitted that he was aiming at McBrien and not at the department and that he had introduced a similar resolution two years ago.

Charges Against McBrien.

Ex-Superintendent McBrien was accused of pernicious political activity in his former state office and in his present capacity. Senator Bartos, beginning by referring to Frank Harrison, editor of the Capital, who has supported McBrien, as the "pup who edits the Capital whom it is not necessary to name or to oppose," declared that he had been told by teachers that McBrien was doing good work, and in spite of the Capital's support he was still for McBrien.

Tibbets, in closing, called attention to a circular letter written by McBrien and sent out to voters in advertising himself and his department. He referred also to an alleged action of McBrien's while state superintendent declaring that he collected money from teachers for certificates and did not account for it to the state.

The resolution carried by the following roll call:

To cut off funds from university extension:

Albert	Morehead	Smith (B.)
Banning	McGrew	Talcott
Bodinson	Offik	Tanner
Buhrman	Pickens	Tibbets
Kemp	Placek	Volpp
Kohl	Reagan	Wilcox—18

To maintain department:

Bartling	Coe (H.)	Skiles
Bartos	Jansen	Smith (F.)
Brown	Lee	Varner—13
Cordeal	Reynolds	
Coe (S.)	Selleck	

Says Byrnes at Fault.

In reply to a statement published by J. C. Byrnes declaring that the governor was alone and "dead wrong" in his opposition to the Bartling bill, the governor said today:

"J. C. Byrnes, the generalissimo of the democratic party, is entirely responsible for the failure of the base ball bill. He declared openly that he would put up a proposition that would beat, no matter what I did with it. The intelligent base ball enthusiasts know that I meant what I said when I promised to sign the Leidligh bill if they would fix that up and pass it, and also promised also that I would sign the Bartling bill if amended. I tried to get the amendment made and most of the representatives were willing to vote for it but Byrnes threw his influence against it. If any one person is to blame for the fact that we cannot have Sunday base ball, it is Byrnes himself. I was willing to do my part of it."

Flag Given to Beltzer.

The approach of the end of the session is being marked by the first of the congratulatory resolutions. Colonel G. H. Beltzer, the stentorian toned assistant sergeant-at-arms of the house, was presented today with the flag which has hung behind the speaker's chair. Colonel Beltzer was congratulated upon his service as sergeant or assistant during five terms.

Resolutions of condolence were adopted for P. G. H. Boland of Douglas, whose mother died recently in Boston, and for Minor of Lancaster, who has been ill.

Galt of Clay, who has on several occasions slipped the leash on his ferocious friendship for newspapers, sent up a resolution asking that it be declared the sense of the house that newspapers keep out of politics. Carter H. Harrison, he said, has been elected mayor of Chicago in spite of the opposition of nearly every newspaper there, and as this was a blow to temperance newspapers ought to cease pernicious activity. The resolution was voted down and Galt denied the privilege of speaking upon it.

Sunday Base Ball Bill Dead.

The Sunday base ball bill failed to pass the house this afternoon over the governor's veto. The vote stood 54 to 40 and

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