

COMMITTEE FUSS REACHES CLIMAX

Absolute Party Break May Develop as Result of Caucus Called for This Afternoon.

REGULARS SAY WILL NOT YIELD

Demands of Insurgents Characterized as Unreasonable.

FOUR POINTS OF DIFFERENCE

Members of Committee on Committees Make the Trouble.

OUTCOME OF FIGHT IN DOUBT

Insurgent Republicans Charge That Regulars Are Packing Finance and Interstate Commerce Committees With Purpose.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Differences between the regular and insurgent republican senators over the organization of committees appear far from healed and a caucus called for tomorrow afternoon to consider the assignments agreed upon by the committee on committees may develop an absolute party break.

The regulars have a large majority in the caucus and it is not improbable the insurgents may carry their demands to the floor of the senate, which leaders in both factions admit would bring about a party split.

Four points of difference remain to be settled. La Follette wants to go on interstate commerce, Cummins on finance, Brewster on foreign relations and Hurns on appropriations.

Apparently there is no difficulty about the assignments given by the regulars to members of the insurgent faction who are not on the committee on committees. The issue between the regulars and insurgents is clearly defined, according to the views of appropriations.

Insurgents Have Good Places. The regulars point to the fact that the insurgent members of the committee on committees all have good places, among them:

La Follette—Chairman of census, finance, manufactures, Indian affairs, and some committees of less importance. He was offered appropriations, generally regarded as the greatest of all committees, but declined it and insisted upon interstate commerce.

Cummins—Chairman of civil service, interstate commerce, judiciary, manufactures, public expenditures and a number of smaller assignments. In addition he has commandeered finance.

Brewster—Postoffice and postroads, military affairs, interstate commerce, territories, public buildings and grounds and a number of others, including the chairmanship of expenditures in the postoffice department. He declined a place on commerce and demanded a place on foreign relations.

Hurns—Chairman of postoffice and postroads, manufactures, public lands, printing, public health, a number of others. He demanded a place on appropriations and it is generally believed that this will be conceded to him.

Insurgent republicans charge that the regulars are packing the finance and interstate commerce committees, the first named to prevent assaults upon the Payne-Aldrich bill and the principal of high protection, and the latter to keep railroad legislation out of the hands of insurgents whom, they claim, have made studies of this subject. They insist they are fighting for an opportunity to impress their progressive views upon policies upon the Payne-Aldrich bill and the regulation of railroads.

Regulars Will Not Yield.

What the outcome will be in the contest tomorrow is not clear. The regulars said they would not yield another inch to the insurgents and the stand they have taken, the committee on committees will be the stand of all the regulars in the caucus tomorrow afternoon. Whether the insurgents will force a division in the caucus is not certain, as they declined to announce their intentions.

Before the caucus the committee on committees (Continued on Second Page.)

Police Asked to Hunt for Bernard Smyth by Man's Parents

Son of Constantine J. Smyth Does Not Return Home at Late Hour and Parents Are Apprehensive.

What is feared may be a sinister culmination of the Smyth-Hochstetler blackmailing letters occurred last night, when the disappearance of Bernard Smyth was reported to the police by his family.

Young Smyth, son of Constantine J. Smyth, had left his home early in the afternoon for a game of tennis and when at a late hour he failed to return his parents notified the police.

Young Smyth was seen at Twenty-fourth and Cumming at 6:30 p. m. He had been playing tennis at Creighton college and was presumably on his way home.

Threats were contained in blackmailing letters received at the home of C. J. Smyth during the last several weeks. The letters contained a demand for \$2,500 under threat of bodily harm to the son of Mr. Smyth.

Frank Hochstetler, a neighbor and friend of the Smyths, also received letters of the same tenor, in which the threats were made against his daughter, Miss Frances Hochstetler. Miss Hochstetler and young Smyth were friends and for a time it was thought that the letters were a joke upon the young people perpetrated by some college men. The sum of \$1,000 was demanded of Mr. Hochstetler.

Strange Chapter in Alleged Love Affairs of Church

Suit of Mrs. Salmon Against Estate of Late American Engineer Reveals Unusual Condition of Affairs.

LONDON, April 25.—A strange chapter in the alleged love affairs of the late Colonel George Earl Church, the noted American engineer, was revealed in the King's bench division today through the suit instituted by Mrs. Anna Margaret Salmon for a share in the Church estate. The septuagenarian plaintiff lost her case, the jury returning a verdict for the defendants, who were the colonel's widow and his executors.

Colonel Church died in London on January 21, 1910. According to the case presented by the attorneys for Mrs. Salmon, the colonel met her and her invalid husband on the continent and promised to marry her when her husband died. When Salmon passed away, however, Church married another woman. On the latter's demise it was alleged the colonel assumed his promise of marriage, but failed to make it good. Subsequently the plaintiff agreed to accept an annuity in compensation for her disappointment.

Mrs. Salmon testified that she received the annuity for eleven years, but when Church died the executors of his estate refused to recognize the alleged agreement.

The prosecution further asserted that the colonel will provide for payments of \$150,000 to each of three women, the wives of foreigners, whom Church had met on the continent, but Mrs. Salmon's name was omitted from the list of beneficiaries.

Colonel Church was a native of New Bedford, Mass. He was a member of the Royal Geographical society, being the only person not an English citizen, to be so honored.

Annual Funeral of O'Hara Family to Be Held Friday

Bodies of Six Members of Clan Who Have Died During the Year to Be Buried at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 25.—The annual funeral of the O'Hara family will be held here next Friday. Six members of a numerous and widely scattered clan of horse traders and farmers will be laid to rest. It is the custom of the O'Haras to bury their dead on the same day so as many relatives as possible can attend the obsequies. When one of the clan dies the body is sent to Atlanta, embalmed and held until April, when, together with all the others who have passed away during the preceding twelve months, it is interred.

The members who will be buried Friday were residents of Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky. The family connections extend to almost every southern state, St. Louis, and Washington, D. C. Many of them are wealthy.

Camorrist Trial Is Adjourned to Monday

Jurors Disappointed Because Demand for More Pay Was Refused and Sickness Is Frequent.

VITERBO, Italy, April 25.—The trial of the Camorrist has been adjourned until Monday because of the illness of a juror, who failed to appear when the session was to have been resumed today. The man is said to be suffering from influenza. It is reported that the trial may be transferred to some other city because of the dissatisfaction on the part of the jury. Early in the proceedings the members petitioned the court for an increase in the fees allowed them, but no response to their request has been made. Accordingly it is said they are inclined to use obstructive measures. If one after the other is taken sick, no further progress can be made under the present circumstances.

HIGHEST BUILDING IN WORLD

Plans for Structure in New York City Fifty-Five Stories in Height.

WITNESS TELLS OF HINES' WORDS

Minnesota Lumberman Testifies as to Talk About Election of Lorimer Previous to Event.

INTERESTS NEED BETTER MAN

Illinoisian Selected as Proper Person for the Place.

TALK WITH GOVERNOR RELATED

Conversation by Telephone in Regard to Bringing Money.

THREE MEN CITED FOR CONTEMPT

Hines, Benedict and Cummings of Chicago Refuse to Appear Before the Senate Investigating Committee.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 25.—W. H. Cook, an official of the Virginia and Rainy Lake Lumber company of Duluth, Minn., testifying this afternoon before the Hines committee, which is investigating charges of bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate, admitted that he held a conference with Edward Hines at the Grand Pacific hotel in Chicago shortly before the election of Lorimer as United States senator.

Cook testified that Hines met Cook and Mr. Turritt, another lumberman from Duluth, in the lobby of the Grand Pacific.

"How are things going down at Washington?" Cook said Turritt asked Hines.

"Cook said Hines answered, 'like —'." Cook stated that Hines said he decided the lumber interests needed a better senator at Washington and that Lorimer had been settled on as the proper man to take care of the tariff on lumber.

Relating another conversation which he said took place at the Grand Pacific hotel, May 25, 1909, Cook testified that he met Edward Hines by an appointment arranged by C. F. Wiebe.

"Mr. Hines," said Cook, "was coming back from Washington that day. Mr. Hines came into the hotel and asked the number of my room, so that he could receive a long distance telephone call which he had put in. William O'Brien of Duluth was also with us.

"During our talk the telephone rang. I answered it and the girl said: 'Here's Springfield; the governor is on the wire.' Hines told the governor that he had just left Senator Aldrich and President Taft in Washington the night before and that they insisted Senator Hopkins could not be returned to the senate.

"Hines said over the phone: 'It's all settled, governor, I'll be down to Springfield on the next train with all the money that will be needed. Don't stop at anything.'"

INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Representative Cox Stirrs Movement Intending to Make Matter Party Issue.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Representative Cox of Ohio is at the head of a movement of democratic congressmen to make the Philippines and their independence a party measure at this session of congress. At the next meeting of the majority caucus he will ask that a resolution calling for the war department for a statement showing what the islands have cost the United States since the American occupation be made a part of the majority program.

This resolution Mr. Cox regards as an entering wedge toward neutralization of the islands. "The Philippine situation," said Mr. Cox today, "is the most menacing before us. Wars of the future will be over lands in the orient."

"If the people could see what the Philippines had cost I am positive the islands and their future would be accorded serious and immediate consideration. Neutrality of the islands could be arranged for by treaty."

GIRL BUTTON MAKERS AT LACROSSE STRIKE

Half the Women Employed in Factory There Go Out in Sympathy With Men.

LACROSSE, Wis., April 25.—Half of the girl employees remaining at work at the plant of the Wisconsin Pearl Button company, where seven button cutters all struck last night, today went out in sympathy today. Both men and women employees have until now been unorganized, but today O. C. Wilson arrived here from Muscatine to organize the men and Miss Margaret Finnigan of Chicago came to organize the women. Crowds of strikers and sympathizers surrounded the plant and the situation is growing tense.

MUSCATINE, Ia., April 25.—Muscatine was quiet today, following its first night under strict military rule since the trouble in connection with the button workers' strike began. The night passed without a ripple of excitement. The day opened with the strike situation unchanged.

BOY LOCKED IN CAR FOUR DAYS

Cleveland Lad Nearly Dead of Thirst and Starvation When Rescued in New York.

NEW YORK, April 25.—From a box car, filled with four in Cleveland, O., last week, they staggered out to the platform of the New Jersey Central railroad freight yards in Jersey City today an emaciated boy of 15 years. He gasped for water and food and, after he had been attended to by Hyman Golden of Cleveland, O., and that he had been locked in the car last Thursday.

"I was sent into the car to count the flour sacks," he said, "Some one closed the door while I was doing this. I beat against it and shouted for help but no one came. The police made Hyman comfortable and telegraphed to his parents."

TALKS OF "PENNY POSTAGE"

Postmaster General Says It is a Probability of the Near Future.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Postmaster General Hitchcock is confident that "penny postage" is a probability of the near future as the result of reductions in the \$7,000,000 postal deficit which existed when he took charge of the Postoffice department. He has made a statement to this effect in acknowledging letters received regarding the postal situation.

The Siren



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FREE LIST BILL IN THE HOUSE

Underwood Says it is Not Intended as Compensation to Farmers.

RECIPROcity WILL NOT HURT

Minority Report Signed by Republicans of Committee is Transparent Attempt to Manufacture Political Capital.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The free list bill was taken up in the house today and for several days to come it will hold the center of the legislative stage. Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, in explaining the proposed measure, acknowledged that it would mean a reduction in government revenues by at least \$100,000,000 a year, but declared that this would be more than met by government economies.

"This free list bill is not offered as a compensation to the farmer for products of his that were put on the free list in the reciprocity bill," said Mr. Underwood, "because we don't believe the passage of the reciprocity agreement will in any way affect the farmer's income."

"One of the objects of this bill is to remove from the protected list those implements that the farmer uses in producing his crops. The other purpose is to reduce the cost of living to the masses by putting their food products on the free list."

Mr. Underwood announced that this was only the beginning of the democratic revision of the tariff. "We propose to revise the tariff, schedule by schedule," he said. "That is in our opinion, the only proper way to handle the tariff question in congress. The democratic party does not stand for the wiping out of the customs houses; we realize that the expenses of government may be borne by a judicious system of duties. But by lowering and adjusting the prohibitive duties we can fully maintain the amount of customs revenues."

The minority report on the free list bill, signed by all of the republicans on the ways and means committee, declares that the measure represents "a transparent attempt at the manufacture of political capital."

The republican report asserts that congress was called together specifically to pass the Canadian reciprocity bill.

"The interests of the farmer and of everybody else will be subserved," says the report, "if the country is spared from further exploitation and further tariff legislation at the present time and if adjustment is taken promptly after the reciprocity bill shall have been finally acted on."

Many Members Will Speak. The debate promises to engage a large part of the membership of the house. At the beginning of today's session more than fifty members had been promised an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Underwood charged the republicans with making the Payne tariff law so that it left a tariff tax on everything that the farmer used, while reducing many of his protective duties.

Attacking the bill, Representative Mann pointed out that the effect of removing the duty on agricultural implements may be entirely different from the expected result. The International Harvester company, he said, has large factories in Canada, France, Germany and Russia and can ship into the United States free of duty agricultural implements manufactured cheaply abroad, without affecting the price paid by the American purchaser.

EX-CONVICT ON THE JURY

Trial of Italian Accused of Murder in Chicago Comes to Second End.

CHICAGO, April 25.—An Italian murder trial came to a sudden halt today when simultaneously with an impassioned vow of vengeance on the part of the victim's daughter and the discovery that one of the jurors was an ex-convict, the jury was dismissed.

Jennie Gambino, daughter of the man killed, stirred the criminal court when she testified that she had seen the body of her father lying on the ground without waiting for the coroner to take it away.

"You killed a father of eight children. You had no reason. I, his daughter, will avenge him with your blood. It was plain murder and your own life will be taken in payment."

The prosecutor announced he had learned one of the jurymen had been a convict.

Several days ago this trial was halted by an explosion of gunpowder in a cuspidor.

BIG BLAZE IN SIOUX FALLS

Five Locomotives and Roundhouse Belonging to Dakota Central Burned.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 25.—Five locomotives belonging to the South Dakota Central Railroad company were burned today when the roundhouse and other buildings were destroyed by fire. The property loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Fifteen Bodies Taken from Coal Mine at Elk Garden, W. Va.

It is Now Estimated that Total Number of Deaths from the Disaster is Twenty-Three.

ELK GARDEN, W. Va., April 25.—Fifteen bodies had been taken out of the Otis mine No. 20 of the Davis Coal company at 10 o'clock today. B-dies of eight other victims of yesterday's explosion are, supposed to be in the mine. Rescuers are trying to recover these bodies.

This morning John Ling, chief of the West Virginia department of mines, started an investigation of the cause of the accident. A special train today brought Assistant Engineer L. W. Jones of Pittsburgh, accompanied by First Aidesmen John T. Ryan and David D. Davis.

In contrast to the usual mine explosion, the victims in this case, with one exception are Americans. The mine usually employs 200 men on the day shift and about the same number at night. A temporary suspension of work, however, required fewer men in the mines, else the casualty might have been greater.

Big Family and Big Roll of American Bills

Russian Immigrant Quickly Satisfies Officials of Ability to Care for His Fourteen Children.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Frederick Schneider, who arrived today from Russia with a wife and fourteen of his fifteen living children, could not answer in English when asked if he had money enough to provide for his army of dependents, but he replied in "American" with an eloquence that staggered the immigration officers.

From the depths of various pockets he brought forth rolls of bills, one after another, and tossed them on the desk at Ellis Island, while officials and immigrants stared around to hear the money talk. In all he produced \$25,000.

Through an interpreter Schneider explained his fortune came from the sale of a big farm near Osmen today on behalf of his wife and children. N. D., whether his eldest son, Christian, had preceded him.

Atlantic Railroad is Again Tied Up

Burlington Attaches Funds to Secure Payment for Lease of Engine and Freight Collections.

ATLANTIC, Ia., April 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The Burlington road effectively tied up the Atlantic Northern & Southern today by attachment of all the funds of the road in the Iowa Trust and Savings bank. The attachment was made on order of United States court and some \$12,700 is tied up. It prevents operation of the road and trains have stopped again. An application has been made for release of enough money to permit operation of the road.

A petition signed by 499 farmers was presented to the court today asking it to postpone appointment of a receiver. A petition signed by 100 is also ready to be presented asking for a receiver.

The local road is in debt to the Burlington for lease of an engine and for freight collections in the sum of about \$9,000.

PLEAS FOR EDWARD M'CANN

Two Hundred Persons Appear Before Illinois Board of Pardons at Joliet.

JOLIET, Ill., April 25.—Fully 200 persons appeared before the Illinois pardon board at Joliet this morning on behalf of Edward M'Cann, the Chicago police inspector, who was convicted of accepting bribes. Attorney David F. Natchez, who represented M'Cann, said former President Roosevelt had written to Governor Deneen to the effect that he knew, as former police commissioner of New York, the tricks of the under world in trying to job honest police officials to the penitentiary and that the letter was sent by Mr. Roosevelt in the interests of justice.

CUDAHY - BREWER WEDDING

California Young Woman Becomes Bride of Son of Chicago Packer.

SAN MATEO, Cal., April 25.—The marriage of Miss Nora Brewer of San Mateo and Edward L. Cudahy of Chicago was solemnized in St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church by Archbishop P. W. Riordan today. Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy will travel in California before going to Chicago, where they will make their home.

MEN ARRESTED ON KIDNAPING CHARGE IN JAIL

Prosecutor, Attorney and Chauffeur Accused of Illegal Arrest of Iron Worker Led to Grand Jury.

THEY ARE UNABLE TO GIVE BOND

Crowd About Justice's Office Jeers and Applauds.

PROCEEDING CALLED ABSURD

Los Angeles Officials Say it Will Only Cause a Short Delay.

BURNS TELLS OF HIS EVIDENCE

Detective Says McManigal Not Implicated in Los Angeles Times Explosion, but in Llewellyn Iron Works Blowup.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 25.—Detective William J. Burns was arrested late today on a warrant charging him with having been implicated in the alleged kidnaping of John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 25.—Water

Drew of New York, counsel for the National Erectors' association; W. Joseph Ford, assistant district attorney of Los Angeles, and Frank Fox, a chauffeur, charged with having kidnaped J. J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, were arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace Manning. They waived preliminary examination and were bound over to the grand jury.

William J. Burns, detective employed by the Erectors' association, who arrived in this city from Toledo today, was sought by constables with a warrant for his arrest on the charge of kidnaping McNamara, but they could not find him.

Drew, Ford and Fox, when arrested last night were released under bond of \$5,000 each for Drew and Ford, and \$3,000 for Fox.

Their bond to hold them for the grand jury today was set by the justice at \$10,000 each for Drew and Ford, and \$5,000 for Fox. Their attorney, W. A. Ketcham, after trying to secure bail failed, and the men were taken to the county jail. A crowd had collected about the justice of the peace office and when the men started for the jail there was applauding and jeering.

County Prosecutor Baker today appointed a special deputy, Henry Seyfried, to prosecute the cases.

The general charge against the men is that they conspired to take McNamara out of the state, "without due process of law."

The affidavits against Drew, Ford and Fox were made by J. J. Keegan, a labor union leader of Indianapolis, and member of the Indiana legislature.

It is alleged McNamara did not have an opportunity to consult and resist extradition after his arrest last Saturday evening, but that he was put into an automobile driven by Fox and taken to Chicago Saturday night bound for Los Angeles to answer an indictment charging him with complicity in a dynamite explosion at the Llewellyn Iron works.

Drew's Assistant Arrested. A. F. Bader of New York, and an assistant of Drew was arrested by three constables at his room in the Claypool hotel at 11 o'clock this morning and taken before Justice of the Peace Manning. Bader was taken in custody on a "John Doe" warrant, six of which were issued last night by Justice Manning, on charges of kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap.

A half dozen constables are trying to locate Detective Burns, but he has not been found.

The expected bondsmen not appearing, the justices' clerk summoned constables to take Drew and Ford to jail. By this time the little court room, the hallway and the narrow stairway leading down to the street were filled with a noisy crowd.

The clerk of the court started first with Ford. Drew hung back.

"Come on, Drew," yelled a number of men, pressing from the hall into the doorway of the court room. A constable took Drew's arm, and, as he resisted, a dozen arms stretched out and the man was half dragged, half pushed, into the hallway.

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All public gatherings in the evening have been discontinued in Colonia Dublan and Colonia Juarez.

NEW YORK, April 25.—President Diaz (Continued on Second Page.)

Advertisement for MYERS-DILLON DRUG CO. featuring prescription drugs, exclusive agents for White Rock Lithia Water, Mountain Valley Mineral Water, and Bee Publishing Co., Omaha, Neb. Includes a signature of J. B. Myers.

Weather forecast section for Omaha, Nebraska. Includes temperature, precipitation, and wind speed data for the day and week. Also includes comparative local records and reports from various stations.