

BLANK CRITICISES CANNON.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER EXPOSES METHODS OF REPUBLICAN BOSS.

Expresses His Contempt for Cannon and the Means He Has Used to Reward the Democrats Who Sold Out to Him and Deceived Their Party.

Washington, March 19.—The second day's session of the house of representatives of the sixty-first congress found members in a much calmer mood. The tension was noticeably relaxed, and a feeling of good fellowship was apparent. The drawing for seats was the first business.

As a special compliment Messrs. Blagham (Pa.), the "father of the house" Sherwood and Keifer of Ohio, Payne (N. Y.), Clark (Mo.), Dewey (Maine), Livingston (Ga.), Sperry (Conn.), the oldest member of the house, DeArmond (Mo.) and Talbot (Md.), were allowed to select their seats without reference to the result of the drawing.

A storm of laughter at the expense of Mr. Clark (Mo.) was created when he suggested that the Democrats who were forced to occupy the so-called "Cherokee strip" to the extreme of the speaker be allowed to choose seats in the last tier and not be compelled to "mix up" with the Republicans. In view of the alliance of the Republican insurgents and the Democrats on the question of modifying the rules, the humor of the suggestion became at once apparent, but it nevertheless prevailed.

Speaker Cannon announced the following committees:

Rules—The speaker; Dainell (Pa.), Smith Iowa), Clark (Mo.), Fitzgerald (N. Y.).

Payne and Messrs. Payne (N. Y.), Dainell (Pa.), McCall (Mass.), Hill (Conn.), Bentall (Ill.), Needham (Cal.), Caldwell (Kan.), Feiler (Mich.), Galois (W. Va.), Cushman (Wash.), Langworth (Ohio), Cramer (Ind.), Broussard (La.), Underwood (Ark.), Griggs (Ga.), Fox (N. C.), Randall (Texas).

Democratic Controversies.

Blames from the Democratic side greeted the announcement, which the speaker each time quashed by sharply bringing his gavel and admonishing the galleries that they must observe the proprieties. This novel way of rebuking the members who had engaged in the hissing brought from that side of the house only groans and guffaws.

At 2.04 o'clock the house adjourned.

After the announcement of the two committees, Champ Clark, the minority leader, said:

"Originally the speaker had the power and exercised it to appoint all committees, both the majority and minority members. Under Speaker Reed, when Bailey of Texas was the minority leader, and under Speaker Henderson, I think that the minority leaders were consulted a good deal regarding the appointment of minority members. When Cannon was elected speaker and Williams minority leader, the speaker conferred on the minority leader the favor of appointing minority members on committees with one or two reservations.

"Now the speaker resumes the power of appointing the majority and minority members on committees for the purpose of punishing me, because I had the courage to fight certain things that he wanted done. He has a perfect right to appoint the minority members and I'm not complaining about it, but his efforts to punish me will be absolutely futile if his purpose is to swerve me from the line of conduct which I think is for the welfare of the Democratic party and therefore of the country. Committee assignments do not make and unmake men in the house of representatives. I had nothing whatever to do with the appointment of the committee on ways and means and the committee on rules, and I would not have cared a haubee if he had put me on the tail end of the committee on ventilation and acoustics. Every man makes his own place in the house of representatives. He didn't give me my place and he can't take it away from me."

FEUDIST SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Flemming Brothers, Bound on Errand of Revenue, Waylaid—One Killed and Other Seriously Wounded.

Huntington, W. Va., March 16.—John and Frank Flemming, alleged members of a feud gang that has terrorized Harts Creek, Lincoln county, 40 miles south of this city, were shot from ambush last evening. Frank was killed and John was seriously wounded. John Flemming was released Saturday from the penitentiary, where he served two years for conspiracy to defraud the government. When he learned that his young wife had secured a divorce and had married John McCoy, a bitter enemy of his, the Flemming brothers started for McCoy's home. They were ambushed on route.

CANNON'S TOOLS DENOUNCED.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS DISCUSSES TREACHERY OF BOLLERS.

Committee Will Draft Stronger Regulations Covering Recreant Members' Failure to Support Party.

Washington, March 16.—After a stormy debate tonight over the alleged failure of 23 Democrats of the house to abide by the party caucus on the rules fight, the house Democratic caucus decided to have a select committee draft more stringent rules to govern future caucuses of the party. This committee will be selected by Chairman Clayton.

The adoption of this resolution was preceded by one of the most bitter debates heard in a Democratic caucus for several sessions over a resolution directing Minority Leader Clark to approve Speaker Cannon's appointment of Representative Francis Burton Harrison of New York and Representative Broussard of Louisiana as Democratic members of the committee on ways and means. Both men voted for the Fitzgerald amendment to the house rules yesterday. Mr. Broussard voted with the Republicans on other questions during the rules fight.

The resolution was presented by Representative Pujo of Louisiana. After an hour's debate, Chairman Clayton ruled that the resolution adopted by the caucus last night, leaving the approval of assignments with Mr. Clark. During the debate on this resolution the alleged bolt of Democrats was discussed. Representative Keifer of Massachusetts defended his course in voting for the Fitzgerald amendment.

"My people wanted some relief from those rules and I was willing to give them what I could get," he declared.

Questions were asked of him by several members. Finally the Massachusetts man shouted: "The Democratic party will not amount to much until it gets more men from the North in it."

Representative Harrison said that he believed he was not bolting in voting for the Fitzgerald amendment. "I would vote the same way under similar circumstances, but I am always willing to abide by the caucus of my party. I attended the caucus last night that adopted the resolution placing with the minority leader the approval of all committee assignments of Democrats. I shall abide by that action." He was greeted with loud applause.

Representative Broussard attended the caucus, but did not speak. Representative Fitzgerald was not present.

Another caucus will be held March 23 to act on the rules to govern future meetings of the Democratic members.

TART REMARKS SWAPPED.

Cannon and Clark Have Some Rather Uncomplimentary Things to Say About Each Other.

Washington, March 16.—Speaker Cannon and Champ Clark, the minority leader of the house, swapped tart remarks about each other at the White House today. The speaker called upon the president early in the morning and when he was leaving the executive offices made this answer to a question as to the fight in the house yesterday.

"The amendments to the rules have greatly improved them. All this stuff about the speaker being a czar is the purest tommyrot. There has never been a time when the majority could not control the house. What they wanted to do was to make a committee of 15 czars, dominated by Champ Clark and LaFollette. That is also tommyrot. LaFollette is a fake."

When Representative Champ Clark called on President Taft later in the morning and was told what the speaker said, he answered briefly: "Uncle Joe has parsed." Mr. Clark would not comment further except to say that the amendments to the rules amount to very little.

MILL MEN OPPOSE REVISION.

Textile Manufacturers of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama Says It Hurts Business.

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—Any effort to revise the tariff so that it will injure to the injury of Southern textile manufacturers will be strenuously opposed and a committee representing the cotton mill men of Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina will be sent to Washington to urge the ways and means committee to make no change in the tariff affecting these manufacturers. This was decided upon here today when representatives of the textile industries of the States named unanimously adopted resolutions to that effect. The resolutions also declare that the present movement for a revision of the tariff is injurious to all lines of business and the committee will urge upon congress the necessity of completing the revision as early as possible.

TO OPEN REEL FOOT LAKE?

Cause of Night Rider Raids May be Made a Public Game and Fish Preserve.

Union City, Tenn., March 15.—It was the opinion of the five witnesses who testified before the legislative committee named to report on the bill making Reel Foot Lake, the cause of the recent night rider depredations, a public game and fish preserve, this afternoon that the market fishermen and hunters would be willing to pay the State for the privileges and that all contention would cease as soon as the control of this privilege passed out of the hands of the West Tennessee Land Company.

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN AIKEN.

Several Men Wounded in Fight Between Wardens and Fishermen.

Aiken, March 15.—Information has reached the city of what came near being a serious difficulty, near Langley, on Saturday night. Several persons were more or less seriously or painfully shot, and they are now under warrants for various charges.

It appears that on Saturday night Game Wardens Charlie Weathersbee and Pink Williams and Constable Butler Weathersbee had an account with some fishermen. The officers stated that on Saturday afternoon one of the wardens went to the head of the Langley Pond, and saw some men fishing. The men, he said, ordered him away, under penalty of being shot. He got the other officers, and on Saturday night together they went to the place. They claim that as soon as they appeared the men opened fire on them, one shot striking Charlie Weathersbee in the arm. They say that then they, (the officers,) opened fire striking two of the fishermen. However, the party of fishermen, among whom were Robert Tanne, and one Bush and one Ripley, state that the officers deliberately opened fire on them, they only returning fire to protect themselves.

Mr. Bush was shot in the leg, and his hat was shot to pieces. Yesterday it was thought that he had been shot so severely that he had died somewhere in the swamp, and warrants were issued for the officers on charge of murder. However, he later "turned up" and was found to have been not seriously hurt. The other man who was shot is not known at this time. It was stated yesterday, that either warrants had been, or will be issued for all the parties concerned in the mixup.

It is a rule with the Langley Manufacturing Company that nets cannot be placed in the pond on certain days, Saturday being one of them. It is said that the officers believed that the parties were fishing with nets, and for this reason the officers were investigating.

The affair is greatly regretted. It is being talked of a great deal, and the outcome will be closely watched. Since the death of Warden Claude Shaw, Messrs Weathersbee and Williams have been wardens.

PERSONNEL OF HAGUE COURT.

Great Britain and United States Select Members of Tribunal.

Washington, March 15.—Direct agreement has been reached between Great Britain and the United States on the personnel of the Court at the Hague, which is to pass upon the issues in controversy between the two countries regarding the Newfoundland fisheries. They have been selected from the list of members of the permanent Court and are as follows:

Dr. Heinrich Lammasch, of Austria, umpire, who will act as president; Luis M. Drago, of the Argentine Republic; Jonkher A. F. de Savorein Lohman, of the Netherlands; Judge George Gray, of Delaware, and Chief Justice Chas. Fitzpatrick, of the Canadian Supreme Court.

The tribunal will meet on April 4, of next year, or later, as may be agreed upon, when each side will present its case.

The Newfoundland fisheries controversy is the first to be referred to The Hague for arbitration under the general arbitration treaty between the two countries less than a year ago, pursuant to the term of The Hague convention of 1907 for the pacific settlement of international disputes.

WOULD NOT GO TO LIBERIA.

Richard Carroll Declines to be a Member of Liberian Commission.

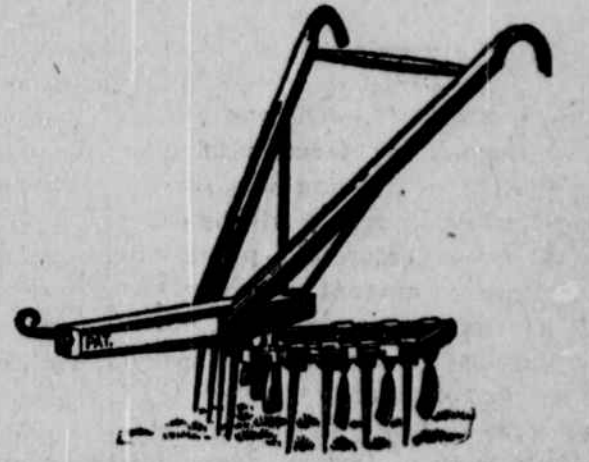
Columbia, March 15.—Richard Carroll has received a letter from Senator B. R. Tillman to the effect that Carroll had been recommended by Philander C. Knox to become a member of the Liberian commission. Carroll has written Senator Tillman, thanking him for the honor, but declining to accept. "I told him that I was just in the same fix he is. I want to remain in South Carolina, which is good enough for me," said Carroll today.

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The Women's Monument.

There has been, as yet, no concerted movement in this city or county to raise funds for the monument to the Women of the Confederacy, but several Sumter citizens have sent contributions to the Columbia State and we have no doubt a great many others are not only willing but ready to give toward this worthy cause, if the matter is brought directly to their attention. But we are satisfied that unless the Confederate Veterans, or the Sons of Veterans, take an active interest in the matter and appoint committees to collect Sumter's share of the fund it will drag along for an indefinite period. Sumter county should contribute at least \$150, and we see no reason why this amount cannot be raised with ease. Larger sums have been collected frequently for less worthy causes. In our opinion the Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Veterans, through their respective organizations, are the proper persons to take the lead in raising this fund, but we have been requested to open a subscription list and receive contributions and being willing to assist in every worthy cause have decided to do so. Contributions for the Women's Monument will be received, acknowledged and turned over to the commission that will have charge of the erection of the monument. We have received one contribution already: Mr. H. C. Haynsworth... \$1.00

Since writing the above a committee of Sons of Veterans, composed of Messrs. Andrew Manning, H. C. Haynsworth and J. H. Chandler, have undertaken to canvass the business section of the city and in the short time they were at work this morning received a large number of contributions, ranging from \$1 to \$25.

From the Daily Item, March 17.

The committee of Sons of Veterans continued the canvass of the city this morning for contributions to the fund for the monument to the Women of the Confederacy, and as on yesterday nearly every man called on made a contribution. While the canvass has not been completed the amount already collected encourages the committee to hope that Sumter's total contribution to the fund will be little short of \$300. The contribution list will be kept open for a week or more and any veteran, son of a veteran, or other person who may wish to assist in erecting the memorial to the women who were the support and inspiration of the men who wore the gray, can do so by sending his contribution to the committee—H. C. Haynsworth, A. A. Manning, J. H. Chandler. Contributions will also be received at the Bank of Sumter.

A. L. Patterson, one of the oldest newspaper men in Chicago, and business manager of the Chicago Times when that paper was in existence, died at his home in Chicago recently. Mr. Patterson was seventy-seven years old and the cause of his death was general ill health.

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