

SERIOUS TIEUP IN THE HOUSE

THE REFORM RULES USED TO OBSTRUCT BUSINESS.

Important Legislation Recommended by the Administration May Fall Unless the Committee on Rules Comes to the Rescue With Special Rules.

Washington, Jan. 8.—A serious condition of affairs confronts the responsible leadership of the House of Representatives. Legislation is "jammed up" in the body as a result of the maneuvers of regular Republicans, who are bent on demonstrating that the reform rules are unworkable and susceptible to abuses.

The purpose of the fight for reform rules was to bring about such changes in the procedure as would enable members to get a hearing on bills in which they are interested. The complaint had been made for years that an oligarchy was in command of the situation through the medium of a system of rules that put all the power in the hands of the Speaker and his favorites.

Invoking the very rules that the progressives thought would ease the way for legislation in which the individual member was interested, Representative Mann and a few other regulars have succeeded in setting up obstacles to the passage in the House of bills that may prove to be insurmountable unless the Committee on Rules interferes with special rules. The situation menaces important legislation that has been recommended by the Administration. It may also provide another knockdown fight between the Cannon organization and the insurgents.

A postal reorganization bill put on the "motion to discharge" calendar by Representative Mann is the cause of most of the trouble. This bill is a lengthy document and Mr. Mann insists that it shall be read in full before the House shall proceed to its consideration. It is this procedure that the House will devote three legislative days to the reading of a bill that it is admitted cannot be passed at this time.

As a result of this state of affairs the House finds itself unable to take up important legislation. The Committee on Rules prior to the reform era two days a month were set apart as "suspension days." Debate on bills taken up on suspension days was limited to each day to ten minutes and a mass of legislation of more or less importance to the membership was passed on such occasions.

Representative Walter I. Smith of Iowa, who is a member of the Committee on Rules, offered a resolution suspending debate on January 10 and February 7 as suspension days. This resolution was considered by the committee yesterday and will be further discussed on Tuesday. If the committee acts favorably on this resolution and if such action is endorsed by the House, the situation will be eased somewhat. In the meantime there are likely to be hostile demonstrations by the insurgents. They are angry with Representative Mann.

Representative Norris of Nebraska, who led the successful fight against the rule a year ago, has offered an amendment to the rule under which a committee may be discharged from further consideration of a given bill. It is designed to push aside the Mann postal reorganization bill and prevent the recurrence of a like situation in the future. The "motion to discharge" calendar must be read in full if the member insists upon such a proceeding. The Norris amendment provides that the only way of such a bill shall be read when it is called up.

Mr. Mann scoffs at the proposal of Mr. Norris. He says that if the Norris amendment were adopted, it would be defeated by the introduction of bills with long titles. "It would be easy enough," he said, "for a member to introduce a bill with a title 200 pages in length."

TARIFF CONVENTION.

Seven Hundred Delegates to Attend and President Taft to Speak.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The annual convention of the National Tariff Commission Association, which begins in this city on Wednesday and lasts two days, will be attended by more than 700 delegates representing the leading commercial and trading centers of the country, a score or more of them in New York city and State. On Thursday afternoon President Taft will address the delegates in the East Room at the White House and he will also deliver an address at a banquet to be given by the association.

The principal disturbance of the week will prevail during the next three days west of the Rocky Mountains, crossing the middle West on Wednesday or Thursday and reach the Atlantic States Thursday or Friday. This disturbance will spread rapidly, especially in the Southern States and the region west of the Rocky Mountains, including California, where the season's rainfall has been greatly deficient.

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The Weather.

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For eastern New York, cloudy to day, with rain or snow in northern and central portions and much colder; fair in southern and snow in northern portion to morning; high wind and light snow to night.

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RAIN MARSHES FOR ALFONSO.

Spanish Flags for Moorish Territory Blessed Moslems at Open Air Mass.

MELILLA, Jan. 8.—The enthusiasm occasioned by the visit of King Alfonso has been greatly damped by a terrific storm which has in some measure prevented the forces prepared in his honor. These, however, will be carried out as soon as the weather conditions improve.

To-day the Apostolic Vicar of Melilla blessed the flags which will be used throughout the territory in Morocco which henceforth Spain will govern.

Subsequent to this ceremony and despite the rain a field mass was celebrated, in which the King, his suite, a number of French officers and a very large crowd of people took part.

Quite a number of tribesmen, who had never before witnessed a Catholic ceremony, looked on with much interest and even curiosity or hostility. Upon the termination of the mass a grand review of the troops was held.

FIGHTING NEAR CASAGRANDES.

Mormon Colonies Scared, but Came Off Safely. Heavily Busy in Chihuahua.

EL PASO, Jan. 8.—With the opening of traffic south of El Paso to Pearson and Casas Grandes, Mexico, and the arrival of authentic news from the Mormon colonies it develops that there has been considerable fighting near the colonies, but now the Federal troops are in control and the colonists are breathing freely again. The Federals and a band of insurgents had a fight near Jackson's Mills in the colony of Dublin one day last week, and another band had a fight with Federals near Colonia Juarez, while a band of robbers began operations against the colonists and natives alike throughout the region under the guise of insurgents, and were run out by the insurgents after a fight.

The Mormons were greatly excited during the fighting and kept their men and boys organized and armed ready to disperse any attack that might be made on their settlement. Some skirmishing was reported in the vicinity of Chihuahua, east of here, whither Gen. Luque went with Federal troops from Chihuahua.

Paz Orozco, leader of the retreating band of western Mormons, has seized the Mexican and Orient Railroad west of Guerrero, from which he has retreated, but the road is a short line and of little consequence. He is now in the mountains away from any town of importance, and the rebels are nowhere in position to molest the general traffic.

Madera, the headquarters of the F. S. Pearson interests, which has been isolated since the middle of December on account of the cutting of the railroad near Pedernales, is again in communication with the outside world. There are several hundred Americans there.

WEEK'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Cold Wave From Alaska Due the Latter Part of the Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Following is the forecast of the Weather Bureau for the ensuing week:

"A cold wave of marked severity that now prevails over Alaska will overpass the Northwestern States Monday and Tuesday, from which region it will advance eastward and southward over the middle West during the middle of the week and to the Atlantic and Gulf States during the latter part of the week. Abnormally low temperatures will attend this cold wave in the north Pacific States, the northern plateau and Rocky Mountain regions and practically all districts thereof.

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For western New York, snow and much colder today, with high west and northwest winds, snow flurries to morning.

For eastern Pennsylvania, much colder with snow in northern and fair in southern portion today, unsettled to morning; high northwesterly winds diminishing.

DUKE FOES OF CANALEJAS

REPUBLICANS AND CHURCHMEN HOLD OVER IN SANTANDER.

Lerroux Cites Portugal as a Forerunner of Republican Success in Spain Opponents of Padlock Law Telegraph the Pope They'll Form a New Party.

SANTANDER, Jan. 8.—Deputy Lerroux, the notorious agitator, arrived here to-day and received a welcome that was vastly different from the reception accorded him in Bilbao on Friday, when the socialists broke up his proposed meeting after insulting him and his followers in the streets.

An enthusiastic greeting was given to him when his train arrived, and the theatre in which he spoke was packed to its capacity. Among the speakers at the meeting was Deputy Emilio Iglesias, who exhorted the work of Lerroux and declared that the Radicals were the only danger to the integrity of the Spanish kingdom. Señor Salillas, another speaker, declared that it was certain the proclamation of a republic in Portugal would have its effect throughout Spain.

When Lerroux rose to speak the applause was tremendous and it was some time before his auditors would keep silent long enough for his voice to be heard. He defended all the positions he had taken on public affairs and furiously denied the charges made against him by the Socialists, some of which reflect upon his personal honesty in financial matters.

Concurrently with the Lerroux meeting a banquet was given in the jail court or fronton in honor of the Carlist and Integrist minorities who opposed the Padlock Law. There were 100 guests. The place was decorated with flowers and a band furnished music. Letters and telegrams were read from thousands of persons signifying their adhesion to the opposition to the Padlock law.

The chairman of the banquet advocated a union of all Catholics in Spain, which, he declared, would put the Liberals in the shade. He proposed that a telegram to this effect be sent to the Pope. This action was agreed to.

Vasquez Mellas made a warlike speech defending the Church. He declared that the mission of the Church was to illuminate all civilization and to combat the policy of decadent dynasties, all of which tend toward anarchy. He said that if things continued to go on as they are going it would be only a short time before swords would be substituted for pens and orators would be silent and the voice of cannon would be heard in the land.

ROBERT DAVIS NEAR DEATH.

Democratic Leader in Jersey City Unconscious. Last Bites Administered.

Robert Davis, Democratic leader of Hudson county, who is dying of a cancer at his home, 230 Grove street, Jersey City, was in a comatose condition practically all of yesterday. It was said last night that his death might occur at any moment.

The Rev. Bernard Keany of St. Peter's Catholic Church, to which Mr. Davis belongs, administered the last rites of the Church in the sickroom on Saturday afternoon. Three hours later the Democratic leader collapsed and the members of his family remained at his bedside during the night. At 2 A. M. yesterday the Rev. B. Henry Ter Woert of St. Mary's Catholic Church read the prayers for the dead.

Ex-United States Senator James Smith and James R. Nugent, chairman of the New Jersey State Democratic committee, called at the house yesterday afternoon and Mr. Smith was admitted to the sickroom. Mr. Davis opened his eyes and recognized his friend for whom he had made his last political fight, but he was unable to speak. The leaders shook hands silently and Mr. Smith walked out.

Edward L. Young, son of the late Edward F. C. Young, the banker, also called at the Davis home yesterday and saw the stricken leader. So did George W. Young, the New York banker, who is not related to Edward L. Young. On Friday night Mrs. Nordica went to Jersey City with her husband, George W. Young, and called on Mr. Davis.

Drs. George W. King, B. S. Pollak and Edward Ackerman, all of Jersey City, were in attendance during the day and occasionally administered morphine to deaden the patient's pain. Dr. John B. Murphy, the Chicago specialist, who was called in on Friday for the first time, visited the sick chamber in the morning.

Mr. Davis complained of stomach trouble for several months before he began to undergo systematic treatment in a New York sanitarium. He was discharged from the sanitarium shortly after election Mr. Davis said attended to his duties at the City Hall as city collector until the last of the year. On January 2 he was unable to hold his usual New Year's reception in his office and since then he has been confined to his home.

WIFE DEAD; HUSBAND ABSENT.

Mrs. H. P. Lippincott of Newark Found Dead in Bed by Neighbors.

Mrs. Louise Lippincott, 30 years old, of 213 Peshine avenue, Newark, was found dead in bed at her home yesterday morning from the effects of illuminating gas. The gas escaped from a partly opened jet hanging from the ceiling directly over her. Mrs. Lippincott was last seen alive with her husband, Harry P. Lippincott, on Saturday night.

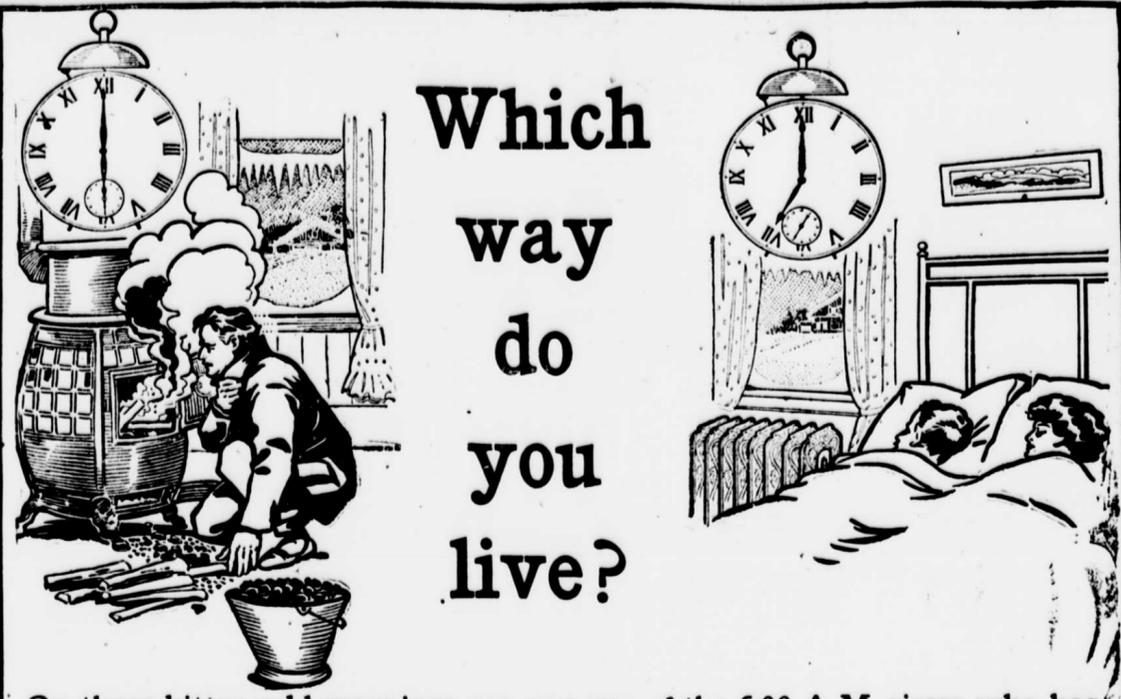
The Lippincotts occupied the first floor in the Peshine avenue house and have lived there since last August. The neighbors say that they were devoted to each other.

Lippincott and his wife left home together on Saturday night and were in the grill room of the Newark lodge of Elks, of which he is a member, between 7 and 8 o'clock. They remained there only a short time. Mrs. Lippincott showed a list of articles to other women which she said she was going to purchase.

Neighbors in the house broke into the Lippincott rooms yesterday morning because the smell of escaping gas made them ill. They found Mrs. Lippincott dead in bed. The husband was not there.

Lippincott appeared at his home last night and was taken to the Sixth precinct station by Policeman McFeeley. He said that he and his wife went to visit Walter Geim, a friend, of 201 Clinton avenue, Jersey City, where they intended to spend the night. They went to an oyster house run by Geim in West Side avenue, where they met him.

While there Lippincott went across the street to a saloon. His wife became angry, he said, because he let her wait and started for home. He met her at 10 o'clock and started to get her to stay. She refused and left him after he gave her \$25 to pay for the oyster house. He said he spent the night with Geim and had breakfast and dinner at his home yesterday. He is being held by the police pending an investigation of his story.



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PLEADS FOR LONGER PIERS.

Isidor Straus Admits His Vote to the Demolition for the Improvement.

Isidor Straus in an interview yesterday said that unless the Government permitted the lengthening of existing piers the commerce of the United States as well as that of this port would suffer seriously.

"It strikes me that where every possible effort is being made by our diplomatic and consular representatives abroad to cultivate trade and to point out in what direction it can be increased it would be most unwise to neglect right here at home measures which facilitate the commerce when it reaches our shores."

Mr. Straus, 41 and informed that we have not dock facilities in New York city which will enable such new Leviathans of the deep as the Olympic and Titanic to find a home for their loading and discharge. I cannot for a moment believe that when this fact is brought home to those who have at heart the expansion of the commerce of the United States, and New York's city share of it, it can fail to arouse them to make every effort to supply the necessary accommodations so that these great vessels can discharge their freight and passengers at our door.

"One of the most energetic fights that is present engaging the attention of the commercial bodies is to have removed the railway discriminations against the port of New York which are diverting transatlantic freights from this to other ports, and here we have one of the most potent factors to counteract such discriminations by providing facilities for these tremendous ships."

"When these facts are brought home to the citizens of New York I cannot help but think that they will leave no stone unturned to convince the Government of the necessity immediately to permit such improvements as will enable the port of New York to provide a home for these ships."

CUT RATES TO BERMUDA.

Oceana Enters Three Corned Fight for Passengers This Week.

The triangular contest for passenger patronage between New York and Bermuda will begin this week when the revived Bermuda-Atlantic line will put into service the chartered Hamburg-American twin screw steamship Oceana against the ships of the Quebec Steamship Company and the Royal Mail Line.

The Oceana is being crusing in the Arctic circle in the summer. Her skipper, Capt. Schaninger, says that his crew discovered the low lying rocky island of Jan Mayen, about as big as Manhattan, which had been lost to sight because of heavy fogs that usually enshroud it.

LEAVES \$25,000 TO CURATE.

The Rev. Harold S. George Burill Member in St. Peabody's Will.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Among the bequests to individuals in the will of Mrs. Mary Lothrop Peabody, made public yesterday, is one of \$25,000 to the Rev. Harold S. George Burill, curate of St. Agnes Church of New York city.

Mrs. Peabody was the widow of Oliver W. Peabody of Milton, one of the founders of the banking firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co. of this city. Her public bequests will amount eventually to above \$1,000,000 and close to \$700,000 is given outright.

About \$50,000 will fall to All Saints Church in Ashmont of which Mr. Burill was formerly curate. He came to Boston from Kings College, Windsor, a few years ago, penniless. After some hardships here he saved enough money to carry him through the general theological seminary, New York, from which institution he graduated three years ago.

Burill then returned to Boston and upon ordination to the ministry became the curate of All Saints Church. It was here that he first met Mrs. Peabody, who was very much impressed with this clergyman by the way he did his work.

While taking care of the guilds in the church he was thrown in more or less with the generous woman who has remembered him in her will.

When he preached on Sunday evening she would always make it a point to be present, and after service she would have him driven in her carriage to her home. He became her spiritual adviser and was much with her during a long illness. The young clergyman's kindness to Mrs. Peabody at this time was never forgotten.

Mrs. Peabody also made bequests of \$10,000 each to Bishop White of Indiana and Bishop Weller of Wisconsin.

The Rev. Mr. Burill said last night at his home, 101 West Ninety-sixth street, that he had been present at the funeral of Mrs. Peabody in Boston, whom he had known, very well, but he knew nothing about any bequest to himself. He was very interested in the fact and was glad to have him driven in her carriage to her home. He said he didn't care to say anything about any kindness referred to until he had received formal notification of the bequest.

Childless Wife Commits Suicide.

Mrs. Florence Zeishanz, the young wife of Charles Zeishanz, an automobile salesman, was discovered by her husband yesterday dead in the parlor of her home at 337 Fifth avenue, South Brooklyn. Gas was pouring from three jets. The couple had been married for six years, and Mr. Zeishanz says that his wife had often lamented the fact that she was childless. He gives this as the cause of her suicide. She owned in her own name the apartment they lived in, worth \$20,000.

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