

DEMOCRATS FACE ROW OVER BATTLESHIPS

Caucus Declaring Against More Vessels May Split Party.

CLARK BREAKS PROMISE

Petition Already Put in Circulation Praying for Another Caucus.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—A serious split in the Democratic organization of the House of Representatives is threatened as a result of the action of the party caucus last night in declaring against additions to the battleship fleet.

Last night Speaker Clark voted against the battleship programme. Leader Underwood voted in favor of battleships.

The charge made by Democrats that Mr. Clark, angered by the failure of Mr. Underwood to support him in the Baltimore convention, has decided to join issue with the majority leader.

Democrats who favor navy additions charge that the Speaker some weeks ago, promised to give his support to an amendment to the naval bill authorizing one battleship.

The trouble among the Democrats extends throughout the entire membership. For example, Sulzer of New York, an advocate of a big navy, charges that the roll call on which Democrats were recorded was spirited away by members who were disinclined to show their hands.

Mr. Sulzer also charges that Representative Burleson of Texas, chairman of the caucus, presided in an arbitrary manner last night. He insists that Chairman Burleson adjourned the caucus before a count was taken and that advocates of the battleship programme were practically denied the right to speak.

The light given by the battleship programme in the House has not come to an end. In fact it has only begun. Conservative leaders believe that in view of the Baltimore convention, the caucus favorable to an adequate navy will fail to include a provision authorizing at least one battleship.

The charges are that Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic Presidential candidate, will be drawn into the House squabble. Supporters of Gov. Wilson insist that it is his duty to endeavor to bring the Democratic House to comply with the naval plank in the Baltimore platform.

The position of Speaker Clark on the question of course adds another element to the situation so far as the candidate is concerned. If Gov. Wilson spoke out on the subject at all he would find himself at odds with either Speaker Clark or Leader Underwood, and thereby in the opinion of the leaders, emphasize the factional differences that have developed since the adjournment of the Baltimore convention.

The battleship programme, except the caucus dictum of last night, a petition has already been put in circulation by Representatives Curley of Massachusetts and Sulzer of New York praying for another caucus to discuss battleships. The political effect of a failure by Democrats to authorize at least one battleship will be shown in the forthcoming caucus. In the caucus of last night and that held some months ago the light was cast against battleships by those who wanted public building legislation. The political considerations presented in the caucus question were overlooked and hardly mentioned in the debate.

At last night's caucus the vote on the action of Representative Burnett of Alabama was 70 for to 62 against. The roll call could not be obtained because the roll call was dug up to-day and made public by Democrats who favor the building of battleships. Those who voted against battleships were:

Adams of Georgia, Ashford of Ohio, Blackburn of Alabama, Buchanan of Illinois, Burleson of Texas, Burnett of Alabama, Byrne of Tennessee, Candler of Mississippi, Speaker Clark, Cline of Indiana, Connell of New York, Cramer of Indiana, Cressler of Pennsylvania, Dixon of Indiana, Doughton of Missouri, Driscoll of New York, Egan of Illinois, Finley of South Carolina, Fitzgerald of New York, Flood of Arkansas, Foster of Illinois, Francis of Ohio, Gooch of Arkansas, Gooden of North Carolina, Goodwin of Arkansas, Gray of Indiana, Gregg of Texas, Guider of North Carolina, Hammond of Minnesota, Hardy of Texas, Harrison of Mississippi, Hay of Virginia, Hollis of Alabama, Hensley of Missouri, Houston of Tennessee, Howard of Georgia, Jacobson of Arkansas, James of Kentucky, Johnson of South Carolina, Kitchin of North Carolina, Corby of Indiana, Lever of South Carolina, Littlepage of West Virginia, Lusk of Nebraska, McGuire of Nebraska, Nease of Nebraska, Oldfield of Arkansas, Page of North Carolina, Post of Ohio, Baker of California, Roush of Indiana, Reilly of Connecticut, Richardson of Alabama, Todd of New York, Tamm of Missouri, Russell of Missouri, Sims of Tennessee, Sisson of Mississippi, Sladen of Georgia, Stanley of Kentucky, Steadler of North Carolina, Stephens of Nebraska, Stephens of Texas, Thayer of Massachusetts, Townsend of New Jersey, Ribick of Georgia, Watkins of Louisiana, Webb of North Carolina, Witherspoon of Mississippi.

Those who supported the battleship programme were:

Alexander of Missouri, Allen of Ohio, Ayres of New York, Buttrick of Ohio, Brantley of Georgia, Broussard of Louisiana, Bullock of Ohio, Burke of Wisconsin, Carlin of Virginia, Clayton of Alabama, Conroy of New York, Curley of Massachusetts, Davis of West Virginia, Dent of Alabama, Dickinson of Missouri, Donohue of Pennsylvania, Dupre of Louisiana, Estepinal of Louisiana, Ferguson of New Mexico, Fessenden of New York, Foster of Illinois, Gallagher of Illinois, Goldfogle of New York, Greag of Pennsylvania, Hamilton of West Virginia, Hayden of Arizona, Hobson of Alabama, Howard of Virginia, Hull of Tennessee, Hunsinger of Illinois, Jones of Maryland, Lee of Georgia, Lee of Pennsylvania, Levy of New York, Littleton of Maryland, Littleton of New York, McDermott of Illinois, Martin of Colorado, Murray of Massachusetts, Paragot of Tennessee, Palmer of Pennsylvania, Peffer of Iowa, Post of North Carolina, Rainey of Illinois, Ransdell of Louisiana, Redford of New York, Rothmel of Pennsylvania, Scully of New Jersey, Sharp of Ohio, Small of North Carolina, Starn of Illinois, Sulzer of New York, Sweet of Michigan, Taylor of Alabama, Taylor of Colorado, Turnbull of Virginia, Tuttle of Georgia, Underhill of New York, Underwood of Alabama, White of Wisconsin, Wilson of New York and Wilson of Pennsylvania.

The hullabaloo raised over the battleship programme was expected to result in a compromise. Democrats are being bombarded with telegrams condemning

NULLIFIES POWERS OF COMMERCE COMMISSION

Bills Introduced Which Broaden the Power of Review by Courts.

CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGED

If Passed, Mr. Adamson Says, Congress Might as Well Abolish Commission.

NORRIS ATTACKS TAFT.

Denounces His Nomination at Chicago as Fraudulent.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Business in the House was suspended for an hour to-day while Representative Norris, the Nebraska progressive, denounced as "fraudulent" President Taft's nomination at Chicago.

Clustered about Norris was an applauding group of the House progressives. The regular Republican seats were also crowded.

Many Democrats listened contentedly, their faces wreathed in broad smiles, as Norris shot his caustic bolts at the Taft supporter.

The Texas contests at Chicago were analyzed in detail by Norris. He denounced the unsetting of Col. Cecil Lyon and his Roosevelt delegates as "one of the grossest frauds of the whole Chicago robbery."

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CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, July 25.—Iowa Democrats are sweltering in the heat and trying to agree on a platform which will harmonize the warring factions. There is an agreement over national issues and the platform in that respect will follow closely the Baltimore outline. It is the liquor question that is the nub of contention.

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UNALGA IS KEPT BUSY.

New Revenue Cutter Ordered Out to Destroy Derelict.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Secretary MacVea to-day ordered the new revenue cutter to destroy a sunken obstruction to navigation reported off Winter Quarter Shoal, Virginia.

The Unalga is recently constructed at Newport News, Va., for duty in Alaskan waters, with headquarters at Juneau. She is ready to sail on her long voyage as soon as Congress passes the sundry bill and provides the funds. She will go via the Suez Canal, stopping at Gibraltar, Malta, Fort Said, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Manila, Yokohama and Unalaska.

Federal Judge Retired on Full Pay. WASHINGTON, July 25.—President Taft approved to-day the voluntary application of Federal Judge James W. Locke of the Southern District for Florida for retirement on full pay. All the votes were cast for the measure.

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Wife Finds Endearing Phrases and Sues for Divorce. SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—George C. Fuller of the Sausalito Yacht Club and son of George M. Fuller, a capitalist, is the defendant in a suit for divorce to-day by Mrs. Anna C. Fuller.

Blotter Reveals Love Notes. WASHINGTON, July 25.—Carrying appropriations of \$6,182,834, the last appropriation bill before the House, the general deficiency bill, to-day by the Appropriations Committee. The committee pruned to the extent of \$5,000,000 from the amounts asked.

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