

# LA FOLLETTE GETS MAD IN RATE BILL SPEECH EMPTY SEATS MAKE SENATOR ANGRY

### Wisconsin Senator Chooses an Unfortunate Day to Speak on Hepburn Measure.

By W. W. Jermans.  
Washington, April 20.—Senator La Follette's much-heralded speech on the rate bill fell on an unfortunate day for him. The Associated Press had prepared a synopsis of 2,200 words, including the main points of the speech, for the afternoon papers of yesterday, but the press of space on account of the sensational news from San Francisco was so great that this synopsis was cut down to 300 words, and it is a safe guess that even this much did not see daylight in many Associated Press papers. The speech, as a whole, was long.

### La Follette Gets Mad.

Noticing this absenteeism, and perhaps regarding it as being a slight which some of the newspapers had put upon him, La Follette departed from his written speech long enough to call attention to the empty chairs and to state that some of those chairs, now vacated temporarily, might be vacated permanently unless their occupants were careful.

### Disrespect Not Intended.

After a time the senate began to fill up, lunch being over, and for the greater part of the speech Mr. La Follette gave all his attention to the rate question. It is unfortunate for La Follette if his remarks are to be interpreted as expressing a belief on his part that the senate as a whole intended to show him any disrespect for that is not the case. There has not been a debate in that body for years which has been as closely listened to as the rate debate.

### Radicalism Crops Out.

There has been a good deal of comment regarding La Follette's attitude toward the Hepburn bill, as outlined in his speech. His radicalism cropped out in a way that has caused some of his colleagues to be uneasy. Nobody, not even the president, expects that the Hepburn bill, if enacted into law, or without amendment, will be a panacea for all the ills which have been afflicting the hands of the great transportation lines. The president and his advisers have been quick to see the weakness of that bill as Senator La Follette.

### Agitation Will Continue.

It is the belief of all the administration supporters that the rate question, in some of its phases, will, following the enactment of a law at this session, be an issue before congress for many years to come, and that in the end, as the result of this continued agitation, some form of regulation of railroads will be adopted which will be fair and right to both carrier and shipper.

### Eye on Presidency?

Those who accuse him of demagoguery, however, say that he has his eye fixed on 1908, believing that the republican party will have to nominate some radical man in that year. By 1908 the bill to be enacted before the close of this session of congress will have been in its operation two years and many of its shortcomings will have become known. Then there may be a demand for a forward movement in rate matters, and so La Follette is now shrewdly laying the foundation for his own bid for an available candidate under the conditions I have thus briefly described.

### Compared with Bryan.

If this is indeed his attitude, he stamps himself as an unsafe leader, and as a candidate for the presidency, he would carry into the campaign, purely on account of this ultra-radicalism and lack of proper poise, a threat that to

### Hepburn's Reply to Rainey on Watch Trust Episode, Booked for Next Week.

By W. W. Jermans.  
Washington, April 20.—Again the tariff speech of "Uncle Pete" Hepburn has been postponed. He was expected some time ago to reply to the speech of Representative Rainey of Illinois, who illustrated an argument in favor of tariff revision by noting that a New York jeweler was buying American watches from abroad, bringing them back to the United States duty free, and selling them at lower prices than could be made by dealers buying straight from the factories in this country. The point of the argument made by Rainey was that the protected trusts were selling at much lower prices abroad than at home stand-patters at the time that Rainey must be answered, and so, after careful thought, Hepburn was appointed to do the work, on the theory that he was the ablest defender of the standpoint desiring in congress, and in addition, comes from an agricultural district of the middle west.

### Reason for Postponement.

After several postponements, Mr. Hepburn was scheduled to come on for his speech yesterday afternoon. But when the hour arrived there was a hasty conference of the stand-patter leaders, and it was decided that the Hepburn speech would better go over until next week, probably about Tuesday, by which time the agonies of the San Francisco disaster would be pretty well over and the people in a mood to read the Hepburn remarks.

### Burlington Road IS FOUND GUILTY

Federal Court at Chicago Imposes Heavy Fines in Rebate Cases.

Chicago, April 20.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, Darius Miller and Claude G. Burnham, officials of the line, were found guilty today in the federal court of granting rebates in violation of law.

### VENEZUELA PRESIDENT WILL COME TO AMERICA

Journal Special Service.  
New York, April 20.—Cipriano Castro, president of the Republic of Venezuela, is coming to America when secret diplomatic relations with Washington are completed as to his being received in his official capacity. Should this reception be denied, he will come as a private citizen. He still is president, although he has turned over the functions of the government to Vice President Gomez.

### REPORT SAYS IRELAND WILL BECOME CARDINAL

Chicago, April 20.—The Chicago Daily News publishes the following cablegram from Rome: The Daily News correspondent at Rome, W. P. Rend of Chicago, who is here with his wife and daughter, that he is convinced from information which he considers thoroughly authentic, as it comes from a high source in the Vatican, that Archbishop Ireland will be made a cardinal in the immediate future.

### PRAIRIE FIRE MOVES DOWN UPON GRANVILLE

Special to The Journal.  
Granville, N. D., April 20.—Only prompt action on the part of the townspeople saved this place from destruction by fire yesterday afternoon. A fire of large proportions started just outside and for a time the southern half of the village was threatened. Citizens turned out in a body, using every conceivable weapon in their battle with the flames.

### OPTIONAL CONTRACT TRADING IS ILLEGAL

Journal Special Service.  
Chicago, April 20.—The appellate court in an opinion today, declared that the purchase of optional contracts by one member of the Board of Trade from another is illegal.

### COUGH SYRUP KILLS

EVLELTH, MINN.—Death followed the accidental taking of an overdose of cough syrup by James William, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Falk.



KNOTS IN THEIR CLOTHES.  
While the fat boys enjoy the bath, Teddy puts a few knots in their duds.

### DOWIE IS READY TO INVADE ZION

"First Apostle" Will Take Possession of Shiloh House Tomorrow.

Journal Special Service.  
Chicago, April 20.—John Alexander Dowie, deposed first apostle of the Christian Catholic Apostolate church, announces that he and his loyal followers will march on Zion City tomorrow afternoon. He said also that he would hold two meetings in Zion tabernacle Sunday at 6:30 in the morning and 2:30 in the afternoon. Overseer Voliva planned to hold rival meetings in the park at the same hours.

### WOMAN FIGHTS AND SHOOT A BURGLAR

Chicago Storekeeper Takes Revolver from Intruder and Fires with Fatal Results.

Journal Special Service.  
Chicago, April 20.—Threatened with death by a robber who entered her candy store last evening, Mrs. Emma Griffith grappled with the intruder, snatched the revolver from his hand and shot him twice, the second time inflicting a fatal wound. Then she calmly sat down and waited for the arrival of the police, who took the living robber to the hospital.

### FORMER MINISTER POINTS A LESSON IN MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT.

Says Cries of Victims Should Show Criminal Error of Engineers.

Journal Special Service.  
Paris, April 20.—M. Philippe Buanarville, the noted engineer, formerly minister of Panama at Washington, has sent the following message to President Roosevelt:

"I present to your excellency the testimony of my deep and sorrowful sympathy for the cruel catastrophe that falls on the American people. May the cries of the victims of San Francisco make the great nation whose respected chief you are, understand the criminal error of those light-hearted engineers who wish to build the transoceanic route of Panama with permanent locks and dams, these elements so easily destroyed by the seismic revolutions that are continuous along the Pacific coast.

"May they cease to be understood that these locks are barriers and can only be conceived as temporary means and not as permanent and definitive organs of the great artery of the commerce of the world. May yesterday's painful holocaust redeem the fault of human vanity and demonstrate that only the broad and deep strait, without locks and without barriers, once impeded, but now easily carried out by any one who is not blinded by a willing and wicked ignorance, is indeed the solution imperatively demanded by the forces of nature, wisely and respectfully interpreted."

### GIRLS FIGHT OFF A PORCH-CLIMBER

Two Normal Students Put Robber to Flight, but Lose Their Money.

Special to The Journal.  
Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 20.—Hazel Webster of Charles City and Edith Shaw of Clayton, students at the normal school, had an exciting experience with a robber who gained entrance to their room by climbing upon the porch.

### TROOPS KILL 8 SAMAR OUTLAWS

Detachment of Twenty-first Infantry Attacks Ladrone, Who Wound Three Soldiers.

Journal Special Service.  
Manila, April 20.—Captain William M. Morrow, Twenty-first infantry, attacked Tiducuc's band in his mountain fastness on the island of Samar, killing eight. Three of the United States soldiers were wounded. The fighting was hand-to-hand.

### RICH MILWAUKEAN COMMITS SUICIDE

William Becker, Millionaire, Kills Himself at Mobile, Ala.

Mobile, Ala., April 20.—William Becker, a millionaire of Milwaukee, Wis., committed suicide here today.

### WOMEN SERENADERS DEFEY POLICE FORCE

Special to The Journal.  
Mankato, Minn., April 20.—It was necessary to call out the police twice last night to suppress a chivalric party that was making life miserable for a newly wedded couple on North Second street. The crowd broke two windows in the house and was with difficulty dispersed.

### HARDWOOD LANDS BOOM

25,000 Acres, Once Sold for \$1 an Acre, Bring Half Million.  
Special to The Journal.  
Chippewa Falls, Wis., April 20.—F. P. Hines has sold to the Whitman Lumber company 25,000 acres of hardwood timber for a consideration said to be more than half a million dollars.

### MINERS INSIST ON 1903 SCALE

Executive Board Refuses the Arbitration Proposal of Coal Operators.

Indianapolis, April 20.—The international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America today rejected the proposition of the operators of western Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, who are opposing the payment of the 1903 wage scale to coal miners and who, thru J. H. Winder, their chairman, offered to submit the differences to arbitration.

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JOHNSON NAMES A STATE COMMITTEE

Central Organization Formed to Take Charge of Relief Contributions from Minnesota.  
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