

# The Democrat.

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## SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS.

Sunday.

The French clergy is taking an active part in the approaching elections for the chamber of deputies.

John C. Maybray and thirteen confederates were convicted of gigantic fake sporting events swindles.

Paulo followed the Klein confession, which involved sixty or more Pittsburgh men in bribery scandals.

Conferences in Philadelphia resulted in the proposition being made to the union which it is believed will end strike.

Monday.

President Taft defended the Payne-Aldrich tariff law at Providence, R. I.

Arthur Zimmerman, married to twenty-four women, was sentenced to prison in New York.

A Massillon, Ohio, girl, 16, was arrested on the charge of killing her sister because she envied her clothes.

A grand jury indicted forty present and former members of the Pittsburgh council as grafters, and ten made confessions.

Forty-five were killed and forty injured in the wreck of Rock Island train running over Great Western tracks in Iowa.

Tuesday.

Nine more condemnatory grafters confessed in Pittsburgh.

The French Senate passed an old age pension bill applying to all workers.

Eugene N. Foss, Democrat, was elected to Congress in Massachusetts on the tariff and high prices issue, overcoming a Republican plurality of 14,250.

Wednesday.

Mount Aetna is again active and violent shocks caused panic at Messina.

A big railroad strike in the West was averted by an agreement between the managers and engineers.

The Arkansas land congress met and laid plans to induce millions of homesteaders to take farms in that state.

A Southerner killed the conductor and porter on the B. and O. train and was slain after an hour's duel with police.

Thursday.

Six regulars were elected members of the rules committee of the house by the Republican caucus which was marked by harmony.

Seventy-five per cent of the Republican editors of New England stated opposition to the tariff bill, according to a canvass made by the Chicago Tribune.

Arguments were begun before the United States Supreme Court on the corporation tax law.

A New York art dealer has absconded with a fortune from made-to-order old masters, a witness in a lawsuit declared.

Friday.

Speaker Cannon, baffled in a twenty-six hour fight in the House, treated for pneumonia.

The Chesapeake and Ohio and the Lake Shore roads have bought the Hocking Railroad.

Alleged butterine frauds amounting to \$500 daily led to the arrest of four at a Hoboken (N. J.) factory.

A scientist says he has found the earliest version of the flood in Nipur; it bears out the Bible story.

Saturday.

Charles Frohman founded a repertory theater in London.

The Roosevelt party visited the Assuan dam and ancient temples and tombs.

A Tokio official said that American hostility to Japanese immigration is caused by the latter's exclusiveness.

Speaker Cannon was removed from the rules committee of the House, but his foes allowed him the speakership.

The constitutional crisis in England developed rapidly, with the lords still opposed to any reform plan that is satisfactory to the liberals.

Sunday.

John Mitchell, formerly president of the miners, is in favor of an appeal from the Circuit Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court in the electric chair case.

Representatives of turners' organizations on the great lakes at an adjourned conference in Cleveland with officials of the Great Lakes Towing Company, agreed to continue the present scale of wages for two years, expiring April 1, 1912.

Fire practically destroyed the business portion of the town of Bronson, Kan., twenty miles west of Fort Scott, twenty buildings being destroyed; loss \$150,000. The fire started from natural gas.

Frank Schielman, one of two men convicted of the murder of Mrs. Sophie Staber in Brooklyn, N. Y., last July, was put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison, New York.

An avalanche of five miles west of Wellington, Wash., buried a rotary snow plow and again blocked traffic on the Great Northern.

## REGULARS COMPOSE COMMITTEE

Republican Caucus Selects Only Friends of Speaker Cannon.

Six regulars were chosen at the Republican caucus in Washington to represent the majority party on the committee on rules which is to succeed the committee retired by the revolution that took place in the House of Representatives a few days ago. The slate as prepared by the regular leaders was chosen, as follows: Henry Sherman Boutell, of Illinois; John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; J. Sloat Fassett, of New York; Walter I. Smith, of Iowa; George P. Lawrence, of Massachusetts; Sylvester C. Smith, of California.

Both Smith, of Iowa, and Dalzell, are members of the present committee on rules, having been appointed to places thereon by Speaker Cannon. Representative Boutell is one of Speaker Cannon's closest friends and greatest admirers and placed Mr. Cannon in nomination for President at the Chicago convention in 1908. Mr. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, has long been a close friend of Speaker Cannon. Mr. Fassett is one of the orators of the "regulars," Representative Smith, of California, has always been one of the most regular Republicans in the House.

Speaker Cannon attended the caucus, but took no prominent part in the proceedings. He made no speech; had nothing whatever to say except in the heart-to-heart whispered talks he indulged in with his lieutenants of old. All the insurgents attended the caucus except Gardner, of Massachusetts, who was kept away by illness.

The insurgent leaders express complete satisfaction in the work of the caucus. None of them bolted or criticized in any way the result of the balloting. Out of the total Republican members of the House—216—there were present 189.

## GIVE UP HEREDITARY SEATS.

Lords Vote to Accept Principle of Roseberry Resolution.

By a vote of 115 to 17 the House of Lords in London renounced the hereditary right to legislate which has been the cardinal element of the British upper house for centuries. The occasion of the fateful division was Lord Roseberry's third resolution dealing with the reform of the house.

The lords agreed the previous day that reform and reconstitution was necessary. The complementary resolution was passed "that a necessary preliminary to such reform and reconstitution is acceptance of the principle that position of a peerage should no longer of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords."

It is significant that fewer than 200 of the 616 members of the house shared in the fateful division. Many of the absentees were reluctant to sanction the extinction of the hereditary principle. Nevertheless, they so far recognized its expediency as not to oppose it.

## GENERAL HURT; WOMAN KILLED

Trolley Car Demolishes Automobile on a Washington Road.

Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army, was badly but probably not dangerously injured, and Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum, wife of Major Slocum, of the Seventh Cavalry, was almost instantly killed in a collision of their automobile with a trolley car on the Tenallytown road in the northwest outskirts of Washington. General Bell had one rib broken, suffered a painful scalp wound and several bruises. The chauffeur was uninjured. Mrs. Slocum lived only a few moments. Her husband is attached to the headquarters of the Department of the East at Governors Island, New York. General Bell absolved the trolley car motorman from blame for the accident.

## MOUNT ETNA IN ERUPTION.

Volcano Throws Lava on Towns from Four New Craters.

Seven violent earthquakes of volcanic origin occurred at Milet, Province of Catania, Italy, the other morning. Similar shocks were felt at Messina. Mount Etna suddenly became active and four new craters were opened. Professor Ricco of the Mount Etna Observatory confirmed this news. He declares that more than twenty slight shocks occurred. The lava is extending and descending toward Volta Girolama, toward the cultivated lands and the villages on the sides of the mountain.

## NO CUDAHY PROSECUTION.

Case Against Son of Packer for Attack on Lillis Dismissed.

The case growing out of the attack made by J. P. Cudahy, the packer, upon Jere Lillis, the banker, was dismissed in the Municipal court in Kansas City by District Attorney Howell, assistant city attorney. Mr. Howell made no comment further than to say the case should not have been brought in the Municipal court. Brown Underwood, the patrolman who was called to the Cudahy home the night Lillis was attacked, was the only witness to appear. The case had been continued twice before.

## DRINKS HAIR TONIC FOR WHISKY; DIES

Unable to Obtain Liqueur in Chase, Rice County, Kan., Lee Baker, a Traveling Salesman, Drank a Bottle of Hair Tonic. He Died in a Few Hours.

Woman Killed by Antitoxin.

Mrs. Guy E. Smith of Minneapolis is dead as the result of being inoculated with antitoxin. She died in convulsions five minutes after the antitoxin had been administered by a physician.

## AVERT BIG RAIL STRIKE.

Managers of Western Roads and Firemen Agree on Terms.

Peace on the Western railroads was secured by the general managers and the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers reached an amicable settlement of their differences in Chicago the other day. Both sides agreed that the credit for averting what would have been one of the worst strikes in railroad history is due to Dr. Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor.

## Train Kills Admiral Dewey's Kin.

El Dewey, aged 77 and said to be a relative of Rear Admiral Dewey, was killed by a Santa Fe passenger train at Proterra, Colo. He was a wealthy farmer, who came from Vermont many years ago.

## Paids Nine Floors to Death.

Joseph Rhamstine, 46 years old, claim agent for the Southern Railway, fell from the ninth floor of the Columbus building in Louisville to the street below, crashing through an iron grating and dying instantly.

## Towns Votes Commission Rule.

Rapid City, S. D., adopted the commission form of government by a majority of 45 out of a vote of 73.

## CANNON OUT OF POWER BUT IS STILL SPEAKER

Insurgents and Democrats Remove Him from Rules Committee, 191 to 155.

## HE RETAINS SPEAKER'S CHAIR

Resolution to Oust Him as Presiding Officer Is Voted Down by Large Majority.

Washington correspondence:

Shorn of his power by a combination of the Democrats and Republican Insurgents, Joseph Gurney Cannon is now merely the presiding officer of the national House of Representatives.

The House Saturday afternoon adopted a resolution amending the rules so as to provide for the election of a committee on rules by the House itself, the committee to consist of ten members and the speaker being ineligible to serve thereon.

The full text of the resolution as passed by the House is as follows:

"Resolved, That the committee of the House of Representatives be amended as follows:

"1. In Rule 10, Paragraph 1, strike out the words 'on rules, to consist of five members.'"

"2. Add new paragraph to Rule 10 as follows:

"Paragraph V. There shall be a committee on rules elected by the House consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party and four of whom shall be members of the minority party. The speaker shall not be a member of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own members."

"Resolved further, That within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee, and immediately upon its election the present committee on rules shall be dissolved."

By a vote of 155 to 191 the House then defeated a resolution declaring the office of speaker vacated and pro-

viding for the immediate election of a successor to Cannon. Nine insurgents voted with the Democrats in support of this resolution.

At noon Friday the tense situation existing never would have been suspected from the appearance on the floor of the House. Apparently it was much more serene than it had been at any time since the condition developed.

The insurgent Republicans were in conference and the regular Republicans were contending that the result of the meeting would be a compromise.

While the conference was on, the House practically was in recess. The Speaker kept some one in the chair, but he wandered around the corridors of the building apparently quite unconcerned as to the ultimate effect of the strife on his own fortunes. The members were good-natured and generally discussed the situation in a friendly manner.

It was a memorable fight which day-light found still in progress in the House. A stubborn filibuster on the part of Speaker Cannon and the House organization and equally relentless attack on the part of the "allies"—these were the distinguishing features in the hottest fight that has yet been made to overthrow the present control of the House. It was extraordinary in many ways. For instance, the odd spectacle was presented of the House, preponderantly Republican, ordering the arrest of the absentees of the members of the House machinery, to prevent consideration of a resolution designed to overthrow that organization, make the rules and reorganize radically the committee, the tenure of whose chairmanship is supposed to be the chief asset in the Speaker's wealth of power.

It is many years, old observers say—In fact, no precise parallel has been suggested—since the House remained actually in session all night, and that after an all-day session.

All records of Congress were broken in the debate on the Norris resolution, which caused the struggle in the House, 146,000 words being taken by the official stenographer. This is the most voluminous debate ever heard in the House without a break.

Killed by Wife's Sutor.

Nathan A. Gill, a brakeman, was killed in his home in Kansas City, Kan., by Jesse Brody. Brody was visiting in the home of Gill's wife. Gill was killed with his own revolver, which he had left with his wife to protect herself. Gill returned unexpectedly from a run.

Soldiers to Be Inoculated.

Sixty-five soldiers at Fort Snelling have volunteered to submit to anti-typhoid inoculation, and the treatment will be administered by Colonel W. D. Ballinger, in charge of the medical department at the post.

Slight Quake on Coast.

A mild earthquake shock was felt in San Francisco shortly before 11 o'clock the other night. At the Chutes Theater, where an amateur show was going on, there was some alarm and at the Central Telephone office the operators left the switchboards. Later reports indicate that little or no damage was done.

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## HIS EASTER EGG.

THE COST OF LIVING

## GRAFT BILLS SNARE FORTY.

Barely Quorum Left When Accused Men Fled Guilty and Resigned.

An embarrassing situation has developed in Pittsburgh's condemnatory bodies, through the enforced resignations of a number of members because of confessions of guilt in connection with the bribery conspiracy and others that are expected to be demanded by reason of the indictments found against forty present and former members by the grand jury. It is not known if there are enough members left to form a quorum. It is considered fortunate in official circles that the budget was passed before the storm broke, as there might have been difficulty in arranging special meetings to pass the bills which had become laws before taxes could be collected. The penalty to which the guilty councilmen are liable under the law is a fine not exceeding \$10,000, imprisonment not exceeding five years, and to be forever debarred from holding any place of profit or trust in the commonwealth.

"Capt. John Klein, who started the municipal uproar by his confession, is guarded by two detectives at a downtown hotel. His meals are being served in his rooms and every effort is being made to keep him satisfied. Judge Frazer of the Criminal Court sat as a committing magistrate to hear pleas of councilmen who wish to 'come forward' and receive suspended sentences. Anxious to receive the immunity, many of the former members of the Common Council appeared and pleaded 'no defense' to charges of having received money for their votes in the passage of bank and street vacation ordinances. Two of the men who appeared were not even under indictment. All were given suspended sentences.

## CONGRESSMAN WHO BROUGHT ABOUT CANNON'S DOWNFALL.

George William Norris, representative from the Fifth Nebraska district, whose onslaught on Cannon has made him famous from Maine to California, has worked his way, despite many handicaps, up to a position of eminence. He was born on a farm in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1861. His father died when he was a babe, his only brother was killed in the Civil War, and his mother was left in straitened circumstances. He worked among the neighboring farmers in the summer months and attended school only in the winter, became a country schoolmaster, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1888. Then the West opened vistas of preferment, and he went to Nebraska in 1885 and soon began to be conspicuous in politics. In 1895 he was elected District Judge of the Fourteenth Nebraska District. Four years later he was re-elected to the same position, which he held when he was nominated to the Fifty-eighth Congress, and since that time he has represented the Fifth District. Mr. Norris is a man of strong personality and is a ready debater.

## LOVE OF DRESS LEADS TO PRISON.

Ohio Girl Who Gave Sister Mysterious Tablet Faces Murder Charges.

Sixteen-year-old Catherine Manz ended her restless girlhood in a prison cell in Massillon, Ohio, the other night under a charge of murder. At a preliminary hearing before Mayor Remick the prisoner entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree. Later the girl faced another long cross examination as to the death of her sister, Elizabeth, to whom she says she gave a mysterious tablet Friday not long before the elder girl was dying to the door.

In her confused first story to the chief of police and the coroner the chief prisoner declared that she had purchased a drachm of strychnine for a man, who later presented her with two capsules to give her sister. She has declined to tell who this man was and the police are inclined to believe that he is only a figure of her imagination. It is known, however, that her love of clothes and her extravagances led her to the purchase of the poison.

Friends will be called upon to tell what they know of her relations with her sister.

## WINS IN REPUBLICAN FORT.

E. M. Foss First Democrat to Carry 14th Massachusetts District.

Eugene N. Foss of Boston the other day was elected to Congress from the Fourteenth District of Massachusetts. Running on the Democratic ticket in a district which in 1908 gave the late William C. Lovering, Republican, a plurality of 14,256, Mr. Foss defeated William R. Buchanan, who gave majority to the Democrats, who gave majority to the Democrats in the district. The victor in this election is a brother of Congressman George Edmund Foss of Chicago. Mr. Foss was adopted as the favorite son of the old colony district by the decisive action of Republicans and Democrats, who gave majority to him in thirty-three of the forty-four towns and in the two cities in the district. The Democratic candidate invaded Brockton, the home of his opponent, and secured the major portion of the vote, winning in that city by a plurality of 171. This showing in the Fourteenth District is aggressively and demonstratively insurgent. It turned a majority of 14,000 for a Republican into an excess of 5,617 for a Democrat of comparatively recent conversion.

## TWO LYNCHED, HELD 'SUICIDES'

Arkansas Coroner's Verdict Ignored.

According to the verdict of the coroner, "Bob" Austin and "Charley" Richardson, the negroes lynched at Marion, Ark., for their alleged part in a recent jail delivery, "came to their death by suicide." The coroner in his verdict made no mention of the incidents leading to the "suicides," including the breaking open of the jail by a mob and taking of the two negroes to the courthouse square, where their bodies were found hanging later.

## Grandpew for Carnegie.

A record run by a special train from New York to Greenwich, Conn., preceded the arrival in the world of a grandpew to Andrew Carnegie. George Lauder, Jr., a nephew of the ironmaster, is the father of the latest candidate for a share in the Carnegie mill.

## 75 Indians Starve to Death.

The northwest mounted police expedition arriving from Fort McPherson, at the mouth-of-the Mackenzie, in Alaska, brings word that seventy-eight Fort Rae Indians of the Dogrib tribe in the vicinity of Great Slave Lake, died this winter of starvation.

## Suicide's Body Found.

Although he had been dead two months, the body of Charles Miller, a hermit, who committed suicide by hanging near Lees Summit, Mo., was not discovered until the other day.

## 800 Fishermen Are Drowned.

Many fishing boats have been lost in the recent storm along the Japanese coast. It is reported that not less than eighty of these craft have been sunk and 800 fishermen drowned.

## Infantile Paralysis Kills Cadet.

Douglas Herbert Hartig, 18 years old, recently appointed to the naval academy at Annapolis, died at his home in Hopkins, Minn., after an hour's illness. Deputy Coroner G. N. Moore gives infantile paralysis as the cause of death.

## 48 DEAD, 43 INJURED IN COSTLY RAIL WRECK

Chicago and St. Louis Train on Great Western Road Leap Rails in Iowa.

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