"GUILTY, MY LORD"

KANSAS POPS VIRTUALLY ADMIT BOODLING CHARGES.

VOTE TO SQUELCH VERDICT

REFUSE TO CALL FOR REPORT OF PROBING COMMITTEE.

Republicans Take Another Turn at Roasting the Pops, but Cannot Muster Votes Enough to Force an Expose of Pop Crookedness.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The Populist majority in the house to-day practically pleaded guilty to the charges of corruption and bossism hurled against them by the Republicans yesterday, when they refused to allow the report of the legislative boodle investigating committee to come before that body.

By a vote of 81 to 36, Representative McCarthy's resolution requiring the investigating committee to file a transcript of evidence taken and its findings was laid on the table. Just before the motion was finally disposed of the Republicans poured some hot shot into the Pops.

When the resolution was reached on the programme to-day, McCarthy, the author, moved that it be referred to the irrigation committee. Speaker Street, who had surrendered the chair temporarily to Brown, of Pratt, saw that this meant delay. Debate was what the Pops did not want. So Street moved to lay the resolution on the table. The Republicans demanded a roll call, and it had to be granted under the rules. The fun then began.

In explaining his vote, Burkholder reviewed some of the testimony given at the investigation and asked Speaker Street what had become of that $50 bill that Street swore Harry Wilson, of the book trust, laid on his hat. In his testimony, Street said that Wilson laid a $50 bill on his hat, but he never told what finally became of it. To-day, for the first time—eighteen months later—Street said that the agent took it back. The Republicans laughed and asked him why he did not say so when he first testified. Street said that he was offered all kinds of money by the book trust, but that he did not take it. "I stood between the greedy corporation and the little school children of Kansas," said he.

Outcalt made the declaration that whenever Pops were bought it was to get them to vote on measures supported by the Republicans solidly.

"The member from Coffey is uttering a falsehood, and he knows it," said Burkholder. "But many of the Populist members have to lie in order to explain their votes on measures of two years ago. It would not do for them to tell the truth."

Outcalt started in to explain his vote again, but he was interrupted by Burkholder, who said he wished to withdraw his remarks just made. "I do not want to withdraw them because they are true," said he, "because they are. I simply withdraw them because it was unparliamentary to talk that way."

In explaining his vote, Larimer, of Shawnee, scored the Populists for squandering the people's money by conducting an investigation and then refusing to let the testimony and findings be spread upon the journal. He took a shot at Outcalt, declaring that the Coffey county statesman had let all of his relatives on the payroll of the house, thus forcing the people of Kansas to support them.

Ed McKeever referred to Ravenscraft's actions during the closing hours of the 1897 session when he declared with much earnestness that the investigation should be held because he had evidence in his pocket that would send a whole raft of legislators to prison. Ravenscraft was named as one of the members of the committee to investigate, but when the time arrived for the committee to assemble Ravenscraft was in Arizona, and stayed there until the committee completed its work. He would not even come back and testify.

Speaker Pro Tem Wedge created considerable amusement by declaring that two years ago he did not say that "this was the most corrupt legislature since the days of Pomeroy." Everybody present heard him make that statement, and when he denied it to-day they all gave him the horse laugh.

The vote to table was 81 to 36, to 30—when Speaker Street's name, the last on the roll, was called. Street voted to table. Finney, of Woodson, challenged Street's right to vote. He cited the rule under which he made the objection. It provides that any member of the house shall be prohibited from voting on a question in which he is financially interested.

"Is it that you think I have interest?" said Finney, after reading the rule. The house had a good laugh at Street's expense and the speaker was greatly embarrassed. The speaker pro tem overruled Finney's objection, and Street was permitted to vote.

Quite a number of Pops whose renominations were not assured at the session were not touched at the investigation taking the resolution, but there was not enough of them and the motion to table was carried by one majority.

Those voting to table were: Barkley, Bacall, Dean, Brown of Pratt, Brown of Cowley, Crosby, Dillon, Davis, Dwyer, Fletcher, Frost, Fancett, Farrell, Fitzpatrick, Foley, Fulton, Gooins, Hackett, Harbaugh, Harper, Hefner, Irons, Jackson, Johnson of Clay, Jones, Lambertz, Lewis, Loomis, Malin, McKeever, Merrill, Mott, Moenzenmayer, Osborn, Pancake, Rolle, Weller, Rothrock, Simpson, Stone, Trimmer, Tyler, Walters, Ward, Webb, Wedge, Williams, Wolfer, Stevens.

Those voting against tabling the resolution were: Beeler, Barker, Brooks, Brown of Greenwood, Bush, Buckles, Davis, Davis of Clark, Dobson, DeWitt, Doyle, Finney, Fitzgerald, Davis, Geiger, Gillespie, Grimes, Hackney, Harris, Hawkins, Hemphill, Hendricks, Hewins, Jackson of Harper, Jenkins, Johnson of Nemaha, Kedis, Larimer, Lansing, Marks, Martin, McCarthy, McKeever, Miller, Osborn, Rogers, Richards, Rice, Riggs, Scaton, Scott, Shoup, Simmons, Smith of Sherman, Spencer, Tallman, Taylor, Utt, Vorhees, Wagner, Thomas, Wolf, Armstrong, Bottom, Bradley, Brown of Cowley, Gates, Hinkle, Jackson of Greenwood, Johnson of Lane, Keeler, Kelsey, Lacy, Montgomery, Perry, Reed, Smith of Brown, Stevens, Stuart and Walters.

This afternoon Representative Ravenscraft introduced a resolution asking Governor Leedy to transfer to the house the report of the committee on bribery investigation, which was filed in his office.

SENATE TO PASS IT TO-DAY.

Pops Will Railroad the Boyle Bill Through in Very Short Order.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The railroad bill will come up for consideration in the senate to-morrow morning and, in all probability, will be hustled through as fast as the rules of procedure will allow. The Pops have made proper arrangements for the application of the gag rule and will not allow the Republicans to amend or discuss the bill in any way.

At this afternoon's session Senator King moved the suspension of rules, the declaration of an emergency and the placing of house bill No. 1 on third reading, "without amendment or debate." The motion went over under the rules.

The Pops had an apparent purpose to making this motion under Friday's rules, which provide that only by a two-thirds vote of the body can an emergency be declared and unless this is carried the motion is laid over under the rules to the day following, when only a majority of the votes is needed. By precipitating the motion this afternoon King was insured of the consideration of the measure for to-morrow. All the Republicans will be able to do is to sit still and see the bill hustled without the privilege of exercising the constitutional right of protest.

The house bill, a supplemental to the general corporation act, establishing a system of jurisprudence, necessitated on account of the creation of the court of appeals, was introduced in Republican form in the house this morning.

An effort will be made by some of the Populist senators to-morrow to amend the railroad bill so as to give the governing body the power to appoint the judges. Senator Lewelling is opposed to the proposed change and he said to-night that he did not believe it would be made.

To Vote on Franchises.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Senator Young's bill prohibiting the granting of municipal franchises by city councils except upon authority given by a majority of the voters of the cities at a regular or special election was introduced in the house to-day by Rutledge, of Sedgwick.

MONEY FOR LEGISLATORS.

Senate Declares an Emergency and Rushes an Appropriation Bill Through.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Immediately after the senate was called to order this morning Chief Clerk Gilpin, of the house, announced the passage of house bill No. 2, appropriating $3.00 for the payment of per diem and mileage for members of the legislature, the lieutenant governor and officers of the special session. An emergency was declared and the bill received adoption without opposition.

The judiciary committee reported favorably on the bill to exempt certain proceeds issued from the building and loan association court house as being free from chattel deeds made before the fire.

The judiciary committee reported adversely on the bill to exempt from garnishment, attachment or other court proceeding the earnings of apprentices, laborers and clerks who are heads of families.

Senator Farrelly's bill for the taxation of insurance companies was reported favorably.

Governor Leedy did not sign the legislative appropriation bill passed to-day, for fear that some of the members would draw their money and go home before any legislation is enacted. The members will urge him to sign it to-morrow and he may do so, providing the railroad bill goes through the senate.

The senate committee on elections to-night presented a report recommending the passage of Senator Hinton's bill raising the salaries of legislators to $5.00 a day and paying mileage at the length of the legislative session.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL.

Empowers Cities to Acquire and Operate Railways, Electric Plants, Water Works, Etc.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Representative Rutledge to-day introduced a bill by request, giving cities of the first class the right to acquire and maintain public parks, street railways, electric plants, water works, telephones, gas plants and all other kinds of public utilities.

The main provision of the bill reads:

"Private property and the property of any person, copartnership, company or corporation within the streets, alleys or grounds of the city, may be purchased, condemned or appropriated for the use of the city for parks, streets, alleys, squares or market places, depot grounds, bridges or for the purpose of operating, managing and conducting a system of water works, gas plants, heat and power plants, street railways, telephone service or other public utility by the city or to enlarge and widen streets, and to acquire stone, gravel or other material for the improvement of streets, for the erection of bridges, reservoirs, water works, gas plants, electric light plants, telephones, street railways. That the proceedings to condemn property for the purposes stated shall be in the manner now prescribed by law."

SALE OF PRISON COAL.

Bill Favorably Reported to the House Yesterday Absolutely Prohibiting It.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The house committee on prisons and mining to-night decided to report a bill to the house to-morrow prohibiting the sale of prison coal on the open market. The output is to be consumed solely in the supply of the various state institutions.

The committee also killed Clement's pet bill providing a supply of miners. The object of the law is to let the miners select their own mine inspector.

The bill to run the penitentiary coal mine on the contract plan was killed by the prisons committee to-night. This was the work of Governor Leedy, who pointed out that the executive should reserve itself more as a supervisory and run the mine with its own labor and sell the product in the open market in competition with other mines. The profits were large into the state treasury. The bill was killed because the committee declared it unconstitutional for the health of the prisoners to keep them at work and there was nothing else they could be put at.

M'KAY FILES A CONTEST.

Asks Senate to Help Him Retain an Office He Was Kicked Out Of.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) House McKay, Populist of the Twenty-fourth district, elected, succeeding Representative Finch, Butler and Harper counties, for which he was accredited to the state senate, contest Senator Gillett, the Republican who was elected Finch's successor. McKay by 12 majority. McKay claims that illegal votes were cast for Gillett and that the McKays were in a majority in the district. The election of Gillett gives the Republicans control of the senate, McKay hopes to win the contest because the senate is strongly Populist.

MARKS' BILL IN THE HOPPER.

House Sends It to the Calendar, Following Constitutional Convention Resolution.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Dr. Marks' bill to repeal the Murphy liquor law came on in the house committee of the whole this afternoon and after a brief discussion, it was referred back to the judiciary with the recommendation that it be passed. On third reading it met with amendment and defeat, the house refusing to concur in the senate resolution calling for a constitutional convention. Resolution for submission of the question of a convention to the people, which will be voted upon to pass the Marks bill.

METROPOLITAN POLICE LAW.

House Committee Reports Favorably on a Bill Providing for Its Repeal.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The metropolitan police law is in a fair way to be repealed. The house committee on cities of the first class reported favorably on a bill to repeal the law absolutely and place the power to appoint chiefs of police and police judges in the hands of the mayors.

The committee was split, affairs in the house also brought favorable action on the bill to abolish the state board of pardons.

State Society of Labor Bill.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The labor committee of the house will to-morrow morning recommend the passage of a bill creating a state society of labor. The society is to be organized after the plan of the agricultural board. Each labor union having more than fifty members will be allowed one delegate to the state convention. This convention will select the state labor commissioner.

AN ANTI-ROBERTS PROTEST.

Representative Larimer Asks the House of Representatives to Go on Record.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Representative Larimer, of Shawnee, to-day introduced resolutions protesting against the seating of B. H. Roberts, the Utah polygamist, if congress. They follow:

"Whereas, B. H. Roberts has been elected as the representative of Utah in the lower house of our national congress.

"Whereas, The said B. H. Roberts is a polygamist, has been engaged in polygamous practices for years, openly boasting of the fact and upholding polygamy as good, pure and holy.

"Whereas, The said B. H. Roberts has been a confirmed violator of both moral and statute law of this country, and in defending his practices he has scoffed at virtue and outraged the sanctity of the home.

"Resolved, By the house of representatives of the state of Kansas, that B. H. Roberts has disqualified himself, both legally and morally, from sitting in the national house of congress.

"Resolved, That this body expresses unqualified disapproval of the said B. H. Roberts being permitted to take such seat in congress.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the chief clerk of the house to every Kansas congressman, and that they be urged to use every honorable means within their power to prevent the said B. H. Roberts from taking his seat."

The resolutions went over under the rules.

A COURT FOR GALENA.

House Has Passed the Bill but Householder May Kill It in the Senate.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Speaker Pro Tem Weller, through the assistance of Billy Sapp, of Galena, today succeeded in getting the house to pass a bill creating a common pleas court for Cherokee county. The committee of the whole recommended the bill by a unanimous vote. When the committee arose, Weller had emergency declared and the bill was placed on third reading and passed. It provides that the court shall sit at Galena.

Senator Householder, of Cherokee, is opposed to the bill because the court is located at Galena instead of Columbus, but Weller and Sapp believe they can get the senate to pass it over his protest.

Governor Leedy has promised to appoint Ed Sapp, brother of Billy, as judge. Ed is now probate judge of Cherokee county.

POPS CLEAR THE TRACK.

Amend the Rules So That They Can Run Things to Suit Themselves.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The house today amended the rules so that the Populist majority will be able to ram the hard work on over the minority whenever it sees fit. The rule requiring a two-thirds vote to declare an emergency was changed so that only 63 votes are required. Members will be given only three minutes to explain their votes instead of five. The old rules provided that five members could demand a roll call. It will take thirty under the new rules. The rules could be changed before only by a two-thirds vote. Now a majority can change them. In case of a call of the house the bill under consideration can be temporarily laid aside and other measures acted upon.

Insurance Bill Favorably Reported.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The house, in committee of the whole, to-night took up house bill No. 2, which imposes a tax of 2 per cent on the gross premiums collected by insurance, guaranty and accident companies not organized under the laws of Kansas and decided to report it favorably.

BANKERS ENTER PROTEST.

Argue Against the Passage of the Breidenthal Guaranty Measure.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) A joint banking committee of the house and senate held a session to-night and heard the arguments of a number of bankers against the passage of the initial guaranty fund law. The representatives of the bankers were impressed upon the committee that the bill protected wildcats at the expense of the conservatives. The committee will meet again to-morrow morning to formulate a report. Bankers feel positive that the bill will be defeated. Representative Schaff, however, declares that, if the committee makes an adverse report, he will fight back to the house and force passage.

TALK OF ADJOURNMENT.

Resolutions Introduced Looking to an Early Conclusion of the Special Session.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Resolutions were introduced today providing for the adjournment of the senate on Friday and the house on Thursday, but it is likely tonight that neither house will adjourn before the end of next week at earliest. The Populists have a big list of bills which they are anxious to push through after the railroad measure is disposed of, and several of the leaders last night expressed their opposition to early adjournment. They propose to keep on as long as possible.

Introduces a Bill by Request.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Speaker Pro Tem Weller today announced Representative Seaton, of Atchison, introducing a bill amending the assessment and taxation laws so as to enable Atchison, Missouri river, to run the bridge as the law now stands. Seaton declined to introduce the bill, saying the Pop majority would order the committee to kill it.

University Regents Bill

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The senate committee on elections and educational institutions met tonight and decided to report favorably the bill to reduce the number of state university regents, with the exception of a clause giving the power of appointment of the new regents to the next governor.

Bill to Elect State Printer Passed.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Senator Crocker, son of vent resolution to a bill to the voters at the state election a proposition to elect the state printer by direct vote was passed by the senate this morning by 26 to 9. There was no discussion and party lines were not drawn.

Bill to Cut Passenger Rate.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The railroad committee of the house at a meeting tonight decided to recommend for passage a bill reducing passenger rates to 2 cents per mile for adults and 1 cent for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years.

A Bill to Protect McNall.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) Senator Scott, for respondent of Insurance Commissioner McNall, today introduced a bill to repeal the law providing for the appointment of committees to investigate the conduct of state officers.

Mutual Hail Insurance.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The house, in committee of the whole, today decided to report favorably on Representative Harbaugh's bill providing for mutual hail insurance.

Township Railroad Bonds.

TOPEKA, Dec. 30.—(Special.) The house committee on municipal indebtedness reported favorably this morning on the bill to prevent townships from voting bonds for railroads.

STRIKE NINE MONTHS OLD.

Struggle Between Miners and Operators at Pana, Ill., Has Been a Long One.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 30.—Earl Herring, of Company C, Springfield Ill., was shot and killed today while on guard duty in East Pana. During a storm Herring entered an empty coal shed for protection from the rain. He stumbled over a small large lump of coal and as he fell his gun discharged and was shot in the head. The ball passed through his heart.

It is also months to-day since the union miners left the pits, which are now being operated by scabs. In one of the strike riots last spring the miners burned the tipple of the Mine Housing Company, which called out the state militia. Last night sentinels at the Lake Coal Company's mine, which is operated by Alfred Moore, Manager Hay, who was shot and killed by the Springfield Company's mine manager of the Springfield.

Within the past few days the militia have made arrests of several men and early miners and a number of prominent citizens for carrying concealed weapons. All were heavily fined.

Six miners are in the county jail for alleged violation of Judge Smith's injunction. Their cases will come up today for hearing before Judge James Mcnes, a newspaper manager.

The strikers to-day received a blow from the state organization in support of the strike.

"HEALER" GOES FREE.

Cincinnati Judge Releases a Woman Who Had Been Convicted in Police Court.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30.—Judge Hollister of the common pleas court today reversed the judgment of the police court in a case involving the practice of Christian Science healing. Harriet Brown had been convicted in the police court of violating the law regulating the practice of medicine. The case went before the common pleas court on appeal.

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