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Rain today and tonight. Max. temp., 68; min., 42. Probably cooler Monday.

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CANNONISM CRUSHED; A NEW ERA DAWNS

PEOPLE WIN BIG VICTORY

CONTROL OF MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN HANDS OF INSURGENTS.

CANNON STILL SPEAKER

DRAMATIC, HISTORIC DAY IN NATION'S CAPITOL ENDS IN POPULAR TRIUMPH.

EVENTS CULMINATING IN DOWNFALL OF CANNONISM.

Monday—Dents put in Chairman Smith's District of Columbia bills.

Tuesday—Democrats and insurgents defeated provision for maintenance of automobiles of vice-president and speaker.

Wednesday—Speaker's ruling on Crumpacker census amendment overruled by allies.

Norris, insurgent leader, presented amendment increasing membership of rules committee to 15. Point of order made against Norris. Amendment by Dalzell, regular leader. Regulars began filibustering to obtain enough votes to sustain the speaker. Three efforts by regulars to recess or adjourn voted down by allies. House in session all night.

Friday—Early hours occupied by both sides in search for votes. From 2 to 4 o'clock, truce. Compromise efforts fruitless.

4 p. m.—House voted to postpone speaker's ruling on Norris amendment until 12:05 p. m. Saturday and adjourned.

Saturday—Noon—Speaker ruled Norris amendment out of order.

Norris appealed from decision of chair.

Dalzell's motion to table (stop consideration of Norris' amendment) appeal defeated, 184 to 161.

Norris' motion for the previous question (cut off debate) adopted, 182 to 160.

Speaker's decision on Norris amendment overruled, 182 to 160.

Norris offered substitute, making rules committee ten members instead of fifteen.

Norris' motion for previous question on substitute carried, 178 to 159.

Substitute carried, 193 to 153.

Norris' amendment as altered by substitute, carried, 191 to 155.

Motion to declare speakership vacant defeated, 191 to 155.

House adjourned until Monday.

(By United Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, March 19.—Cannonism is crushed.

The committee on rules, personified by Speaker Cannon, and for many years supreme in its control over legislation, was torn from the organization of the house. Instead of being a power to say what bills should pass and what should fail, and when and how, control will be vested in a committee chosen by the members and responsive to the membership.

In place of a small committee appointed by the speaker, dependent upon him for every legislative favor, and subservient to his will, there will be a committee of ten representatives of which the speaker will not be a member.

THE NEW RULERS.

The committee, created through adroit initiative and skillful leadership of Representative Geo. W. Norris, insurgent from Nebraska, comes to life in pursuance of the following resolution, adopted by the house:

That 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.

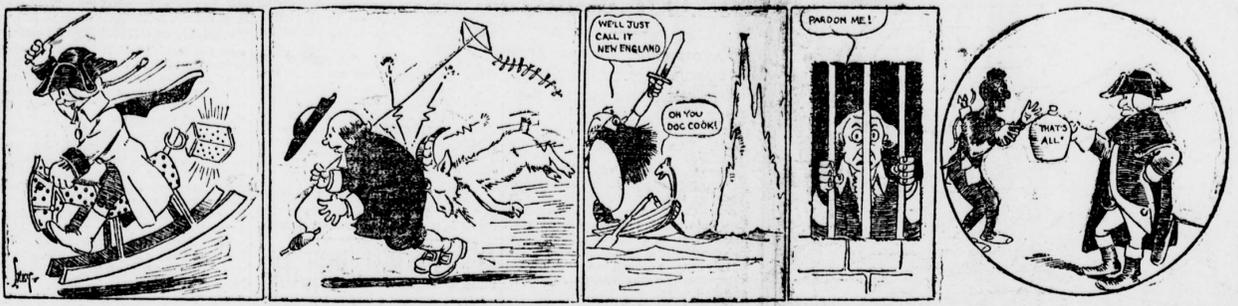
The speaker shall not be a member of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own membership.

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.

The insurgents, in defense of their defeat in the organization, have contended that the fight was for principle, for the right to represent their constituents, to have

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Our American Heroes as the Boston Revisers of History See 'Em



Paul Revere may have had a horse, but there's nothing doing shock, but it was all punk about that famous ride to Concord.

Ben Franklin may have had a kite-flying electricity thing.

Leif Erickson was some Viking, perhaps, but he never got nearer New England than Labrador.

John Hancock was there with the pen, but if he had his just deserts—(see above)

And they even say old George Washington hired Indians to do a little scalping for him on the side.

CANNON'S WATERLOO; THE INSURGENTS AND POINDEXTER

In this hour of his defeat Cannon, grim master of the lower house of congress, is almost sublime.

Throughout the weary hours of battle, during which his legions and those of the triumphant opposition fought back and forth across the dividing line between victory and defeat, he maintained a serene and tranquil front. He lounged about the corridors, smoked and chatted and joked with his followers.

After it was all over, with the smoke of battle, the glitter of arms still about him, and the resounding cheers which announced his Waterloo ringing in his ears, he delivered an historic speech, in which he refused to bow his head in shame, defended his policies, and declared his belief in the rule of the majority.

Then, retiring to his camp and questioned there about his future, he smiled and said: "Oh, I guess I'll continue to talk and pray."

Cannon wielded his czar-like scepter in the interest of the great corporations, and against the welfare of the people, but he was a consummate leader. The world loves a good fighter. And Cannon was one of 'em.

Congressman Norris of Nebraska was the "Iron Duke" who led the insurgent army to victory against this Napoleon of politics. He is the new knight, the new champion of the people. If he and the army of insurgents give the square deal to the country, conditions may improve immeasurably.

With the rise to power of the insurgents, Congressman Miles Poindexter of Spokane becomes a national figure. He is the only insurgent from the Northwest, in the lower house. He took a leading position in the winning fight against Speaker Cannon and Spokane is proud of him, even more so than before. They are talking of making Leader Norris a senator. The Press believes that the people of the state of Washington, encouraged by the insurgent victory, and full of admiration for their representative, will honor him in the same manner, and throw over his shoulders the toga of a United States senator. He is the man of the hour in the Northwest.

OVER 1000 MORE MEN GO TO WORK MONDAY

Over 1000 men will go to work for the city this week on work which has been awarded to different contractors and which will amount to an expenditure of \$500,000.

Following an order from the mayor requesting that the contracts for the work be awarded

ENJOYED 3 WHOLE HOURS OF LIBERTY

Three short hours was the length of time in which Bert Candee, a Canadian, 38 years old, and a well known "drunk" enjoyed the pleasures of liberty yesterday afternoon.

Candee was arrested early in the week on a charge of drunkenness and was fined \$1 and costs by Judge Mann. The "costs" in the police court amount to \$5 and Candee had a few cents more than the required six bones, in his pockets at the time, he preferred to serve out his time.

Yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock he was released. Shortly after 4 o'clock a call was received at the station and the wagon responded to Riverside and Howard, to find Candee in a paralyzed state of intoxication. His \$6 had dwindled to 70 cents. A crowd of 200 people watched him ride off to jail.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS DISCUSS VICTORY

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The following interview was given to the United Press tonight by leaders in the great fight of the allies against the regulars:

Norris (Neb.), insurgent leader: "This is a great victory for the insurgents and the people. We have won the fight. We have made it possible for a majority of the house to work its will and we have shorn the speaker of the greatest force of his power—membership on the committee on rules. We have been fighting for a principle and we have demonstrated that we are republicans and are working as such. The vote on the motion to vacate the chair proved conclusively that we

MONUMENT TO OFFICIAL UNFITNESS

TAXPAYERS LOSE HEAVILY BY INCOMPETENCE IN SPRAGUE AVE. FILL

NEW PLAN BY DENNIS EFFORT TO EFFECT SETTLEMENT TO CHOKO OFF FURTHER SCANDAL

The Sprague avenue fill is the most glaring example of municipal incompetence, neglect and sheer lack of regard for the welfare of the taxpayers that has ever been seen in the city of Spokane. Some apply even worse titles and say harder things; probably the inner truth will come out when the whole unsightly mess is finally threshed out in court, if it is permitted to reach a hearing.

In many cities an engineer that produced a miscarriage of public enterprise such as the Sprague avenue fill would not last one hour. But in Spokane it is different, honest men are thrown out of office, while the schemers and the scoundrels are welcomed as the guiding lights at the city hall.

G. B. Dennis, representing the Warehouse and Realty Co., has just made a proposition to buy a sloping fill, such as Engineer Ralston now says will be required, for \$21,000 extra money, provided that the city secures the necessary ground. The necessary ground will cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000 more, making the added cost of the fill, if it is finished on this basis, at least \$50,000 to \$60,000. And by the way, Dennis owns all of the ground on the north side of the fill.

Think of it, taxpayers. It is a heavy toll this \$50,000 to \$60,000 extra for incompetence or worse. How long is the city of Spokane going to squander money in this way? Some day there must be a halt called on the bunch of incompetent and gentlemen of questionable virtue at the city hall, or taxpayers will become so burdensome here as to render property owning a luxury that the average man cannot afford. Even now it is cheaper to rent than own property here.

G. B. Dennis says the fill fell down because it was engineered wrong and that there is no use to rebuild it on the old plan or it will fall down again. Engineer J. C. Ralston designed the plan that Mr. Dennis speaks of, and while Dennis and Ralston are the very best of friends there is no questioning the responsibility, according to the statement of Dennis.

The Sprague fill is now in court. An effort is being made by the city officials to adjust the diff culty. G. B. Dennis is willing, it believes, the voters to keep their eyes open. An effort will be made soon to get together on the fill matter to avoid further scandal.

MORE VOTERS SIGN ANTI-FRANCHISE PETITION

Work of securing names to the petition to the city council, commencing it in its stand in the application of the North Coast and Milwaukee railroad franchises and requesting that it maintain its position, was kept up till late yesterday and after The Press appeared with the story, the following names were added:

A. E. Gallagher, attorney; H. R. Mann, real estate dealer; New York Sample Store, by Adolph Nelson, president; J. L. Pritchett, property owner; Merrick Investment Co., by B. A. Merrick; Polhman Kipp Co., confectionery; and H. E. Curtis, a property owner.

LIVELY ENOUGH TO CHANGE SLEEPING QUARTERS

After half a dozen calls from residents living in the vicinity of the public library had come in to the police station last night, saying that a drunken man was lying in the middle of the street and liable at any time to be run over by a passing vehicle, Emergency Officer Jellsett was sent in search of the "intoxicated" citizen, but found that he had changed his sleeping quarters.

SOMETHING ABOUT DEPOSED CZAR



SPEAKER JOSEPH G. CANNON

WASHINGTON, March 19.—"Mr. Cannon was born of God fearing and man loving parents. He made himself, and he did a darn poor job of it."

This is the autobiography of "Uncle Joe" of Illinois. He wrote it upon request and he got almost as much into the two lines as Grant, or Sherman, or Mark Twain did into volumes.

Born a Quaker 72 years ago in North Carolina, reared to man-

NOW ASSOQUAN PREPARES FOR A ROOSEVELT DAY

(By United Press Leased Wire) ASSOQUAN, Soudan, March 19.—With hardly less expectancy than was manifested by the people of Khartoum, the 13,000 residents of Assouan tonight await the arrival of the steamer Ibis, bearing Col. Roosevelt and his family, which is due to arrive here tomorrow morning. The ancient town will do its best to make the 24 hours' stay of the party here long to be remembered. For once Col. Roosevelt will not spend a quiet Sunday. In charge of Sir William Garstin, who was the chief figure in the building of the world-famous Assouan dam, the great engineering work will be visited. The dam extends across the Nile and is a mile and a quarter wide and 130 feet high, having been four years in the building.

The ruins of the town built by the Arabs on the site of the ancient Syene, south of Assouan, will also be inspected by the visitors. A dinner of a semi-official character will be given the Roosevelt party tomorrow evening. On Monday morning the visitors will leave for Luxor, arriving there Monday evening.

U. S. AND CANADA MAY FACE A RUINOUS TARIFF WAR

(By United Press Leased Wire) ALBANY, N. Y., March 19.—Facing a conference tomorrow that may end in a ruinous tariff war between the United States and Canada, President Taft and Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, joined tonight in a plea for world-wide peace at the annual dinner of the University club at Albany.

At the speaker's table with the president and Earl Grey were Governor Hughes, Speaker Wadsworth of New York, W. S. Fielding, minister of finance of Canada; David R. Francis, former governor of Missouri and Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, president of Dartmouth college.

At the executive mansion tomorrow a final effort will be made to adjust the hitch in the Canadian-American tariff negotiations. Minister Fielding and James MacDonald of Toronto, will represent Canada, while President Taft will be aided by Attorney Charles M. Pepper.

At the dinner tonight Earl Grey delivered a speech that did not augur well for the tariff negotiations. He spoke of "Hands Across the Sea."

"The Canadian people," he said, "while resolutely determined, like you, fearlessly to defend their legitimate rights, entertain toward you the same desire to obtain your good will and promote your interests that you, on your part, have toward them."

The earl, who is a trustee of the Cecil Rhodes foundation, also discussed the Rhodes scholarships, making a plea for world-wide peace, particularly among English-speaking nations.

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WIRE SENT HILL ASKS FOR FUNDS

"STAND PATTERS" SAID TO HAVE ASKED G. N. PRESIDENT TO HELP FIGHT.

ADVERTISING MONEY

SUSPICION OF THE PRESS IS APPARENTLY CONFIRMED BY REPORT.

THAT a telegram has been sent to James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Co., by the forces standing behind the petition, asking the city council to stand pat in its denial of franchise without terminal rate and common user clause to the North Coast and Milwaukee railroads, asking for funds to help the work along comes absolutely authentically from one of the principal men in the movement.

Truly Spokane, in this franchise problem, is standing, literally, between the devil and the deep blue sea, and this information, secured last night, practically confirms the suspicion of The Press as published yesterday afternoon, that a game is being engineered in Spokane, regardless of public interests and selfishly for the interest of "Father Jim, the Empire Builder."

This valuable admission was let drop by the prominent "stand pater," unconsciously at first, in a general discussion of the franchise squabble, with a representative of The Press, but when the subject was later brought up in a direct question from the reporter, it was freely admitted that the wire had been sent to Hill, asking that he stand the expense of advertising the "stand pat" petition in papers which were not actively supporting the proposition in their news columns.

This might amount to a matter of a few hundred dollars, it is figured, and the informant stated that he believed that Hill would readily put up for the expense.

However, it is figured by many of the property owners favoring the refusal of the franchise to the two new roads without terminal rates and clauses that it will prove better in the long run for Spokane to stand the chance of foregoing the temporary benefit to be derived from the roads' expenditure of a few hundred thousand dollars within the city limits and to invest in such few corporations to fight in the matter of terminal rates than to let the two new roads in and build up a combination that will forever keep out prospective new industries with its discriminating rates.

In practically every instance in which manufacturers have come to Spokane to look over the field, prospecting on establishing factories here, they have gone away, admitting that Spokane has a good field, but declaring they would rather go to open factories here until the city had better rates.

Some days Harris collected \$4 for the use of his wagon and was paid at the rate of \$1000 a year besides as superintendent. The wagon used was an old tumble down hack that let enough cold through in the winter season to almost give a real sick patient a severe chill. Harris' perquisites in the transportation matter are now cut off, as the city has its own automobile.

During the time that these enormous bills were rendered against the city Harris paid neither rent, light, water nor fuel bills at the hospital, all of which were paid by the city. What restaurant men would want a better thing in Spokane than to serve a little toast and mush for 25 cents and have the city to foot all the bills, except the cook. Or imagine 25 cents a throw for a plate of "hot" cakes and coffee—the "hot" was such in name only—and draw two bits for the service. Hot cakes and coffee or mush and toast are not much over 10 cents in the ordinary restaurant.

Think of the restaurant man that could serve a plate of boiling beef for 25 cents, that sells ordinarily over Spokane for 15 cents. He no doubt would think that he had quite a snap. And then to serve the left over portions as cold beef in the evening at the same price is nothing better. But such is the meal charge that the taxpayers paid V. B. Harris for day after day.

There is no wonder that Harris own a 320 acre ranch that supplies all of his milk, eggs and vegetables at the hospital. There is nothing strange in the fact that he owns a number of good pieces of property in Spokane. Harris has the best thing, from the standpoint of seeming legitimate profit, in the gift of the city. He has left no stone unturned to get all there is in it and when he quits the hospital he will do so a rich man.

The Harris bills have gone through from month to month with the approval of the president and secretary of the board of health and the auditing committee, consisting of the mayor, the comptroller and the clerk.

DRUNK PUT IN CELL WITH A CRAZY MAN

While tenderly nursing one of the most attractive black eyes that has been seen around police headquarters in many months, Ed Rush, charged with drunkenness, told Judge Mann in the police court yesterday that the authorities had locked him in a cell with a crazy man who immediately proceeded to black his lamp.

The police say that Rush's cellmate was not insane but merely a victim of delirium tremens. Rush was of the opinion that the first man in the cell was the most violent lunatic outside the asylum.

Rush was arrested by Officer Markwood Friday evening on Post street in the very immediate condition of having his shirt tail loose and blowing in the breeze. A fine of \$1 and costs was levied against Rush.

TAFT WANTS GOOD BASEBALL

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 19.—President Taft's great interest in baseball and his desire to see the Pirates and Cubs clash "for blood" here on the afternoon of May 2, when he is scheduled to attend the founder's day celebration of the Carnegie Technical institute, which is regarded as a big day among the persons whose names are included in the Pittsburgh blue book, has caused a great upheaval in the celebration plans and it is stated tonight that the exercises will likely be changed to the forenoon so that the president may see the game.

\$20,000 FOR HARRIS IN 2 YEARS

ISOLATION HOSPITAL MAN HAS GROWN RICH AT PUBLIC CRIB.

BLAME ON OFFICIALS

EXORBITANT CHARGES FOR FOOD PAID BY THE CITY.

CONTINUED investigation of the accounts of V. S. Harris, superintendent of the isolation hospital, tend more and more to substantiate The Press' original position, that Harris has one of the best things in the city's returns from the standpoint of financial gifts.

That Harris has lost no opportunity to realize to the fullest extent on the gold mine at his hand can be verified by the record, supported by inquiry among the former patients of the institution.

In two years ending March 1 Harris has drawn from the city for his own services and board and hauling of patients to the isolation hospital \$20,000. Besides this his wife has been on the payroll as a nurse at \$50 to \$77.50 per month.

Of this large total the bulk was "cream," as they say around the city hall, in speaking of private snags. Harris has drawn 25 cents per meal for every patient confined within the hospital during that period, has collected the same fee for the board of the nurses employed by the city and most of the help around the place. He has even collected 75 cents per day for boarding a member of his own family and gotten away with it.

Harris has received \$2 for every trip made in hauling patients to the hospital. During the bulk of this time the institution was located on the hill just north of the Corbin Park line of the Traction company, as it was only since the first of the present year that the hospital moved to its new quarters on the river bank. Harris collected \$5 a trip when he went to Hillyard, although the distance was not much over two miles. Hillyard is outside the city limits of Spokane, yet it seems that Harris was able to make upon it for patients, even at the fee of \$5 per trip.

Where a mother went along to take care of her child at the hospital, the city paid for mother and child alike—75 cents each per day. Some people in prosperous condition went from the local hospitals with their nurses and the city paid the board alike of the patient and the nurse.