

MOVE TO DEFEAT "JOE" CANNON

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Iowa Will Lead Revolt to Prevent His Re-election as Speaker of the House—All Northwest States Expected to Join in the Fight—"Uncle Joe" Prevents All Reform Legislation.

An organized effort is said to have been discovered to defeat "Uncle Joe" Cannon for speaker of the sixty-first congress if the republicans carry the house. He has been tagged as an undesirable reactionary and must be eliminated, so the report goes.

Iowa is expected to lead the revolt against the Illinois congressman. In the first place, Iowa has wanted the speakership honors for years as a tribute to her old veteran, Col. "Pete" Hepburn. In the second place, the state is not in sympathy with some of Cannon's policies.

The action of republicans in Guthrie county, Iowa, adopting resolutions calling upon Representative Walter I. Smith, one of the most influential men in the house, and one who is generally regarded as needing no instructions, to vote against Joseph G. Cannon for speaker, is said to be the first step in the campaign. Other Iowa organizations will follow suit, and it is predicted that many of the congressmen from that state will have the organizations, upon which they depend for election, demanding the defeat of Cannon and the selection of Hepburn to succeed him.

Should Iowa lead off in this matter, most of the northwestern states will follow her, it is calculated. Wisconsin is said to be up in arms against the drastic rules of the speaker that have squeezed the La Follette disciples so hard that they have been able to do nothing more effective than to make a futile protest. Not one solitary crumb of reform have they been able to bring forth to the hungry reformers in the Badger state and they say it is all because "Uncle Joe" will not allow them to do anything to save the nation. Some of them have spoken their minds on the floor of the house, while others contented themselves with breaking over party lines when the speaker cracked the whip to carry out some of his plans.

Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, California and Kansas, are counted on to vote for a change in affairs in the house, while scattering representatives, disgruntled by the way things have been run in the house during the last three congresses are classed with those who will vote against the Illinois member.

It is said that organized labor will urge on the fight against Cannon. The speaker's opposition to the passage of legislation demanded by the American Federation of Labor and his fight at Chicago against the anti-injunction plank in the republican platform has whetted the hatred of organized labor for him. If some of the republican representatives, booked for the disapproval of the American Federation of Labor are willing to pledge themselves to vote against Cannon, they may effect a compromise with the federation.

Colonel Hepburn is not the only man in the house who would like to succeed Cannon. There is Representative Burton of Ohio, regarded as the most effective orator, deepest thinker and profound student on the floor. Representative Boutell of Illinois, is also said to be good timber.

Should the democrats by any chance gain control of the house it is generally regarded as certain that Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, will be chosen speaker. In the last five years, Clark has grown immensely in the house, and besides being level-headed, is a first-class orator.

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Amateur Scribes Meet.
Milwaukee, Wis., July 2.—Editors and contributors to amateur periodicals are beginning to arrive in Milwaukee today to take part in the convention of the National Amateur Press Association, which will be held in this city during the next few days. While most of the delegates are youngsters there is a sprinkling of older men and women who, beginning their literary careers as amateur journalists, have since become professional newspaper workers or have attained success in other lines. There is every prospect that this will be the most successful national gathering of the scribes since the birth of the organization 32 years ago.

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Last of the Spanish Fleet at the Battle of Manila Bay.

"What was it like, that battle of Manila Bay, do you ask?" The thunders of heaven would have been lost in its din. It was fierce and fast, like the rolling of all the drums in the world or like bolts of heavy sailcloth torn into shreds by the wind.

What a picture it would make—that battle, the last of the Spanish fleet, the Don Antonio de Ulloa. She fought, sinking a foot a minute! Gun after gun went under, and when the last onset was made only her bow gun remained. Its crew, waist deep in water, fought as though victory was crowning them. It was theirs to fire the last gun upon that eventful day, and we cheered them as they sank.

These are the things men will write about, but memory alone can paint a picture so terrible that the moon, that old night watch of the universe, hid behind friendly vapors that she might not see the embers of war as they glared through the portholes and sponsons of half sunken ships, while ever and anon exploding magazines would tear the waters, and flames of yellow and red flaunt above all that was left of Spain's wreckage.

Surely Wellington was a Solomon when he wrote, "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won."—St. Nicholas.

AN AFRICAN RESCUE.

Saved From a Great Army of Ravenous Driver Ants.

In her "West African Studies" Miss Kingsley tells this story about the famous "driver" ants: "I was in a little village, and out of a hut came the owner and his family and all the household parasites pellmell, leaving the drivers in possession, but the mother and father of the family, when they recovered from this unwonted burst of activity, showed such a lively concern and such unmistakable signs of anguish at having left something behind them in the hut that I thought it must be the baby. 'In-him far corner for floor!' shrieked the distracted parents, and into that hut I charged.

"Too true! There in the corner lay the poor little thing, a mere inert black mass, with hundreds of cruel drivers already swarming upon it. To seize it and give it to the distracted mother was, as the reporter would say, 'the work of an instant.' She gave a cry of joy and dropped it instantly into a water barrel, where her husband held it down with a hoe, chuckling contentedly. Shiver not, my friend, at the callousness of the Ethiopian. That there thing wasn't an infant. It was a ham!"

Some Epigrams.

Tom Hood cast epigrams at himself in the face of death. His wife was preparing a large mustard plaster to apply to his shrunken chest. "My dear," said Hood, "that's a terrible lot of mustard for a small piece of beef." Sir Walter Raleigh expressed himself in a similar mood after he mounted the scaffold. Feeling the edge of the ax, he said to the executioner, "This is a sharp medicine, but it is a cure for all diseases."

An Italian nobleman, probably beguiled by patent medicine advertisements, left this inscription for his gravestone: "I was well, wanted to be better, took physic and died."

Charles Knight suggested that "Good Knight" would be sufficient for his memorial tablet.

A brother Scot who did not sympathize with his peccadilloes in life, when asked to suggest an appropriate epitaph for Scotland's national poet, said, "His ain name's enough—Robert Burns."—Boston Post.

Wholesome Advice For Boys.

Now, you lads who want to leave school, don't be in such a hurry to be earning something. Think of the future. Respect rather than the present advantage. The man who can do something really well, whether it be the making of a table, the building of a house or the writing of a book, will very seldom be unemployed. It is the boys in a hurry who are "little millionaires" on 8 shillings a week at fourteen and "big loafers" on nothing at eighteen, with no trade in their fingers and no prospect but the life of a day laborer. Go slowly, boys—you'll go farther. Hurry is a dog that often goes off on a wrong scent. Patience and foresight are two dogs which hunt together. They are slow at "finding," but they are always "in at the death."—London Scholars' Own.

Spoiled Musicians.

Rubinstein disapproved of marriage for musicians. Just before his death he spoke sadly of his Russian lady pupils. "What have I wasted all my time on them for?" he asked irritably. "Every one married! It's too provoking! Here they are, spoiled forever for art life. What did they study for?"

The London Musical World remarks that "those who ask why we have no great lady composers may be left to think on these things."

A Nice, Polite Man.

There's some good things in town this week," said the girl who was hinting for an invitation to the theater. "Well," responded Mr. Grouch. "I ain't one of 'em."—Kansas City News-book.

They Noticed.

"Maude was afraid the girls wouldn't notice her engagement ring."

"Did they?"

"Did they! Six of them recognized it at once."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Occupation is the necessary basis of all enjoyment.—Hunt.

It is well to plan the work, but be sure you can work the plan.

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Old Maid Daughter of King Edward May Become Bride of Dr. Nansen.

London, July 2.—Persistent rumors are being circulated in London to the effect that Princess Victoria, the old maid daughter of King Edward, will shortly marry a commoner, Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the famed explorer, who was until recently the Norwegian ambassador to London.

The princess is now nearing her 40th milestone, but her affection for the gallant descendant of the Vikings is alleged to be none the less warm on account of her mature age. Having withstood the flattering attentions of scores of princes and nobles, she has at last succumbed to the tender passion.

It is alleged that Dr. Nansen left the court of St. James because of his attachment for the princess and the

consequent displeasure of her royal father.

The Princess Victoria, however, like her royal grandmother, is capable of exercising a will of her own and it is whispered in social circles that the king and queen may yet give their assent to a marriage with the untitled suitor of the princess. It is known that the king entertains a respectful admiration for the Norwegian explorer, and, as man to man, would probably consider him a desirable son-in-law.

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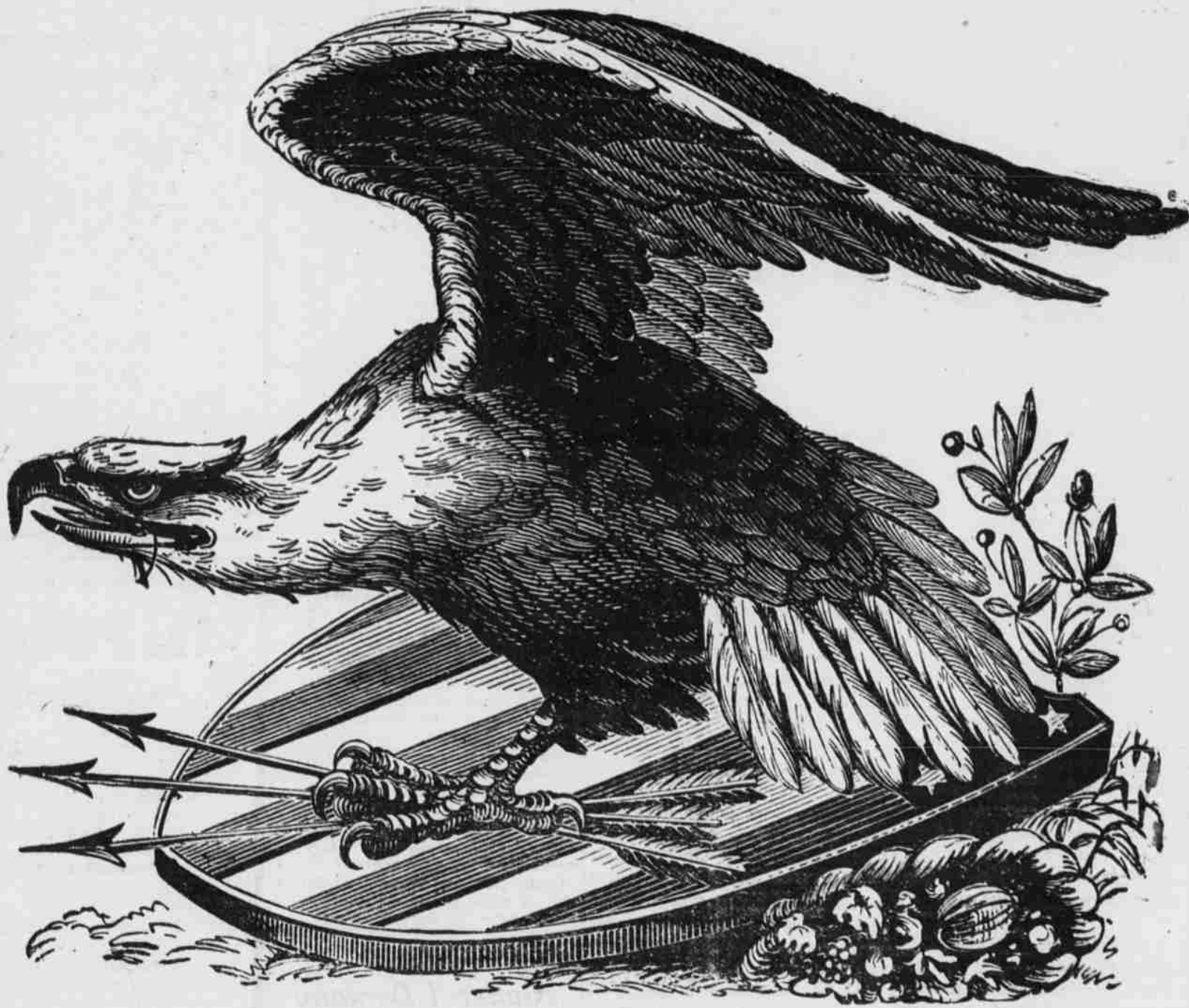
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