INSURGENTS FACE LOSS OF SUPPORT

Democrats Demand Acceptance of Minority Members of Committee.

JAMES AND RAINEY STUMBLING-BLOCKS

Their Rejection Would Bring Charge of Violating Compromise Made by Taft.

Unless the insurgents can get together and agree to stand by the two members of the minority selected as members of the Ballinger investigating committee, the progressives in the House will find themselves without Democratic support the next time they attempt to make an assault on the Cannon breastworks.

This is the defi which has gone forth from the minority side of the House, in response to the declaration that Ollie M. James of Kentucky and Henry T. Rainey of Illinois are not acceptable to the Republican leaders and a few of the insurgents, particularly Representative Hayes of California.

It was admitted today that the appointment of James was prompted by William J. Bryan, who sees in the Ballinger-Finchot investigation an immense amount of political capital which may prove valuable in the next Presidential campaign. James is an intimate friend of the Peerless Leader, and while not a brilliant lawyer, is perfectly capable of bringing out all the politcal material that can be found.

Named By Clark.

James was placed in nomination at the Democratic caucus by Champ Clark, minority leader, and while there was no specific announcement to that effect, the understanding was general that Mr. Bryan desired James' appointment. This was done in spite of the fact that the Republican leaders had warned the Democrats that James would not be acceptable to them. The Democrats—both those who voted for James and those who voted against him—now want to know what the Republicans are going to do about it.

If the majority attempts to substitute the names of two other Democrats, attention will be called to the fact that the President's compromise is being violated just as much as though the Republican regulars had broken faith with the insurgents. Furthermore, the Republican leaders will find it difficult to get two Democrats to displace James and Rainey, not because of any loyalty to the two members already selected, but because of the difficult position in which they would be placed. James and Rainey were selected because it was known that they would play politics to the limit.

If the Republicans attempted to supplant them, however, with Democrats of a more conservative temperament, the latter would be open to the charge that the investigation was "fixed," and that they were parties thereto.

Stand By Democrats.

It is known that there was a general understanding among the insurgents that they would stand by the Democrats in support of their caucus selections, even to the extent of breaking with the House organization. A great majority of the insurgents appreciate the fact that their showing in the past has been made possible only by Democratic support. They appreciate also that it would be difficult to get that support again if they failed their allies on the very first occasion on which they asked for help.

The Democrats do not hesitate to inform insurgents that it is now up to them to make good. Hence every effort is being made to call off Representative Hayes and several other insurgents who have announced their intention to stand by the House organization in opposing James and Rainey.

The selection of James by the House probably will make necessary a change in the joint committee. Senator Paynter of Kentucky had been decided upon as a member of the Senate Committee. His term expires in 1911, and James will be a candidate to succeed him. Both men would liked to have had the notoriety which will attach to the investigation to help them in their Senatorial canvass, but inasmuch as it is not deemed advisable to have two men from one State on the committee it is probable that some other Democratic Senator will be substituted for Paynter, owing to the probability that James will not be removed, even though distasteful to the Republicans.

MONETARY REPORT WILL BE DELAYED

Secretary MacVeagh Does Not Expect It Till After Elections.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh is of the opinion that the country will have to wait at least for the report of the monetary commission before the question of the proposed central bank can be answered. He thinks the United States needs a reformed financial system, but that the changes will not materialize until after the next election. In a speech before 700 bankers who attended an annual banquet in New York last night, Mr. MacVeagh made several pertinent remarks along financial lines. He said:

"Every country must have a sound, useful banking system. Until we get rid of panics which are wholly unnecessary, and really avoidable, we cannot have a system that the world can rely upon. We need a reformed financial system, but I fancy we are not to have a monetary report until after the next election. It will have to be delayed in recognition of the general American belief and preferences that the proper thing to be provided in a Congressional or legislative election is the elimination of all, or as many as possible, of the live and interesting issues of the day."

RUN OVER, BUT UNHURT.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 18.—Frank Bair, of Cammal, who is deaf, was struck by a Fall Brook passenger train. When the train was stopped Bair was found sitting between the baggage car and coach. He had been knocked flat on his back, and the locomotive and baggage car passed over him. His toes were cut off, but aside from this he was unhurt.

JEWELER IS ROBBED.

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 18.—The home of M. Harrison, jeweler, was robbed of jewelry amounting to $300 and checks and money amounting to more than $70.

STIRS BROOKLYN Y. M. C. A.

VELASKA SURATT,
Who Danced Before Young Men of Greenpoint, N. Y., Association.

DANCER ASSERTS SHE WON APPLAUSE

Reports of Her Garb In Y. M. C. A. Entertainment Caused Comment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—What really happened Saturday night at the weekly entertainment of the Greenpoint Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association is the question that the women folk are trying to solve, and the members are endeavoring to explain.

Curtain lectures have been the order of the day since a story leaked out to the effect that Valeska Suratt had danced for the edification of the young men.

Now the fact that she danced was not the point upon which the objections are based, but the story ran that the diaphanous robes the dancer wore were not exactly proper from a strict and puritanical standpoint and the oftener the story was repeated, the less flowing grew the robes until finally the protests reached the acme of horror.

Vainly have the officials of the Y. M. C. A. and the members who attended uttered strenuous denials, protesting that the entire matter had been exaggerated and that there was nothing in the story, for the wives and sweethearts and mothers refuse to be convinced.

Miss Suratt smiled when the denials were put up to her.

"Is that so?" she said, with seeming incredulity. "Well, you can go as far as you like in saying I was there. I hope I didn't offend any of those present. They applauded me, at any rate."

GENERAL IS ARRESTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—Major General Artabolevsky was arrested in connection with the frauds uncovered in the quartermaster's department. The Emperor has extended the scope of the investigation being conducted by the commission headed by Senator Garin to cover all departments of the army.

GRADE CROSSINGS BEING DISCUSSED

The careless handling of ashes, and the proposed location of the garbage station in the southeast section of the city, are protested against by the East Washington Citizens' Association.

At a meeting of this organization, over which its president, Thomas W. Smith, presided last night, at 314 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, the chief topic of discussion were grade crossings, collection of garbage and ashes, and usury. The grade crossing on K and Canal streets southeast, also that on New Jersey avenue, and at the Navy Yard, were discussed at length.

WOODMEN OF WORLD GIVE EMBLEM RING

Bicycle Policeman Benjamin Williams Rewarded for Services.

Bicycle Policemen Benjamin Williams, of the Ninth precinct, has been presented with a handsome emblem ring by the members of Oak Camp, No. 4, Woodmen of the World.

The presentation was made in recognition of the work that he has done during the last year to promote the interests of the order.

MRS. SPRINGSTEEN BUYS BRICK HOUSE

For a consideration said to have been $8,500, Edith V. and Jane Pratt have sold to Mrs. Emma L. Springsteen the three-story red pressed brick house at 1323 Q street northwest. The property will be occupied by the purchaser. Willige, Gibbs & Daniel made the deal.

SEEKING FRIENDS OF TRAIN'S VICTIM

Relatives of Dead Tailor Supposed to Reside in Washington.

Efforts are being made by the Washington police to locate the relatives of Martin, or Marcus, Anderson, a Norwegian, who was killed last Wednesday by a Southern train near Charlottesville, Va.

He was a tailor by trade, and at one time a member of the Tailors' National Union. He is supposed to have a sister or daughter living in this city.

MRS. DURYEA WINS SUIT.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Jan. 18.—A verdict for $20,000 was awarded to Mrs. Frances Duryea in the supreme court after the jury had been out six days. The action was brought by Mrs. Duryea against Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, father of the Duchess of Manchester, to recover $20,000 damages, the amount of stocks of the Alabama and Georgia Iron Company, which were alleged to be worthless.