

## NEW DISGUISE OF 'CANNONISM' CAUSES FIGHT

### Congressmen Point to Arbitrary Method on Expenses.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Another congressional revolt against "Cannonism," this time against the dominant power of committees instead of a single man, is seen in prospect by members of committees shorn of almost all authority by the House Appropriations Committee, under the new budget system. There is increasing bitterness among the committees that once decided the annual financial destinies of the various Government departments, at the influence now wielded by the Appropriations Committee, which is divided into sub-committees to frame the expenditure bills for the executive branches of the Government.

Members are murmuring about "too much centralization of power." They are pointing to the summary action of the War Department sub-committee, recently in making drastic cuts in the size of the Army far below the numbers fixed by the President. They also recall the language of one section of the bill, which, it is claimed, usurped the powers of the War Department by the chief of the Army by ordering troops home from the Panama Canal Zone, China, the Hawaiian Islands and the Rhine, through a provision that none of the money recommended for pay of troops should be used for more than a set number of soldiers in those locations.

Such a policy, they say, is born of too much authority. The section was eliminated on the floor of the House, but it is natural members say, that the majority party should stand ordinarily behind the recommendations of its appropriating committee, especially when the temper of certain members of the old committees, now empowered only to prepare a bill authorizing the expenditure, often sharply out later, by the Appropriations Committee, threatens the existence of the budget system. But conservative objectors to the power vested in the Appropriations Committee are content to talk of changes in that provision.

Official status to the czar-like power of the Appropriations Committee, much the same as that against which the House revolted in the shape of the authority wielded by Speaker "Joe" Cannon under the parliamentary rules of the body, was given to the House by Representative Longworth (Ohio), who was in the chair when a point of order was made against the provision in the Army bill forcing the return of troops from territories and foreign soil. Under an old ruling Mr. Longworth held anything was in order that would serve to reduce Government expenditures.

Such that there has been growing uneasiness as to what the committees might see fit to recommend to the House. The fight of Administration Chairman Kahn of the Military Affairs Committee, against the harlot played with the Army policy outlined by his committee, once empowered to recommend appropriations for the military establishment as well, was followed by the Senate Affairs Committee's redaction of the so-called "treaty navy" to the White House figures of 65,000 enlisted men. And yet the appropriation bill will not provide funds for more than 65,000, it is reported. It is expected out Wednesday.—Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company.

### Too Much Fraud in Soldiers' Case

Too much "beating about the bush" and "political juggling" about what soldiers and sailors in practice of "mugging" were decried by the Rev. O. W. Fifer in a sermon delivered yesterday before the congregation of the Central Avenue Methodist Church.

"Some people," declared the Rev. Mr. Fifer, "are even trying to erase the record of the soldiers and sailors which led the Nation in the War World War to the unparalleled heights of common sacrifice. A recent periodical parades the sentiment that 'this country committed a crime when it sent a man into war.' Other influences are striving to destroy some of the greatest ideals of that time. The attack upon the eighteenth amendment illustrates the point, for it is an attack upon the combinations of thoroughly discredited forces."

### Road Men Liable in Lesh's Opinion

An opinion received by John W. McCord, chairman of the Indiana public service commission, from Attorney General U. S. Lesh holds that contractors or men employed by the counties of the State's building road graders which scrape rocks and gravel on railroad rails, may be held criminally liable for accidents that ensue.

Complaints were made to the commission by the Union Traction Company which reports that several of its cars had narrowly escaped derailment by rocks and gravel scraped on its rails by graders which were not lifted in crossing the tracks. Mr. McCord, in referring to the opinion, said that it is obvious serious accidents may result if the practice does not cease. Specific instances near Muncie were cited by the traction company.

### Whallen to Enter Legislature Race

Thomas C. Whallen, local attorney, today announced his intention of seeking to be a candidate for the Indiana State Legislature. Mr. Whallen served as city judge from 1902 to 1910. He was appointed to that position in 1903 to fill the unexpired term of Judge George W. Stubbs, then city judge, who was appointed by the Governor to a vacancy in the Juvenile Court.

Mr. Whallen was graduated from the Indiana Law School at Hanover College. He is a member of the Shrine, Indianapolis Athletic Club and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

### Week's Truce in New and Beveridge Camps

A truce exists between the camps of Senator Harry S. New and Albert J. Beveridge this week in their campaigns for the Senate nomination for the Senate. Senator New is in Washington and is not expected to return until the last of this week or the first of next. Senator Beveridge has no speaking dates arranged for this week and will endeavor to get some rest before entering the final month of his campaign.

### AUXILIARY TO CELEBRATE.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Golden Rule Lodge Number 25, Brotherhood of Rallway Trainmen, will celebrate its Thirtieth anniversary Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Hotel Indiana and Washington streets.

### Brown Leader of Postal Athletes

Frank Brown of the finance department was elected president of the newly organized Indianapolis Postoffice Athletic Association today. Other officers were named as follows: Frank Rinkard, foreman of the mail division, president; Irving Blue, finance department secretary; Lowell D. Wadsworth, carrier, financial secretary, and Otto W. Dahlstrom, carrier, treasurer.

The association plans to have the postal forces represented in baseball, bowling and basketball leagues of the city and to encourage athletics among the individual members.

### BOY BANDITS ROB A CONFECTIONERY

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North Senate avenue, San Caldron, 307 South Capitol avenue, pair of trouser combination, \$7; William Grepp, 515 Oakland avenue, frightened away burglars who had placed a ladder under a window; Andrew Sweeney, 51 West Fall Creek boulevard, jeweler and a fur piece valued at \$135; Clayton Wynn, 33 West Thirty-Second street, bar and jewelry shop; Mrs. Laura Sylvester, 1329 McClain street; several live-in spouses; John J. Burke, tailor, 108 East Old street, brother of Patrick Burke, city detective, six summer uniforms he had made for policemen.

Robbers were little less active than burglars. Dodge Smith, 1228 Standard avenue, told the police he gave a man a ride on his wagon and received a drink and a blow on the head in return. The man robbed Smith of \$45, he declared.

John J. Burke, Hotel, said he was robbed of \$17 after he had been admitted into a house at 116 North Liberty street by a negro.

A purse containing \$5 was stolen from Mrs. R. I. Price, 1415 East Michigan street, as she was shopping in a downtown store.

John Collins lost \$25 worth of cigars, cigarettes and chewing tobacco from his beer saloon at 541 West Washington street when burglars entered it.

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## National Coal Strike to Usher in Big Tie-up, Belief

### Desire for Long Threatened Showdown in Industrial Conflict Prevails.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The national coal strike, ushering in the greatest industrial tie-up that the country ever has experienced, is inevitable and it will be a long-drawn-out affair, lasting three months, perhaps longer, according to a prediction made today by a Cabinet officer.

A canvass of sentiment among other members of the Cabinet, minor officials in close touch with the situation, and labor leaders here revealed that the opinion is shared generally in Washington.

The Government is going to hold itself aloof for the time being, it was said. Until the Administration's hand is forced, either through acts of violence, or by acute public suffering, no remedial action will be taken and Washington will stand on the sidelines to watch the "test of strength" between operators and miners.

DESIRE FOR LONG THREATENED SHOWDOWN.

Out of the conflicting aims of all parties to the controversy the fact became increasingly apparent today that there is a general desire that this shall be made the occasion for the long threatened showdown. Representatives of the mine owners in Washington frankly but privately declare they wish it now rather than later.

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### Stenographer and Lack of Asbestos Paper His Handicap

### Legion Post Invites Help in Preparations for Show.

Officials and employees of the local department of internal revenue found out that at least one Indiana business man thinks of this when a letter was received from a Ft. Wayne citizen, protesting vehemently against certain corrections which had been ordered in his income tax return.

After setting out all his troubles in detail he reached the climax in this paragraph:

"There are a number of reasons why I cannot express myself fittingly. My stenographer is a lady and I haven't any asbestos paper, likewise it keeps me busy making a living for myself and family and the number of parasites, boneheads and scoundrels with whom our economic system is incubated."

Employees of the department now are busy trying to discover under which classification each of them belongs.

### DRIVE FOR JOBS TO BE KEPT UP

An appeal to the entire Nation to get behind the employment drive of the American Legion, which is entering its second week, and early today the police battered down a door at Roscoe Campbell's poolroom, 522 West New York street, to bring in a gambling house.

The police used a piece of timber ten feet long and 4x8 inches in size to batter down the poolroom door. They rammed the timber against the doors with such force the heavy bar holding the lock was knocked across the room over the heads of the card players seated around the table. There was a wild stampede of the police, who charged into the room. The police charged out 10 cents and seven decks of cards as evidence.

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