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INDICATIONS ARE SPEAKER OF HOUSE WILL BE CANNON

Now Practically Settled That "Czar of House" Will Be Enthroned But After an Agreement.

WOULD ACCEPT OFFICE AND DIMINISHED POWER

Speaker and Taft Will Confer As to Important Matters Concerning Probable Legislation.

PLEDGES NOT EXPECTED

CANNON IS COUNTED UPON TO AID TARIFF REFORM BUT OPPOSE PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION OF HOUSE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—It is practically settled that Joseph G. Cannon will be speaker of the next house of representatives. He was warmly received when the short session opened yesterday and a number of the insurgents who had talked of opposing his re-election as speaker admitted they had abandoned their opposition.

There is to be a fight on rules, which will be continued all through the present session and which will come to a focus at the caucus which will precede the extra session next spring. Most of those who are opposed to the present rules have concluded Mr. Cannon ought to be re-elected on personal grounds, but that at the same time the caucus ought to retain more power in the hands of the members themselves than is now permitted.

It is not believed Speaker Cannon would refuse an election to that great office merely because the caucus saw fit to take away some of his power. On the other hand, it is more than ever evident that the speaker thinks the present system is best for the transaction of legislative business, and he and his friends probably will oppose any change, although the speaker has publicly announced that he will bow to the will of his party associates as expressed by a majority vote in the caucus.

Cannon and Taft to Confer.

Later in the week President-elect Taft and Speaker Cannon are expected to have a conference which will be one of vast importance in its bearing upon the policy of the next administration. Vice President-elect Sherman and Representative William B. McKinley, of Illinois, who was at the head of the Cannon presidential boom, were callers at the White House today. They assured the president that they had made more or less of a canvass of the house and that in their opinion there was no disposition shown on the part of the leaders, including Mr. Cannon, to embarrass the coming administration in the slightest degree.

On the contrary the opinion was expressed that the tariff bill passed by the house would be a measure of real revision.

The ways and means committee today received authority to subpoena witnesses and put them under oath. It will use this authority to summon a number of free traders, tariff reformers and others who will be asked specifically to suggest figures and to present arguments for the lowest possible rate.

This action of the house which was taken with the hearty concurrence of the speaker, is held to be an indication of what may be expected in the next house, because much the same men will be in control and the same policy will be followed.

No Pledges Are Expected.

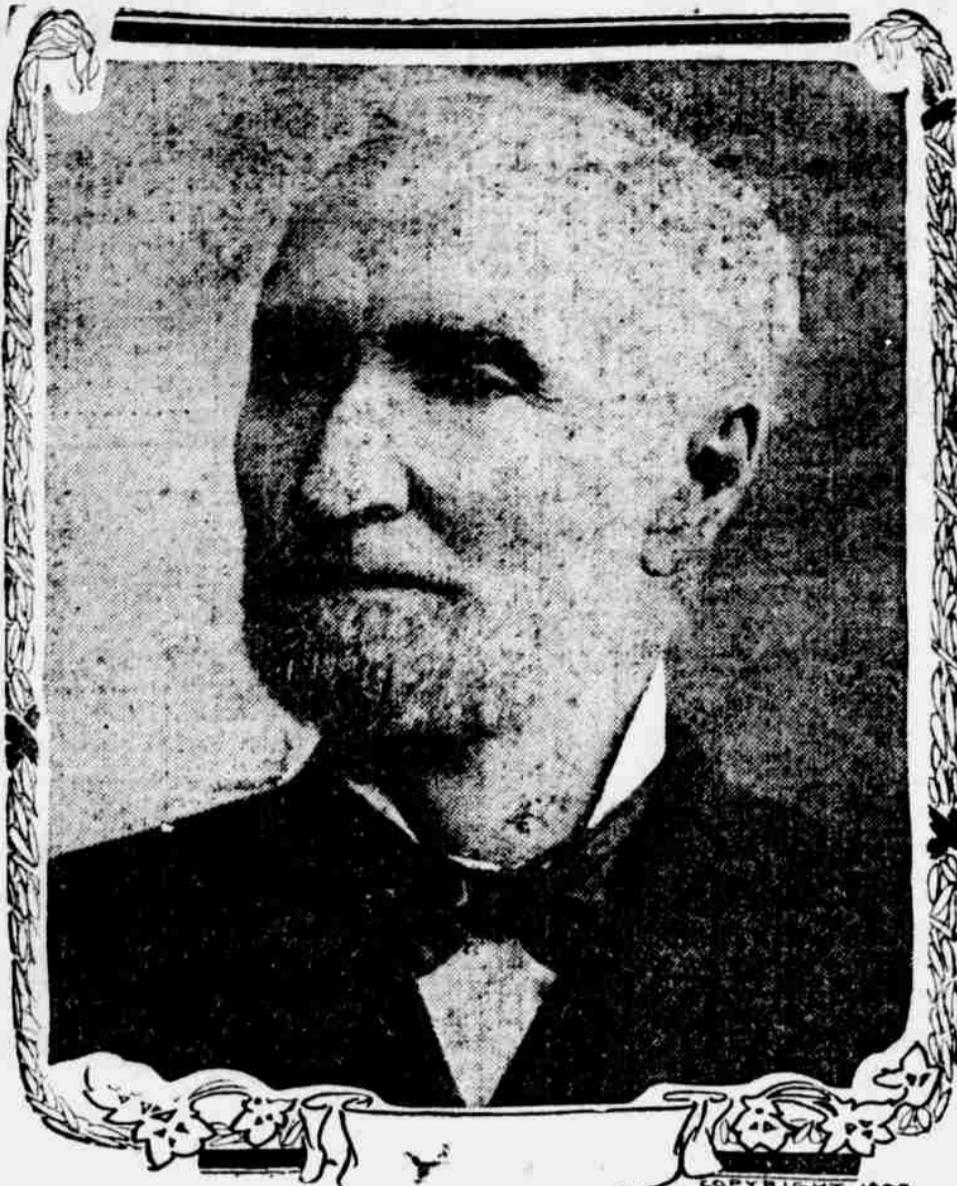
In the conference between the president-elect and the speaker, it is not at all likely that one will make conditions and the other make pledges. The two men are too big and too powerful for any such proceeding. They are both plain spoken, and are personally friendly. It is impossible that two such men should get together and talk as man to man without reaching a definite understanding.

Mr. Taft will lay down a broad general principle, which is that the speaker and every republican member of the house of representatives is in honor bound to support and to fulfill every pledge made in the republican platform at Chicago.

As head of the party, Mr. Taft will tell the speaker that tariff revision, the postal savings banks, limitation of railroad securities, reform in the federal injunction practice, and similar things specified at Chicago are issues which have been passed upon by the highest tribunal in the party, and which are not subject to any decision whatsoever by the committee on rules, by the speaker, or by caucus of congressional representatives.

The action of the Chicago convention, in the opinion of the president-

Will Retain Speakership



JOSEPH G. CANNON.

MYSTERY IN CASE OF F. D. HIRSCHBERG

Noted St. Louis Millionaire Philanthropist Dead From A Bullet Wound.

FAMILY SAYS ASSASSIN.

NO CAUSE KNOWN FOR SUICIDE OR MURDER AS MAN HAD BEEN HAPPY AND FRIEND TO THOUSANDS.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Francis D. Hirschberg, millionaire, member of the Merchants' Exchange, insurance underwriter, member of many clubs, leader in organized charity work and former director of the world's fair died this morning at his palatial home in Lindell boulevard from a bullet wound in his head. Mystery surrounds. All members of the family declare he was the victim of an assassin, but no one heard the shot. Investigation by the police is progressing to determine the facts.

Hirschberg arose early, after spending the night quietly at home. Mrs. Hirschberg was awakened by her husband walking through her room. He was unable to speak, apparently, and proceeded to the bathroom where he endeavored to stop the flow of blood. Doctors were summoned but Hirschberg expired shortly afterwards. The bullet had passed entirely through the head at an angle which seems to preclude suicide. A revolver of the old fashioned bulldog style similar to those formerly used by policemen, was found on the stairway. The family say it did not belong to Hirschberg. From the landing of the stairway a trail of blood leads upstairs through the wife's bed room into the bath room. The report of the tragedy created wild excitement throughout the city. Hirschberg was considered the "Ward McAllister" of St. Louis. No cause is known for the assassin theory.

CONVENTION HERE

Earlham College May Act as Host to State Y. M. C. A. Organization.

PLANS NOT YET COMPLETED

If Earlham college can care for the hundreds of delegates that would attend a state college Y. M. C. A. convention, the next session will be held in Richmond, according to the information just received by President Stanley of the Earlham association.

Not until President Robert L. Kelly returns from the east, where he has been for several weeks, will the matter be definitely settled, although it is confidently expected that there will be no hitch in the plans.

A SURPRISE IN STORE

Committee Has a Good Time Planned For K. of P.'s.

The committee has a genuine surprise in store for the members of Coeur de Lion Lodge, K. of P., when they meet this evening. The deepest secrecy surrounds the affair, but there will be plenty to keep everyone awake. It will be a smoker with several things in addition that appear only on unprinted programs. All members of the lodge are urged to attend.

COUNCIL DODGED TRACTION ISSUE BY ITS ATTITUDE

Referred Dayton & Western Franchise proposition to Committee and Thus Secures More Time.

JESSUP SPOKE FOR GLEN LINE OPPONENTS

Councilman Bartel Forgot the Name of Organization He Desired to Have State Its Views to Body.

"To be or not to be, that is the question," which confronts council in regards to Glen Miller traction line. It's up to the city fathers to take some action on the Dayton & Western franchise agreement, signed last week by the board of public works and the officials of the company. If council ratifies this agreement it probably will mark the close of the squabbles between the city and the two traction lines, which bickerings have extended over a period of two years, and the Glen Miller line dispute will have the curtain rung down upon it.

When the franchise came up for ratification last evening council successfully spared for time by referring the franchise to the franchise committee. Council now finds itself in a position it most intensely dislikes to be forced into, to wit: Out in the open and exposed to the cross-fire of two warring factions of citizens.

These factions are the shippers, who insist on the ratification of the franchise, and W. P. O'Neal's class of "nature worshippers," who insist that the Glen has been defiled by the presence of the traction line within its sacred precincts.

After council had referred the franchise to the franchise committee Mr. Bartel of the fourth ward arose and delivered himself of the following: "We have here tonight the Lookout Committee of the or-what-eve-may-call-it society—I forget the name—and probably their attorney, Mr. Jessup, would like to say something."

"You have referred the matter to a committee and it will probably not be necessary for us to say anything at the present time," stated Mr. Jessup.

"Well you might as well say it now as any time, I expect," seriously replied Mr. Bartel—and everybody laughed.

Mr. Jessup accepted the invitation and for about half an hour gave out suggestions that the "Lookout Committee of the what-eve-may-call-it society" would like to see acted upon favorably, and which some shippers would like to see discarded.

Mr. Jessup stated he was sure the two traction companies would not object to giving up the Glen route if they were permitted, as has been suggested by C. B. Hunt, to operate freight cars along Main street for a period of ten years. They would lose only about \$1,000 by abandoning the Glen route, he said. Any agreement entered into by the city with the two traction companies should provide that freight cars should be operated along Main street only for a period of ten years, he said. Mr. Jessup had a lot more arguments and theories but his main thought was as mentioned.

Chairman Deuker of the franchise committee has invited all council members to be present and take part in the discussion when the committee meets to deliberate on the question.

In the meantime the shippers are sturdily yelping: "give us traction freight service to the east without any more dodos or monkeys," and the Lookout Committee of the what-eve-may-call-it society is chanting in chorus, "thou shalt not defile the Glen," which has already been "defiled" and by the petition of many of the members of the what-eve-may-call-it society, who signed a petition asking council to place the line in the park.

POLICE ARE NOTIFIED.

The local police department has received a notice to the effect three robbers were committed at Dayton, O., last night. The police are warned to be on the lookout. Former reformatory prisoners are suspected.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, except threatening in extreme north portions; warmer Tuesday; winds mostly south.

SUSPECT WELLS OF FAILING IN HIS MISSION TO PARTY

Neglected to Call Meeting of Democratic Legislators as Council in Advance of Session.

FRIENDS HAVE FAITH IN SEN. BEVERIDGE

Do Not Believe Will Abuse His Chances in Selecting Next State Chairman for Republican Party.

(By Special Correspondent)

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—A horrible suspicion has crept out here among some of the faithful in the democratic ranks that there is something going on, and that the first think you know a deep, dark, dank scheme will come to light that will raise the dicens— and then some.

Why hasn't Representative Wells, of Allen county and the rest of the members of his "committee" issued that call for a conference of democratic legislators? That's the question for him to answer, and until it is answered the rest of the bunch will not sleep much of nights and will walk the floor right steadily.

It will be remembered that there has been published from time to time a statement to the effect that the democratic members will meet here on the fifteenth of this month to talk things over and plan a legislative program for the coming session. One day, two or three weeks ago Wells was in town and gave out the announcement that such a conference would be held, and that it would be called by himself, Senator Ranke, of Allen county, Senator Grube, of Warsaw and Representative Hostetter, of Putnam county. He said this was a voluntary committee that had taken it upon itself to call the meeting. As a result everybody has been looking forward to that conference as one of the events of the season, for it was believed that the developments there would show which way the wind is blowing in the fight for United States senator, for speaker of the house and for everything else that the democrats are interested in.

But the funny part of it all is that the meeting has not been called. And no one seems to know why. Wells was here the last of last week and talked much about the conference but it transpires now that no notice has been sent out and no invitations issued to the members of the general assembly to come.

Some of the democratic legislators, especially senators, are of the opinion that there is a colored gentleman in the wood pile and they propose to smoke him out. So Senators Frank Kistler, of Logansport, Evan Stotsenburg, of New Albany and W. F. Ranke of Fort Wayne, gave it out today that they will take it upon themselves to issue the call for the meeting on the fifteenth. It was said that the letters would go forward today, being written and mailed by an Indianapolis democrat representing the three senators. They finally became weary of waiting for Wells and his committee to do something and decided to do it themselves and then if Wells and his followers wish to come in and listen to the speeches they may do so.

Talk is Mere Bosh.

All this talk about the republican committee about to be reorganized with Senator Beveridge at the head of the machine is mere bosh. Democrats are talking along that line in the hope that it will have the effect of making some of the republicans sore, but there is no reason for such talk.

It is recognized on all hands that during the coming two years, at least, Senator Beveridge will be the head of the republican party in Indiana. There is no other light in which to view the situation. Because of the landslide that gave the democrats eleven out of the thirteen congressional seats from this state this fall and placed in Senator Beveridge's hands the distribution of patronage in all of these eleven districts at least for the next two years he is naturally the man to whom the entire party must look to steer the Indiana republican organization clear of rocks during that time. It is recognized, too, that if Senator Beveridge were so inclined he could, with the enormous patronage at his command, build up a dangerous political machine in this state but none but the democrats or a few

POLICE ARE HUMAN.

The local police department is composed of men who are philanthropists. Their charity is not heralded but worthy of mention. The family of Ed McKay was found in destitute circumstances, when the home was raided Sunday and the father and a crowd of gamblers arrested. The police have sent groceries and a barrel of coal to the family.

NEW EDIFICE FOR CONGREGATION OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Announcement Made by Rev.

Father Mattingly to Congregation at High Mass

This Morning.

(By Special Correspondent)

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—A new

edifice for the congregation of

St. Mary's church

is to be built on the northwest corner of North Eighth and A streets.

It is to be a large, modern

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