

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., April 13, 1908.

The extraordinary position into which the Republicans in the House have been forced by the minority leader, Rep. John Sharp Williams, and the lengths to which they are ready to go rather than respond to the President's recommendations are the occasion of amusement not unmixed with amazement to every one who has been watching the recent course of events in Washington. The Speaker and his colleagues on the committee on Rules have not hesitated at anything and they have finally been forced to adopt rules which demonstrate as never before, the absolute autocracy which the Speaker enjoys and which so far eliminates roll calls as to relieve every Republican of the responsibility of his acts. The Republican leaders seem to have realized the ridiculous attitude in which they were being placed by a minority of only 167 members, as against 223 Republicans, and they have tried in every way possible to avoid the adoption of these stringent rules, but they were finally compelled to adopt them rather than run the risk of voting by name against measures which the President has recommended and which their constituents demand.

The President does not seem to lose heart at all because of the opposition of his party to his policies and he is seriously considering the advisability of sending to Congress a special message protesting against the authorization of only two battleships when he had demanded four with not only authority to prepare plans but to make contracts at once. Every member of the Naval Affairs committee voted against the President on this proposition except Rep. Hobson, who submitted a minority report and whose service in the navy, before he entered politics, has resulted in a loyalty to the floating portion of the military establishment which nothing can chill.

The Republicans are greatly chagrined over the defeat in the House committee on Postoffices of the Gallinger postal subvention bill, that being the euphonious name for this year's brand of the old ship-subsidy bill. The advocates of the measure thought they had everything fixed for a favorable report on the measure when Representative Haggott of Colorado "folded his tent like the Arab and as silently stole away" and the measure was laid on the committee table. The friends of the measure are not discouraged, however. They now propose to offer it as an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill when that measure reaches the Senate and they believe that in this shape it will become a law.

The Senate last week passed the army appropriation bill carrying a total appropriation of about \$98,000,000. This bill also provided the increase of pay for the officers and enlisted men of the army and the marine corps. The officers will receive increases varying from 10 to 25 per cent., the higher the grade the lower the increase, and the enlisted men will receive an average increase of 25 per cent., as much as 50 per cent. additional being paid to men who enlist for the third time, or more. Democrats as well as Republicans voted for the increase of the pay of the army for the cost of living has so generally increased that the pay table fixed nearly twenty years ago was by no means adequate to the expenses of officers and men, especially now that the foreign service entails so much expensive traveling.

After the army bill was passed Senator Hale made his annual attack on the cost of the military establishment, an attack which would command greater respect did not

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Mr. Hale come forward each year and urge steadily increasing appropriations for the navy. Mr. Hale appears, this time, to have been misled by an article stating that Secretary Taft advocated an army of 125,000 men, although the article was wholly unfounded, the Secretary never having advocated this great increase which is the pet scheme of the General Staff.

The antics of the anti-administration, anti-Taft Republicans are affording a good deal of amusement for their Democratic brethren. The anti-administration crowd has been breathing fire against Mr. Taft and declaring that under no circumstances could he be nominated. Steadily, however, the ground has been slipping from under their feet and the staunch supporters of many of them have abandoned their former leaders to espouse the cause of the Secretary of War, or at least to secure comfortable seats not too far back on the big Secretary's bandwagon. Now the anti-Taft crowd generally admits that the Secretary will be nominated but insists that he cannot be elected. Perhaps he cannot. Very possibly, in fact. But there is no question that he is the strongest man the Republicans have and that were they to nominate any other of the bright galaxy of stars the anti-administration crowd has been putting through their paces, it would mean a walk-over for William J. Bryan.

Perjury

Said to Be Prevalent in the Courts.

The confession of perjury by two witnesses to an alleged will in our local courts, recently, observes the *Scranton Times*, is only one incident of many noted at trials, as well as in the minor courts. The judges, the magistrates, the attorneys, and the newspapers have all noted the growth of perjury, and the difficulty of a jury to decide whether the plaintiff or defendant and their witnesses are lying, so contradictory is the evidence. Last week a New York judge said, "People seem to have lost their respect for the sanctity of an oath and consider the solemn vow to tell the truth but a panoply for the more effective detail of matter for the side they wish to succeed. The time has arrived when something radical must be done to stem the torrent of perjury which is engulfing the efforts to administer justice in the courts of our community." Certain it is that perjury is alarmingly prevalent, as the judges referred to say, and that something ought to be done to discourage the practice. But what? The question is not one to answer offhand and superficially. It involves large and fundamental phases of education, family life, religious and social relations. Those who are advocating moral teaching in the schools would doubtless point to perjury as one of the grievous results of the neglect of such teaching. One thing, however, may safely be said. The whole atmosphere of our courts, as we have often said, is conducive to laxity and cynicism. If the proceedings were dignified, simple, businesslike; if lawyers were made to treat the court and each other with due respect; if cheap display and buncombe were eliminated; if crime were promptly punished, witnesses of low moral standards would undoubtedly conceive a wholesome fear of perjury and a due regard for the sanctity of their oath.

THE COMMANDING PARROT.

Ordered Visitors Out of the Zoo Though Time was not Up.

"All out! All out!" Uttered in a tone of sharp command the words rang insistently through the large Bronx Park bird house in New York city, and although the afternoon was still young the half dozen visitors mechanically but reluctantly began to move toward the doors. At the entrance an elderly gentleman who was among the sightseers peremptorily ordered from the premises, and who, after hastily consulting his watch, made no effort to conceal his annoyance, met Keeper Stacey coming in. Addressing the keeper, the visitor said, testily: "What kind of an institution is this, anyway? I thought you didn't close the Zoo to the public until late in the day." "No more do we," promptly declared the surprised Stacey. Whereupon the elderly gentleman,



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reinforced by the other evicted visitors, explained that they had just been most unceremoniously ordered outdoors.

Just then from a tier of cages directly behind his back was blared the same commanding cry which had caused all the trouble. Whirling about the astonished keeper beheld a large gray parrot cocking his eye inquiringly at the little group.

"There's the guilty chap," he announced, "but this is the first time I ever knew he could talk." And sure enough, the parrot seeing he was discovered, soon opened up and nearly took the roof off shouting "All out! All out! All out!"

Later the assistant keeper who usually gives the signal for emptying the bird house of visitors daily, explained that for several days the intelligent parrot, a recent acquisition to the Zoo, had made ineffectual attempts to imitate his voice. Stacey's theory is that the bird suddenly hit on the right combination, with the curious result described.

Long Distance Piano Record.

The world's record for continuous piano-playing has been broken by C. W. Healy, who commenced playing a piano at Prince's Court, Melbourne, on a recent evening at 8 o'clock. Healy played continuously until 10.30 at night on the following Saturday evening—a period of fifty and a half hours—and he has thus constituted a new record, the longest time before this having been forty-eight and a half hours. During the performance Healy sustained himself on beef tea and chocolate.

Sitting on His Hat.

I can vouch for the fact that many hats are still sat on. How, indeed, can a man who has just put all his mental energy into a peroration be expected to remember that his hat is on the seat directly beneath him? Down he sits and with an explosive crackle converts what had once been tall and glossy into the semblance of a half-closed concertina. Amid the more childlike joys of the house there is no incident that can compare with this.—R. C. Lehmann, M. P., in Cassell's Magazine.

Jurors for May Court.

Following is the list of jurymen drawn by the Jury Commissioners and Sheriff Ent for May term:

- Jesse Wenner, Fishingcreek. John Wintersteen, Franklin. Hugh Thompson, Berwick. Herbert Gearinger, Bloomsburg. D. G. Klineb, Briarcreek. A. H. Baer, Berwick. Alfred Zeigler, Bloomsburg. F. H. Donaldson, Sugarloaf. Lloyd Davis, Beaver. Charles Crawford, Scott. Theodore Dent, Hemlock. Hiram Watson, Conyngham. S. D. Levan, Roaringcreek. Bradley Ruckle, Mt. Pleasant. W. A. Davis, Fishingcreek. Charles Rhodes, Conyngham. Gordon George, Conyngham. Frank B. Rupert, Bloomsburg. A. L. Kinard, Catawissa Borough. Sylvester Gross, Bloomsburg. W. B. Williams, Berwick. J. E. Roberts, Catawissa Borough. C. W. Shannon, Benton township. John Lewis, Bloomsburg.

PETIT JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

- Daniel Huttenstine, Mifflin. Charles Hon, Cleveland. John W. Knouse, Jackson. Theodore Mericle, Bloomsburg. W. B. Goodhart, Mifflin. Wilson G. Kramer, Bloomsburg. W. J. Hess, Fishingcreek. John Breisch, Main. Wilson Karsbner, Briarcreek. Clarence Lerner, Berwick. Charles Mass, Conyngham. W. C. Brittain, Berwick. J. H. Howlett, Sugarloaf. William Snyder, Scott. John Shaffer, Locust. A. A. Eveland, Fishingcreek. Lawson H. Lee, Locust. F. S. Henric, Orange. Wm. Flanagan, Conyngham. William Meyer, Conyngham. Joseph Bailey, Centralia. Simeon Rupp, Catawissa Borough. James Dougherty, Conyngham. A. J. Suit, Berwick. W. J. Eastman, Bloomsburg. John Freas, Mottort. B. F. Hower, Bloomsburg. S. F. Kidal, Briarcreek. George B. Keller, Mifflin. Charles Hartman, Bloomsburg. Earl Bowman, Main. Thomas Dickson, Berwick. John Nungesser, Centre. O. B. Millard, Centralia. Martin Tarkey, Centralia. Gerald Gross, Bloomsburg. H. W. Hower, Bloomsburg. H. S. Barton, Bloomsburg. Charles W. Hassert, Bloomsburg. Simeon Poust, Bloomsburg. William Gouman, Centralia. Charles Shaffer, Scott. Byron S. Keller, Benton Borough. Vernal Christman, West Berwick. D. N. Robbins, Greenwood. A. J. Beagle, Bloomsburg. L. T. Rider, Hemlock. Allen Arnold, Fishingcreek. C. M. Creveling, Scott. William Vansickle, Sugarloaf. E. E. Straub, Conyngham. Lloyd B. Knorr, Briarcreek. Frank I. Crassy, West Berwick. Ray Lawton, Millville. T. B. Gardner, Berwick. W. E. Geisinger, Bloomsburg. Edward Bardo, Jackson. J. G. Kishel, Madison. W. H. Robert, Catawissa township. Harry Mellick, Mt. Pleasant.

TRAVELER JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

- Bruce Shultz, Berwick. Mike Barre, Jr., Conyngham. Jere. H. Fanning, Bloomsburg. T. E. Ash, Stillwater. Adam Smith, Berwick. Thomas Y. Hess, Jackson. Iram Lyons, Madison. Eli Derr, Hemlock. A. W. Hess, Mifflin. M. A. Phillips, Benton Borough. Clark Miller, Bloomsburg. A. F. Deaner, Main. H. C. Laubach, West Berwick. Charles Cooper, Bloomsburg. Robert Hampton, Conyngham. Charles M. Harder, Catawissa Boro. Isaac Lyons, Millville. Amasa Lowen, Benton township. Barton T. Pursel, Bloomsburg. A. S. Truckenmiller, Catawissa Boro. Bradley Leacock, West Berwick. Fred K. Chrisman, Berwick. George Michaels, Conyngham. H. H. Sands, Bloomsburg. H. D. Boston, Sugarloaf. James E. Beach, Beaver. A. H. Varner, Berwick. N. J. Mansfield, Berwick. Harry Yaples, Scott. John R. Deimer, Catawissa Borough. Samuel Steelfox, Conyngham. Austin Correll, Hemlock. A. C. Adams, Briarcreek. Adam Knouse, Sugarloaf. Emanuel Appelman, Orangeville. John S. Keller, Sugarloaf.

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It is well that once a year the symbolism of Easter brings home anew the lesson that men, if they will, may overleap the barriers that their own errors and weakness have created, and emerge into a fuller and higher life, crowned with the assurance of immortality. Whether men believe or disbelieve, whether the future be for them dark or bright, whether they hold to religion or not, it is still true that they desire to see the good deed deathless, the righteous man immortal; and the deep-hearted believe that the life freely poured and given in human service returns in new life and life-giving power.

Story of a Ten Dollar Bill.

A Mosherville man missed a ten dollar bill last September, and remembered that he had been jostled while getting on a street car, and thought that perhaps he might have had his pocket picked. And he didn't know but he had lost it. So he advertised that if the party who had possession of the ten dollar bill lost by him on a certain date would return it there would be nothing said about it. While going down town the next morning a friend handed him a ten dollar bill and said: "I found it just after you had passed and forgot all about it." He thanked him. As he got on the car in the city of Wilkes-Barre a "sporty" looking man shoved a dirty envelope into his hand and said: "Here's your money old hoss. Don't squeal." In his mail that morning was an envelope containing a ten dollar bill, the envelope directed on a typewriter, and not a word to indicate where it came from. One of the fine days last week that same man put on his last fall's suit, and in the pocket of the trouserloons he found a wadded piece of paper, which he identified as the ten dollar bill he lost last September. He has just given thirty dollars to the base ball fund.

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P. M. 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30.

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Orangeville.	9:26	9:53	6:41
Forks.	9:36	10:03	6:50
Edsons.	9:38	10:05	6:52
Coles Creek.	9:42	10:09	6:56
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Benton.	9:56	10:23	7:10
Edsons.	10:01	10:28	7:15
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