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CLOSING THE RANKS

Preparatory to Another Onslaught on the Enemy's Cohorts.

AN EARLY DATE FOR A VOTE

To Be Promptly Demanded When Congress Meets Next Monday.

Filibustering Still Depended on to Defeat the Passage of the Measure—No Conference of the Leaders on Either Side—Only a Bare Majority Possible in Any Event—The Silver Leaders Not at All Confident of Success—Influences at Work to Defeat Free Coinage—Rumors of a Strong Lobby in Washington—The Division of Sympathy in Congressional Districts a Great Factor.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC LETTERS.]

RECALL OF THE DEBATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—

Though the Bland bill is badly wounded, it is not killed, and the echoes of the eight hours' battle of yesterday are quite as full of sanguinary meaning as the terrific explosions of that great encounter itself.

The free coinage men are closing up the ranks, gathering in the stragglers, and making all possible preparation for a new engagement.

Representative Catchings, of Kentucky, the absent member of the Committee on Rules, is expected to return to-morrow, and, if the present intention be made good, a rule will be reported on Monday fixing an early date for taking the bill from the calendar and bringing it to a prompt and direct vote.

If such a rule be reported and adopted no dilatory motions would be permissible under the rules of the House, and only motions to amend or postpone would be in order.

As upon either side of these the bill might be killed or set aside, the anti-free silver Republicans and Democrats, standing shoulder to shoulder, it is possible the rule might be adopted, but only after prolonged filibustering and the refusal of the Republicans generally to vote against the rule.

A Final Vote Determined Upon.

I have spoken to-day with many of the leading Republicans of the House on the matter, and the prevailing feeling of nearly every one of them was found to be in favor of supporting a rule providing for calling up the bill speedily for a final vote, but no conference of the leaders had been held no mind was fully made up.

The desire is still, as it has been all along, to assist the Democrats at keeping their internal quarrel on the carpet, though ready to act as they did yesterday on the motion to table, upon any vote on either side.

But even if they should support the rule in a body, the power of a small minority to filibuster indefinitely under the rules is so great that the fight would doubtless be a bitter and uproarious one, beside which the engagement of yesterday would seem to be a skirmish, for both sides would understand that it was a fight to the death.

Both sides can muster sizable armies, if absent and sick members can be called in.

The highest vote cast yesterday lacked about 40 of the whole number. The silver men say they control a considerable majority of those who may be got here for a new contest, and if this be the fact the bill will be passed by a bare majority.

Silver Leaders Not at All Sanguine.

While counting on all of these foreboding hopes, the silver leaders are clearly not sanguine of success.

In conversation with Mr. Bland and Mr. Pierce, of Tennessee, on the subject to-day, these gentlemen confessed that the prospect is not encouraging.

Hon. George O. Jones, of New York, the famous head of the Greenback party, and one of the most sanguine of mortals, virtually admitted that all hopes of the passage of the bill were at an end.

These gentlemen were engaged for while in the painful process of analyzing the reasons why it all happened.

The Democrats and Alliance men who voted for and against the bill numbered, all told, 219. Of this number it had been thoroughly established, by a most careful canvass, that 160 were favorable to the bill, either from sincere conviction or because they knew their constituents favored the measure.

Of those who represented districts in the Overland, virtually admitted that he was at heart for the bill, but that he was overcome by influences in his district.

The analysts assert, moreover, that there has been constantly at the Capital, for some weeks, a powerful lobby, using all the arts of the professional lobbyists, and directing constituents of wavering members how to vote to attack and coerce those members to vote against the bill.

They do not specify persons, times, places or acts, but they make very positive assertions.

On the other hand, the silver men in districts where sentiment was divided on the question, seemed to be apathetic or unacquainted with the necessity for action.

It is claimed the silver men did no lobbying, and that they indulged in no schemes to induce free coinage constituents to write or influence their Representatives.

Senator Hill, also, is credited with doing a vast deal of lobbying against the bill that it might not reach the Senate, but there is some doubt about this, as will almost as radical as the Bland bill will doubtless come up for consideration in that body, and will compel

the Senator candidate either to dodge or to declare himself.

Spitting Up the Democratic Rank.

The solidity and activity of Republican anti-silver men is explained by an accusation of decided influence from the Executive Mansion, but that is not the fact.

The Republicans simply chose the course which would emphatically express their individual and partisan disapproval of the bill, and whole scheme of free coinage.

They had remained quiet, as long as they could, to foster the Democratic quarrel.

Of the Republican vote against tabling the bill, and presumably in its favor, all were from west of the Mississippi river, except Vincent A. Taylor, of Ohio, who declares to-day that it is opposed to the bill, but who again avows the wish to force the measure to a direct vote, that the Democrats might show their hands.

If, as is contemplated now, the rule is moved to reported on Monday, making a special order for the Bland bill, it includes an extraordinary provision shutting off all dilatory motions against the rule itself, it is hardly likely the country will fall out, but it would be adopting the tactics of ex-Speaker Reed, and something more, and would be a thing unheard of in parliamentary procedure.

It is naturally more than a little suspicious of a speaker so treacher, and this infamous method of forcing a vote may be a thing of fact.

Crisp Not in It With Reed.

Speaker Crisp has neither the command of himself nor of the House which was exercised by Speaker Reed.

He is naturally more terse and his late ill health has increased more testiness to ready irritability and anger.

If the policy of repression of the glorious privilege of filibustering be carried out, it is not likely that Crisp will be able to carry it out.

Senator Sherman appeared before the committee without the formality of a summons. In answer to questions by Mr. Reiter he stated that he had known Mr. Daugherty for about ten years, and had been informed by individuals, and saw in the newspapers, that the convention which nominated him instructed him to vote for the (Sherman's) return to the United States Senate, and that he always believed that Mr. Daugherty intended to carry out that instruction.

As to the charge of bribery, Senator Sherman said he never offered or paid, or authorized to be offered or paid to Mr. Daugherty, anything that would influence his vote.

The Senator also took occasion to say that what was true in the case of Mr. Daugherty applied to all of the members of the Legislature. He said he did not remember that he knew anything about the Columbus Post, nor did he know Charles Q. Davis or any other editor of that paper.

As to the marked bills drawn from the bank by Mr. Hahn, he knew nothing, but what had appeared in the newspapers. All the money he furnished was to pay the board bills of those of his friends who went to Columbus to assist him in his canvass, and the continuing expenses.

These payments were all made by Mr. Hahn.

In reply to a question by Mr. Baird, Senator Sherman said he did not care to state the amount of these bills and the balance, but rather insisted upon it. In fact, Mr. Baird rather intimated that he did not expect the Senator to answer the same.

The Senator then asked the question, "What was the name of the man who placed on what was called the doubtful list, but thought he would carry out the instructions of the convention which nominated him to vote for the bill?"

He stated that Mr. Daugherty came to him the morning following the nomination of Speaker Laylin, and informed him that he had been instructed to vote for the bill.

This was the first direct pledge he received from him. The Senator reiterated the statement that he had never offered Mr. Daugherty money or a position to secure his vote.

In reply to a question by Mr. Baird the Senator said he believed that Mr. McGrew had been nominated for Speaker, Mr. Baird affecting great ignorance of the matter.

Outside of the committee adjourned the members went to the Senator's house, where they had a meeting, and the committee were Sergeant at Arms Jackson, Assistant Clerk, Senators Forbes, Shaw and Olds and Representative Daugherty.

THE HUMAN OSTIUM DEAD.

His Throat and Stomach Lined With All Kinds of Small Hardware.

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—(Special.)—Joseph Kennedy, the "human ostium," of dime museum fame, died at the city hospital, last night, the immediate result of the operation for laryngotomy.

Kennedy swallowed tacks, nails, screws, and other small hardware, for the purpose of making a stomach of steel, and he was operated upon for it.

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Today a post mortem examination was held, and the results were astonishing. Shortly before his death, Kennedy stated that he had swallowed a pound and a half of tacks, nails, screws, tacks and broken glass, etc., were found.

How long these substances had been in Kennedy's throat and stomach, it is not known, but a remarkable feature of their presence there was the fact that none of them were encrusted, and that there was not a particle of food in any part of the stomach or throat by their sharp points or edges of these substances, but, beginning from the base of the tongue back to the stomach, and from there entirely down to the stomach, the nails, tacks, glass, etc., were found.

A CRUISER'S DAYS NUMBERED.

The Old Pensacola May Become a Training Ship or Go to Bering Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The United States steamer Pensacola, Captain Kants commanding, arrived in port from Honolulu to-day. The captain reports that Admiral Brown arrived in Honolulu in the cruiser San Jacinto on February 27.

San Jacinto was in San Diego February 27, and devoted four days to a regular Admiral's inspection, which usually only requires one day. It is thought by the crew that the Pensacola will never sail again as the United States cruiser, unless she should be ordered to the Bering Sea shortly.

The vessel was built prior to the Civil War, and since then has been almost constantly in service. An officer of the ship says that the Pensacola is most admirably adapted for the Bering Sea naval reserve. She should be turned over to the State authorities for that purpose.

The Pensacola will remain in the harbor until Thursday, and then go to the Mare Island yard.

AN ALLEGED WIDOW WILL TELL HOW TO KEEP A GROWN FAMILY OF FIVE ON A DOLLAR A DAY IN THE DISPATCH TO-MORROW.

She is a Reputable and Overman.

CLEVELAND, March 25.—The verdict of the Cleveland court has been made public. It is that the Major has been reprimanded for his negligence and restored to duty. It causes little surprise here, and the Major's many friends are much gratified at his successful defense.

Poisoned by Lumpy-Jaw Beef.

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