

LEADERS ARE POWERLESS.

Democrats in the House again at the Mercy of the Filibusters.

SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A QUORUM.

Several Democrats, Among Them Bourke Cockran, Refrained from Voting—An Amendment to the Rules.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The filibustering of the last two days again had the effect of bringing a large attendance to the House today. In spite of the rainy weather there was a crowd in the galleries, and there appeared to be a pretty full representation on the floor. The Democratic side of the chamber was far from overflowing, although Col. Ike Felt, the assistant sergeant-at-arms, who is generally known as the Democratic "whip," had succeeded, as he thought, in securing the attendance of twenty-eight Democrats who had been absent yesterday.

Immediately after the reading of yesterday's Journal Mr. Boutelle tried to re-organize his caucus and the day before. By his efforts to obtain recognition for his Hawaiian resolution he precipitated a sharp contest with the Speaker.

Mr. Catchings was trying to obtain recognition at the same time, and through the Speaker he recognized him. Mr. Boutelle continued to demand consideration of his resolution. He stated that his resolution was still pending, as it was unacted upon when the House adjourned yesterday. He stated that he had recognized the gentleman from Mississippi, who wished to make a motion from the floor, and that he had recognized the gentleman from Michigan, who wished to make a motion from the floor, and that he had recognized the gentleman from Michigan, who wished to make a motion from the floor.

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BANKING RUMORS.

A Report that St. Nicholas is to Be Re-organized—A Consolidation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Wall street was busy to-day with rumors of new banks and bank organizations, and some of the rumors have little foundation in fact. One report, which has a good deal of truth back of it, was that a number of wealthy men have under contemplation the reorganization of the St. Nicholas Bank. The idea is to put new men throughout in the bank, make its capital one million with a surplus of equal amount, and put ex-Comptroller Theodore Tilton as president.

Another matter that is interesting in the street, is the reported pooling of the business of the Southern and United States National Banks, the consolidated concern being continued under the name of the former. It is known that a plan of consolidation is being considered by the United States people, but it is probable nothing will be done until after Tuesday next. On that day the directors of the Southern National will meet to take action on the proposed reduction of the capital, and it is said that a new president will be named to succeed W. P. Flanagan, who will retire.

TARIFF CAUSES DELAY.

REAL FIGHT UPON FREE COAL, IRON, SUGAR, AND INCOME TAX.

Wilson Bill Does Not Gain Strength—Democrats Divided Upon It—What the Mine Owners Ask For.

THE SPEAKER read the ruling made by him in the Fifty-second Congress, sustaining his present ruling, but he did not know whether his appeal had been entered against it or not.

Mr. Burrows said that that ruling provided for the order of business, and not for a change of rules. The gentleman who understood that almost any order fixing the order of business is a change of rules. Mr. Boutelle again arose, and was asked by the Speaker for what purpose he desired recognition.

For a Short of a Quorum.

The result was that the Republicans strictly abstained from voting, and the Democrats got only 138 votes, forty-one short of a quorum.

What the Mine Owners Want.

The mine owners, operators, and employees of the Virginia delegation that are in this perilsous financial time they will leave coal alone. From the foundation of the government to the present time the average price of coal has been 15 cents per ton.

NEW WAY OF HANDLING STRIKES

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