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Senator Cloran Reports Rejoicing by Civil Servant at Ottawa Fire

NEW YORK CHOIR ALSO CRITICIZED

Is it Proper for the Senate to SIT Without the Mace?

From the Ottawa Correspondent
of The Daily News.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—The agitation over Germans and German-Canadians working in the employ of the Government has reached the Senate. Senator Cloran called the attention of the Government to the fact that there were persons of German birth and German sympathy in the employ of the Government. He declared that the day after the fire on Parliament Hill a person of German blood in the Post Office Department expressed satisfaction over the fact that the Parliament Buildings had been destroyed.

The day before the Senate assembled in its new quarters in the Museum, he had visited the Chamber, which was in the hands of workmen and had been informed that four of the laborers were Germans. He had spoken to the contractor and was told that they were German-Americans. Senator Cloran had no hatred of German-Americans, but doubted the wisdom of having them working on such a job.

New York Symphony.

He also called attention to the fact that the Damrosch orchestra of New York was to give a performance shortly in Ottawa. He was informed that it was a musical organization from the United States composed largely of Germans and German-Americans. There had been protests against this organization being permitted to enter Canada, and he wanted to know if the Government was taking any steps to save the Canadian public from the exasperation and possible hazard which would follow upon the entrance of the organization. Senator Cloran's utterances were received in silence and he was given no reply.

Is it legal for the Senate to sit without the mace, the sacred symbol of British constitution and authority? This solemn subject was debated by the Senate yesterday afternoon. Senator Dandron wanted information on the subject, and asked if the Senate could legally sit without its mace. The Commons had borrowed the mace and the Senators had to postpone their sitting until night. Senator Dandron saw no reason for this and added: "We have great reverence for ancient forms, but I do not think that the absence of the mace would prevent the Senate from meeting if it were necessary. No one was able to satisfactorily enlighten the Senator on the point.

For Emergency Call.

Senator Dandurand also raised a question as to the constitutionality of the last adjournment resolution which made the Senate subject to the call of the clerk. He suggested that any such change should be embodied in the rules. Hon. Mr. Loughheed said that the method had been adopted as one of convenience. It permitted adjournment and still left the Senate in a position to respond to a summons to meet should occasion arise.

Senator Power thought that a small committee should be appointed to consider a change in the rules to provide for an emergency call. Sir Mackenzie Bowell said that the last adjournment was made subject to the call of the clerk for convenience of the Senate and of the Government.