

WORK OF CONGRESS

The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Impressive and inspiring scenes attended the opening session of congress yesterday. The recent death of Senator Davis of Minnesota subdued the proceedings, and in a measure the opening exercises in both houses were of a memorial character, with tributes to the dead who had passed away since the last session and an invocation upon the living to face the new issues and responsibilities of the dawning twentieth century in a spirit of courage and justice. Huge banks of flowers converted the floors of the senate and house into conservatories, while wreaths lay upon the desks of those who have answered their last roll call. The attendance in both branches of the capitol was larger than usual on opening days. Touching reference was made by the chaplain of the senate to the late Senator Davis and likewise the late Senator Gear of Iowa, in his opening prayer. The extended and loyal service of the Minnesota senator was the theme for a beautiful tribute to which there was a general chorus of "Amen." But when the last word of prayer was spoken the senate immediately settled itself down to business. After roll call Senator Proctor sent to the desk the certificate of election from the governor of Vermont which makes William Paul Dillingham the successor to the late Senator Morrill. Senator-elect Dillingham was escorted to the clerk's desk by his colleague, where he took the oath of office. The senate then adjourned for thirty minutes to allow a committee to inform the president that congress was in session and would receive any message from the executive. It took Mr. Bennett, the secretary of the senate, one hour and fifty-four minutes to read the message.

Mr. Allison then announced the death in July last of his colleague, Senator John Henry Gear, and offered the usual resolution of sorrow, which was adopted. Mr. Nelson of Minnesota, who had returned only two hours before from St. Paul, announced formally the death of Senator Davis, saying that in his death "the nation has lost one of its wisest public servants and the State of Minnesota one of its most distinguished sons."

The senate then upon motion of Mr. Allison, as an additional mark of respect for the memories of Senators Gear and Davis, adjourned.

House Proceedings.

The opening of the session in the house was brilliant, but not exciting. There were the usual throngs in the galleries and the usual display of floral pieces on the floor, but the proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the reading to order by the speaker, prayer by the chaplain, the roll call of members, the appointment of the formal committees to wait upon the president and the reception and reading of the president's message. The deaths of the late Representatives Daly of New Jersey and Moeckel of Delaware, and Senators Davis of Minnesota and Gear of Iowa were announced, and as a further mark of respect to their memories the house adjourned.

The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The program of the senate leaders for a business session was taken up in earnest yesterday and material progress was made. What is popularly known as the ship subsidy bill was made the unfinished business of the senate instead of the Spooner Philippine measure, and the discussion of it was opened by Mr. Frye of Maine, chairman of the committee on commerce, from which the measure was reported. He addressed the senate for more than an hour and a half. Recognized by his colleagues as an authority upon the subject, he had not concluded when the senate adjourned.

The great crowds of the day before were absent and business on the floor proceeded exactly as if it was mid-session. As soon as the session opened the credentials of Senator-elect Dooler of Iowa were presented and he was seated. Bills on the calendar were passed as follows:

To authorize the use of depositions before naval courts in certain cases, with an amendment restricting its operation to depositions taken at the instance of the accused; to authorize Capt. N. M. Brooks, superintendent of foreign mails, to accept the decoration of Red Eagle of the third class from the emperor of Germany; to authorize Hon. J. D. McKelvey to accept the decoration of Chevalier of the first class from the government of Sweden and Norway; to encourage the holding of an interstate and West Indian exposition at Charleston, S. C., in 1901. The measure appropriates \$250,000 and admits exhibits free of duty. The resolution offered by Mr. Chandler on May 25 last to refer the credentials of William A. Clark and Martin Maginnis, appointed senators from Montana, to the committee on privileges and elections was called up by Mr. Carter of Montana, but went over until to-day.

In the House.

The session of the house was brief. The real work will begin to-day, when the house will consider the army reorganization bill, which Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, reported yesterday. He explained the urgent necessity for immediate action upon this measure, as under the present law the army must be reduced to 27,000 on July 1 next, and asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill to-day, but Mr. Sulzer (N. Y.) objected, so Mr. Hull introduced a resolution for a special order for the consideration of the bill with provision for a vote at the end of six hours' general debate. The objection to the swearing in of Mr. Connor of Iowa, the successor of Senator Dooliver, which was raised by Mr. Bailey of Texas, was relieved by the presentation of a new set of credentials signed by Gov. Shaw, and Connor took the oath. Three bills were passed under the cal of committees, the most important being one to provide for the detail of not to exceed 100 retired army officers and 300 non-commissioned officers as military instructors in the public schools of such cities as adopt a system of military instruction. The

others were to "prevent the failure of military justice," and to legalize an issue of \$250,000 of bonds by Pima county, Arizona.

The House.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house devoted the day to the army reorganization bill, which was brought up under a special order adopted at the opening of the session which limited general debate to two hours a side. Lieut. Gen. Miles and a number of army officers were interested spectators during the day. Chairman Hull and Mr. Parker of New Jersey, of the military committee, Republicans, supported the bill, and Messrs. Cochrane of Missouri, Kleberg of Texas, McClellan of New York, Shaforth of Colorado, Cummings of New York and Cox of Tennessee, Democrats, spoke briefly against it. Mr. McCall of Massachusetts, Republican, then aroused the only enthusiasm of the day against the measure. Several times during the session, notably on the Porto Rican tariff bill, he refused to follow his party. Yesterday he attacked the whole Philippine policy of the administration. Although temperate in language he was plain spoken in his warnings of the dangers which lay ahead of the government if a colonial policy was persisted in. He also criticized technically several features of the bill, especially that lodging in the president the discretion to expand or reduce the size of the army at will. In replying to Mr. McCall Mr. Hull declared that until congress acted to the contrary we must assert by force our sovereignty in the Philippines or disgrace ourselves before the world, and it was the duty of congress to provide an army adequate to put down the rebellion. Eleven of the twenty-six pages of the bill were disposed of before adjournment. To-day the Groot oleomargarine bill under a special order made at the last session will displace the army bill, which will go over until Friday.

In the Senate.

Senator Frye concluded his speech on the ship subsidy bill. He devoted his attention principally to a technical explanation of the various provisions of the measure, explaining with especial care that provision which would admit to American registry foreign built ships. From several sources his attention was directed to this provision, and it is evidently one upon which much of the forthcoming debate will rest. Aside from the speech of Mr. Frye no business of importance was transacted in legislative session. When the session was opened the credentials of Samuel D. McEnery and Murphy J. Foster, as senators from Louisiana and George P. Wetmore of Rhode Island were received. Bills were passed permitting Capt. B. H. McCalla and Commander W. C. Wise, of the United States navy, to accept decorations from the emperor of Germany. The resolution introduced by Mr. Pettigrew calling for information as to the postal franchise in Cuba was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba. The senate at 12:25, on motion of Mr. Lodge, went into executive session, remaining behind closed doors until 2 o'clock. The house bill for the celebration of the establishment of the seat of national government in the city of Washington was passed without discussion.

PLOT IS DISCOVERED.

American Tobacco Shippers Believed to Be Smuggling Tobacco.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The Record says: What may prove to be a plot on the part of American tobacco shippers in Havana to smuggle large quantities of wrapper tobacco into the United States as filler is believed to have been detected by the Chicago appraisers, resulting in a gain of thousands of dollars to the government on shipments already made. The additional duty demanded of Chicago dealers alone amounts to more than \$15,000. At Duluth, Minn., where 105 bales were received, nearly \$20,000 additional must be turned over to the government in duties. The duty on wrapper tobacco is \$1.85 per pound, against 35 cents a pound on filler tobacco. There is no penalty attached to an irregular shipment, and dealers who are able to import wrapper tobacco as filler is that much ahead.

DEMANDS MODIFIED.

Ministers Agreed on the Question of Punishment.

Pekin, Dec. 7.—At yesterday's meeting of the foreign envoys the main point and most of the argument concerned the question whether the joint note should be considered an ultimatum or whether further negotiations should be conducted with the Chinese. The United States, Russia and Japan favored the latter course, and the other envoys desired to consult their respective home governments. Japan's representative expressed a desire to have the name of the murdered Japanese chancellor of legation, Sugiyama, added to that part of the note demanding a monument to Baron von Ketteler, and also that a Chinese commission should proceed to Japan to make proper representations. In regard to the question of punishment it was generally agreed to modify somewhat the former demands.

CANAL TREATY DISCUSSED.

Senator Lodge Handles the Matter in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate went into executive session for the consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to abrogate provisions for the Clayton-Bulwer convention in the way of construction of an interoceanic canal. The senate discussed the treaty for nearly two hours when the executive session was interrupted by the shipping bill. No action was taken on the treaty and no effort was made to fix a time for taking a vote on either the treaty itself or the amendment proposed by the foreign relations committee. The principal speech was made by Senator Lodge, in charge of the convention, who urged its speedy ratification.

KILLED FIVE MEN.

Hand Car Struck by Extra Grand Trunk Train.

Vinegreewood Junction, Ont., Dec. 7.—A Grand Trunk engine and car, while running extra, struck a section hand's car on which were five men, all of whom were instantly killed.

IT MEANT A MOVE.

"That is what I call a moving appeal," said Tenspot to Gazley. "You call what a moving appeal?" "This rote from my landlord telling me that I must vacate because of non-payment of rent."

The Chinese Almanac.

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"Now, see here," said the Adirondack guide, "I want you to understand that you are never to get twenty feet away from me. Keep right up close, and don't you to wonder off. See?" "But why this peculiar caution?" inquired the man who was out after big game.

"Well," said the guide, shortly, "I'm young and I've got too big a family depending on me, to be mistaken for a deer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Making Sure.

First Lady (off for a journey)—I hope we've got the right train.

Second Lady—I asked seventeen trainmen and ninety-three passengers if this train went to Blankville, and they all said yes; so I guess we're all right.—New York Weekly.

There is a Class of People.

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

In the Suburbs.

Joy radiated from the suburbanite's every lineament as he passed the cigars. "It's a heifer!" he cried ecstatically. The neighbors were not taken completely by surprise. They had observed the lights burning all night in his barn.—Puck.

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The Sporting Man's Joke.

Walker—The bride was quite a popular girl, wasn't she? Watkinson—Yes, indeed. The Evening Scavenger sent its sporting man to report it. He printed a list of rejected lovers half a column long under the heading, "Among Those Who Also Ran."—St. Louis Dispatch.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on the box. 25c.

Most of the mummied Egyptians appear to be hard cases.

Courtship may be bliss, but marriage sometimes blisters.

IT CAME FROM FRANCE.

American Beauty is Not Really an American Rose, After All, According to the Philadelphia Gardener. The American Beauty, hailed all over the country as the real American flower, is not an American bloom at all, according to the head gardener of Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia. Of it he says:

"The American Beauty was discovered in France. A Washington florist saw one in a private collection, bought it for \$1 and propagated it in the United States. He gave it its present name and really introduced it in this country, where its vogue is still immense. It is really the queen of roses; its odor, its beautiful red, its symmetry and its long life makes it a great favorite. It is an uncertain rose, however; no one can tell when it will bloom, nor in what quantities. That and the long stems demanded, which destroy the bushes, account for its high price."

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Crushed.

They were engaged. But they quarreled and were too proud to make it up. Both were anxious to make people believe that they had entirely forgotten each other.

He called a few days ago, at her father's house to see the old gentleman—on business, of course. She answered the front door bell. Said he: "Ah, Miss Jepkin, I believe, is your father in?"

"No, sir," she replied; "pa is not in at present. Do you wish to see him personally?"

"I do," was his response, feeling that she was yielding; "on very particular personal business. And he turned proudly to go away."

"I beg your pardon," she called after him, as he reached the lowest step, "but who shall I say called?"—Answers.

Baseball players; Golf players; all players chew White's Yuccatan whilst playing.

Holidays for Danish Boys.

There is a pretty custom in vogue in Denmark. During the summer holidays an arrangement is made by which little Danes from town and country change places. The parents of town children send their little folks off to the country and receive in exchange country children. The result is that the town children are strengthened and gladened with country air and sights, while the little rustics enjoy the pleasures of town life and the festivals which are for their benefit. This exchange system results in 10,000 children from Copenhagen getting a country holiday and another 10,000 are brightened up by a visit to the Danish capital.

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"Has Mr. Goodcatch been to see you lately?" asked the girl in the pale blue taffeta shirt waist. "Not since a week ago last night," replied the girl in pink. "He said our parlor was so brilliantly lighted it hurt his eyes." "And didn't you tell him to turn down the gas?" "No; I didn't think of that." "Well, that's precisely where you dropped your watermelon."

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

No Room There.

"What is meant by the expression: 'The worm will turn'?" "Possibly that the worm doesn't live in a flat."—Philadelphia Press.

A school boy wants to know how many square rods it takes to make a wiseacre.

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Chronic Coughs and Colds Are Catarrhal Diseases.
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Catarrh hovers ominously over every city, and nestles treacherously in every hamlet. It flies with vampire wings from country to country and casts a black shadow of despair over all lands. Its stealthy approach and its lingering stay makes it a dread to the physician and a pest to the patient. It changes the merry laugh of childhood to the wheezy breathing of crowd, and the song of the blushing maiden to the hollow cough of consumption. In its withering grasp the rounded form of the fond wife and mother becomes gaunt and spectral, and the healthy flush of manhood turns to the sallow, haggard visage of the invalid.

Cough takes the place of conversation, speech gives way to spitting, the repulsive odors of chronic catarrh poison the kiss of the fondest lovers, and thickened membranes bedim sight, impair hearing and destroy taste.

PATENTS.
List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.
Joseph Branning, Medford, Minn., draft evener; Charles F. Haglin, Minneapolis, Minn., mold; Henry Kugler, Fergus Falls, Minn., draft equalizer; Amund A. Lerbakken, Carlisle, Minn., D. moving or grain cutting machine; John H. O'Brien, Nasby, S. D., whim; Samuel F. O'Leary, St. Paul, Minn., bottle; Ernest Rubbert, Minneapolis, Minn., elevator door.
Lothrop & Johnson, patent attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

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