

FIRST FIGHT IN THE HOUSE

WILLIAMS AND DEARMOND MIX

The Southern Front... The House... The fight... The cause... The result...

Washington, Dec. 19.—The spirit of rivalry that for five years has alternately smoldered and blazed between John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and David A. DeArmond, of Missouri, leader of the majority opposition, culminated in a first fight to-day on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The immediate cause of the fight was the passing of the bill by Mr. DeArmond to Mr. Williams, resultant of a complaint by the former that the minority leader had broken faith in "burying" Representative Booher, of Missouri, by recommending his assignment by Speaker Cannon to the committee on colored weights and measures.

During its 2 hour and 30 minute session the House got down to actual work and transacted considerable business. All that had remained to make this possible was the announcement of the committee assignments, which was made to-day by the Speaker.

The first money appropriated by the present Congress was awarded to-day. The amount was \$50,000 and it is to be used in supplying a seed deficiency caused by the destruction by fire of the government seed warehouse in this city.

The House will meet again on Saturday, on which day adjournment for the Christmas holidays will be taken.

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THE FIRST REAL BUSINESS

LIE PASSED TWICE IN HOUSE

Representative Glenn... The House... The bill... The result...

Washington, Dec. 19.—The word "lie" was used in anger on the floor of the House of Representatives to-day, the first occasion being when Representative Glenn of Tennessee, denounced a local newspaper for printing a statement regarding his alleged interest in the deficiency appropriation for seeds for free distribution.

The trouble arose over a misunderstanding of the committee appointments, which was made to-day by the Speaker.

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WASHINGTON LIVENS UP

FOUR SPEECHES ON RATE CASE

Mr. Governor Aycock... The House... The bill... The result...

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The Governor and his attorney, ex-Governor Charles R. Aycock, President Finley, Col. A. B. Andrews and Mr. A. F. Thom held a conference this afternoon and agreed upon a basis of compromise on passenger rates.

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FULLY 250 MEN ENTOMBED

A PENNSYLVANIA MINE HORROR

Explosion in the Jacobs Creek Mine... The House... The bill... The result...

Washington, Dec. 19.—An explosion of gas in the Jacobs Creek mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, located here, to-day, entombed between 300 and 250 miners and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mine alive.

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THE HOUSE COMMITTEES

MR. CANNON ANNOUNCES THEM

Many changes from the last Congress... The House... The bill... The result...

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