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EXTRA SESSION ENDS

It Is Merged Into the Regular Session.

The Senate Heard the Reading of the President's Message and Discussed Cuban Reciprocity.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Senate today closed the extraordinary session and entered upon the duties of the regular session by announcement from the chair and the offering of two prayers in the Senate within an hour of each other. The business transacted consisted of the reading of the President's message and the beginning of the discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill. On this bill Mr. Cullom, who has charge of it, made a speech advocating its passage in the interest of American trade.

Mr. Keam made a favorable report from the committee on contingent expense on the resolution of Mr. Penrose requiring the transmission to the Senate by the Postmaster General of all the papers relating to the postoffice investigation. Mr. Gunman suggested a number of amendments, the effect of which was to make it mandatory for the committee to make an investigation into postoffice affairs and to compel the committee to make a report to the Senate by May 1 next.

Mr. Pezrose, as author of the resolution, and chairman of the committee, indicated a willingness to accept the amendments, but Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, objected. Mr. Platt said that as originally introduced the resolution left it optional with the committee to extend its investigation if it thought necessary after seeing General Bristow's report. That, he thought, was just what should be done. To order an investigation would be to work in the dark.

After some discussion the resolution was laid over until tomorrow and Mr. Cullom began a speech on the Cuban reciprocity bill. He spoke especially of the effect of the bill upon the trade with Cuba, which he contended would be greatly stimulated by its passage. Situated as we were within a few miles of the Cuban coast we should control the Cuban market, but the trade thus lost had gone to Great Britain, France and Germany instead of coming to the United States. Mr. Cullom conceded that an increased production of Cuban sugar was probably, but he did not believe there was danger to the American sugar industry because of the corresponding increase in the population of the country making a great capacity for consumption.

Based on last year's imports from Cuba, he said that the aggregate concession of the United States would amount to only about \$10,000,000. The Cuban concession would amount to \$1,100,000. This great difference he attributed to the fact that Cuba's tariff was much lower than ours, and also to the fact that our exports to Cuba were of much smaller volume than our imports from that country. This discrepancy, he predicted, would continue until the reciprocity bill became a law.

Wood and Crum Again Named.

President Roosevelt Monday sent to the Senate the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be a major general of the army and the nomination of 167 other army officers whose promotion is dependent on that of General Wood, says a press dispatch. Accompanying these nominations were those of about 25 civilian appointees, including that of Dr. W. D. Crum for collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and some members whom the President nominated in the last recess.

These appointments are considered by the President and his advisers to be recess appointments, the question of their status having been discussed thoroughly by the President with the best lawyers connected with the administration and in Congress. In conclusion, it has been decided that between the time of the falling of the gavel on the extra session, signifying the conclusion of the extraordinary session and the calling to order of the Senate in the regular session of Congress, an appreciable lapse of time occurred. In this time the appointments technically were made. They are regarded by the administration as recess appointments, and the appointees, therefore, will receive the pay and exercise all the authority of the rank to which they are promoted.

Buttons of all degrees and kinds are used in great quantities. Scotland Neck is to have electric lights, and will own its own plant.

Philippine Soldier Returns and Prefers a Charge of Bigamy.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 7.—John J. Murtie, of 68 Jackson street, Paterston, returned from the Philippines to day and found his wife married to Edward McAvoy, of 168 Marshall street. Murtie married the young woman, whose name was Ruby Masher four years ago. One year later he enlisted in the army for service in the Philippine Islands, supposing that he would make a fortune there in a short time. He says he wrote to his wife many times, but these letters according to the wife, never arrived, and she supposed that he had died.

Last March Mrs. Murtie married Edward McAvoy. When she opened the door of her home in response to Murtie's knock last Friday she fell fainting on the spot, thinking that she had died on a ghost.

Murtie to-day preferred a charge of bigamy against his wife. She says that she was only 16 years old when she first married, and that, therefore, the marriage was illegal. She prefers to live with McAvoy, as Murtie deserted her, she says, when he went away.

Man Who Sold His Ear.

The grafting of an ear to the head of a Western man in a Philadelphia hospital has a sequel. Though the man who sold his ear to a rich man for \$5,000 made the sacrifice willingly, now that the ear is gone he misses it, and is seeking for another ear to replace the one he sold.

That is the story which has developed from the visit to Dr. C. T. Stebbing, of this city, of a Hungarian miser from Hurley, Wis., who has received a letter from the East offering him \$1,000 for an ear to replace that which was taken from his own in the hospital. The Hungarian's name is kept a secret by the physician, who says that the call made upon him was professional, the Hungarian wanting to know if the operation would be safe. The doctor thinks that the caller will undergo the operation, as he was advised that the process was not dangerous.

The Hungarian was applied to, it is understood, because he was one of those who responded to the New York advertisement offering \$5,000 for an ear.

Habit Better Than Laws.

If instead of enacting any more laws for the purpose of making ourselves pay our debts we should get into the habit of simply paying them, considering it immoral not to pay them, the practice of promptly paying just claims might presently become as nearly universal as is the practice of "tipping" negro waiters and sleeping car porters. Neither statutory law nor conscience compels us to give tips, but custom does—and we do it. We have made violations of the moral law illegal by statutory enactment; it might now be well to make them disgraceful also by stimulating the public conscience. And if, while we are teaching ourselves to be honest for the love of honesty, we should have any time to devote to politicians and their laws, we might spend it by weeping at the spectacle of a legislature trying by laws of its own enactment to prevent itself from accepting bribes.

Benefit of Soap.

For years public-spirited people have been preaching about benefits of soap. Some men have gone so far as to say that soap is the real emblem of civilization. Whether this is so or not, it is well known that in countries where the people are savage there is no soap. It has been difficult, however, to get people to accept soap as a blessing or as a cult of the home. In spite of the good work the magazines have been doing by way of disseminating soap advertisements there are many inhabitants of our splendid country who continue to regard soap with suspicion if not with downright abhorrence.

Accordion plaited waists and skirts are smarter than ever, and this simple style is particularly effective for young girls.

ADVISE CURTAILMENT.

They Are Suffering From Overmuch Speculation.

Their Position Is Not Understood by Either the Consumer or the Producer—Large Numbers of Mill Men Here.

The Charlotte Observer of the 8th, says: At the meeting of mill men in this city to-day, it is expected that manufacturers from Rhode Island to Mississippi will advise curtailment of manufacturing as the best solution of the serious, if not threatening, condition that confronts cotton manufacturers in all parts of the United States.

The meeting will convene in the court house at 11 o'clock this morning, and will be representative of no manufacturing organization, or class of manufacturers. It will be open to spinners from all parts of America; for it is felt that the problem that is now confronted is one of almost universal concern.

This is probably the first time that the cotton manufacturers of the United States have ever met in perfect harmony and with a common object in view.

Mr. R. L. Holt, president of the Gloucester Cotton Mills, at Burlington, and a director in the Elmira and Lakeside Cotton Mills, was among the manufacturers who arrived last night. Mr. Holt is one of the most successful mill men in the South and embodies the conservative spirit that has made his family famous in the manufacturing world. With Mr. Holt was Mr. W. A. Erwin of West Durham, who probably controls more milling interests than any other man in the South. He is the president of the Erwin, the Pearl and the Diver Cotton Mills, of Durham; the Alpine Cotton Mill, at Morganton; the Henderson Cotton Mill, at Henderson; and the large Coolemees Mill at Coolemees.

When questioned about the present economic situation and the probable action of the meeting to-day, Mr. Holt said: "At this time the manufacturer is between the devil and the deep blue sea. The consumer says the present rise in the market is due to speculation, while the producer says it is due to a short crop. You can see how the burden is on the manufacturer.

"The advanced price of cotton allows no margin for profit for the manufacturer, and this condition is general throughout the United States on all classes of goods. The situation has been very bad for the manufacturer ever since cotton went above 10 cents.

"Some sort of action on the part of the manufacturers is imperatively necessary. If we are going to fight against speculation we must do it now and the only way to do it is by curtailment of production. How? Well, that is the question. We could curtail by stopping part of the machinery certain to throw a good many people out of employment. I think the best way is to run on short time, making kindly provisions that would enable the manufacturers to retain and properly care for all employees.

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Money in Goat-Raising.

Mr. John R. Pharr, of the Charlotte Clothing Manufacturing Company and the Long-Tate clothing Co., was raised on a farm and the happiest days of his life now are those that he spends at his plantation, which is about six miles northwest of the city on the Concord road. Mr. Pharr's farm contains about 250 acres, the greater part of which is in a high state of cultivation. On the entire farm there is not an acre of cotton, and Mr. Pharr does not intend that he has planted cotton, even with the staple selling at 12 1/2 cents per pound. His hobby is stock-raising, or, rather, his common sense and his choice led him to raise stock and vegetables. What Mr. Pharr takes the greatest pride in is a flock of goats about 85 of the animals. Lamb sells on the local market for about 4 cents a pound on foot; that is the market men pay that price to the farmers. Mr. Pharr has been offered 6 cents a pound for kid, but refused the offer.

There is only one other flock of goats in the county as large as that of Mr. Pharr, and that belongs to Mr. W. S. Clinton, formerly United States assayer in the city. Goats are three times as heavy as sheep. They eat more, take to fattening easily and will eat almost anything. Little care is required for them from their birth and they mature about as early as sheep. On the other hand sheep require constant care from birth, and are very delicate. According to Mr. Pharr there is more money in raising goats than any other stock in or cotton growing.

A Modest Beginning.

Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, of Maryland, a little while before the adjournment of the United States Senate last March says Success, heard Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, scolding a page for carelessness in delivering cards.

"I will have you dismissed," said Senator Aldrich to the boy, "this card was given to you to deliver more than two hours ago and I have been here in my seat all this time. What is your name?" "Gently, gently, Aldrich," Senator Gorman interrupted, laying his hand on the angry Rhode Islander's shoulder; "give the boy a show. I often made the same mistake myself. Let it pass this time."

Pate-Adams.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. F. Adams of Purvis at 11 a. m., Thursday, Nov. 26th, Mr. J. T. Pate of Brio and Miss Lizzie Adams, were united in marriage. Rev. Mr. Bradley officiating. The attendants were Mr. R. B. Adams and Miss Pate, and Mr. J. S. McRae and Miss Brown.

After the ceremony an elegant dinner was served to the invited guests, and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Pate departed for their home at Brio, amid the good wishes and congratulations of their many friends.—Red Springs Citizen.

Hector Gilchrist Was Arraigned before Mayor White upon the charge of Vagrancy.

On his agreeing to leave town and stay away for 90 days, he was dismissed. Policeman Spivy was instructed if he caught him in town during that time to bring him again before the Mayor when some other punishment would be meted out to him.

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For the next 30 days we will offer for sale the most up-to-day line of goods in town at great reduced prices. Remember that life is too short for you to delay taking advantage of our lower prices and bigger values than any other place in town. Ours are bargains that bring the biggest and bestest buyers back for more, because we treat them right.

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