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FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

The Man from Maine Again Assumes the Speakership.

LITTLE BUSINESS THIS WEEK.

Tomorrow's Sessions in Both Houses Will be Devoted to the Reading of the President's Message—Senators May Have a Contest for Officers of That Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The first week of the fifty-fourth congress, which convened at noon today, promises nothing at either end of the Capitol in the way of actual legislation. The time before the Christmas holidays is usually devoted to preliminary matters, and the work of the session does not begin until after the recess. The new congress will probably not be an exception to this rule.

Mr. Kerr, clerk of the last house, called the house to order. After the roll call came the election of the officers nominated by the Republican caucus on Saturday night. They are: Speaker, Thomas B. Reed of Maine; clerk, Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania; sergeant-at-arms, Benjamin F. Russell of Missouri; doorkeeper, W. J. Glenn of New York; postmaster, J. C. McElroy of Ohio; chaplain, Rev. H. N. Coaden of Michigan. The officers of the Republican house caucus, who will serve during the session, are: Chairman, David B. Henderson of Iowa; secretary, Warren B. Hooker of New York.

As soon as Mr. Reed was formally installed as speaker the drawing of seats, which is known as the congressional "raffle," was begun. This is a somewhat tedious but amusing affair, and will occupy the remainder of the afternoon. The reading of the president's message will consume tomorrow, and at its conclusion the house will probably adjourn until Thursday, and on convening Thursday adjourn immediately until Monday. These adjournments will continue probably until the committees are announced. This is the program, but the unexpected might occur, as it so often does in the house, if some aspiring member should introduce a sensational resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

Speaker Reed says that the committees will not be announced this week, with perhaps a single exception—the committee on rules. This committee formulates the rules which are to govern the house during its sessions, and it is customary for the speaker to name it during the first week in order that it can immediately begin its labors. While it is believed that the rules of the fifty-fourth congress, over which Mr. Reed presided, will be reported for the guidance of the present house, it is understood that a few changes will be made, as a result of experience, which are designed to still further improve the house machinery and the facilitation of public business.

Representative Lawrence McGann, of Chicago, who held a seat in the fifty-second and fifty-third congresses and was chairman of the committee on labor in the last congress, will furnish to the house the unusual spectacle of a member making a voluntary relinquishment of the seat to which he holds a certificate. As soon as he is able to secure recognition from the speaker Mr. McGann will make a statement to the house to the effect that he thinks his Republican opponent, Mr. Hugh R. Belknap, is entitled to the seat, and that he (McGann) waives all claims thereto. This step will make it possible for the committee on elections, as soon as it is organized, to report in favor of seating Mr. Belknap, and will relieve that gentleman of the necessity of making a contest before the committee. Mr. Belknap is a son of Hon. W. W. Belknap, who was secretary of war under President Grant.

It is not probable that the first week of congress will not witness much serious effort at legislative work in the senate. If anything should be accomplished beyond the receipt of the president's message and of the recess nominations and the introduction of bills the session would be an exception in the history of the senate.

The proceedings of today consisted in the swearing in of the newly elected members who were present, and the appointment of a committee to wait upon the president. Tomorrow the senators will listen to the reading of the president's message, and the brief sessions of Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted largely to the introduction of bills, of which there will be several hundred.

Following precedents, the senate will adjourn on Thursday until the following Monday. One or two brief executive sessions for the reference of nominations are also among the probabilities for the week.

If the senate Republicans, at their caucus this afternoon, decide upon an effort to reorganize, as is now generally conceded, the Democrats will follow with a conference tomorrow or Wednesday, at which they probably will decide upon a course of action. It now appears probable that all three parties will place candidates for president pro tempore in the field, and in that event the week will be enlivened somewhat by a triangular contest for this and the officers of the senate.

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ANOTHER MINE HORROR.

Many Men Buried Beneath Tons of Earth and Rock.

THIRTEEN LIVES ARE SACRIFICED.

The Crash Came Without a Moment's Warning, and But Few Were Able to Reach Places of Safety—Bodies of the Victims Terribly Mangled.

CARMEL, N. Y., Nov. 30.—An accident resulting in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives occurred at the Tilly Foster mines a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Foreman Murtha was descending into the pit to take the time of two gangs of laborers, numbering thirty-five men, who were working at the bottom, when a vast weight of earth and rock slid with the force of an avalanche from the mouth of the pit to the bottom, a distance of 300 feet. The earth crashed over the men with tremendous force. Out of one gang of eleven only five came out alive, and three of the men employed in another gang were taken out dead.

Among those known to be dead are: Michael Gannon, foreman; Patrick H. Murtha, foreman; John Egan, boarding house keeper; Thomas Dennis, James Smith and an Austrian known as No. 231. Four other dead bodies were taken out today. They are: James Fox, sometimes known as James Smith, and James Clark, and two Italians known as Nos. 13 and 312. The bodies of three Italians are still in the mine.

An Austrian known as No. 331 received a fracture of the skull, and will probably die. Several of the workmen were seriously injured.

The first intimation to those below was the low rumbling sound which preceded the fall of the mass. But the shock came so suddenly that few were able to reach places of safety. Half a dozen of the workers who were directly under the ledge from which the mass of earth fell were buried under tons of debris. The fall was tremendous.

One of the first to be brought to the surface was Foreman Murtha. He was found near the top, pinned down by a huge piece of rock. The rescuing party dug him out and bore him, still alive, to the fresh air. Murtha was badly mangled, and his clothes were almost torn from his back. He was taken to his home, but a short distance away, but died almost immediately after reaching there. Murtha was married, and his wife along with the wives of other unfortunates stood at the top of the slope while the rescuers were at work.

All of the bodies were horribly mangled, the sharp edges of the rock and iron tearing through their clothing and peeling the flesh from their faces and bodies. One by one the bodies were brought out and carried to the carpenter shop where an awe-stricken crowd of people looked upon the remains and uttered exclamations of woe when the identity of the victims was made known. Some of those assembled sought anxiously after a friend or relative supposed to be in the ruins in the pit.

William Ospel and four companions succeeded in getting away by running. Five Italians also got out alive. One of the Italians who came near the cable car for the purpose of rendering assistance was killed by a second fall of rock.

Ran Into an Open Switch.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Passenger train No. 8, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, which left Syracuse at 10:10 last night, ran into an open switch at Preble, ten miles from Cortland, and telescoped three freight cars. The engine of the passenger train was completely wrecked, and the baggage and mail cars and two coaches caught fire from the blaze under the wrecked boiler, and were consumed. The engineer was instantly killed and the fireman was taken from the debris by the passengers in a dying condition. The sleeping car was the only one saved. The passengers escaped injury. The engineer was Richard Young, and the fireman's name was Roof. Somebody had tampered with the switch, evidently with the deliberate intent to wreck the train.

Triple Murderer Shot to Pieces.

CYNTHIANA, Ky., Dec. 2.—Orville Eals was a farmer living near Brownsville, and his wife deserted him for John Fields, a tenant on the place. Eals induced his wife to return on Tuesday, killing Fields. Eals defied arrest and took refuge in a hut. Yesterday at dawn an attack was made by a posse. Eals began firing, and an officer named McCoombs fell mortally wounded, while two men named Wells and Herbert were seriously shot. The storming party effected an entrance, and found the mutilated body of Mrs. Eals almost nude and covered with ugly wounds. The party had fired a fusillade of shots as it entered the house, and Eals was shot to pieces.

Hauled Down the Stars and Stripes.

TORONTO, Nov. 29.—There are many American students attending the Ontario Veterinary college and, yesterday being Thanksgiving Day across the line, they sought to honor the event by raising the stars and stripes in one of their lecture rooms. This, however, the Canadian students objected to, and rudely hauled down the flag, though they met with a vigorous resistance. Then ensued a free fight, several on both sides being slightly injured, though none seriously.

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COUNT VON TAAFFE DEAD.

Austria's Ex-Premier Succumbs After Several Months' Illness. VIENNA, Nov. 30.—Count Edward Taaffe, formerly prime minister of Austria, died yesterday on his estate at Ellsau, in Bohemia. He had been ill for several months with heart affection and subsequently pyæmia. Count Edward Francis Joseph Taaffe, viscount of Corren and Baron of Ballymote, Sligo, in the Irish peerage, was born



THE LATE EX-PREMIER TAAFFE.

at Prague, Feb. 24, 1833. He entered the Imperial service in 1857 as secretary of the Hungarian government, and in 1863 accepted the office of governor of Salzburg. In 1867 he became Austrian minister of the interior and vice president of the Cisleithan ministry. He served as minister president in 1869, and was appointed governor of the Tyrol and Vorarlberg. In 1879 he became premier, and held that position for fourteen years.

Count Taaffe never once had a clear majority of his own in the reichsrath during the fourteen years he held office. Yet he had long been by far the most popular man in the country, with the single exception of the emperor. The middle classes, German by origin as a rule, were fiercely opposed to him, but the great mass of the population had unbounded faith in him.

HOLMES' DEATH SENTENCE.

The Prisoner Listens to His Doom Without Betraying Emotion.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—A new trial was refused by Judge Arnold in the case of Holmes, the convicted murderer of Benjamin F. Pitzele, in the court of oyer and terminer on Saturday, and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged. The scene was an intensely impressive one. No person in the court room, however, betrayed less emotion during Holmes' ordeal than the cool, calculating murderer himself. He had been duly informed by his counsel what the result was to be, and that an appeal from the judgment of the oyer and terminer was undoubtedly to be taken to the supreme court.

After Judge Arnold had finished the reading of his opinion, denying the application for a new trial, he arose, and with him the entire assemblage. District Attorney Graham had moved for sentence, and the court was at last ready for the ordeal. Then, addressing the prisoner, the judge, with impressive solemnity, pronounced the death sentence. Governor Hastings is to name the date of execution. After sentence the prisoner was taken back to Moyamensing prison, where he was stripped of his citizen's dress and clothed in convict garb. Mr. Shoemaker, Holmes' lawyer, says a stiff fight will be made before the supreme court.

Hats! Hats! Hats! Hat Young's Carpets and rugs—the cheapest in town—M. T. Young.

The Hyams Twins Acquitted. TORONTO, Dec. 2.—In the second trial of the twin brothers, Harry and Dallas Hyams, for the murder of young Wells, the beneficiaries of whose life insurance policies, aggregating \$30,000, the Hyams ultimately became, ended in a verdict of not guilty. The jury were out only thirty-five minutes. When Judge Ferguson told the prisoners they were free they started to leave the court room, but at the door were rearrested on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the insurance companies in the case of Martha Wells. The prisoners will therefore remain in prison until the matter is finally decided.

Five Drowned in the Monongahela. UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 2.—Joseph Pickup, Mrs. Missouri McIntosh, Mrs. Ethel Stephens, Jacob E. King and Joseph McIntosh were drowned in the Monongahela river below Brownsville Saturday midnight. They were returning in a skiff from Brownsville to their homes at Woods Run, and got too close to the steamer James G. Blaine, which was coming up stream. The waves upset the skiff, throwing them all into deep water. Nothing could be done to help them in the darkness. The bodies were recovered.

Three Killed at a Crossing. TOLEDO, Dec. 2.—The mail train on the Adrian division of the Lake Shore struck a wagon containing three persons at Airline Junction, killing all of them. The dead are Joseph Reimann, his 10-year-old daughter Lizzie, and Ernest Noiver. The men were market gardeners, and were returning home from market.

Dishonest Bank President Convicted. LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 2.—At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of Joshua S. Helmer, ex-president of the Merchants' bank, came in with a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation for clemency. Court was adjourned until next Saturday, when sentence will be pronounced. The indictment upon which Helmer was tried charged him with having willfully deceived the state bank examiner as to the condition of the bank on Sept. 19, 1893.

Any one who has children will rejoice with L. B. Mulford, of Plainfield, N. J. His little boy, five years of age, was sick with croup. For two days and nights he tried various remedies recommended by friends and neighbors. He says: "I thought sure I would lose him. I had seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised and thought I would try it as a last hope and am happy to say that after two doses he slept until morning. I gave it to him next day and a cure was effected. I keep this remedy in the house now and as soon as any of my children show signs of croup I give it to them and that is the last of it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by E. M. Nadal, Druggist.

Fisher Not Guilty of Murder. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 2.—After a trial lasting eleven days the case of James Fisher, charged with the murder of Barney Reick, was given to the jury Saturday afternoon, and fifteen minutes afterward the twelve men came into the court room with a verdict of not guilty. Fisher was at once discharged. He was suspected of being an accessory to the murder of Barney Reick, the commission merchant who was killed here about two years ago. James Hendricks was found guilty in the second degree of the crime and sentenced to twenty years; Jack Robinson pleaded not guilty and was acquitted.

Senator Hill's Lecture Tour a Failure. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—Senator David B. Hill's lecture tour in the northwest has proven a failure and came to an abrupt end yesterday, when the senator closed his business arrangements and returned to New York with the reason assigned for this action that he had contracted a severe cold while at Duluth, making him adverse to further public speaking at present. The fact is, however, that the audiences which gathered to listen to him at Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth were so meager that the financial returns were insufficient to pay expenses and Senator Hill refused to talk for nothing. He was booked for ten lectures altogether.

An American's Gift to Paris. PARIS, Dec. 2.—Bright weather shone upon the ceremony yesterday of unveiling the group of statuary of Washington and Lafayette, modeled by the well known sculptor, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, and presented to the city of Paris by Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World. A notable assemblage witnessed the unveiling. The figure of Washington is ten feet in height, while the figure of the Marquis de Lafayette is some inches less.

Noted English Authoress Arrives. NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Beatrice Harradon, the author of "Ships that Pass in the Night," arrived on the Lucania yesterday, and will spend the winter in California. Her forthcoming book will have an English theme, but as yet she has not decided upon a title for it.

Detectives Indicted for Murder. CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Charles and Joseph McDonald, officers of a private detective agency, have been indicted for the murder of Frank White. They and others are said to have dogged the man, and were present at, if not actual participants in, the killing.

Pennsylvania Defeats Cornell. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—The University of Pennsylvania football eleven yesterday afternoon defeated the Cornell team by a score of 46 to 2, thus winding up the football season with a clean record of victories to her credit.