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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

### C. A. Towne Sworn In as Senator From Minnesota.

### SESSION OF THE HOUSE

**Appropriation Bill Displaces the District and Is Taken Up For Consideration and Read For Amendment. Other Washington News.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — When the senate convened today Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire, Mr. Bate of Tennessee and Mr. Turley of Tennessee, who heretofore during the present session had not been in attendance, were in their seats.

Charles A. Towne, appointed to succeed the late Senator C. K. Davis of Minnesota, was also in attendance.

Mr. Nelson of Minnesota presented the credentials of Mr. Towne and they were read.

Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, directed attention to the last clause of the credentials which was that Mr. Towne should hold his seat until his "successor was elected and qualified." He said that the constitution provided simply that the appointee should hold office until the legislature had met.

"In the credentials presented," said Mr. Chandler, "the governor has undertaken to prescribe the length of the new senator's term. The added clause of the credentials is superfluous. I desire simply to call attention to this fact and have no intention to object to the swearing in of Mr. Towne."

The new senator was conducted to the desk by Mr. Nelson and the oath of office was administered by Mr. Frye, the president pro. tem.

Mr. Towne was congratulated warmly by many of his colleagues as he took his seat on the Democratic side of the chamber.

A bill to provide for the appointment of an additional district judge in the northern judicial district of Ohio was passed.

Mr. Hanna offered a resolution that a committee of three senators be appointed by the president pro. tem. to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the president of the United States March 4. Under the rules the resolution went over.

The senate, after the transaction of some routine business, at 12:35, on motion of Mr. Lodge, went into executive session.

### APPROPIATION BILL IS UP

**District of Columbia Goes Over to Next Week.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Today under the rules of the house belonged to the District of Columbia committee, but owing to the desire of the leaders to proceed with the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, District day was postponed until a week from tomorrow. The legislative bill was immediately taken.

Mr. Bingham of Pennsylvania, who was in charge of the measure, made a preliminary statement of its contents, and the bill was read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

**Manley Will Not Accept.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Hon. Joseph Manley of Maine had an interview with President McKinley this afternoon when the question of his accepting the office of commissioner of internal revenue was decided. It is understood that there is legal objection to the president continuing the vacancy for several months as suggested by Mr. Manley and that the latter will not accept the office. The appointment probably will be offered to Mr. Yerkes of Kentucky very soon.

**Cotton Acreage.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The agricultural department crop reports give the cotton acreage as 25,034,734.

### CIGARETTES PUT ON SALE

**Judge Sneed Decides the Tennessee Law Unconstitutional.**

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 10.—Cigarettes are now on sale in Knoxville. Judge J. W. Sneed of the Knox county circuit court this morning held that the anti-cigarette law passed by the Tennessee legislature in 1899 was unconstitutional and void. This is the law lately passed upon by the United States supreme court in the case of W. B. Austin versus state of Tennessee. Judge Sneed's holding is predicated upon a point not raised in the Austin case, that the act as recorded in Nashville does not bear the signature of the speaker of the house of representatives. This was proven by an affidavit from the secretary of state.

Immediately after the decision was announced, one dealer placed cigarettes on sale and others wired orders to cigarette factories.

**Woman Brutally Murdered.**

BOLIVAR, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Charles Morrow, a negro, emptied the contents of a double barrelled shotgun into the breast and face of his wife. Then he struck her with the weapon, imbedding one of the hammers in her skull over the eyes. Next he saturated her clothing with coal oil and set fire to them. The woman's streams attracted attention, but too late, as she died soon afterward.

**Conductors Leave For Havana.**

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 10.—The Conductors' Assurance association, numbering 120, including several ladies, spent yesterday here. They left for Tampa tonight whence they go to Key West and Havana where they spend three days, returning to Tampa and thence home via the Plant system.

**Woman's Building Burned.**

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Dec. 8.—The woman's building at the state prison farm has been burned to the ground. All the convicts were saved, some few having escaped.

**Mrs. McMillan Arrested.**

BAMBERG, S. C., Dec. 11.—Mrs. B. F. McMillan, 19 years old and handsome, has been arrested on a warrant sworn out by her husband. The warrant was issued in Charleston.


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## NEGOTIATIONS TO BE BEGUN WITH CHINESE

### Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Recognized.

### MEETING OF MINISTERS

**Provisional Government Established. All the Powers Represented Except France—Sensational Divorce Suit In London—Other Foreign News.**

PEKING, Dec. 11. — At yesterday's meeting of the ministers, called to consider if Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching had power from the court to conduct negotiations for a settlement on behalf of China, some of the ministers stated that they were authorized to treat with them as representatives of China, while others, including the German minister, had not received instructions in the matter.

All decried, however, that as soon as Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, shall receive word to agree to the joint note they will commence negotiations with Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, unless otherwise instructed by their home government.

Count Von Waldersee has turned over $63,000 as the British share of the result of the Pao-Ting-Fu expedition to General Gaselee, who in turn gave the money to Minister Satow to be used for the benefit of the Chinese who may need help during the winter.

Li Hung Chang visited General Chaffee today. He says that his powers to negotiate with the foreign envoys, though conferred by telegraph, are absolute and competent.

At the meeting of the provisional government today the United States was represented by Captain Dodds of the Ninth infantry. All of the governments have entered into the plan except France, whose representatives insist that the French territory shall be excluded from the rule of the commission appointed. A number of subcommittees were appointed.

Several high Chinese officials on being asked expressed desire to assist. Though army officers have been appointed members of the commission, it is the desire of the generals to make the rule civil as far as possible.

Japan was placed on the charity committee on account of the amount of rice she commandered in August, most of which she has.

### SOMERVILLE GETS DIVORCE

**He Is Also Awarded Damages Against Earl Russell.**

LONDON, Dec. 11.—George Somerville was this morning granted a divorce against Marion Somerville and £150 damages against Earl Russell, with whom the defendant was accused of having committed adultery. No defense was entered against Mr. Somerville's petition.

John Francis Stanley, Earl Russell, was married to Marion, daughter of the late George Cooke, of Cumberland, Scotland, April 15 last at Reno, Nev. They had been living for several months in Nevada where both had obtained decrees of divorce from their wife and husband respectively, the husband being Mr. George John Somerville.

Earl Russell obtained a divorce from his wife on the ground of desertion, alleging that she had left him nearly ten years ago.

The second Countess Russell obtained her divorce from Mr. George John Somerville on the ground of cruel treatment. She wat married to Mr. Somerville in Aberdeen, Scotland, July 23, 1889. She ceased living with him July 4, 1899.

Earl Russell and the new countess arrived in England May 7, last. On his arrival he declared that he was long past being surprised at anything his former wife did when told that a suit alleging bigamy was threatened.

**Chaffee-Waldersee Incident.**

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The German foreign office makes the following statement regarding the Waldersee-Chaffee incident, based on a cable dispatch just received from Field Marshal Von Waldersee: "General Chaffee wrote Field Marshall Von Waldersee a letter in a rough tone. Field Marshal Von Waldersee refused to receive it. He returned the same to General Chaffee. The latter then wrote a second letter apologizing for his objectionable expressions, whereupon Field Marshal Von Waldersee invited General Chaffee to breakfast and the incident closed."

**An Antarctic Expedition.**

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 11.—Professor Nordenskiöldt of the University of Upsala has arrived here to make preparations for his trip to the antarctic region.

**Married In Denver.**

DENVER, Dec. 11.—Paney G. Vouro Vouraky, son and heir of George Vouraky, one of the hereditary chieftains of the island of Crete, one of the best versed men of the day in the languages of the Orient, with a record as a soldier under many flags and an officer of the United States secret service, was married in Denver by Magistrate Rice to Mrs. Effie Cook, daughter of Fred Smith, and granddaughter of the late Colonel McMartin of the British guards.

**Again In Operation.**

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 11.—After being idle many months, the iron furnace is again in operation. The fires were kindled yesterday and it is said the furnace will remain permanently in operation. The furnace is owned by the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke company. It is expected that the establishment of kindred iron working enterprises will soon follow.

**Terrific Pace Kept Up.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—There were nine teams in the six days' bicycle race at Madison Square Garden this morning after a record breaking 24 hours, in which one champion was forced to quit and a number of other riders were raced off their wheels. The terrific pace set by the three leading teams is still maintained.


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## HAZING OF BOOZ TO BE INVESTIGATED

### House Passes Resolution Authorizing an Inquiry.

### TAX REDUCTION BILL UP

**Oleomargarine Bill Goes to the Senate and Is Referred—Secretary Root Suggests Changes In the Army Bill. Other Washington News.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. — When the house met Mr. Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, reported back from the committee a substitute for the Driggs resolution for an investigation of the alleged hazing of Oscar L. Booz at West Point.

The substitute was as follows:

"Whereas, It is alleged in the newspapers that Oscar L. Booz of Bristol, Pa., formerly a cadet at the United States Military academy at West Point died at his home from injuries purporting to have been the result of hazing inflicted upon him by certain unknown cadets of the said Military academy, and

"Whereas, the secretary of war is now making investigation of the facts, be it

"Resolved, that said secretary be requested to report the result of such investigation to the house of representatives together with such recommendations as he may see fit to make."

The report of Secretary Root, together with Superintendent Mills', is attached to the resolution.

Lovering W. Noyes and Charles Truax of the National Business League of Chicago and Mr. Butler of New York addressed the house in favor of the reorganization of the consular service on merit lines.

Representative Aldrich of Alabama was heard on his bill to establish a diplomatic and consular school at Washington, similar to the Military school at West Point and Naval school at Annapolis, and set forth the merits of the merit plan.

**Root Recommends Changes.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate committee on military affairs today considered the army bill. Secretary Root was before the committee for a brief time and recommended some changes. He was followed by General Miles, who continued his remarks of yesterday. General Wilson, chief of engineers, also was before the committee.

**Oleomargarine Bill Referred.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The oleomargarine bill, which recently passed the house, was today referred to the senate committee on agriculture without division.

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

**President Will Receive the Governors. Other Exercises.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The centennial celebration of the establishment of the seat of government in the District of Columbia will begin at 10 o'clock Dec. 12 with a reception by the president to the governors of the states and territories at the executive mansion. This function will be followed by an exhibition of the model and drawings of the proposed enlargement of the executive mansion at 11 o'clock in the east room, when the following addresses will be delivered:

Colonel Theodore A. Bringham, U. S. A., "The History of the Executive Mansion During the Century 1800-1900;" Hon. Henry B. MacFarland, "The Development of the District of Columbia During the Century 1800-1900;" Governor Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, "The Development of the States During the Century 1800-1900."

In the afternoon a military and civic procession will escort the president to the capitol where at 3:30 o'clock joint exercises will be held in the hall of the house of representatives, Hon. W. P. Frye presiding.

Addresses will be made as follows: "Transfer of the National Capital from Philadelphia," Representative Jame Richardson of Tennessee; "Establishment of the Seat of Government in the District of Columbia," Hon. Sereno Paine of New York; "History of the First Century of the National Capital," Senator Louis E McComas of Maryland; "The Future of the United States and Its Capital," Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia; a historical oration by Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts.

In the evening a reception will be given in honor of the governors of the states.

**Mobile Collectorship Contest.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Alabama Republicans are still up in the air with regard to the Mobile collectorship. Ben Walker, who is back in the fight now, has District Attorney Vaughan's indorsement. Governor Johnston has filed a protest against the appointment of Houston of Birmingham, based on transactions when Houston was postmaster and Johnston was on his bond.

**McKinley Meets Harrison.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. — President M'Kinley and ex-President Harrison met last night at a dinner given by Justice Harlan of the supreme court. The fact of the president accepting an invitation where he would meet ex-President Harrison is taken to effectively dispose of the reports in circulation that the relations between the two had been strained of late.

**Fire In South Carolina.**

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 11.—Fire has destroyed the entire business district of North, a small town on the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad. The fire originated in O. K. Livingston's dining-room and spread rapidly. Ten buildings, with their contents, were destroyed, entailing a loss of about $4,000. Little insurance was carried.

## CAPTAIN SHIELDS IS INVALIDED HOME

### Wounds Incapacitated Him For Further Service.

### THRILLING EXPERIENCE

**He Tells of the Capture of His Command After a Desperate Battle With the Filipino Rebels—Other News and Gossip of the Army.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11. — Captain Devereaux Shields of the Twenty-ninth infantry, U. S. A., has been invalided home on account of two wounds received in one of the most thrilling adventures of the war in the Philippines. Captain Shields and 52 men left Santa Cruz, on the island of Marinduque, on Sept. 11 last for the purpose of reconnoitering. Two days later they fell into an ambush and were fired upon by about 200 men with rifles, who were supported by about 2,000 men with bolos, Captain Shields being wounded.

"I was twice wounded and fell unconscious, but soon recovered and then gave the order for the command to fight my way back to the station. I told them to leave me with a man from the hospital corps.

"I dropped behind a rice stack and told the men to raise the white flag. The insurgents continued to fire at us. The men fought their way back a short distance and were surrounded and had to surrender or be killed.

"After the insurrectos came to me one of them took all my belongings. Another man was just going to shoot me when I saw a hand and arm come forward and strike up the gun.

"We were kept in native hovels for 19 days and then we started on a march over the mountains, through dense forests and across rivers, compelled to sleep in mud and rain and given only the dirtiest water with which to wash my wounds. This continued until Oct. 19 when we were told that orders had been received to turn us over to the Americans. We were taken to Buena Vista and turned over to General Hare."

### SURGEONS SAIL FOR MANILA

**Recruits Arriving at San Francisco. Home From the Philippines.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Recruits are arriving at the Presidio from various enlistment points throughout the country at the rate of about 150 a week. There are at present over 400 at the barracks. The following medical contingent will sail for Manila on the Logan Sunday.

Assistant surgeons—W. L. Whittington, C. W. Thorpe and M. Purcell; contract nurses, Marie E. Moore and Henrietta Morrison; steward, George Graham and three hospital corps men.

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Captain Shields, telling of the engagement, said:

**Ten Died Enroute.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The United States transport Hancock arrived from Manila from Nagasaki with her flags at halfmast. She left Manila with 299 enlisted sick and discharged soldiers and civilians. At Nagasaki the body of Corporal Victor J. Linderman of the Third artillery was transferred from the hospital ship Relief. On the voyage from Nagasaki ten sick soldiers died.

### PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED

**New Orleans Limited Wrecked and Eight People Injured.**

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 11.—The Illinois Central's Cincinnati and New Orleans limited No. 103, southbound passenger train, was wrecked at Ilsley, Ky., 54 miles below here at 2 o'clock this morning. Six cars were ditched; the chair car turend over. The tender trucks jumped the track while the train was going 45 miles an hour, causing the wreck.

The injured are: G. W. Northrop, Colfax, Md., head; Mrs. A. M. Coots, Princeton, Ky., left eye, shoulder; J. W. Scott, Battle Creek, Mich., face mashed; Ed Monefee, Covington, Tenn., both knees and bowels; C. N. Underwood, engineer, scalp; C. H. Summons, Owensboro, Ky., left eye and back; Miss Nora Munns, Dawson, left eye; James Franklin, Pullman car conductor, scalp wounds.

None of the injuries are serious, except those of Monefee and Summons, who are in a hospital here.

**Drove Shears Through His Neck.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—George Waggener, a salesman, committed suicide today by driving a large pair of shears through his neck, making use of a hatchet to accomplish the act. Domestic trouble is the reason assigned.

**Boycott on Sunday Trains.**

RALEIGH, Dec. 11.—The North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Newberne has declared so vigorously against Sunday trains and Sunday newspapers that it really advocates a boycott.

**Acquired by the Standard.**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—A deal has just been made whereby the Standard Oil company acquired the Allen interests of the Pacific coast. The purchase price is said to be in the neighborhood of $1,000,000.

**Lowry Acquitted.**

RICHMOND, Dec. 11.—William Lowry, arrested three weeks ago for buncoing J. H. Callaway of Wilkes county, Ga., out of $500, for which he had just sold a lot of fine cattle here, has been acquitted.


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## BULLETIN CAUSES A BREAK IN COTTON

### March Contracts Drop 50 Points In 5 Minutes.

### MAY ALSO DECLINES 33

**Report Places This Year's Yield at 10,100,000 Bales and Prices Go Down Like a Flash—Later on the Market Strengthens Again.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The cotton market opened with prices 3 points higher to 5 points lower and all the forenoon exhibited intense nervousness though ruling comparatively tame in speculative sense.

Soon after the call a sharp rally occurred in a flurry of room and outside covering, started by a sudden shift in the trend of fluctuations in Liverpool. Thereafter variations in the local pit were narrow with the market apparently in a position to bolt either way upon the slightest provocation.

Late in the morning shorts made a wild dash to cover on rumors that the government report had become known and was bullish. Prices advanced 15 points on these reports.

At midday just before the government report reached the exchange prices showed a slight net advance over Saturday's closing figures. Soon after 12 o'clock the government report estimating the cotton crop at 10,100,000 bales on the acreage of 25,034,734 was announced. This was more than 250,000 bales in excess of the popular estimate and caused a panic to sell, under which prices dropped 40 to 50 points in a few minutes.

Intense excitement prevailed and the selling was enormous. Large blocks of long cotton was dumped on the market which had been bought on the bullish rumors. Europe and the south were also heavy sellers. On the break March dropped from 9.54 to 9.04; January from 9.64 to 9.20, and May from 9.45 to 9.00.

### BREAK AT NEW ORLEANS

**Bearish Crop Bulletin Causes a Panic on 'Change.**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—The bureau report came like a thunder clap to the local cotton market today. It had been eagerly anticipated, but before it was read on the floor of the exchange at 11 o'clock there were perhaps not half a dozen members of that body who believed that it would exceed 9,750,000 bales.

When the figures, 10,100,000 bales, were given the effect on the market was instantaneous. It dropped like a flash.

In less than five minutes from the reading of the report March contracts had declined 33 points, from 9.40 to 8.87, while May, during the same time, went from 9.33 to 9.00, a drop of 33 points. It was shown, therefore, that the greatest weakness is in the near months.

After the sensational decline the market showed a disposition to rally and to reach a level again.

**Mr. Croker Is a Joker.**

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