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CONGRESS AT WORK

Lawmaking Body Organizes and Gets to Work

WILLIAMS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Speaker Cannon is Re-elected and Rules of Last Congress Are Adopted After Humorous Speech in Opposition by Mr. Williams.

Washington, Special.—Congress convened with little of the pomp and circumstance of other days. The presence of so much fuss and flowers conflicted with the idea of the eternal fitness of things entertained by the older statesmen. Hence, the formality of the opening session has become a somewhat less spectacular affair. However, much fine treatment in the galleries relieved the sombre aspect of the floor, where flowers were bare, and the event proved as interesting in many respects as of yore.

The following caucus nominations were elected:

Clerk—Alexander McDowell, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Henry Cassoin, Wisconsin.

Doorkeeper—F. B. Lyon, New York.

Postmaster—Joseph C. McElroy, Ohio.

Chaplain—Rev. Henry N. Couden, Michigan.

The rules of the Fifty-eighth Congress, including the standing orders relating to the consideration of pension and claim bills on Fridays, on motion of Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, were ordered continued during the Fifty-ninth Congress. This resolution will be offered by Mr. Dalzell, when the House is organized next Monday.

Several New Senators Sworn In.

Washington, Special.—In the Senate Monday several new Senators were sworn in, including Mr. Frabler, of Tennessee. The credentials of Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, were presented by Senator Mallory. Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed as a committee to wait upon the President, together with a similar committee from the House.

The Message Read.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress received the attention of the House for two and a half hours Tuesday. Its reading was listened to with marked attention and at its conclusion the documents was applauded. Preliminary steps were taken toward appropriating the needed emergency funds for the Panama Canal. Should unanimous consent be refused for its consideration, a special rule from the committee on rules will be available which will put the bill on its passage after a limited period for discussion.

Mr. Webb, of North Carolina, introduced a bill to have daily reports made on the amount of cotton ginned during the ginning season.

In the Senate.

The Senate was in session for almost three hours Tuesday and gave practically all of its time to listening to the reading of the President's annual message. There was a large attendance of Senators and the galleries were well filled, most of the time with representatives of the general public. The document received close attention from both classes, senators following the reading from beginning to end with printed copies in their hands.

Wednesday in the House.

With an opportunity for unlimited debate on the subject of the Panama Canal, the House extended its oratory on that subject in a session of four and three-quarter hours Wednesday. The bill appropriating \$16,500,000 for the canal work, which was the subject of discussion, will be read for amendment and placed on its final passage. The feature of the debate was the criticism indulged in by both Republicans and Democrats regarding the incompleteness of the statement of expenditures and estimates furnished by the canal commission.

Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) reviewed the canal work, stating that \$10,000,000 had been expended and that particular attention had been paid to housing employes on the isthmus and in rehabilitating the machinery the French company had left there.

In the Senate.

Senator Lattimer re-introduced his good roads bill. Senator Simmons introduced a bill providing for a permanent commission to investigate the executive departments. Senator Overman presented a bill providing for a commission whose duty it shall be to enlarge the foreign market for American cotton.

Senator Culberson introduced a bill making it a felony for an insurance company or any other corporation to contribute money or anything of value toward the election of a President or a Vice-President of the United States.

To Apportion Direct Tax.

Mr. William Kitchin has introduced the following joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to direct taxes:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following amendment be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States which when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States shall become, and be a part

of the Constitution, to wit:

"Direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States according to the real and personal property, as assessed for taxation, situated in each State not belonging to each State or to the United States."

For Public Buildings.

Congressman Blackburn has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a public building at Salisbury, and a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Mt. Airy. Representative W. Kitchin has introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at High Point.

RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLED

Former Minister of War Sakharoff is Assassinated With a Revolver in the House of the Governor of Saratoff by a Woman Who Had Asked to See Him.

London, By Cable.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated December 5, sent by way of Edytkaumen, Prussia, says:

"Lieutenant General Sakharoff, former Minister of War, was assassinated."

"The government had deputized General Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff for the purpose of quelling the agrarian riots there."

"A woman belonging to the so-called 'lying columns' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the Governor of Saratoff at noon and asked to see General Sakharoff."

"She fired three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot."

"The tidings reached St. Petersburg. Count Witte charged Lieutenant General Rudnik, Minister of War, with the task of breaking the news to Mme. Sakharoff."

"The event has created a profound impression in St. Petersburg, owing to fears that the revolutionists here will follow the example thus set."

"The spectre of a military dictatorship, which has been looming on the horizon, is slowly gaining consistency and sharpness of outline."

"I am personally convinced that Count Witte's faith in the good sense and political tact of the Russian thinking classes, which recently was as firm as a rock, is gradually weakening, and with it his hopes for the carrying out of the liberties promised in the Emperor's manifesto."

Fearful Conditions Prevail.

St. Petersburg, Special.—Intense alarm prevails here. Communications with the outer world by telegraph ceased when the Finnish operators joined their Russian comrades. The embassies, legations and banks are hastily organizing courier services to both Finnish and German frontiers. The population is almost in a state of panic, fearing that the railroads will stop running and that the inhabitants therefore will have no mode of flight in the event of the cataclysm which they seem to fear is imminent.

First Train to Knoxville.

Nashville, Special.—A big crowd gathered at the Tennessee Central depot to see the first Illinois Central and Southern trains leave. This first Illinois Central train left at 8:05 o'clock. It will run regularly between Nashville and Princeton, Ky. At 9:40 o'clock the first Southern train left going on to Knoxville, instead of stopping at Harrison as heretofore. The American Express company also entered Nashville along with the Illinois Central railroad. It is expected that by December 10, through services in both directions will be inaugurated, as well as a great improvement in the local service.

Architects Win.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—A mistrial was ordered in the celebrated \$200,000 suit of the State against Architect Frank P. Milburn and Contractors Mellvain, Unkefer & Company for alleged faulty and fraudulent completion of the State capitol. The jury had been out since 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

It cannot be said with certainty how the jury stood, but members of the panel say that the vote stood throughout eight for a verdict against the defendants of \$65,000, three for a verdict for the defense and one willing to compromise on a small verdict against the defendants.

Ginners' Association Says 9,623,000.

Dallas, Special.—The report of the National Ginners' Association on this year's cotton crop was made public here. The report gives 9,623,000 bales as the season's yield.

President J. A. Taylor issued a statement saying that the crop report has been practically completed and he has allowed two per cent. for an under estimate.

Rumored Depew Has Resigned.

New York, Special.—A rumor has gained circulation that Channey M. Depew had resigned from the United States Senate. When questioned concerning the rumor, the Senator said, "I am tired of making denials of unpleasant questions, and am resolved not to talk further to newspapers. I will deny nothing nor will I affirm anything. I have learned a lesson from the past."

A WOMAN HANGED

The First Female Legally Executed in Years

LEGAL EFFORT FOR MRS. ROGERS

Mary Rogers Left Her Husband Over Two Years Ago—Afterwards Affecting Reconciliation at a Meeting Place Agreed Upon.

Windsor, Vt., Special.—Mrs. Mary Rogers, the woman who murdered her husband some two years ago and for whom so much has been done to have the sentence of death changed to life imprisonment, was hanged Friday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock, at Windsor, Vermont. This ends one of the most celebrated cases in the criminal history of this country.

Mrs. Rogers went to her death without any show of emotion. She made no statement or confession. A short religious ceremony was held with Father Delaney, just before the march to the gallows. Before the signal was given to spring the trap she nodded her head that she was ready.

Every ingenious device, known to law, was used to save Mary Rogers from the gibbet, and it was not until the case was disposed of by the Supreme Court of the United States late last month that all hope was given up of saving the woman's life. Had there been one mitigating circumstance; had there been one spark of womanhood in Mary Rogers, had she shown slight possibilities of regeneration, Governor C. J. Bell, of Vermont, might have interceded. The murder was as brutal as that of Mrs. Martha Place, who hanged her step-daughter to pieces because of jealousy, in Brooklyn. Gov. Roosevelt declined to interfere and save her from electrocution in March, 1899.

Ginners' Association Report.

Dallas, Special.—The following is the cotton report of the National Ginners' Association:

Reports sent us from the whole cotton belt, every postoffice represented, indicates a total crop of 9,623,000 bales, with 8,486,000 bales ginned up to December 1. The crop thus far picked is 92 1/2 per cent, and 88 per cent has been ginned.

The reports by States is as follows: Alabama, 1,001,000 ginned; 95 per cent picked.

Arkansas, 420,000 ginned; 89 per cent picked.

Georgia, 1,594,000 ginned; 97 per cent picked.

Indian Territory, 242,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked.

Louisiana, 344,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked.

Mississippi, 820,000 ginned; 87 per cent picked.

Missouri, 31,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked.

North Carolina, 561,000 ginned; 96 per cent picked.

Oklahoma, 234,000 ginned; 87 1/2 per cent picked.

South Carolina, 975,000 ginned; 98 per cent picked.

Tennessee, 198,000 ginned; 89 per cent picked.

Texas, 1,978,000 ginned; 92 per cent picked.

(Signed)

N. T. BLACKWELL, Secretary.

J. A. TAYLOR, President.

Died of Lockjaw.

Wilmington, Special.—An eight-year-old son of Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Sanders died as the result of lockjaw, following a wound from a toy pistol received Wednesday a week ago. It is probable that the board of aldermen in view of other accidents recently from the same cause, will pass an ordinance forbidding the sale of toy pistols of the kind that carry the deadly blank cartridge.

Pat Crowe Acquitted.

Omaha, Neb., Special.—Pat Crowe, who has been on trial on a charge of shooting, with intent to kill Officer Albert Jackson, on September 6, was acquitted. Crowe was remanded to jail to await trial on the charge of highway robbery, in connection with the kidnapping five years ago of Eddie Cudahy, son of E. A. Cudahy, a millionaire.

By Wire and Cable.

At Greensboro, N. C., Dr. Joseph B. Mathews was held for action of the Criminal Court without bail on the charge of having caused the death of his wife by administering poison to her.

To Reduce Naval Force.

Washington, Special.—Reduction of the American naval forces in Dominican waters form a squadron of protected cruisers to a "mosquito fleet" of gunboats, has been determined up on by the President. Rear Admiral Royal B. Bradford, commanding the squadron will be ordered North. His squadron will be relieved in Dominican waters by a squadron consisting of the cruiser Dixie, flagship and the gunboats Yankee, Duquesne, Paducah, Nashville and Scorpion. The Dixie will carry a guard of several hundred marines.

APPOINTMENTS READ OUT

North Carolina Methodist Conference Adjourns—Several Changes in Presiding Elderships.

Wilson, Special.—The annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which has been in session here for several days, adjourned Monday noon. The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Rev. A. C. Bundy. A number of committees, which failed to report Saturday, submitted their reports. Bishop Wilson made a brief talk before reading the appointments.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—W. H. MOORE, Presiding Elder.

Edenton Street: R. F. Bumpas.

J. O. Guthrie, Supernumerary.

Central: C. W. Robinson. E. Pope, Supernumerary.

Brooklyn and Garner: G. W. Starling.

Epworth: C. L. Read.

Cary: G. B. Starling.

Clayton: J. J. Rinn.

Smithfield: J. H. Shore.

Selma: F. A. Bishop.

Kealy: Supplied by R. H. Whitaker.

Wakefield and Mission: Supplied by F. F. Eare.

Millbrook: G. T. Simmons.

Yonessville: D. B. Parker.

Franklin: N. E. Coltrane.

Louisburg: L. S. Massey.

Tar River: A. L. Ormond.

Granville: J. D. Pegram.

Oxford Station: F. M. Shamburger.

Oxford Circuit: W. H. Pucket.

Raleigh Christian Advocate: T. N. Ivey, editor.

Methodist Orphanage: J. W. Jenkins, superintendent.

Student in Vanderbilt University: G. R. Root.

DURHAM DISTRICT—J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder.

Durham: R. C. Beaman.

Main street: T. A. Smoot. (Carr Church: M. D. Giles.

Bronson: Supplied by J. W. Autrey.

Mangum Street: E. M. Hoyle.

West Durham: J. H. McCracken.

Durham Circuit: G. W. Fisher.

Chapel Hill: M. T. Pyle.

Hillsboro: M. M. McFarland.

Mount Tabor: J. B. Thompson.

Leasburg: M. D. Hix.

Roxboro: K. D. Holmes.

Milton: J. A. Dudley.

Yanceyville: W. H. Kirtan.

Burlington: E. M. Snipes.

Burlington Circuit: S. F. Nickles.

East Burlington: Graham and Haw River; N. C. Yearby.

Alamance: C. M. Lance.

Trinity College: J. C. Kilgo, President.

E. A. Yates, lecturer.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder.

Fayetteville: Hay Street: D. H. Tuttle.

Fayetteville Circuit: V. A. Royall.

Hope Mills: T. J. Dailey.

Cokesbury: L. H. Joyner.

Sampson: D. A. Watkins.

Bladen: E. B. Craven.

Buckhorn: J. H. Buffalo.

Dunn: J. A. Lee.

Duke: J. M. Daniel.

Newton Grove: N. H. Guyton.

Pittsboro: C. P. Jerome.

Haw River: E. E. Rose.

Goldston: C. O. Durant.

Siler City: R. W. Bailey.

Carthage: R. H. Broom.

Elise: J. W. Hoyle.

Sanford: J. H. Frizzelle.

Jonesboro: J. C. Humble.

Lillington: Supplied by L. B. Pattishall.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—J. N. Cole, Presiding Elder.

Rockingham Station: J. E. Underwood.

Rehobeth: A. J. Groves.

Richmond: N. L. Seabert.

Mt. Gilead: S. T. Moyle.

Pekin: W. A. Jenkins.

Troy: W. R. Royall.

Montgomery: Supplied by W. J. F. Stubbs.

Aberdeen: D. N. Caviness.

Hamlet: Rufus Bradley.

St. John and Gibson: F. B. McCall.

Laurinburg Station: R. A. Willis.

Maxton and Caledonia: E. McWhorter.

Red Springs: S. E. Mercier.

Rowland: J. W. Broadway.

Lumberton: Z. Paris.

Elizabeth: W. Y. Everton.

Robeson: J. M. Ashby. R. W. Townsend, Supernumerary; W. H. Townsend, Supernumerary.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—M. Brawshaw, Presiding Elder.

Wilmington: Grace: N. M. Watson.

Fifth Street: A. McCullen.

Market and Bladen Streets: A. J. Parker.

Scott's Hill: Y. E. Wright.

Onslow: D. C. Geddie.

Jacksonville and Richlands: R. R. Grant.

Magnolia: W. E. Brown.

Kenansville: J. W. Martin.

Burgaw: W. F. Sanford.

Clinton: J. S. Barnes.

Whiteville and Chadburn: J. T. Draper.

Columbus: C. W. Smith.

Carver's Creek: Supplied by J. M. Marlowe.

Waccamaw: L. E. Sawyer.

Royal: J. M. Wright.

Town Creek: A. D. Betts.

New River: To be supplied by J. C. Wheabee.

Student at Vanderbilt: J. M. Culbreth.

NEW BERN DISTRICT—E. H. Davis, Presiding Elder.

New Bern Cemetery: G. T. Adams.

Goldboro—

St. Paul, W. L. Cunningham.

St. John: W. P. Constable.

Goldboro Circuit: Supplied by J. M. Carraway.

Mount Olive Circuit: P. Greening.

Mount Olive and Faison: J. W. Potter.

LaGrange: H. E. Tripp.

Hookerton: J. P. Pate.

Snow Hill: J. M. Benson.

Kinston: J. D. Bundy.

Dover: W. A. Forbes.

Grifton: L. S. Etheridge.

Craven: G. B. Webster.

Jones: Supplied by F. S. Beeton.

Pamlico: D. A. Futrell.

Oriental: J. J. Booker.

Carteret: W. A. Piland.

Morehead City: R. H. Willis.

Beaufort: H. M. Eure.

Atlantic: C. C. Brothers.

Straits: Supplied by B. F. Watson.

Ocracoke and Portsmouth: To be supplied by E. W. Read.

Missionary Secretary: R. H. Willis.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—R. B. John, Presiding Elder.

Washington Station: L. E. Thompson.

Bath: J. M. Lowder.

Aurora: J. H. M. Giles.

Swan Quarter: Supplied by W. H. L. McLaurin.

Mattamuskeet: J. E. Saunders.

Fairfield: J. Y. Old.

Greenville: J. A. Hornaday.

Farmville: W. F. Galloway.

Grimesland and Vanceboro: B. E. Stainfield.

Bethel: E. C. Sell.

Tarboro: R. C. Craven.

Robersonville: B. B. Holder.

Elm City: J. L. Rumley.