

CONGRESS MEETS IN ANNUAL SESSION AT THE CAPITAL CITY

59th Congress Now Organized. Brief Proceedings in Senate. New Senators Sworn in. Adjourns Out of Respect to Deceased Senators.

The House Organized, Mr. Cannon Nominated for Speaker by the Majority and Mr. Williams by the Minority. Several Bills Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congress convened with the usual formalities. The session of the two bodies were brief. In the Senate, the routine incident to the first day was transacted, after which an adjournment was taken, out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Platt of Connecticut.

In the House greater interest was attached to the proceedings, because a complete organization was necessary. This included the election of Speaker and other officers and the drawing of seats by members of the House. The first session of the 59th Congress has been looked forward to as one likely to be more than ordinarily eventful.

The matter to be urged upon the attention of Congress will include Railroad Rate Legislation, Insurance Companies, Statute for the remaining Territories; Panama Canal Construction; Immigration, and the treatment of the Chinese under the present exclusion law; the raising of revenue against a possible deficit; the control of corporations engaged in interstate business; the corrupt use of money in election; the Philippines; Santo Domingo and the other Western Republics; tariff questions and commercial competition with Germany, as well as the usual diversified subjects which the various executive departments annually present to be reviewed by Congress.

Early in the day the lobbies of the hotels were crowded by many visitors preparing to attend sessions and the crowds on the streets were all directed toward the big marble building on the hill.

Visitors were greeted with may changes both on the exterior and interior. The finger marks of time had been scored away in nine months that have elapsed since last session.

No dogs had floated over the capitol for nine months, save on National holidays, but early today they were raised over the East and West entrances as soon as the sessions were called to order the flags were shown over the building and were lowered when adjournment was taken.

The regular attendants at the opening session of Congress missed the usual tributes of flowers with which friends of the members have testified their admiration and esteem. A year ago a resolution was adopted prohibiting the bringing of flowers into the Senate chamber and the rule has the had effect of stopping the sending of such testimonials to the House.

Calls Senate to Order. It was a familiar scene at 12 o'clock when Vice President Fairbanks called the Senate to order. There were a few changes in the membership. Death had taken away Senators Bate of Tennessee and Platt of Connecticut. There were no changes among the Senate officials.

The galleries, public and reserved, were filled in the audience were the families of many Senators and men in public life and several members of the Diplomatic Corps. The hum of voices ceased when the Vice President's gavel sounded and Chaplain Edward Everett Hale made the opening prayer.

He concluded by asking the Senate to join with him in the Lord's Prayer. Sixty-eight Senators responded to the call.

Bills Introduced. Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, introduced a bill providing for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a home for aged negroes in Washington, the money to be taken from the arrears of pay and bounty and estates of deceased negro soldiers of the civil war.

He also introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to accept a tract of land near Greenville, where the body of Andrew Johnson, former President, lies, and establishing the same as a fourth-class national cemetery.

Credentials Presented. The credentials of the Senators elect were presented and the new Senators were sworn in. Senators Allison and Morlan were appointed as a committee to wait upon the President together with a similar committee from the House. Senator Burkley notified the Senate officially of the death of Senator Platt of Connecticut. Resolutions in memory of the late Senator were read after which the Senate adjourned as a further mark of respect.

Exactly at noon, Major Alexander MacDowell, Clerk of the House, called that body to order, standing in his place directly in front of the speaker's chair, which was vacant.

Representative Hepburn today introduced a bill to amend Panama Canal Law, so as to facilitate the sale of bonds and appropriating \$16,500,000.

Speaker Nominated. At the conclusion of roll call, Mr. Cannon was nominated for speaker by the majority and Mr. Williams (Mississippi) on behalf of the minority.

Speaker Cannon received 243 votes and Mr. Williams 128. Clerk McDowell declared Mr. Cannon the "Duly elected speaker of the 59th Congress." Mr. Cannon was escorted to the chair amid applause and addressed the House in a speech of acceptance. The oath was then administered to members.

Officers of the House of the last Congress were elected and sworn in.

COMMISSIONERS MEET. Jurors Drawn For January Term of the Civil Court.

The county commissioners met this morning at the court house and continued in session until 3 o'clock. Routine business took up most of the day's work.

It was ordered that the county purchase a traction engine at a cost of \$1,274.60 and a new crusher, Champion No. 4, for Little's Camp.

It was ordered that Chairman Wadlington be authorized to look into the matter of settling with Squire J. W. Cobb and H. C. Severs, for looking after delinquent tax list.

Several rebates were allowed on properties that had been returned twice.

The following jurors were drawn for the January terms of the civil court that meets the third Monday in that month:

First week: H. A. Stowe, Geo. M. Meyer, T. B. Hoover, P. K. Goodrum, M. W. Christenbury, J. Lee Campbell, S. E. Cashion, R. S. Stewart, J. W. Brown, T. H. Austin, C. W. Miller, Chas. Rozzell, H. M. Nathan, J. C. Bell, H. C. Nantz, J. M. Potts, J. G. Freeland, E. J. Thornburg, R. D. Mooney, A. E. Stevens, W. H. Wilson, R. S. Blythe, W. F. Muse, J. E. Sustain.

Second week: C. M. Barnett, W. S. Starnes, W. S. Clanton, J. M. Wilson, C. M. Johnston, S. A. Armstrong, Geo. L. Dooley, E. L. Johnston, H. Howard, J. W. Zimmerman, J. R. Wilkes, John R. Pharr, McD. Watkins, W. C. Sutton, H. H. Orr, C. Dowd, A. W. Whitaker, S. L. Dunn, R. G. Broce, D. V. Potts, S. M. Neely, W. A. Taylor, P. A. Chester, W. S. Biggers.

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. Held a Meeting at the Court House This Morning—Much Routine Business.

At a meeting of the county board of education held today, a great deal of routine work was accomplished.

It was decided that hereafter when any school in the county did not show an average attendance of 40 pupils, the county superintendent would take from such school the second teacher, leaving only one in charge.

It was also discussed at length the advisability of making some other arrangements in regard to securing the school books on time. Superintendent Cochran states that he has had a good deal of trouble in getting the books that are absolutely necessary for the schools.

Another matter taken up and which was discussed at length was as to how to increase the attendance at the different schools during the winter months. Nothing definite, however, was decided on.

NEW CHARTERS GRANTED. Gov. Glenn Returned From New Bern, Where He Delivered Address.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—Two charters have been granted for new enterprises at Durham. The Sun Hill Dairy Co. with a capital of \$1,500, R. B. Boone, and East Durham Drug Co. with a capital of \$5,000, L. S. Abernethy.

Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a fine boy, J. Bryan, Jr., who tips the scales a 10 pounds.

Governor Glenn returned today from New Bern where he delivered the address at the memorial services by the Elks. He says he enjoyed the services immensely and the hospitality and welcome accorded him were delightful.

SEN. OVERMAN WILL PROPOSE BILL OF VITAL INTEREST

Will Probably Introduce Bill in Senate This Week Providing for Commission to Investigate Market Conditions Throughout the Entire World.

Object to Promote Exports of American Products. Cotton Export Trade Concerned. The Senator Says we Should Get Lot of England's Trade.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, probably will introduce in the Senate this week, a bill providing for the establishment of a commission to investigate the market conditions throughout the world and make such recommendations as will promote the export of American manufactured products.

The bill provides for the commission of five members and the employment of experts, to last three years, and to cost not more than \$500,000.

It is stipulated that the commission shall: "Consider ways and means for the enlarging of the export trade in cotton products and other manufactures of the United States."

Senator Overman said that he did not intend that the commission should go into the tariff problem, as it should be non-partisan and for the benefit of all the manufacturers.

"It is generally recognized that there is a strong need of such a commission because of the poor showing made by our manufacturers in the world market," said Senator Overman.

"The cotton products of the South are increasing every year. The South exports more than seven million bales of raw cotton, which are manufactured into cotton goods in England and sent back to South American countries, where \$52,000,000 worth were sold to Argentine alone last year. Why should we not get that trade, instead of England? This commission is intended to help find that market."

NATIONAL GINNERS' REPORT. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 4.—The report of the National Ginner's Association on this year's cotton crop was made public last night. The report gives 5,223,000 bales as the season's yield.

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

THE SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS THE TAX. The Tax on the South Carolina Dispensary System Declared to be Legal by Court of Last Resort. Dispensaries Taxed as Individuals.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the National Government may properly tax the State Liquor Dispensaries of South Carolina. The opinion was delivered by Justice Brewer in the case of the State of South Carolina vs. United States. This action was instituted by South Carolina to recover \$20,000 paid to the revenue officers of National Government on account of the sale of liquors by the State and County Dispensaries under the Dispensary Law.

EXECUTION OF MRS. ROGERS. Governor Bell Says Execution Will Not Be Interfered With.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Governor Bell of Vermont, who is here to attend the dinner of the New England Society, denied that he intended to prolong his absence until after the execution of Mrs. Rogers. He added that the execution would not be interfered with by the Governor.

LANE SUCCEEDS FIFER. Californian Succeeds Ex-Gov. Fifer On Interstate Commerce Commission.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—It was announced today that the President will appoint Franklin Lane, of San Francisco, to succeed former Governor Fifer of Illinois, on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

GOV. ISSUES REPORT OF COTTON CROP

Department of Agriculture Issues Report of Crop for U. S. In Year 1905-'06 at 10,167,818 Bales. Big Advance in Market Follows Report.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—The crop reporting board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, finds that from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau that the total production of cotton in the United States in the years 1905-6 will amount to 5,223,217,555 pounds (not including linters) equivalent to 10,167,818 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

A area picked and to be picked is estimated at 26,117,153 acres, a reduction of \$82,339 acres, or 3.3 per cent, from the acreage estimated as planted.

The estimated production in 500 pound bales, by states, is as follows: Virginia, 16,501; North Carolina 545,055; South Carolina, 995,027; Georgia, 1,564,311; Florida, 77,173; Alabama, 1,266,797; Mississippi, 1,212,846; Louisiana, 555,437; Texas, 2,382,975; Arkansas, 618,463; Tennessee, 355,917; Missouri, 49,867; Oklahoma, 231,838; and Indian Territory, 324,605.

Congressman Admitted. For the first time in its history, the Crop Estimating Board of the Department of Agriculture, admitted persons other than members of the board to be present during its deliberations.

At 7:30 o'clock this morning, Secretary Wilson escorted Representatives Burleson of Texas, and Bowie of Alabama, to the board room so that they might witness the method of preparing the cotton crop estimate. The doors were locked and, as the board was delayed in getting up its estimate, two Congressmen were unable to go to the Capitol to participate in the opening of Congress. Secretary Wilson also was unable to receive visitors today.

LITTLE SERMON BY THE RECORDER. He Thinks it Better to Die of Stomach Trouble Than for a Young Man to Become a Drunkard on Prescription Whiskey. Other Cases Heard.

The Recorder's docket this morning was not a lengthy one but several cases of interest were tried. Probably the one in which most interest was centered was the charge against J. M. Donoghue, who last night created a disturbance in the hall of the Salvation Army on North College street.

Donoghue, accompanied by a friend, entered the hall at the time the Salvation Army was conducting service. He and his friend took a seat in the rear of the building and commenced talking out loud. Captain Smith, who was in charge of the service, asked that Donoghue and his friend be taken from the building. Some member of the Army went out and got Officer Irving who promptly ejected Donoghue and escorted him to the police station.

In court this morning Donoghue did not deny the charge but admitted that he had been drinking. When asked as to where he got his liquor he replied that he secured it, "on a subscription" given him by his family physician.

"What is your physician treating you for?" asked the court.

"I have had a bad case of indigestion for the past 15 months," replied Donoghue.

"Does your physician prescribe whiskey for indigestion?" asked the court.

"Yes, sir, he has given me whiskey on three different occasions."

At this juncture, the father of Donoghue asked to speak a word in behalf of his son. He stated that the boy had been under the care of a physician for the past 18 months; that he was not addicted to the use of whiskey but that he managed to get some yesterday by some means. He also stated that he heard that his son was in the toms last night but by way of punishment he did not take him out.

The court here stated that it would be better by far to allow the boy to die with stomach trouble than to fill a drunkard's grave. A \$50 bond was required for Donoghue's appearance at the present term of court to answer the charges of disturbing religious worship.

DR. J. B. MATTHEWS, IN JAIL, ATTEMPTED SUICIDE THIS A. M.

Dr. Matthews, Charged With Murder of his Wife, This Morning Attempted to End his Life by Cutting His Wrist with Spoon Handle.

When Discovered Blood was Flowing Freely Into Bucket. Last Night he Swallowed Match-heads and Tobacco. Is Now Guarded Closely.

Special to The News. Greensboro, Dec. 4.—Dr. J. B. Matthews, in jail for wife murder, awaiting preliminary trial this afternoon, came near ending his life by cutting his wrist with a spoon handle at 11 o'clock this morning.

The physicians reached him in time to stop the flow of blood and he is now out of danger.

A guard has been placed in the cell with him. A prisoner in an adjoining cell noticed him lying on his cot with his bandaged wrist hanging down. Asking what was the matter, Matthews responded that he was cold and had bandaged his pulse to make him warm.

Suspecting something wrong, the jailer was notified and on investigation found the prisoner with a tin spoon handle and he had failed to sever the artery. He had tied a handkerchief over it and was holding his hand down with the edge of the blanket concealing it, while his blood flowed in a bucket.

Last night Matthews swallowed a quid of tobacco, several match heads and charred stumps of cigarettes he had been allowed to smoke during the day. The physician gave him a powerful emetic and he slept afterwards better than he has at all, and seemed better this morning.

force was a little short on cases the witness went out and secured another witness against old Elijah Huntley. The court reminded Mr. Stewart that the officers were sworn to do their duty and in this instance they were doing nothing short of their sworn duty.

Frank Carson, a small negro boy, was before the court charged with the larceny of a pair of trousers, the property of the Bee Hive. Witnesses testified that the boy had repeatedly walked in the Bee Hive, taken some article of merchandise and gone on the outside and wrapped it up. Later he would return asking that the article be taken back and the money refunded. Carson admitted the theft of the pair of trousers and the court bound him over to the present term of the Superior Court in a \$50 bond.

In the case of Bunyon Howell, who was taken from the Academy of Music Saturday night, in a drunken condition, the court stated that Howell would not be allowed to forfeit his bond, and the case was continued until tomorrow morning.

John Smith, colored, who works for the city water works, was before the court charged with being drunk on Sunday. Chief Irwin stated that he arrested Smith on East Fifth street yesterday morning and that he had two grips, filled with whiskey. The liquor was in pint and half pint bottles and the total amounted to four gallons. Smith declared that he went to Salisbury Saturday night to purchase liquor for his own consumption; that he carried the bottles with him to Salisbury where they were filled. Chief Irwin testified that Smith was a hard working man but that he would get drunk occasionally. A fine of \$10 and the costs was the judgment of the court.

2000 ENGAGED IN MUTINY, 70 DEAD

Fearful Mutiny Takes Place. Was Oponent Battalion, 200 join in Destruction. Over 70 Killed and 300 Wounded. Many Surrender.

By Associated Press. A dispatch to Lokai Berlin, Dec. 4.—A mutiny broke out at Podwoloczyska December 3 noon, says: "One company of Apontoon battalion mutined today, and fully armed marched through the streets, trying to persuade the other troops to join it. The only engineer corps did so. The mutineers were 600 strong, continued the march, halting before the barracks of the An Azoff regiment."

During the demonstration at the barracks several mutineers fired, wounding an officer and two or three soldiers. The troops then fired upon the mutineers who returned the fire and fled. The casualties on both sides were about 70 dead and 300 wounded. Two hundred mutineers surrendered.

Officers to Be Elected. At the meeting of Charlotte Lodge, K. of P. tomorrow night in Castle Hall, the semi-annual election of officers will be held. Several matters of interest will be taken up and all members are urged to be present.

STATE LAW SUSTAINED.

Supreme Court Sustains South Carolina Law Case Manigault vs. Ward & C. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—The Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the decision of the United States Circuit Court for the District of South Carolina in the case of Arthur Manigault vs. S. M. Ward & Co., to maintain a dam in Kinloch Creek, in Georgetown county, S. C. Manigault claimed that as the creek is navigable the maintenance of the dam is contrary to the South Carolina Constitution, which provides that all navigable waters shall forever remain public highways and also contrary to the Federal Constitution, in that it deprives him of valuable rights without due process of law. The dam authorized by State law and the law was sustained, as in consonance with the Police Powers of the State.

TWO LARGES FIRMS. Charters Granted Two Big Firms at High Point at \$100,000 Capital Each. Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 4.—The Carolina Life Insurance Co. and the N. C. Fire Insurance Co., both of High Point, were chartered by the same citizens, a hundred or more being the incorporators of both; among them being W. J. & E. M. Armfield, Westcott Robertson and W. H. Ragan.

An order was made in the office of Adjuant General for the Inspector General, T. H. Bain, to go to Lexington to muster in the new military company being organized there.

Mrs. W. M. Ely, wife of the night watchman at the Governor's mansion, who was stricken with paralysis at noon, is in a critical condition.

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It was then they found he had broken a rib. His partner, Vanoni, immediately took the vacant place and made up one of the lost laps.

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Lieutenant Charles Pendleton Shot Native Policeman—Story Finally Leaks Out. By Associated Press. Cebu, P. I., Dec. 1 (via Manila)—Lieut. Charles Pendleton, of the constabulary, ordered four native soldiers into the vehicle in which he was driving. A native policeman stopped him and ordered him to light the lamps on the vehicle, when Pendleton shot him dead.

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BRITISH CABINET RESIGNS. English Premier Visits King and Tenders Resignation of the Cabinet. By Associated Press. London, Dec. 4.—Premier Balfour visited King Edward this afternoon and it is understood, tendered the resignation of the Cabinet.

Store Broken Into. The store of Mr. W. A. Pierce at the corner of Mint and Hill streets, was broken into last night and several articles of merchandise were taken. The thief gained entrance to the store by boring holes through the floor from underneath. Mr. Pierce states that he has missed several boxes of cigars, a lot of cakes and other eatables. The police have the case in hand.

CEASELESS GRIND OF BICYCLISTS BEGAN AT 12 P. M.

Over 18,000 Spectators Gathered Last Night at Midnight at Madison Square Garden to See the Opening of the Six Day Bicycle Contest.

Nearly 8,000 People Remained in Their Seats all Night Watching the Contestants. One Man injured in Accident. Distance Made.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 4.—All through the night thousands of persons sat in Madison Square Garden watching the ceaseless grind of the six-day bicyclists which began at midnight and will continue throughout the week. At the start it was estimated that 18,000 persons were crowded around the track.

At 3 o'clock no less than 15,000 remained in their seats and when daylight broke nearly half that number still slung to their chairs. Only once was there anything approaching a serious accident.

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