

Congress Opened With a New Speaker in the House

Democrats Oppose the Rules and Vote Solidly to Reject Them--Correspondence Relating to the Isthmian Revolution Called For

Washington, Nov. 9.—The House of Representatives convened at noon. Today's session was full of interest to the spectator, likewise to the new members, but to the veteran it was a routine proceeding.

The drawing of seats was then entered into. There were not a sufficient number of seats on the Republican side to accommodate all the Republican members and the overflow took seats in "the Cherokee strip," as it is called, on the Democratic side, the outside section of seats.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs in the last congress, was agreed to:

"That the president be requested to communicate to the house all of the correspondence and other documents relating to the recent revolution on the isthmus of Panama."

At 3:35 the House adjourned until tomorrow.

THE SENATE

Hanna and Gorman the Biggest Men in It for the Time Being

Washington, Nov. 9.—With galleries crowded, with the chamber a mass of elaborate floral tributes and every senator in his seat, the gavel of President Pro Tem. Frye sounded at noon today, calling the Senate together in the second extraordinary session of the fifty-eighth congress.

The special session of the Senate following the adjournment last spring of the fifty-seventh congress eliminated much of the routine work which otherwise would have been prolonged today.

Senator Hanna's pronounced victory in the Ohio election won for him what was one of the most pretentious floral designs ever seen in the Senate, a shield 3 1/2 by 4 1/2 feet of blue immortelles, in which was wrought out of California grasses, ribbons and red, white and blue immortelles, the design of the American eagle identical with that on a silver quarter of a dollar.

When Senator Hanna came through the swing doors he was greeted with cheers, which increased to thunderous applause, as he was followed a moment later by Senator Gorman and the two met in the center aisle for a cordial handshake.

The Senate was called to order as the hands of the clock reached noon, and Rev. F. J. Pretyman of Washington made the opening prayer.

The formal proclamation calling the Congress in extraordinary session was read.

Mr. Bacon of Georgia presented the election certificate of Senator S. R. Mallory of Florida, who took the oath. At the roll call 70 senators answered and President Pro Tem. Frye declared a quorum present.

Mr. Platt of Connecticut offered a resolution to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was ready to proceed with business. Mr. Hoar and Mr. Gorman were appointed a committee to join a committee appointed by the House to inform the president that Congress had organized and was ready to receive any communication he had to make.

A smile spread about the Senate when Mr. Frye, president pro tem, made the announcement. The selection by the chairman was, of course, in

recognition of Mr. Gorman's leadership of the minority. But the recent outspoken criticism of President Roosevelt by the Maryland senator for alleged interference in state politics gave his assignment by Mr. Frye an added interest. Mr. Gorman's face seemed to indicate resignation to the inevitable as a matter of courtesy, rather than personal delight in the prospective official call at the White House.

FLOOD OF BILLS

Several Hundred Introduced the First Day of the Session

Washington, Nov. 9.—Several hundred bills were introduced in the House today. A statehood bill for New Mexico, introduced by Delegate Rodey, has the distinction of being the first House bill of the Fifty-eighth Congress, and will be No. 1. Representative Barthold of Missouri sought this distinction for a bill restoring the army canteen, but was compelled to take second place, and this bill is No. 2.

A bill giving congress the right to regulate trusts was introduced by Palmer. Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania introduced a bill to increase pay of rural free delivery carriers.

Representative Sulzer of New York introduced bills for the erection of monuments in Washington to Samuel J. Tilden and Amos J. Cummings.

PEABODY STREET

Durham Right-of-way Case to Be Argued This Week

Durham, N. C., Nov. 9.—Special. The Peabody street suit is to be argued before the United States circuit court of appeals in Richmond this week, either today or tomorrow. This is an appeal from a decision by Judge Purneff of the eastern district court at Raleigh. The question at issue is one that has been in the courts for a long number of years, as to who owned Peabody street, the city or the North Carolina Railway. Judge R. W. Winston and Mr. H. A. Foushee, the latter city attorney, and both representing the city in this litigation, have gone to Richmond to appear in the case. This suit has nothing to do with the union depot question, as that matter has been decided. Before leaving here Judge Winston said he thought it very probable that the case would go on to the United States supreme court before it was finally settled. In one form and another this case has been in the courts about fifteen years.

DAVIDSON DEFEATED

South Carolina Won by a Score of 29 to 12

Davidson, N. C., Nov. 9.—The pigskin chasers of the South Carolina College met those of Davidson College on the Charlotte gridiron this evening. In ten minutes Wyman had made a touchdown for South Carolina, but failed to kick goal. In the remainder of the half the visitors made two other touchdowns, leaving the score at the end of the first half 17 to 0 in their favor. In the second half McCallie for Davidson made a 55 yard run, dropping the pig skin over South Carolina's line. Fetzer then made a difficult goal kick. The next touchdown was made by Fetzer for Davidson on a sixty yard run. South Carolina then made two other touchdowns and goal kicks, leaving the score 29 to 12 in their favor.

THE KAISER'S THROAT

Reports of His Indisposition Occasions Some Alarm

Berlin, Nov. 9.—In conversation with the correspondent of the Sun today in regard to the illness of the Kaiser, Dr. Gheimrat Renvers, who attended the late Emperor Frederick, expressed the belief that the bulletins issued by the physicians were entirely reliable. Personally, he said, he was convinced that the emperor's illness was of a harmless, simple nature, common to teachers, preachers and military officers; in fact to every one who has to use the voice constantly. It has no more to do with cancer than catarrh of the stomach has to do with typhoid fever. None of the symptoms of cancer were mentioned in the report of the diagnosis, and it may be expected that the Kaiser will be in his normal health, possibly in three or four days.

a malignant cancerous growth could be transmitted from parents to children. Dr. Renvers answered emphatically in the negative.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—It is announced semi-officially today that the condition of the emperor is entirely satisfactory.

No Joke About Cockrell

Washington, Nov. 9.—It developed at the capitol today that the recent talk about the aged Senator Cockrell of Missouri as a presidential candidate is no joke. It was so regarded by many Democrats until last Saturday when, at a protracted conference between Mr. Cockrell and his colleague, "Gum Shoe Bill" Stone and Colonel Moses P. Wetmore, the erstwhile octopus hunter, Mr. Cockrell, somewhat against his own judgment, agreed to the plan of having him stand as Missouri's candidate for the nomination.

FERGUSON'S BOOM

Novel Method Adopted to Boost a Candidate for Philippine Commissioner

Manila, Nov. 9.—An extraordinary aggregation of three thousand Americans, Filipinos and foreigners of all classes made a demonstration today in favor of the appointment of A. W. Ferguson, executive secretary of the Philippine commission, as the new member of that body when Governor Taft leaves for Washington and Mr. Wright succeeds him. They paraded through the streets at first and afterward held a meeting at the theatre, where it was resolved that cablegrams should be sent to President Roosevelt and Senator Frye, president pro tem of the Senate, urging the appointment of Mr. Ferguson. The demonstration was all the more remarkable because it was a combination of factions and races that have hitherto opposed each other.

BLACK STATES

A Colored Bishop Offers a Solution of the Race Problem

Washington, Nov. 9.—Bishop Lucien Halsey, colored, of the African Methodist Zion church, stirred up a lively discussion in the opening session of the National Sociological Society yesterday afternoon by proposing in a paper to have the national government set aside one or more states of the union for the exclusive residence of the colored race. He would fashion the segregation much after the manner of the removal of the Indians to the Indian Territory. He did not attempt to discuss any of the practical features of the plan.

The society is holding a three-days' conference in this city to discuss "the race problem in the United States." A half dozen phases of the problem are on the program, the first, that of race segregation coming up yesterday afternoon. About 250 educators and ministers, both white and colored, have arrived to address the conference.

"The two races have never lived in harmony," said the bishop in his paper, "and I am of the opinion that they never will. The south is called the white man's land, but if that is true the race has proven a poor guardian of the colored man. Today the colored laborer is being crowded out of shops and fields in the south by white laborers. The laborers are now about one-half white and one-half black. The colored laborer has proven to be the most expensive the south has ever tried."

Bishop Halsey deplored the mixing of the two bloods. Ex-Representative George H. White of North Carolina was elected president of the conference. The necessity for creating a commission to consider the various phases of the race problem will be considered before the conference adjourns.

WITH A BOARD

A Young Woman Kills Her Aged Husband

Baltimore, Nov. 9.—The case of a young wife killing her aged husband has been unearthed by the authorities of Baltimore county. The tragedy occurred shortly after six o'clock last Thursday evening on a farm about two miles west of Reisterstown. The victim was Michael Smith, a farmer aged 67. He was killed by his wife, Edith Smith, 38 years old. She hit the man over the head with a piece of flooring four feet long during a quarrel. The tragedy occurred in the presence of their four children in the yard. After being struck the man fell unconscious, and was put to bed by his wife and children. Next morning about five o'clock, it was said by his wife, that he was still unconscious. A doctor, then summoned, found Smith dead, but his body still warm. The tragedy was the culmination of a long series of quarrels between the husband and wife. A brother of the dead man suspected foul play, and at his instance an investigation was made by the coroner. Mrs. Smith said her husband was drunk on cider and abused her when she struck him.

Lottery of Drawing Seats in the House

Pou Gets First Choice on Democratic Side--All but Two of the Delegation Present at the Opening of Congress

BY THOMAS J. PEXOS

Washington, Nov. 9.—Special.—The fifty-eighth congress assembled today in extraordinary session, and there were many stirring and interesting scenes in both houses that gave a vast assemblage of people no little enjoyment. The statesmen of both parties who triumphed in last week's political battles were reminded that there is always acclaim for the victor. Senator Hanna was the object of favor on the part of the Republicans who gave him a welcome that was most impressive. No less intense was the demonstration accorded Senator Gorman when he made his appearance. Over in the house George B. McClellan was the hero of the day in popular favor.

Democrats seemed to be particularly pleased with their political position, which is admitted to be better than for ten years past. This was a general topic of conversation in lobbies and cloak rooms, but one that overshadowed it was the administration's position in the Panama situation. The precipitate action of the president in creating the South American incident promises to be the liveliest subject that will be considered at the extraordinary session. Senator Teller found many supporters today when he declared that "the haste with which this government extended recognition to the new outfit is positively indecent. The making of a republic in twenty minutes is a mistake."

The North Carolina delegation was present at the opening today with the exception of Senator Simmons and Representative Claude Kitchin. The latter wired that he was detained at home by the illness of his child. Several admiring friends sent flowers to some of the members. Overman was remembered.

Representative Pou had the distinction of drawing the first seat on the Democratic side in the house today. Many jealous eyes were cast at the representative from the fourth district as he walked down the center aisle, and after casting his eyes around, made the selection of the most choice seat in the possession of the minority. Mr. Pou took the aisle seat in the second section, which is third from the speaker's stand. Immediately behind him is J. D. Richardson of Tennessee, and sitting two seats in front is George B. McClellan, the next mayor of Great New York. The seat is the best any North Carolinian has had in a good while.

The drawing of seats was the most interesting feature of the opening day of congress. It brings each member individually into the limelight, and it is interesting to watch the joys and disappointments of members, according to the way they are located. George B. McClellan, who won the big victory in New York's municipal contest last week, was given an ovation. He received the demonstration of the day as he strode rapidly to his seat at the very front. Wm. R. Hearst was remembered as he modestly walked to his chair just across the aisle from the one occupied by J. M. Gudger, Jr.

The drawing of seats was not begun until the two floor leaders and the two veteran representatives of the two parties were allowed to select seats. Sibley of Pennsylvania, who was once a Democrat, drew the last seat, and the house was in a roar as he walked over to the outside of the Democratic row, where he was forced to sit. Representative Thomas was nearly as untucky as Sibley, for he was third from the last named called, and was finally seated on the last row of the "Cherokee strip," with Clayton of Alabama at his right. Patterson, next to Pou, played in luck. He drew a seat early and is located by the side of Mr. Pou, though he does not have an outside seat. His other neighbor is Shirley of Kentucky. W. W. Kitchin and R. N. Page were next called. They got very good seats in the same section with Pou, but one row behind him. Their neighbors are Richardson of Tennessee and Burnett of Alabama. Wm. R. Hearst followed Page, and then there was applause. J. M. Gudger, Jr., was next in order, and while on the "Cherokee strip" got a fairly good seat. Webb and Klutz were named close together and they took adjoining seats in the section with Pou, Patterson, Kitchin and Page, but back toward the rear. They are between Padgett of Tennessee, of Bowie of Alabama, Griggs of Georgia, is at their backs.

When Claude Kitchin's name was called his brother selected a seat for him in the third section, but towards the rear. His side partner is Butler of St. Louis, whom the Republicans have fired out of three congresses, and whom they hope to unseat in a few weeks. Mr. John H. Small fared badly, but he has distinguished company. He is on the last row of the first section, but with that he is better off than

those in the Cherokee strip. On the row with him are some of the war heroes of Democracy, notably Livingston of Georgia, Bankhead of Alabama, Gaines of Tennessee, South Trimble of Kentucky and Dinsmore of Arkansas.

The delegation met this morning and agreed as to what committee assignments the ten members would request. All that was asked for was not expected, so when the entire delegation called on the minority leader, Mr. Williams, at his quarters in the Metropolitan Hotel this afternoon, they were not disappointed when informed that it would be impossible to accede to a number of their requests. Membership on the appropriation or post office committee, to which Mr. Klutz aspired, was declared to be an impossibility. Hope was held out to Mr. Klutz for an assignment on the important foreign relations committee. He will retain membership on the census committee. Mr. Williams also intimated that there was little chance for a North Carolinian on the agricultural committee. Mr. Page wished to make this committee and Representative Gudger had similar ambition. Mr. Williams read a list of twenty applicants for the three vacancies on the agricultural committee.

In presenting Mr. W. W. Kitchin's request for transfer to the judiciary from the naval affairs, Mr. Williams intimated that this change could be made. As spokesman of the occasion Mr. Pou presented the unanimous demand of the state that Mr. Small be given a place on the river and harbor committee. No intimation was given as to what would be done in this case. Mr. Thomas will retain his place on public buildings and grounds, and his claim for appointment on military and naval affairs was presented. There are three vacancies on the committee for the District of Columbia, and Mr. Williams intimated that Mr. Pou could be assigned to this committee. He will remain on the civil service committee. Claude Kitchin wishes to remain on the committee on claims. Webb desires assignment to either the elections or educational committee. Patterson had not fully decided upon the assignments he will request.

The interview with Mr. Williams was most pleasant and cordial. The minority leader expressed a desire to do all he possibly could for North Carolina. There is much log rolling for these committee assignments, which will not be announced until the regular session in December, save in three instances.

It cannot be stated with any degree of certainty how the different members will fare. Messrs. Small, Klutz and Pou were originally supporters of John Sharp Williams before it was certain that he would be the minority leader, and the presumption has been that they would be well taken care of in the matter of committee assignments. At the meeting of the Tar Heel delegation in the morning, over which Mr. Kitchin, the senior member, presided, a committee consisting of Small, Page and Webb was appointed to take some action and arrange a program for the entertainment of the North Carolina Press Association on the occasion of its meeting here in December. Communication will be opened with President Verner on this subject.

A committee consisting of Representatives Klutz, Small and Pou is to look after the recommendations of the delegation for committee assignments. They are to follow up the action taken today. Ex-Representative Blackburn was on the floor of the House shaking hands with the boys. He says he does not know whether he will be a candidate for congress, but Republican politicians say he will.

The House delegation from the state was sworn in by the representatives from North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon and Pennsylvania. A. D. Watts and F. L. Carr, secretaries to the two senators, are here. Roscoe Mitchell has also arrived on the scene. He is living in Chattanooga.

It is said tonight on good authority that Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama, chairman of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, is to be displaced. Senator Hanna is to succeed him, so the rumor says. This will clinch the canal in favor of the Panama route, as Senator Hanna is known to be in sympathy with the recent movement of the administration.

Minnesota Case Advanced

Washington, Nov. 9.—The United States supreme court granted the motion, recently made on behalf of the state of Minnesota, to advance the progress of the case against the Northern Securities Company, and named January 4, after the cases already set for that date, as the time for hearing the case. The state had asked that the case be set for hearing in connection with the proceeding of the national government against the Securities company, for which December 15 already had been set.

Sultan Sees Spooks

Paris, Nov. 9.—It is reported that the Sultan of Turkey is seriously ill. He is suffering from general anaemia and has hallucinations.