

Blooming Prospect for Empty Benches

If Congress Will Not Adjourn Members Will Go Home and Leave It Alone—Carmack Resolution and Senator Simmons

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Washington, Nov. 24.—Special.—There is a remarkable situation respecting the adjournment of the special session of Congress, which to say the least, is amusing. The official relations between the House and the Senate are exceedingly strained. Neither body is transacting any business and there is a tacit agreement that nothing shall be done until the regular session December 7. The Senate managers think it would be a good thing to call the present session to a close, the object for which it was called together having been practically attained, but Speaker Cannon says to adjourn the session with the Cuban bill undischarged would, he thinks, be an insult to the president, though that is hardly true. There will not be a quorum of either the Senate or the House in Washington after tomorrow, and there is nothing doing except that Speaker Cannon is harried in his committee room, endeavoring to arrange his committee lists, and Senator Morgan and others are talking with no special object in view.

As Senator Simmons said today, some of the leaders in Congress are acting like petulant school children. All the members and senators wish to adjourn tomorrow will probably find both bodies without a quorum, but this condition does not apparently annoy Uncle Joe, who is jealous of the rights of the House and who is particularly down on the Senate's method of doing business. Some of the conservative members predict that an agreement will be reached and adjournment taken the last of the week, while others think that the special session merges into the regular session, December 7th. One member observed tonight that if Uncle Joe persists in his determination not to allow the session to adjourn he may be left to wield the gavel over empty benches during the remainder of the session.

Senator Simmons left for New Bern this afternoon. Representative Patterson left during the morning, and Mr. Thomas is the only member of the delegation on deck. He will be home-bound tomorrow. Senator Simmons was called away on private business and does not expect to return until the regular session. Mrs. Simmons and daughter will remain here. The reference of the Carmack resolution for the investigation of the scandals and rascality in the post office department to the committee on post roads and post offices will probably bring Senator Simmons into the lime light, he being a member of that committee. It was Senator Gorman's intention to have the resolution referred to Senator Carmack's committee, but the members of the post office committee insisted that it go to them where it properly belonged. The Republicans have not fully determined whether or not they can afford to suppress an honest and non-partisan investigation. They would do so without ceremony if it were not for the fear of a bad effect on the country. Speaking of the proposed investigation, Senator Simmons said:

"I believe an investigation of the post office scandals by a disinterested committee of Congress is desired by the people of this country. The investigation by the department has certainly not been satisfactory. Men high up in the Republican party have been charged with wrong doing, and certainly the people are entitled to an inquiry by others than post office officials. The Democrats will ask for a thorough investigation."

While it is not likely that a public building bill will be passed at this session it is regarded as certain that such a measure will be put through a year hence. Of course Winston will present her claims, though another hard fight will be necessary if the citizens hold to their determination for the purchase of the county court house. Representative Thomas, who is a member of the committee on public buildings and grounds, was asked today what other North Carolina cities would ask for public buildings. "Salisbury is one," Mr. Thomas declared, and I think Winston will be another. Measures for public buildings in those three places—Winston, Salisbury and Kinston—will probably be pressed by the Far Heel delegation. The president declined a few weeks ago to receive a silk flag of his country worked by the hands of a patriotic young lady, but accepted today a Thanksgiving turkey, the gift of a Rhode Island farmer who is advertising his business. When he declined to receive the flag Mr. Roosevelt was under fire by the press of the country because he had accepted for his spectacular two months trip through the west a magnificent free train, stocked with liquors, wines, cigars, etc. The president caused it to be announced at that

time that he would not be the recipient of any more gifts. The steam yacht Gretchen, belonging to J. B. Reburn, has arrived from Heron Island, N. C., where her owner has a hunting lodge. The yacht spent the fall months on the coast of Carolina. It will remain here for the winter.

At the marriage of Miss Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnes, to Philip Marquardt of Asheville, N. C., which will take place tomorrow, the bride's youngest sister, Miss Lotta, will act as bridesmaid, and her niece, Miss Lauterbach, as maid of honor. Mr. James L. Hayes will act as best man. The ceremony will be witnessed by the immediate family only, after which a reception will be held at the residence of the bride's parents on Capitol Hill.

Naval Constructor H. L. Ferguson of North Carolina has been detached from duty at the Newport News ship building yards to Washington. His assignment here is with the bureau of construction and repair.

The Senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations: Ella C. Peace, to be postmaster at Oxford; Benj. T. Person to succeed Samuel H. Vick as postmaster at Wilson; Claudius D. Holland to be postmaster at Gastonia; Elisha C. Terry to be postmaster at Hamlet.

Representative C. E. Patterson, who returned home this morning, has had no little trouble with his mail since he came to Washington. It happens that there are three members of the Patterson tribe in Congress, hailing from the states of Pennsylvania, Tennessee and North Carolina. The Pennsylvania Patterson answers to the name of George R. He has served in congress so long that the postal authorities can not distinguish the B. in the name of the Tar Heel Patterson, and much of his mail finds its way to the Pennsylvania. "My only hope for the present," the popular representative from the sixth district declared, "is that my constituents when writing to me will address me as Gilbert B. Patterson."

Judge and Mrs. Pritchard will leave Thursday for Chicago for a short trip, returning Tuesday morning, when the justice will resume his court duties.

The Misses Godshaw and Mrs. Flora D. Winter of Tryon, N. C., are visiting in the city.

John Sharp Williams, the Democratic minority leader in the House, returned tonight from New York where he went last week to rest and complete his assignment of Democrats to the committees. Mr. Williams made great progress in making up his committee list. The president has heard so much talk recently about his native state being in the doubtful column politically speaking that he has become alarmed. This talk comes from Republicans as strongly as it does from Democrats, and Mr. Roosevelt, so his friends say, does not understand it. Today Governor Odell and Republican State Chairman Dunn arrived here and were guests of the president at the White House at conference tonight, where Senator Platt was also invited. The president wants to patch up the differences between himself and the governor and between the governor and Mr. Platt with the hope of making a strong fight next year to hold the state. Rumor has it also that the president is not altogether satisfied with Odell's loyalty, being fearful that he may ally himself with the fortunes of Senator Hanna, should the moment appear propitious. The conference of the New Yorkers attracted much attention in political circles.

Today's arrivals include Claude B. Barbee and J. M. Turner of Raleigh and Henry A. Gilliam of Tarboro.

CHANGE OF BASE

A Wilson Hotel Man Going Into New Quarters

Wilson, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—The genial and generous Fred Perry, who managed the new Briggs Hotel so admirably and made it one of the best and most popular hotels in the state, has resigned his position there and taken charge of the Seabrook, which he will conduct on the European plan. In connection with this he has fitted up a neat and elegant and attractive cafe for ladies and gentlemen, where everything that is appetizing and delicious will be served in the highest style of the culinary art; for Fred Perry is one of the best hotel men in the state and knows how to cater to the most fastidious taste.

TROOPS AT THE MINES

A Serious Situation at the Coal Fields of Utah

Salt Lake, Nov. 24.—The strike in the centre of the coal fields became so serious that the militia was called out. Reports of violence on the part of the strikers are coming in hourly and serious trouble is feared when the troops attempt to restore order. From statements made to the governor, it appears that fully one-half of the miners are desirous of continuing their work, but have been compelled to quit on account of the assaults and threats of death. Several hundred Italian strikers

paraded the streets of Castle Gate today bearing an American flag held up-side down as a sign of their contempt. Many reg flags were waved by Italians.

The strike in Utah was ordered by John Mitchell in sympathy with the Colorado strike. The miners demand recognition of the union, which the operators declare they will never grant.

General Cannon, who commands the state troops, said tonight: "We are not to be jeered at or sneered at, and anything savoring of intimidation or disorder is to be checked without delay if it takes all the military force of the state to do it."

Bomb in a Crowd

Vienna, Nov. 24.—Instigated by a desire to obtain revenge for the dismissal of 500 of his fellow employes, a man employed in railway work today threw a bomb into a group of men among whom was the contractor who had discharged the men. Six of the men were killed and sixteen injured.

HILL'S CURRENCY BILL

A Measure Designed to Improve Currency Conditions

Washington, Nov. 24.—Representative Hill of Connecticut introduced a bill today "to improve currency conditions." The bill contains seven sections, each one of which changes some part of existing fiscal law.

The measure proposes to make it possible for the secretary of the treasury to deposit all government receipts in national banks by eliminating the words "except receipts from customs"; repeals the \$3,000,000 limit on the withdrawal of circulating notes; provides that the subsidiary coinage may be increased by the receipt of silver; certificates and greenbacks may be changed to meet the demands of business; provides for a new \$10 gold certificate to take the place of the \$10 greenback; removes the restrictions on the issuance of \$5 bank notes and provides a uniform tax of 1-2 of 1 per cent per annum on all national bank circulation.

QUIET AT PANAMA

With a Few War Vessels the New Republic Could Hold Its Own

New York, Nov. 24.—Among the passengers who arrived today on board the steamer Segurana from Colon were Depabio Arosemena of Panama and Captain W. H. Delano of the United States Ship Dixie.

Speaking of general conditions at present in Panama and of its government Arosemena said:

"Things are quiet on the isthmus at present and are moving smoothly. The junta, which consists of a governing board of three, will rule until the national convention meets, which may be in about two months. The constitution will then be adopted and there will be a change in the government." He thought Panama could maintain her independence without aid from the United States, "if we could procure vessels sufficient to defend our coast. It is practically impossible for Colombia to reach us except by landing troops on our shores," he continued. "Without the United States, however, we might not be so successful, for Colombia has an excellent army, which is well drilled and competent."

ABROGATES THE BATES TREATY

General Wood's View of the Effect of the Moro Uprising in Jolo

Manila, Nov. 24.—General Wood captured the Moro position in the hills of Jolo, north of Taglibo, on the 20th inst., and destroyed the earthworks they had thrown up there.

Private Martin Brenean of the 14th cavalry was killed during the engagement and two privates were wounded, one seriously. The loss on the Moro side is known to have been seventy-five, probably more, as the ground is covered with brush and bodies are hard to find. The expedition returned to Jolo, pending an investigation.

General Wood says that so far as he can see there will be no more opposition on the part of the sultan's men who led the fighting. According to his understanding this action of the Moros abrogates the Bates treaty.

SUSPICIOUS OUTFIT

A Forsyth Farmer Had Counterfeiting Appliances in a Cupboard

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—Mr. Samuel Hauser, a prominent socialist and well to do farmer of this county, was arrested this afternoon on the charge of having in his possession tools and material for making counterfeit money. The officers found a plaster of paris die for making \$20 gold pieces of 1893 date in a cupboard at his home. Hauser claims that the tools and material

were brought to his place by William Morgan, a white man who is in jail here awaiting trial in the federal court on the charge of counterfeiting. The arrest and charge against Hauser produced a sensation, as he has always been regarded as an honest man, one who would never be suspected of making bad money. Hauser gave bond for his appearance at trial before Commissioner Beckerdite next Tuesday.

Dead in a Ditch

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—While out strolling about one mile from Salisbury Sunday two young white men named Gannup found the body of a colored man in a ditch and reported the matter to Coroner Dorsett. The remains proved to be those of Noah Craig, about 55 years of age. His death is claimed to have resulted from excessive drinking. No inquest was held. The negro owned a horse, which was found standing near the spot where its rider had fallen into the ditch.

POULTRY SHOW

First Exhibition at Lexington a Success From the Start

Lexington, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—The first show of the Piedmont Poultry Association began here today and will continue three days. Reduced rates have been secured over the railroads and a large attendance is expected. The managers say it will be the greatest display of fowls ever held in the state. Mr. T. E. Orr, secretary of the American Poultry Association and superintendent of the poultry department of the St. Louis Exposition, is here. He will deliver an address on fowl culture tomorrow. At this date there are over 500 entries for prizes and five states are represented. The officers of the association are Mr. R. L. Simmons, president, and Mr. Thos. F. Grimes, secretary, both of Lexington. Besides fowls of every description, there will be an exhibition of pheasants, Belgian hares, etc.

REMOVAL REFUSED

The Whites Will Have to Stand Trial in Rowan

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—In Rowan superior court today counsel for Thomas and Chalmers White, who have been arraigned for killing Russell Sherrill, moved to have the trial held in another county, presenting thirty-six affidavits in favor thereof. The state presented thirty affidavits in rebuttal and asked that the trial be held in Rowan, where the killing occurred. Judge Allen sustained the latter motion and ordered the case tried in Rowan. Judge Montgomery for the defense moved to have the trial continued, which motion will be heard by Judge Allen Wednesday. Hon. R. B. Glenn of Winston has been employed to assist the prosecution.

Today the grand jury found a true bill against Lon Gray for murder in the first degree for killing Jesse Brown, colored, while out hunting.

TREAT FOR NEW BERN

Col. Jos. E. Robinson Will Deliver Memorial Address to the Elks

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—Col. Joseph E. Robinson, the editor of the Argus, has accepted an invitation to deliver the memorial address before the order of Elks on Sunday the 6th of December, in the city of New Bern. Col. Robinson's reputation as an orator is too well known to need any introduction from this source. Besides being one of the best informed men of the state on political ethics, he is also one of the leading literary scholars of the state, and the Elks of New Bern are to be congratulated on securing him to deliver the memorial address. The first Sunday in December is set apart by a rule of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as Memorial Day, and is so observed with appropriate services throughout Elksdom.

Distilleries in Salisbury

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—Applications have been filed with the Salisbury board of aldermen for the running of three distilleries in this city and about seven other applications for licenses are to follow. Mayor Boyden is quoted as saying that the distilleries, if allowed to operate in Salisbury, will be required to comply with every phase of the law and the owners must keep their premises so clean and maintain quiet to the extent that even the nearest neighbors will not be annoyed by the existence of a whiskey distillery.

Yadkin Railroad Officers

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Yadkin Railroad held in this city today the following officers were elected: President, Col. A. E. Andrews; vice president, Col. A. H. Boyden of Salisbury; secretary, H. W. Miller; Cash, J. S. Henderson; Theo. F. Klutz; F. J. Murdock; E. B. C. Hambley; D. R. Julian; D. N. Bennett; Walter Murphy and J. M. Morrow were chosen directors of the road.

Four Hours Speech on Isthmian Canal

White House in Mourning

Washington, Nov. 24.—The White House is in mourning on account of the death of the president's uncle, James K. Gracie. There will be no social entertainments until the cabinet dinner. Mr. Gracie died in New York yesterday. The cabinet dinner mentioned will take place December 7.

Public Land Frauds

Washington, Nov. 24.—Representative Stevens of Texas today offered a resolution directing the secretary of the interior to report to the House the result of investigations into the land fraud cases. The resolution recites that it is currently reported that the United States had been defrauded of vast tracts of public lands by means of fraudulent entries under the stone, desert, timber and homestead acts, and that public officials have entered into unlawful arrangements to obtain possession of the public lands.

Situation Strained Again

London, Nov. 25.—In connection with the delay in the settlement of the Macedonian question the Daily News correspondent at Burdas, Eastern Roumania, reports that the situation is strained. He says the Turks have bought 4,000 cavalry horses in Hungary and that the animals are now en route to Turkey. Bulgaria has distributed 50,000 new rifles and a quantity of ammunition to her troops on the frontier. The question of war or peace will probably be decided within a fortnight.

JAY TRIAL BEGUN

People Flock to See the Man Who Murdered His Children

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—The case of State against Dr. J. V. Jay was begun in the superior court this morning, and the man who a little over a month ago murdered his three children is now on trial for his life. The case was taken up about ten o'clock. When Dr. Jay was arraigned the court room was crowded with spectators. A number of ladies were present. All the seats were occupied and men stood up around the walls of the room and inside the bar. The entire morning session was taken up with the selection of the jury and court did not adjourn for recess until 2 o'clock. Judge Carter for Dr. Jay asked his honor to give the defense time to obtain their witnesses, as there were about forty who were not present. Judge Jones had extra deputies to go after the witnesses and the case was proceeded with. Jay killed his three children Saturday morning, October 17, by beating them to death with a claw hammer.

The funeral service over the remains of Engineer Guy Moore, who was killed in the wreck on Balsam Mountain Sunday night, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Baptist church. Rev. W. M. Vines, pastor of the church conducted the services.

WILLIE ROBINSON OF SANDY MUSH

He Sees His Friends Sent to Prison and Thinks of Staying in New York

New York, Nov. 24.—Willie Robinson of Sandy Mush, N. C., was in Judge Newburger's court today to witness the sentencing of Edward Williams and Frederick Wilson, who had no trouble luring him to this city a few days ago on the pretext that they wanted to sell him green goods. They went to state prison on indeterminate sentences of from two to two and a half years, each for robbing Robinson of \$175 and a pistol.

"This man Robinson," said the lawyer for the green goods men, "came here from Buncombe county, Kentucky."

"You are mistaken," said Judge Newburger and Assistant District Attorney Train in a breath, "he is from North Carolina."

"Well, he came on here to buy with his good money a lot of bogus money that he was going to pass off on his friends. I suppose he's a deacon in some church at home. These accused men are not out to do their friends. They were out to get the coin from strangers, and when they got hold of Robinson they did not give him a chance to do his friends. They took his money, it is true; but he's worse than they are."

Willie did not mind this; he was not on trial. "I've got \$16.50 from the city for staying at that hotel," (the house of detention) he said, "I may stay here. The head constable up where these men were arrested has offered me a job. A man in the district attorney's office wants me to stay here and detect gambling houses. He said that he knew that I didn't know anything about detecting but he allowed that my looks was such that any of the gamblers would take me in, and then I could get the evidence."

Morgan Says McKinley Favored the Nicaragua Route.

Hanna Declares His Preference Was for Panama

Washington, Nov. 24.—Immediately after the convening of the Senate today President Pro Tem. Frye presented an invitation from the governor of Louisiana asking the Senate to attend the ceremonies incident to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana territory to the United States.

Mr. Carmack's resolution for the investigation of the conduct of the post office department was laid before the Senate, and upon motion of Mr. Penrose was referred to the committee on post offices and roads.

Mr. Morgan was then recognized to continue his speech on the Panama canal question. He again sharply criticized the course of the administration and of others who opposed the Nicaragua route.

Mr. Morgan, after he had been speaking for more than an hour, continued his speech from his seat, rather an unusual proceeding. Before bringing his remarks to a close, after nearly four hours, he eulogized the late President McKinley for his course in favoring the Nicaragua route, which brought from Mr. Hanna of Ohio the statement that he knew Mr. McKinley preferred the Panama route.

Mr. Morgan referred to the report of the canal commission and McKinley's endorsement of it showing he favored that route. Mr. Hanna, however, said the reason for McKinley's advocacy of the Nicaragua route was the high price (\$100,000,000) asked by the French Panama Canal Company, but that outside that price, which was considered prohibitive, Mr. McKinley favored the Panama and not the Nicaragua route.

Mr. Morgan said he stood on McKinley's public record rather than any superior information as to what he was alleged to have thought.

A resolution was adopted permitting the Senate committee on military affairs to continue, during the recess of Congress, its investigation of the charges against General Wood.

At 4:30, after a brief executive session, the Senate adjourned.

The House Takes a Long Rest

Washington, Nov. 24.—When the House convened today Mr. Payne moved that when an adjournment is taken it be until Friday.

Dr. DeArmond of Missouri asked as to the purpose of the House with reference to adjournment, saying the House had transacted the business for which it had been called in extraordinary session and that it was known what action the Senate had taken.

Mr. Payne said he had not been advised as to what the Senate was going to do, but thought the House capable of determining "so momentous" a question as that of adjournment.

On demand of Mr. DeArmond the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Payne's motion. The previous question was ordered—113 to 103, a party vote. The vote for adjournment until Friday then prevailed.

The speaker had read an invitation from the governor of Louisiana to the members of the House to be present at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the transfer of the tract purchased of France by the United States.

Mr. Meyer of Louisiana asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution accepting the invitation, but objection was made.

The House at 12:40 p. m. adjourned until Friday.

Judge Council in Dare

Manteo, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—Superior court has just adjourned here on an unusually large docket having been disposed of.

It is doubtful if any judge in years before has made the impression that Judge Council made on the bar and the general public. He is strict in his administration of the criminal law, and yet combines with that a tender sympathy for suffering that commands the admiration of those against whom he renders judgment.

The judge remained a few days after court adjourned and went on a hunting trip. He came back with several of the famous Dare county wild geese.

Tobacco Man's Promotion

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 24.—Special.—Mr. John W. King, a Greensboro man who left here two years ago to accept a responsible position with the American Tobacco Company in New York, is climbing the ladder of success very fast. He has just been promoted, having been placed in charge of the second largest division of the cigarette department of the company in the United States. His headquarters will be in Philadelphia and his territory will embrace Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Delaware and Virginia.