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FIRST SESSION

60TH CONGRESS

It Was Called to Order at Noon Today

THE MESSAGE TUESDAY

Nothing of Special Interest in the Formal Assembling of National Legislature at Washington Today.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—At noon today the first session of the sixtieth congress will convene.

While there will be plenty of activity, it is not difficult to find those who are confident in predictions that the session will be a "do nothing" one.

Advocates of deepening the Mississippi River will seek to inaugurate that enterprise and there will be an effort toward the systematic advancement of inland waterways.

It is also understood that he will recommend an enlargement of the navy and while congress does not seem prepared to follow him all the way the prospect is good for an increase.

Resolutions growing out of the financial situation will be introduced by the democrats. They will inquire into the recent issues of certificates by the treasury department, others will propound questions concerning the distribution of the national banks of the treasury reserve and still others will deal with different phases of the financial questions.

The men who do most to formulate the policies of the two houses are doing all they can to secure an early adjournment. The fact that the national convention will be held the latter part of June is being used to advantage of both republicans and democrats.

The telegraph operators, defeated in the test of strength with the two big companies, will make representations to have the telegraph business brought under control of the government.

Other questions to be discussed include extravagance in the construction of the Panama Canal, the ship subsidy matter, woman and child labor and sailing of the fleet to the Pacific.

As flowers have been barred from the floor, there was nothing much for the spectators to see but statements. These, however, were present in sufficient numbers and variety to make up

for the floral displays that were such an attraction in former years. In the house the entire membership had to be sworn in, Speaker Cannon and the other officers had to be re-elected, and seats had to be assigned.

The swearing in of newly elected senators was then taken up, after which Senator Hale, master of ceremonies, offered the usual resolution directing the appointment of a committee to act with a committee of the house to wait upon President Roosevelt and inform him that congress was assembled, and prepare to receive any communications he might be pleased to make.

The committee will not report until tomorrow. A resolution was adopted fixing the hour of meeting at noon of each day. Resolutions were then offered officially informing the senate of the death of Senators Morgan and Pettus of Alabama, and out of respect to their memories adjournment was taken.

There was a respectable showing of public interest in the senate, but the bulk of the crowd besieged the house. Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania, clerk of the last house, called the body to order. He had to pound vigorously with his gavel to secure necessary quiet.

White House Family Present. The galleries were crowded. Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth graced the presidential gallery.

The blind chaplain, Henry N. Conden, offered prayer, the roll was called by states, and a quorum found present. Uncle Joe Cannon was placed in nomination for the speakership by Col. Hepburn, chairman of the republican caucus, and John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the choice of the democratic caucus for speaker, was nominated by the chairman of the caucus.

The newly elected speaker was then escorted to the rostrum by a committee, headed by his rival, the Mississippian. The clerk read the roll by states and territories and the members were sworn in.

Having appointed committees to notify the president and the senate that the house had organized and was ready for business, John Dalzell of Pennsylvania, spokesman for the rules

SECRET SERVICE REVEALS PLOT

Revelation Shakes the Civic Fabric of Colorado

Investigation of the Assassination of Joseph A. Walker Brings to Light a Criminal Plot That Rivals the Wildest Criminal Acts of the Molly Maguires and the Mafia.

The facts to be laid before the grand jury next week. Denver, Col., Dec. 2.—Secret service officers of Chicago, who for the last few weeks have been delving into the mystery leading up to the murder of Joseph A. Walker on the lonely mountain side near Hesperus, report that they have brought to light the details of a criminal plot against the life of that officer that in its ramifications rivals the wildest plots of the famous Molly Maguires or the vendettas of the Mafia.

As a result of the revelation of the plot to the federal grand jury that meets next week it is asserted that indictments will be returned that will shake the civic fabric of southern Colorado to its very foundation.

The reports assert that four men other than Mason and Vanderweid are involved as principals in the plot and were on the mountain side armed with rifles at the time of the shooting. Mason, it was known to Walker, was one of the original locaters of the part of the property of the Porter Coal Company on which the killing occurred, but there was no charge of irregularity in the sale of 160 acres of land by him to the company.

The statement of Mason after the killing, that he did not know the man who was shot until after he had searched the body and found the papers of the officer, led to the first suspicion of a conspiracy in connection with the shooting.

LAST DAY OF BRADLEY TRIAL

Lawyers Arguing the Noted Case at Washington

UNHAPPY WOMAN'S FATE

The Final Plea For the Life and Freedom of the Woman Who Murdered Senator Brown, Former Lover and Father of Her Children, is Being Made by Her Leading Lawyer. This Afternoon—Mrs. Bradley Not Content and Jury's Verdict Doubtful.

Washington, Dec. 2.—This is the last day of the Bradley trial. Before the day is done the argument of the case will have been completed, the judge's charge read and the fate of the frail little woman charged with murdering former Senator Arthur Brown will be in the hands of the men who have patiently listened to the evidence during the last three weeks.

With the arguments of Judge Powers, chief counsel for the prisoner, and the closing speech of District Attorney Baker, Judge Stafford will charge the jury and much depends upon the instructions that the young judge will give. However, this morning Mrs. Bradley and her attorneys were confident that the law, speaking through twelve men, will say "Go, woman, and sin no more."

"Whether acquitted or convicted," said Mrs. Bradley, "and feeling that I am the same as I am now, a creature overburdened with a shame too great to be borne, I would not go on the stand again to save my neck. I felt when I was on the stand before that I had broken all of my ideals. It was only because my mother told me that I owed it to my children that I ever told my story on the witness stand. If there should be a disagreement of the jury and another trial, I will never tell the story again—never."

Launch Sinks; 3 Lives Lost

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE RAGING AT HOUSTON, TEX.

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FATAL RAILWAY WRECK TODAY

Martinsville, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Detailed cars in a rear-end collision caused a side-swipe of the t. Louis-New York express passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio road near here this morning.

The dead number two, W. L. Hoffman, 713 West Lombard street, Baltimore, and daughter Nellie, and one unidentified white man.

FATAL WRECK ON THE B. & O.

Martinsville, W. Va., Dec. 2.—The Duquesne Limited, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is reported wrecked near here. Possibly five are dead and at least a dozen are injured.

COUNT WITTE SEEKS GERMAN DOCTOR'S AID.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Count Witte has come here to consult a specialist in throat trouble. So far he has refused all invitations to discuss the situation in Russia.

Thaw Trial Again Postponed. New York, Dec. 2.—The Thaw trial has been postponed until January 6th.

MANG. EDITOR GROVES WOUNDS PROVE FATAL

Horrible Result of Explosion in the Naomi Coal Mines in Pennsylvania. Causes the Death of All the Miners Entombed—Those Who Would Rescue Them Rendered Unconscious—Heartrending Scenes at Mine Entrance—Hopeless Wives and Children.

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Eli was about sixty years old and had been in captivity forty years. She was a great favorite with the children, two thousand tots, it is said having ridden her in Atlanta in the last two weeks.

ONE ELEPHANT KILLS ANOTHER

Officials of the company are on the scene but they have refused to make any statement. A score of expert miners, including superintendents, fire bosses and foremen, employed at nearby mines, are among the rescuers. The work is under the supervision of State Mine Inspector Henry Louritz.

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TO REVOLUTIONIZE SHEET METAL MAKING

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—The Pittsburg mill district has received news of the granting of a patent on sheet metal making to Ambrose Ridd, of Newport, Ky., and it is thought here the process will revolutionize this line of work, the secret of which has long been held by Russians.

It is claimed for the patent that it will make a better and cheaper polished iron than any other plan yet brought out, and working it out here will be begun at once.

PEDESTRIAN WESTON BENEFIT A FAILURE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—The benefit performance planned for Edward Payson Weston, pedestrian, at the Garrick Theatre yesterday was a complete failure.

At the hour for the opening act less than fifty persons were in the house, and when Weston, who was to have lectured between the acts, arrived with a committee of his friends he gave his consent to have the performance called off.

The man who has been feted and cheered across 1,200 miles which he traversed like a conqueror of old, felt bitterly the disappointment at the lack of support evidenced by the poor showing in the theatre.

FIFTY MEN DEAD IN A COAL MINE

Bad Explosion Followed by Afterdamp

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The rescue work is taken as an indication that every man in the mine has perished. Officials of the company are on the scene but they have refused to make any statement. A score of expert miners, including superintendents, fire bosses and foremen, employed at nearby mines, are among the rescuers. The work is under the supervision of State Mine Inspector Henry Louritz.

The wives, sisters, brothers and fathers of the men in the mine are crowded about the entrance. Many are in such a condition that they cannot realize the extent of the calamity.

RIVER & HARBOR CONGRESS AND ITS OBJECTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Col. C. P. Goodyear, of Brunswick, Ga., a representative of the Brunswick Board of Trade, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and a delegate of the state of Georgia to the Rivers and Harbors congress, which meets here Wednesday, is in Washington today.

Colonel Goodyear has spent thirty years agitating inland waterway extension in the southern states. He was recently a delegate to the Deep River Waterways conference held in Philadelphia the latter part of November.

There will be about 2,000 delegates present at this week's session of the rivers and harbors congress. The president is Jos. E. Hensdel, member of congress from Alabama; the secretary is J. T. Ellison, of Cincinnati. Secretary Root will open the congress. Ambassador Jasser, and will make an address on French Canals, and Baron Von Stornberg will talk on German inland navigation. Senator Newlands, Hon. Theodore Burton, Colonel Goodyear, and Governor Hoke Smith, will also speak. About twenty governors will be present.

The purpose of the congress is to create greater interest in inland navigation, and to secure from congress, if possible, a fixed and annual appropriation of not less than \$50,000,000 to improve the rivers and harbors.

That inland navigation needs immediate attention by congress is evidenced by the fact that while freight traffic on railroads has increased 100 per cent. in the past seven years, railway mileage has increased only 20 per cent. One of the contributing causes to the recent money stringency was the great con-

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This is an important step for strategic reasons, since all operations in the Pacific as well as in the Atlantic should have one general direction and control. No proper development of naval efficiency could proceed without it, and it is important also as serving directly to bring about a general appreciation of the fact that geographical limits, such as our squadrons hitherto have had, were opposed to the idea of perfect mobility, by which a fleet, squadron, or division should be free of any local tie or dependence.

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WITH ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE

Aged Senator Is to Take a New Wife Soon

HENRY G. DAVIS: AGED 84

The Sprightly Old-Year Candidate for Vice-President Three Years Ago Is to Marry a Young Newspaper Woman of Washington. Who Is Young Enough to Be His Daughter's Daughter—Old Man Worth Thirty Millions and of Course There's a Family Row On Tap.

New York, Dec. 2.—According to a special from Washington former United States Senator H. G. Davis of West Virginia, eighty-four years old, multi-millionaire and democratic candidate for vice-president in the last campaign, is to be married, so intimate friends of his assert.

The bride-to-be, according to the announcement, is Miss Maud Ashford, daughter of the late Mahlon Ashford, poor in her own right, and only a few months ago earning her living by reporting for a Washington paper.

Through her marriage she will come into vast wealth, as Senator Davis has a fortune of \$50,000,000. Behind the announcement of the marriage there is a story which threatens to cause a break in the family ties of the aged senator, as well as in the friendship between Miss Ashford and the daughters of the prospective bridegroom.

The misgivings of Senator Davis apparently felt regarding the attitude of his family would have toward the proposed alliance are believed to have been reflected by the senator's action in giving each of his daughters \$200,000 just before he made known his plans. There are stories of a trousseau which is even now complete.

Whatever the attitude of Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. Lee may be toward their father for taking a bride, and, according to report, practically cutting them out of his great fortune, it is known the prospective bride fre-

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By adhering to this plan of interchange, with frequent resort to large concentrations of all, or nearly all, of one general command, in both Pacific and Atlantic, we may hope for the same gratifying results in tactics that wholesome competition has won for gunnery. In passing it should be noted that the Pacific fleet is homogeneous in the composition of its divisions, although of lighter and smaller vessels than in the Atlantic.

During the first stay of the Atlantic fleet at Jamestown a plan long under consideration was made public to send the fleet on a voyage to the Pacific as a substitute for the comparatively short cruising and the harbor work which the fleet has engaged in for the winter season of the past six or more years. Shortage of officers and men made it necessary some time ago to discontinue all training-ship cruises; so that recruits now pass to general service with only a few months' training, all given on shore.

Although by this system the recruits may not so soon become familiar with their sea duties, their development will be sounder and better, their sea experience being acquired by long cruises in regular service, as in the coming voyage to the Pacific.

Mobility and expert gunnery are the essential qualities of an efficient naval force. Neither can be dispensed with, nor can a deficiency in one be tolerated more than in the other; nor can one be developed at the expense of the other without impairing the efficiency of the whole.

Of late, devotion to gunnery has somewhat disturbed the balance, but the Pacific cruise will restore this, affording ample opportunity for training in naval seamanship, besides tactics, and experiment for all concerned in the many features of the movement of a large naval force to a distance.

CONDUCTOR KILLED IN REAR-END WRECK

Toledo, O., Dec. 2.—Frank Wiley, conductor, was killed in a rear-end collision of two Wabash freight trains near here at 2:30 this morning. His home was at Lansing, Mich.