

CONGRESS AGAIN ASSEMBLES TODAY

LAST LAP OF SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS MEETS.

Only Fifty-Three Working Days Left—No Adjournment Will Be Taken Even for Washington's Birthday.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Congress reconvened at noon following the Christmas recess. It is the last lap of the Sixty-second Congress. There are fifty-three working days left. Much business is to be done, and there will be no adjournment not even for Washington's birthday. Presentation of resolution ordering William Rockefeller's arrest for alleged evasion of Pujo committee's subpoena will be considered.

The Servant in the House.

"The hunger for brotherhood is at the bottom of the unrest of the civilized world." This quotation from George Frederic Watts is one of the thoughts on which Charles Rann Kennedy has based his great play, "The Servant in the House," which will be presented at the Concord opera house on January 8. Taking this as his thesis, Mr. Kennedy has shown that only the real and abiding happiness which can come to any human being in his work-a-day world comes through unselfish love and devotion to the service of his fellow men. It is a really remarkable company which Merle H. Norton is offering; and it has everywhere been pronounced the greatest company of players ever sent out of New York. Victor E. Lambert will be seen in the title role and the original New York production will be used. adv.

Woodmen Banquet.

Forest Hill Camp, Woodmen of the World, gave a banquet last night at the lodge room over Widenhouse & Son's store on McGill street. The banquet was largely attended, about 200 Woodmen being present, and proved a most enjoyable affair. The Forest Hill Band furnished music for the occasion.

The address of welcome was made by Mr. R. L. Hathcock, which was followed by prayer by Rev. W. M. Robbins. Speeches were made by Rev. A. D. Wanehope and Messrs. John Troutman and J. C. Pink. After the speeches were concluded refreshments were served.

The lodge is only six months old and has a membership of 107, having enjoyed a remarkable growth since it was established.

Luther McCarthy is Proclaimed White Champion Pugilist.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—Luther McCarthy, of Springfield, Mo., shattered the heavyweight champion ambitions of Al Palzer, the Iowa giant, at the Vernon arena today. For nearly 18 rounds he used the huge frame of the Iowa as a punching bag.

The middle of the 18th round Palzer staggering blindly under a volley of lefts to his battered face and when Referee Charles Eytan hoisted the right hand of the smiling cowboy pugilist, the decision was received with cheers.

O. F. King is Refused a Pardon.

Doston, Dec. 31.—The executive council has refused to consider further the petition for the pardon of Cardenio F. King, formerly of North Carolina.

Whatever hopes the former Boston financier had for his freedom have now disappeared, so far as any chance of the present council taking action is concerned.

Dr. Grier's Condition Very Favorable.

Dr. D. G. Caldwell spent yesterday in Charlotte with Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. Dr. Caldwell stated this morning that he found Dr. Grier better than he expected to. His temperature has fallen in the past few days and his appearance has greatly improved. Dr. Caldwell considers his condition favorable.

Rev. J. W. Wheeler in Extremis.

Charlotte Observer.
Rev. J. W. Wheeler was reported to be in extremis late last night, the attending physicians hardly thinking that he would survive the night. Mr. Wheeler suffered a stroke of paralysis almost two years ago which was followed by a second and then a third Tuesday.

Suffragettes Changing Their Tactics.

London, Jan. 2.—To bring about votes for women suffragettes will make prayers daily from Westminster Abbey and other Great Britain churches, believing this suggestion will be more helpful than the warlike tactics of the militant sisters.

Always Two Sides.

Durham Herald.
While the automobiles may do some damage to the macadam roads where you stopped to consider what damage most of the other roads do to the automobiles!

EARTHQUAKE GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH.

Tremor Was General in Central and Western North Carolina and Upper South Carolina.

The earthquake shock, which was felt here yesterday about 1:30 o'clock, seems to have been general in the central and western part of this State and in upper South Carolina. The Charlotte Chronicle says of the disturbance in Charlotte:

"Charlotte experienced this afternoon at 1:28 o'clock, perhaps the second most pronounced earthquake ever felt in this community, many buildings being visibly shaken by the phenomenon. The shock was distinctly noticed all over the city and in the county as well, telephone communication with some people in the rural districts confirming the statement of many Charlotteans that there had been a cataclysm."

The Observer-Chronicle building rocked as if it was in the grip of a violent storm. Chairs and loose junk about the building rattled and window frames vibrated for a considerable instant. One of the newspaper men in the offices noticed the vibration so distinctly that he half-incredulously and half-facetiously inquired of others across the hall if they had observed the phenomenon and found them thoroughly cognizant of the earthquake. In a moment telephone calls came from various parts of the city confirming what the newspaper men had observed.

Many housewives had the experience of noting the quaking by the vibration of the pots on the stove while men around the offices in the city were distinctly impressed by the strangeness of the phenomenon.

Severe in South Carolina.

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 1.—An earthquake of sufficient violence to cause a number of chimneys to topple over was felt throughout the Piedmont section of South Carolina at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The trembling of the earth continued for five or six seconds and caused people to run out of their houses in alarm. In the open country a low rumbling noise was heard.

Reports of the earthquake have been received here tonight from many places within a radius of 100 miles in all directions. The shock does not seem to have been distinctly felt at points more distant.

In Union county the shock caused large cracks to form in the old county jail, while plastering fell in many residences. Many chimneys fell down at West Springs.

At Chester the shock caused a lint-type machine to slide a short distance across the floor of a printing office.

Shakes Were General.

Charlotte, Jan. 1.—A slight tremor of the earth was felt at Charlotte this afternoon at 1:28 o'clock, but no damage was done. Advances from points in the Piedmont and mountain sections of the State show the shock to be general. At Kings Mountain a chimney was shaken down. Asheville, Gastonia, Davidson, Statesville and other points report the shock but no damage. At Gaffney, S. C., buildings were shaken and chimneys were thrown down and the shock was felt more severely at Blacksburg, S. C., than in this State.

Distinct in Greensboro.

Greensboro, Jan. 1.—An earthquake shock was distinctly felt here this afternoon about 1:30 o'clock by a number of people. The tremor was sufficient to rattle window-sash, shake beds, rock chairs, etc. Old inhabitants who resided here at the time of the Charleston earthquake, say that it reminded them of that occurrence. There was no damage.

The White Squaw.

The new romantic American drama "The White Squaw" which will be presented at the Concord opera house on Friday night, January 3, it is said unusual scenic devices are used. A full sized bark wigwam is shown, with a large collection of Indian relics which has taken years to collect. The gun carried by Jacques Cartier, the French Canadian trader, was once owned by the great chief Pontiac; the watch is used by Michabo, was carried in the war of 1812 by Colonel Kinsburg, the great grandfather of Miss Della Clarke, the author and star of the play; the clay dishes, tomahawk, bows and arrows might all tell interesting tales could they speak.

The "Deadly Toothpick."

Kinston, Jan. 1.—J. W. Moir, of the firm of J. W. Moir and company, a leading merchant of South Queen street, in this city, died at 2 o'clock yesterday at his home on Bright street of blood poisoning in a most unusual manner. Mr. Moir was confined to his bed only a few days, following an operation to remove slivers of wood which had entered his system from his constant habit of chewing toothpicks. Blood poisoning set in after the exceedingly delicate operation, and death resulted.

Procrastination is one of the most expensive forms of happiness.

CLAIMS THE TURKISH THRONE



"Princess" Eugenie Paleologo, who resides in West Kensington, England, has documents in her possession which she says prove her descent from the Byzantine emperors who reigned in Constantinople before it was captured by Mohammed IV, and so she lays claim to the Turkish throne. The real name of the "princess" is Mrs. Edmund Wickham, and she is the widow of an English colonel. Her claims are ridiculed by genealogical authorities, who assert that the imperial family of Paleologo has been extinct for many centuries.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Mr. P. M. Lafferty Buys Mr. L. E. Boger's Garage.

A business deal was consummated yesterday whereby Mr. L. E. Boger sold the Concord Motor Car & Machine Shop to Mr. P. M. Lafferty. The new owner has secured Mr. E. K. McConnell to manage the garage and he took charge this morning. The name of the garage will be changed to the Cabarus Automobile Company but the location will not be changed, the business to be conducted at the present place on East Corbin street. The new company will also absorb the Motor Company, which was conducted by Messrs. Lafferty and McConnell and which has been the agency for the Ford automobile. Mr. Boger retains the agency for the Hupmobile.

Mr. Cannon Entertains the Kannapolis Band.

Mr. J. W. Cannon was host at a dinner at the St. Cloud Hotel last night to the members of the Kannapolis Band. Mr. Cannon has made it a custom to entertain the band at New Year's time for several years and the affairs have always been most enjoyable and interesting, and last night was no exception. A sumptuous repast was served by Proprietor Gilmer and the event abounded in interest and pleasure for those who attended. Mr. Cannon's guests were:

W. J. J. Willett, H. F. Propst, T. L. Sanders, C. R. Harmon, H. W. Owen, R. C. Propst, E. M. Spry, T. L. Ross, R. D. Grier, N. A. Gregg, T. P. Moore, E. F. Carter, J. W. Bonds, J. C. Safrat, H. E. Ketchie, C. R. Duval, H. F. Pemberton, W. H. Walters, J. W. Cannon and J. W. Cannon, Jr.

Dr. L. M. Archey's Will.

The will of the late Dr. L. M. Archey was probated at the clerk of court's office yesterday. The instrument names Mrs. Kate Archey, wife of the deceased, executrix. The principal bequests of the will are \$1,000 to Mrs. A. B. Kuhn, of Newton, and Miss Mary Archey, and the remainder of the estate to Mrs. Kate Archey during her life and as long as she remains widow of the deceased and at her death to be shared equally between Miss Helen Archey and Master L. M. Archey, Jr.

Cruiser Bearing Mr. Reid's Body Nearing Our Shores.

Nantuxet Shoals Lightship, Mass., Jan. 2.—The British cruiser Natal, bearing the body of Ambassador Reid to the United States, was nearing here at 2 o'clock this morning en route to anchorage in North river, New York. It was met by four United States destroyers and the battleships Florida and North Dakota. It is expected to reach anchorage Friday morning.

McCarthy Will Not Fight a Negro.

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—Luther McCarthy, heavy weight champion, announced today that no fighter whose skin is not white will ever have a chance at his title.

It is very seldom that a man meets with success. He must overtake it.

THE ELKS' RECEPTION.

Brilliant Reception and Dance at Elks' Home Last Night.

The Elks' annual New Year dance and reception was given at the Elks' Home last night, the hours being from 9 to 1 o'clock. For several years an annual event of great interest socially, the dance and reception last night eclipsed former events by the elegant appointments which were executed with a delightful grace and charm. The officers and their wives composed the receiving line and several scores of guests were present. Music was furnished by Kirschbaum's Orchestra, of Charlotte. The dancing hall and club rooms were appropriately decorated in ferns and cut flowers and presented a very attractive appearance. Punch was served during the evening. Dancing started at 9 o'clock, the grand march being led by Mr. T. F. Morrison with Miss Ashlyn Lowe. Those present were:

Miss Ernestine Lott, of Winston-Salem, and William M. Sherrill, Miss Marguerite Fletcher, of Winston-Salem, and Fred Correll, Miss Mary Hartwell and V. A. Means, Miss Ashlyn Lowe and T. F. Morrison, Miss Mary Horton and Warren Moody, Miss Alice Brown and P. C. White, Miss Laura McGill Cannon and Fred Patterson, Miss Helen Julian, of Thomasville, and E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., Miss Mary Grace Rae and W. A. Julian, Miss Eliza Pender, of Tarboro, and Gowan Dusenbery, Jr., Miss Anna Branson and John W. Hutchison, Miss Laura Ridenhour and S. J. Lowe, Jr., Miss Blanche Brown and John M. Oglesby, Miss Myrtle Pemberton and Isaac London, of Siler City, Miss Ellen Gibson and F. L. Smith, Miss Wilma Correll and E. V. Correll, Miss Lucretia Wilson and A. F. Goodman, Miss Kate Means and W. J. Montgomery, Jr. (Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. G. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. P. R. McFadyen, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Means, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Flowe, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Parks, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hill, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fetter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Womble, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Odell, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe and Mesdames J. C. Wadsworth, R. Reed, W. G. Caldwell, C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, C. J. Harris, C. W. Swink, H. B. Parks, S. J. Ervin, J. F. Goodman, and C. L. Smith. Stages: Fred Bost, Eugene Caldwell, W. M. Fetter, A. C. Cline, Bernard Fetter, A. M. Gibson and Ross Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon's Reception.

Conferring to an ancient but beautiful custom Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon received at their home on North Union street last New Year's evening. The event was marked with splendor and elegance, which blended with lavish hospitality, made it indeed a most pleasant and enjoyable occasion, the memories of which will doubtless linger to and beyond the eventide of the new-born year. Receiving with Mrs. Cannon were:

Mesdames J. W. Cannon, M. L. E. T., J. F. C. A. and J. W. Cannon, Jr., D. B. Coltrane, E. C. Barnhardt, D. L. Bost, A. J. York, W. E. H. G. Robinson, W. R. Odell, R. E. Harris, C. J. Harris, J. C. Wadsworth, Richmond Reed, S. J. Edwin, J. F. Goodman, A. R. Howard and R. S. Young and Misses Jenn Coltrane, Anna Branson, Elizabeth Coltrane, Laura McGill Cannon, Miss Rae, of Charlotte, Miss Julian, of Thomasville, Blanche Brown, Ashlyn Lowe, Marie Caldwell, Myrtle Pemberton and Alice Brown.

Miss Willeford Entertains.

Miss Jessie Willeford entertained a number of friends at her home on South Union street last night. Quite a number of young people were present and the evening was filled with rare enjoyment. Miss Willeford's guests were: Messrs Mace Lafferty, Lillian Holt, Catherine Crowell, Estelle Dick, Nannie Fisher, Lillian Byrd, of Salisbury, Evelyn Holt and Annie Cline; Messrs. Oscar Garrison, Joe Young, Watson Smoot, Earl Davis, Joe Hendrix, P. P. Raiford, Jesse Raiford, Henry Cline and Garah Propst.

Hearings on Shipping Pool.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries today began hearings in the so-called North Atlantic shipping pool. The purpose of the investigation is to determine if the commerce between the United States and the South American countries is controlled by a steamship trust.

Emperor Francis Joseph's Death Expected.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The health of Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria-Hungary, is such that he will die very soon, according to the Paris newspaper, Midi, which is good authority.

COMPTON-PHIFER.

Marriage This Morning at 10:30 O'clock of Well Known Couple.

A marriage that will be of interest to the people here was solemnized this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. N. D. Fetter, on Georgia avenue, when her sister, Miss Rosa Phifer, became the bride of Dr. Smith N. Compton, of Paris, Texas. The home was most appropriately decorated for the event, ferns and cut flowers being displayed with pleasing effect. The ceremony was witnessed by only relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Rev. D. P. Junkin, of Piedmont, S. C., a cousin of the bride, officiated. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Compton left for Montreal, where they will spend some time before going to their home in Texas.

President-Elect Wilson and That Ever-Lucky Number Thirteen.

Princeton, Jan. 1.—Nineteen hundred and thirteen was greeted by President-Elect Wilson today as his "lucky one."

"Thirteens have always been running through my life in connection with some good fortune," he said today.

The year of his nomination to the presidency, produced 13 by adding the digits 1-9-1-2. Woodrow Wilson contains just thirteen letters. He was 13 years a professor at Princeton. He was elected the thirteenth president of the college, he presided over about 1,300 students.

Even the "31st" which is the presidential term begun on March 4 produced the lucky number reversed. He will be the "28th president" of the country, a combination which the President-Elect at first considered baffling, until it was pointed out it counted just thirteen letters.

And then there are two "others," said Governor Wilson today.

"Not only will I be taking office in 1913, but the electoral college meets on January 13 this year."

The Wilson family planned to first of its "lucky" year at home.

Better Let Well Enough Alone.

Durham Herald.

Of course it would be better if the children could be kept out of the factories and in the schools, but it would be hard to enact a law regulating this that would not be a hardship upon some.

Condition of Viceroy Hardinge Worse.

Delhi, India, Jan. 2.—The condition of Viceroy Hardinge, who was wounded by assassins at Bombay, is worse today. Another operation will be made to remove particles of steel from his shoulders.

5,000 MORE JOIN STRIKERS

MORE EXPECTED TO WALK OUT BEFORE NIGHT.

Workers in the Alteration and Repair Departments of the Tailor Shops Join Other Striking Garment Workers.—Temporary Peace Negotiations Under Way, And Early Agreement is Hoped for.

New York, Jan. 2.—More than five thousand workers in the alteration and repair departments of ready to wear clothing concerns joined the Garment Workers' strike today. More are expected to walk out before tonight. Temporary peace negotiations are under way at the Garment Workers' headquarters, and an early agreement is hoped for.

Naval Escort For Reid Remains.

New York, Jan. 2.—The flags on all public buildings in New York will fly at half mast tomorrow morning when the British battleship Natal steams up the harbor bearing the remains of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid. Accompanying the British battleship will be the battleships Florida and South Dakota and several destroyers of the United States navy. The Natal will drop anchor in the North River off Ninety-fifth street, at which point the body will be landed for conveyance to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where the funeral services are to be held. Several companies of seamen and marines will act as funeral escort to the cathedra.

May Impeach City Officials.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—The ministers' crusade against New Year's eve revelry availed nothing. It was the wildest celebration in years. The saloons did not close until 3 o'clock this morning. Rowdiness reached a height not ascended since 1906. Five hundred investigators, men and women employed by foreign organizations, crammed note books with evidence of disorders. If enough violations of ordinances can be found proceedings will be begun to impeach the city officials.

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