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60th Congress Has Adjourned

The Sixtieth Congress came to an end at noon yesterday and it glided into the Sixty-first so imperceptibly that the change was scarcely noticeable. The final act, though unofficial, insofar as the House was concerned, took place in the Senate chamber where both houses witnessed the incoming of the new administration.

The Senate met at noon today (Friday) to consider President Taft's nominations but the House will not convene again until the extra session of Congress to be called for the 15th inst.

In the Senate Vice-President Fairbanks delivered an address in response to resolutions thanking him for his conduct of the office.

Speaker Cannon received a unanimous vote of thanks. The Speaker wished the members peace, health, happiness and prosperity, and the Senate adjourned, the members marching over to the Senate.

Appropriations by the House during the past eight years, including the fiscal year 1910, were equal to \$7,067,839,183, and Chairman Tawney declared at the end of the present fiscal year there will be a deficit of \$130,000,000. He placed the appropriations for the expiring session at \$1,044,014,298.

Then He Subsidized.

"I have made it a rule through life," he said at the table the other day to a man at his left, "never to meddle with another man's business."

"That's right—perfectly right," was the reply.

"But I see you have a new confidential clerk."

"Yes, sir, yes."

"He's a hard-looking case. I have seen him intoxicated a dozen times, and I wouldn't trust him out of my sight with a cent. Took him out of charity, eh?"

"Well, not altogether, you know. He happens to be my eldest son."—London Mail.

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A Queer Lesson.

"On the slow and cheap ship," said a purser, "the souvenir thief does no harm, but on a famous Atlantic liner, where records are broken and tip-top prices abound, the amount of stuff that disappears is shocking."

"Only things with the boat's name on—champagne glasses, ink wells, curling tongs, buttonhooks, and so forth. And what are we to do about it?"

"We had an American peevish aboard last voyage. The day we reached New York a stewardess came to me and said:

"Oh, Mr. Meef, I just seen Lady Blank's cabin trunk, and she's taken two of our finest silver ink wells!"

"Here was a quandary, eh? The captain was called in, and he settled the matter in the unsatisfactory way such things are usually settled."

"We must teach Lady Blank a lesson," he growled. "At the same time scandal must be avoided." He thought a moment, then said to the stewardess: "Take one of the ink wells and leave the other. That'll show her."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Crafty Master Fox.

A fox was one day seen coming out of a pile of stones near the water-side. He hid in the heather for a while and then pushed out something on the water, which proved to be a bunch of moss. The wind took it into the middle of the lake and blew it past some ducks sitting on the surface. Having watched his venture for perhaps ten minutes with apparent satisfaction and observed that it neared the ducks without arousing their suspicions, our friend began to collect another and larger bunch of moss, which he allowed to float in the same direction, but this time he swam behind it, taking care to show only his eyes and nose above water. Just as it was passing the group of ducks he made a sudden dive, pulled down a bird and swam back to shore under water. Arrived there, he carried the duck to the pile of heather, where his wife and daughter were no doubt waiting to enjoy the fruits of his labors.—"Forty-five Years of Sport."

Some Troubles of a Pianist.

Harold Bauer, the pianist, has had some curious experiences during his travels.

While playing in Barcelona he was challenged to fight a duel by an excited member of the audience whom he had reproved for disturbing the recital by his noisy conduct. On another occasion, in Italy, he had to be carried through an underground tunnel to escape the attentions of frantic admirers.

One of his most extraordinary experiences was in Russia. It was in a little town near Moscow, and in the middle of his performance the pianist was arrested by the police on the grounds that he was obtaining money under false pretenses. The police action was based on the grounds that a Hungarian dancer appeared on the program and that there were no dancers. They overlooked the terrible fact that Mr. Bauer had played two marches without a single soldier being present.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Mrs. Fyffe Declined.

Some years ago it was decided by the navy department that the presence of the wives of the naval officers at the Asiatic station detracted too much from their official duties. So a general order was issued to the fleet directing that the wives be sent home. Admiral Fyffe, who was in command of the fleet, received the order in due time, and it came back to the navy department indorsed as follows:

1st. Indorsement. Asiatic Fleet, Yokohama, Japan. (1) Respectfully returned to the secretary of the navy. (2) I have delivered this order to Mrs. Fyffe, and she refuses to go. (3) Further instructions are requested.

Respectfully,
(Signed) JOSEPH FYFFE.

—Success Magazine.

The Ideal Trunk.

The lady had looked at about twenty trunks without finding one to her satisfaction. At length the salesman suggested that if she could give him an idea of what she had in mind he might be able to suit her.

"I want," said the lady impressively, "a smaller trunk than this, but one that holds more."—St. Louis Republic.

Pays to Advertise.

"When I was doing business in a very small way," remarked a shrewd merchant, "I advertised that I had no branch stores."

"Well?"

"That made people think I was running a classy shop, and pretty soon I was able to open branch stores. See?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Restraint Recollections.

"They say I'm a little close," said Mr. Cumrox thoughtfully.

"Well, you don't exactly spend it as if it were water."

"I try to. But, you see, I used to live in Arizona, where water is scarce."—Washington Star.

Old Fashioned.

"Did he ever castigate his son for playing truant?"

"No; he never fooled with them new-fangled ways o' doli'. He just give him a sound hikin'."—Baltimore American.

Courtesy at the Pawnshop.

"You go first, Frau Meier. I can wait."

"Thanks, I'd have you know I'm in no more hurry for my money than you."—Fliegende Blätter.

It requires three years before many species of birds acquire their mature plumage.

New President Is Inaugurated

Washington, March 4.—The first Chief Executive to take the oath of office in the chamber of the Senate in seventy-six years, William Howard Taft, today became President of the United States.

Accompanied to the capitol by President Roosevelt and a guard of honor through a swirl of blinding snow, Mr. Taft returned to the White House just as the sun began to force its way through the thinning clouds of gray. A sudden blizzard sweeping in from the Northwest last night, to set away the weather bureau's optimistic promise of "fair and somewhat cooler," caused an abandonment of the outdoor ceremonies on the famous east front of the Capitol, much to Mr. Taft's chagrin, and threatened for a time to stop the brilliant pageant of the afternoon.

By almost superhuman efforts a passageway was cleared along the centre of Pennsylvania avenue and for nearly three hours President Taft and Vice-President Sherman reviewed a passing column which was replete with martial splendor and picturesque civic display.

Following the brilliant and impressive ceremonies in the Senate, during which both President and Vice-President took the oath of office, President Roosevelt—again a private citizen—bade an affectionate adieu to his successor while all in the historic chamber looked on in silence and then hurried away through a side door to take the train for New York. As he passed out of the chamber Mr. Roosevelt was given an ovation quite the equal of that tendered to the new President.

Happy Either Way.

The old Duke of Norfolk, who was a very shabby dresser, met a privileged friend in Bond street, London. Said the privileged friend, a military man of the premier duke's own age: "Why, duke, what's come to your clothes? You look as if you had raked over your rag bag to find them!" The duke replied, with a shrug: "What does it matter what I wear here? No one knows me!" A few months later the same friend, himself always a well-dressed man, met the duke again, pottering about in the neighborhood of Arundel, the delightful Sussex village under a hill crowned by the castle from whose name the eldest son of a Duke of Norfolk always takes his "courtesy" title—Earl of Arundel. "Why, duke," said his friend again, "what's the matter with your clothes?" The duke shrugged his shoulders again. "What does it matter what I wear here? Every one knows me!"

German Lotteries.

In an article on the lotteries the Berliner Tageblatt says there are three ways by which wealth is acquired—by diligence, which is long and tedious; by dishonesty, which is a precarious proceeding; and by gambling. The number of persons who prefer the last named method, says the writer, is large in the German realm, for there the great lotteries thrive best. There are seven of these under the management of the government, and they distribute \$100,000,000 in prizes. The anxiety to secure a part of this amount has destroyed the happiness of thousands of households and has diverted thousands of good men from honest industry and thrift to idleness and poverty. In the seven lotteries there are about 22,000 winners a year, but of these only about 650 receive prizes of more than 1,000 marks each.

The Old Egg.

"New York is no longer young and unsophisticated," said a man who has visited all the old world capitals. "She has now all the weariness and vice of Paris, London and Rome. They who still speak of New York as young, childish, innocent, remind me of Lord Exo of the Carlton."

"Lord Exo, at seventy, tried to lead the life of a youth of twenty-five. He dyed his hair, wore a corset and frequented the music halls, Piccadilly circus and the Burlington arcade. One afternoon as he drove from the Carlton in his brougham a member said, smiling:

"There goes Exo. He told me over a whisky and soda just now that he felt as fresh as a two-year-old."

"Another member sneered.

"He probably meant a two-year-old egg," he murmured."—New York Sun.

Asked Change in Homestead Law

Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Mr. R. I. Dalton returned to the city yesterday from Raleigh, where he, with a number of other representatives of the Jobbers' Association and the Retail Merchants' Association in fifteen towns in the state, went before the legislature in an effort to have the homestead exemption reduced by a constitutional amendment so that the realty exemption will be \$500 and the personal property \$200, instead of a realty exemption of \$1,000 and a personal property exemption of \$500 as the law now stands.

The merchants of the State have been fighting for this for several years and many people agree with them that the exemption should be made smaller. Mr. Dalton stated that he was not much inclined to think that the law would be changed this year, as he had questioned a number of the representatives about the matter and that he did not think they would take action on the matter this year, but he did not know what they would ultimately do with it.

Mr. Dalton was the only representative that went from this city, but he carried the signatures of the other representatives appointed to go and the Retail Merchants' Association of this city sent a petition signed by 2,300 people to Raleigh. The latter organization has decided to renew their efforts to secure a smaller exemption and has employed attorneys for the purpose of representing their interest.

Mr. Dalton was joined in Raleigh by representatives from fifteen other towns and cities in North Carolina in the pending measure, and appeared before the joint Senate and House committee on constitutional amendments Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is believed that a favorable impression was created by the merchants' interests on the Senate committee, but there is said to be some doubt relative to action by the House at this time. The merchants feel satisfied, however, that the bill having to do with express service, goods on approval and making married women free traders will pass at this session.

Those interested in an amendment relative to the homestead law appeared with R. N. Sims, of Raleigh, as attorney. They argued first the bill to amend the constitution so that the homestead exemption shall be \$500 realty and \$200 personal property instead of \$1,000 realty and \$500 personal property as now. This was before the joint committee on constitutional amendments. Speaking for the bill were Mr. Sims; A. Nichols and H. Taylor Rogers, of Asheville; W. R. McGregor of Greensboro; R. I. Dalton, of Winston-Salem; A. E. Justice, of Charlotte, and N. B. Hennricks, of Greensboro. Others in the delegation were J. A. Kelly, of Henderson; T. W. Witherspoon, of Salisbury; William Watson, Leslie Weil, of Goldsboro; D. W. Wilberne, of High Point; T. J. Horner, of Henderson; L. B. Whitted, J. L. Fisher, of Burlington; T. A. Wallace, of Greensboro. The committee heard the argument for the reduction of the exemption and took the bill under further advisement before deciding what report to make to the assembly.

The bills passed by the delegation before the Senate judiciary committee were those designed to make it a misdemeanor for persons to procure from merchants goods to be sent on approval and then refusing to pay for them on demand, and also the bill to further safeguard losses from issuing of fraudulent checks. The latter bill was referred to a committee composed of Senator Kluttz and Senator Travis; the bill as to goods on approval to Senators Starbuck and Fry.

A Severe Storm Visits the North

New York, March 4.—As a result of a blizzard which swept down unannounced during the night, the middle Atlantic Seaboard from New York to Norfolk found itself buried in an avalanche of snow and swept by destructive winds. For a time here today conditions seemed to threaten a repetition of the great blizzard of March 12th, 1888, but tonight the storm sunk to less alarming proportions.

For the telephone and telegraph companies the storm was one of the worst in years. The worst of the snow hurricanes struck a wedge of territory which included Washington and Baltimore. The region south of Philadelphia was well nigh a blank on the map for the greater part of the day.

Reports from Berryville, Md., 60 miles below Philadelphia, said tonight that for 30 miles beyond that point every wire is down. These lines include some of the best and most expensively constructed wires in the country.

The first train from Washington to reach Jersey City today arrived at 5 o'clock this afternoon and it was due at 7:30 a. m.

Outside New York City three lives were lost in the sinking of six Baltimore & Ohio coal barges at St. George, Staten Island. In New York harbor barges under tow were blown ashore while tugs and small boats went scurrying for cover.

Between Baltimore and Washington hundreds of poles were carried down by the weight of snow and ice and the wind. North and east of the city trains are merely creeping along without aid of telegraphic orders. It may be a week before normal conditions are restored.

At no previous time in the city's history has the street car service been dealt so severe a blow. The general loss is incalculable.

Thousands of people who expected to attend the inaugural ceremonies in Washington were unable to obtain transportation there.

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COLLEGE NICKNAMES.

Some Popular? With the Students—Objection Made to Others.

Some of the colleges have a great dislike to the way in which they are referred to commonly in connection with athletics. For instance, Wesleyan men don't like to be called "The Methodists," as they appear sometimes.

At the Naval academy there is a strong prejudice against being called "Annapolis." The navy men aren't particularly fond of "midshipmen." They believe the proper name for their institution is "the navy."

Columbia has a great distaste for the name of "Columbians" for their representatives in athletics or other public appearances. At the University of Chicago there is a dislike of the name "Chicago university," sometimes applied.

Although not so strongly opposed to it, students at Pennsylvania do not like the full title "University of Pennsylvania" as well as plain "Pennsylvania." "Penn" is preferred to either.

"Maroons" for Chicago men, "Gophers" for Minnesota, "Badgers" for Wisconsin students, "Cornhuskers" for Nebraska, "Wolverines" for Michigan, "Illini" for the men of Illinois—all are names that are popular at those colleges and are used by the men there in speaking of their own teams. Indeed, to a man unacquainted with nicknames the average statement regarding a conference college is puzzling because of the almost entire lack of straight names.—New York Sun.

THE DOCTORS.

Tribute to the Nobility of the Medical Profession.

To enter the medical profession is to find oneself in most noble company. When Dante was led by Virgil into the presence of "the master of them that know" he saw Aristotle surrounded by a group of the sages of antiquity. Look at them as they are introduced one by one, and you will see that a fourth of them bear names illustrious in medicine. To take note of but one—Hippocrates is there. The student will not turn to his pages now to learn what has to be taught in modern text books or class rooms. Yet he will do well to try to hear the spirit that guided "the father of medicine" in drawing up the oath imposed on the students of the Hippocratic school. "With purity and holiness," the candidate was made to swear, "I will pass my life and practice my art. Into whatever houses I enter I will go into them for the benefit of the sick, will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief and corruption."

In the long succession of those who have enlarged the bounds of his science the student will meet with a great army of men who have kept the spirit of that oath under higher sanctions than were open to the pioneers whom the medieval poet consigns to a place in his Inferno because, though blameless of sin, they had not been baptized.—Sir Alexander Simpson in London Quiver.

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