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CONGRESS AT WORK

Lawmaking Body Organizes and Gets to Work

WILLIAMS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Speaker Cannon is Re-elected and Rules of Last Congress Are Adopted After Humorous Speech in Opposition by Mr. Williams.

Washington, Special.—Congress convened with little of the pomp and circumstance of other days. The presence of so much fuss and flowers conflicted with the idea of the eternal fitness of things entertained by the elder statesmen. Hence, the formality of the opening session has become a somewhat less spectacular affair. However, much fine ornament in the galleries relieved the sombre aspect of the floor, where flowers were bare, and the event proved as interesting in many respects as of yore.

The following caucus nominations were elected:

Clerk—Alexander McDowell, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Henry Cassoin, Wisconsin.

Doorkeeper—F. B. Lyon, New York.

Postmaster—Joseph C. McElroy, Ohio.

Chaplain—Rev. Henry N. Couden, Michigan.

The rules of the Fifty-eighth Congress, including the standing orders relating to the consideration of pension and claim bills on Fridays, on motion of Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, were ordered continued during the Fifty-ninth Congress. This resolution will be offered by Mr. Dalzell, when the House is organized next Monday.

Several New Senators Sworn In.

Washington, Special.—In the Senate Monday several new Senators were sworn in, including Mr. Frabler, of Tennessee. The credentials of Senator Talaferro, of Florida, were presented by Senator Mallory. Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed as a committee to wait upon the President, together with a similar committee from the house.

The Message Read.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress received the attention of the House for two and a half hours Tuesday. Its reading was listened to with marked attention and at its conclusion the documents was applauded. Preliminary steps were taken toward appropriating the needed emergency funds for the Panama Canal. Should unanimous consent be refused for its consideration, a special rule from the committee on rules will be available which will put the bill on its passage after a limited period for discussion.

Mr. Webb, of North Carolina, introduced a bill to have daily reports made on the amount of cotton ginned during the ginning season.

In the Senate.

The Senate was in session for almost three hours Tuesday and gave practically all of its time to listening to the reading of the President's annual message. There was a large attendance of Senators and the galleries were well filled, most of the time with representatives of the general public. The document received close attention from both classes, senators following the reading from beginning to end with printed copies in their hands.

Wednesday in the House.

With an opportunity for unlimited debate on the subject of the Panama Canal, the House exhausted its oratory on that subject in a session of four and three-quarter hours Wednesday. The bill appropriating \$16,500,000 for the canal work, which was the subject of discussion, will be read for amendment and placed on its final passage. The feature of the debate was the criticism indulged in by both Republicans and Democrats regarding the incompleteness of the statement of expenditures and estimates furnished by the canal commission.

Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) reviewed the canal work, stating that \$10,000,000 had been expended and that particular attention had been paid, to housing employees on the isthmus and in rehabilitating the machinery the French company had left there.

In the Senate.

Senator Latimer re-introduced his good roads bill. Senator Simmons introduced a bill providing for a permanent commission to investigate the executive departments. Senator Overman presented a bill providing for a commission whose duty it shall be to enlarge the foreign market for American cotton.

Senator Culberson introduced a bill making it a felony for an insurance company or any other corporation to contribute money or anything of value toward the election of a President or a Vice-President of the United States.

To Apportion Direct Tax.

Mr. William Kitchin has introduced

the following joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to direct taxes:

Resolved by the Senate and House of the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following amendment be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States which when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States shall become, and be a part of, the Constitution, to wit:

"Direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States according to the real and personal property, as assessed for taxation, situated in each State not belonging to each State or to the United States."

For Public Buildings.

Congressman Blackburn has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a public building at Salisbury, and a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Mt. Airy. Representative W. Kitchin has introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at High Point.

Receiver for Railroads.

Cincinnati, Special.—An application for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway and the Pere Marquette Railroad was filed in the United States Circuit Court here by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., circuit Judge Lorton immediately began hearing the application and appointed Attorney General Judson Harmon as receiver for both roads. Insolvency is admitted.

Found in N. C. Papers.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The State library here is in receipt from London of a complete record of the Virginia House of Burgesses for 1776 which was published in the trade papers of North Carolina instead of those of Virginia, and thus remained undiscovered for many years. It completes the records of the House of Burgesses and contains the proceedings of a heretofore unknown session of the Burgesses. The record is one of the utmost historical value.

To Reduce Naval Force.

Washington, Special.—Reduction of the American naval forces in Dominican waters form a squadron of protected cruisers to a "mosquito fleet" of gunboats, has been determined upon by the President. Rear Admiral Royal B. Bradford, commanding the squadron will be ordered North. His squadron will be relieved in Dominican waters by a squadron consisting of the cruiser Dixie, flagship and the gunboats Yanke, Dubuque, Paducah, Nashville and Scorpion. The Dixie will carry a guard of several hundred marines.

Law Against Betting.

Nashville, Special.—On the first day of this month the law enacted by the last Legislature, prohibiting betting on horse races run on tracks in this State, went into effect. Tuesday a race was run on the Fair Grounds track at Shelbyville, Tenn., on which books were made. The race was intended to test the law. The parties arranging the race were arrested by the sheriff of the county and will be given a hearing at once in Shelbyville.

A BRAIN WORKER

Must Have the Kind of Food That Nourishes Brain.

"I am a literary man whose nervous energy is a great part of my stock in trade, and ordinarily I have little patience with breakfast foods and the extravagant claims made of them. But I cannot withhold my acknowledgment of the debt that I owe to Grape-Nuts food."

"I discovered long ago that the very bulkiness of the ordinary diet was not calculated to give one a clear head, the power of sustained, accurate thinking. I always felt heavy and sluggish in mind as well as body after eating the ordinary meal, which diverted the blood from the brain to the digestive apparatus."

"I tried foods easy of digestion, but found them usually deficient in nutriment. I experimented with many breakfast foods and they, too, proved unsatisfactory, till I reached Grape-Nuts. And then the problem was solved."

"Grape-Nuts agreed with me perfectly from the beginning, satisfying my hunger and supplying the nutriment that so many other prepared foods lack."

"I had not been using it very long before I found that I was turning out an unusual quantity and quality of work. Continued use has demonstrated to my entire satisfaction that Grape-Nuts food contains all the elements needed by the brain and nervous system of the hard working public writer." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

APPOINTMENTS READ OUT

North Carolina Methodist Conference Adjourns—Several Changes in Presiding Elderships.

Wilson, Special.—The annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which has been in session here for several days adjourned Monday noon. The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Rev. A. C. Bundy. A number of committees, which failed to report Saturday, submitted their reports. Bishop Wilson made a brief talk before reading the appointments.

RALEIGH DISTRICT—W. H. MOORE, Presiding Elder.

Raleigh—

Edenton Street: R. F. Bumpas.

J. O. Guthrie, Supernumerary.

Central: C. W. Robinson. E. Pope, Supernumerary.

Brooklyn and Garner: G. W. Starling.

Epworth: C. L. Read.

Cary: G. B. Starling.

Clayton: J. J. Renn.

Smithfield: J. H. Shore.

Selma: F. A. Bishop.

Kenly: Supplied by R. H. Whitaker.

Wakefield and Mission: Supplied by F. F. Eure.

Millbrook: G. T. Simmons.

Youngsville: D. B. Parker.

Franklinton: N. E. Coltrane.

Louisburg: L. S. Massey.

Tar River: A. L. Ormond.

Granville: J. D. Pegram.

Oxford Station: F. M. Shamburger.

Oxford Circuit: W. H. Pucket.

Raleigh Christian Advocate: T. N. Ivey, editor.

Methodist Orphanage: J. W. Jenkins, superintendent.

Student in Vanderbilt University: J. R. Rood.

DURHAM DISTRICT—J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder.

Durham—

Trinity: R. C. Beaman.

Main street: T. A. Smoot. (Carr Church: M. D. Giles.

Bronson: Supplied by J. W. Autrey.

Mangum Street: E. M. Hoyle.

West Durham: J. H. McCracken.

Durham Circuit: G. W. Fisher.

Chapel Hill: M. T. Plyler.

Hillsboro: M. M. McFarland.

Mount Tirzah: J. B. Thompson.

Leasburg: M. D. Hix.

Roxboro: K. D. Holmes.

Milton: J. A. Dailey.

Yanceyville: W. H. Kirton.

Burlington: E. M. Snipes.

Burlington Circuit: S. F. Nicks.

East Burlington: Graham and Haw River; N. C. Yearby.

Alamance: C. M. Lauce.

Trinity College: J. C. Kilgo, President. E. A. Yates, lecturer.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder.

Fayetteville—

Hay Street: D. H. Tuttle.

Fayetteville Circuit: V. A. Royall.

Hope Mills: T. J. Dailey.

Cokesbury: L. H. Joyner.

Samson: D. A. Watkins.

Bladen: E. B. Craven.

Buckhorn: J. H. Buffalo.

Dunn: J. A. Lee.

Duke: J. M. Daniel.

Newton Grove: N. H. Guyton.

Pittsboro: C. P. Jerome.

Haw River: E. E. Rose.

Goldston: C. O. Durant.

Siler City: R. W. Bailay.

Carthage: R. H. Broom.

Elise: J. W. Hoyle.

Sanford: J. H. Frizzelle.

Jonesboro: J. C. Humble.

Lillington: Supplied by L. B. Pattishall.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—J. N. Cole, Presiding Elder.

Rockingham Station: J. E. Underwood.

Roberdel: A. J. Groves.

Richmond: N. L. Seabolt.

Mt. Gilead: S. T. Moyle.

Pekin: W. A. Jenkins.

Troy: W. R. Royall.

Montgomery: Supplied by W. J. F. Stubbs.

Aberdeen: D. N. Caviness.

Hamlet: Rufus Bradley.

St. John and Gibson: E. B. McCall.

Laurinburg Station: R. A. Willis.

Maxton and Caledonia: E. McWhorter.

Red Springs: S. E. Mercer.

Rowland: J. W. Broadley.

Lumberton: Z. Paris.

Elizabeth: W. Y. Everton.

Robeson: J. M. Ashby, R. W. Townsend, Supernumerary; W. H. Townsend, Supernumerary.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—M. Brawshaw, Presiding Elder.

Wilmington—

Grace: N. M. Watson.

Fifth Street: A. McCullen.

Market and Bladen Streets: A. J. Parker.

Scott's Hill: Y. E. Wright.

Onslow: D. C. Geddie.

Jacksonville and Richlands: R. R. Grant.

Magnolia: W. E. Brown.

Kenansville: J. W. Maxia.

Burgaw: W. F. Sanford.

Clinton: A. S. Barnes.

Whiteville and Chadburn: J. T. Draper.

Columbus: C. W. Smith.

Carver's Creek: Supplied by J. M. Marlowe.

Waccamaw: L. E. Sawyer.

Shalotte: J. M. Wright.

Town Creek: A. D. Betts.

New River: To be supplied by J. C. Whedbee.

Student at Vanderbilt: J. M. Culbreth.

NEW BERN DISTRICT—E. H. Davis, Presiding Elder.

New Bern Centenary: G. T. Adams.

Goldsboro—

St. Paul, W. L. Cunningham.

St. John: W. P. Constable.

Goldsboro Circuit: Supplied by J. M. Carraway.

Mount Olive Circuit: P. Greening.

Mount Olive and Faison: J. W. Potter.

LaGrange: H. E. Tapp.

Hookerton: J. P. Tate.

Snow Hill: J. M. Benson.

Kinston: J. D. Bundy.

Dover: W. A. Fortes.

Grifton: L. S. Ethridge.

Craven: G. B. Westler.

Jones: Supplied by F. S. Beeton.

Pamlico: D. A. Furrill.

Oriental: J. J. Booker.

Carteret: W. A. Pfand.

Morehead City: R. H. Willis.

Beaufort: H. M. Eare.

Atlantic: C. C. Brothers.

Straits: Supplied by B. F. Watson.

Ocracoke and Portsmouth: To be supplied by E. W. Read.

Missionary Secretary: R. H. Willis.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT—R. B. John, Presiding Elder.

Washington Station: L. E. Thompson.

Bath: J. M. Lowder.

Aurora: J. H. M. Giles.

Swan Quarter: Supplied by W. H. L. McLaurin.

Mattamuskeet: J. E. Saunders.

Fairfield: J. Y. Orr.

Greenville: J. A. Hornaday.

Farmville: W. E. Galloway.

Grimesland and Vanceboro: B. E. Stainfield.

Bethel: E. C. Sell.

Tarboro: R. C. Craven.

Robersonville: B. B. Holder.

Elm City: J. L. Rumley.

Rocky Mount: First Church, W. S. Rone.

North and South Rocky Mount: R. B. Rone.

Nashville: H. G. Stamey.

Spring Hope: W. O. Davis.

Wilson Station: F. D. Swindell.

NOT REDUCE ACRES

Harvie Jordan Issues Letter to Cotton Growers

NORMAL PRODUCTION AND PRICE

President Harvie Jordan Issues Circular to Planters Stating That a Reduction From the Present Estimated 27,000,000 Acres Will Not Be Asked, But That the Association Urgently Insists on No Increase.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, issued the following letter to the farmers of the South regarding a reduction in cotton acreage for 1906. The letter says in part: "The Southern Cotton Association will not ask the farmers of the South to reduce the cotton acreage for 1906 less than that planted in 1905. The association does ask and insist with all the force at its command, however, that the acreage planted in cotton throughout the belt in 1905 be not increased during the planting season of 1906. Let the watchword of every Southern farmer be 'diversification' and through that agency produce an abundance of food supplies to maintain each farm."

The present estimated twenty-seven million acres planted in cotton is sufficient under normal conditions to produce enough cotton to meet the demand for the American staple. Any material increase in the cotton acreage for 1906 will tend to stagnate the cotton market and depress prices below their legitimate value. The legitimate law of supply and demand is the only true medium of regulating fair and legitimate prices for our great staple product."

President Jordan closes the letter with a strong appeal to the farmers to plant an abundance of small grain, corn and side crops and urges them to raise more hay, cattle and hogs, that the farmers may become self-sustaining.

Ramey Acquitted of Murder.

Manassas, Special.—A. J. Ramey, on trial here for two days charged with the murder of Lucian Beavers last August, was acquitted. Beavers, who seemed to be half crazed with drink, made an attack on the family of a neighbor, who called in Ramey's assistance. Beavers followed Ramey home, where, Ramey claimed, he killed Beavers in self-defense. The commonwealth's attorney was assisted at the trial by A. B. Nicol, of Alexandria, and J. J. Davies, of Manassas. The defense was represented by John M. Johnson, of Alexandria; Thomas P. Lion and Robert A. Hutchison, of Manassas.

Senator Mitchell Dead.

Portland, Ore., Special.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell died at the Good Samaritan Hospital, in this city, at 11:40 o'clock Friday forenoon, death resulting from complications which followed the removal of four teeth at a dental office Thursday morning. A hemorrhage of unusual severity followed the removal of the teeth and, despite the application of the most powerful styptics known to dental science, the flow of blood could not be stayed.

Coal Famine in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Special.—Norfolk is threatened with a soft-coal famine. There is plenty of hard coal, but there are coastwise vessels, including the big schooner Thomas W. Lawson, having a capacity of 100,000 tons, waiting cargoes at the Norfolk and Western piers, here. There is no steam coal at the city piers. In addition to these, there are six big barges, two or three three-masted schooners and several large steamers off the pier.

Leaky Schooner Puts Into Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—The schooner James D. Dewell, Captain Hammond, lumber-laden from Satilla river, Ga., bound for New York put in for harbor, having sprung a leak Friday night off Frying Pan Shoals. She met the gale and high seas off Frying Pan and strained her beams. She will be repaired here and proceed on her voyage.

Store Building Wrecked.

Saluda, Special.—A furious wind has been sweeping over the mountains in this section Sunday and considerable damage will likely result. One store building here filled with general merchandise was blown down and a vacant storehouse hoveled from its foundation. The former belonged to Mr. T. C. Fonner and the stock was worth about \$2,000. The loss on goods is probably \$500, while the building, which was a large new structure, is a total wreck. The vacant house is the property of Mrs. Conner and is damaged about \$25.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

Market steady.

Low middling	10 3/4
Strict low middling	11 1/2
Middling	11 3/4
Strict Middling	11 5/8
Good middling	11 3/4

General Cotton Market.

Atlanta, steady	12 15-16
Galveston, steady	12
New Orleans, steady	12 1-5
Mobile, nominal	11 3-4
Savannah, steady	11 11-16
Charleston, firm	11 5-8
Norfolk, steady	12
Baltimore, nominal	12 3-8
New York, quiet	12.60
Boston, quiet	12.60
Philadelphia, quiet	12.85
Augusta, steady	12 1-16
Memphis, steady	12 1-8

Wants to Show North.