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FIRST DAY LARGE SOCIAL AFFAIR.

PRES. TAFT WAITED UPON

Deaths of Representatives Lassiter of Virginia and DeArmond, of Missouri, Reported and House Adjourns Through Respect to the Dead.

Washington, Special.—The two houses of Congress convened Monday for the first regular session of the Sixty-first Congress, but the day's proceedings were in great part of a social nature and practically no business was transacted.

Brief as was the Senate's 13-minute session, it was enlivened by an unsuccessful effort on the part of Senator Bailey to defeat the passage of the usual resolution that the daily sessions begin at noon, suggesting that the Senate should convene instead at 2 o'clock. Mr. Bailey said he would like to see the Senate hold night sessions in order that Senators might devote the day to individual business. No objection was offered when a similar resolution was introduced in the House.

A joint committee was named by both houses to wait upon the President and to inform him that Congress was in session and ready for any business he might wish to lay before it. The President's response constituted his annual message, the reading of which will consume practically all of Tuesday's session of the two houses.

The House session continued forty minutes, during which W. W. McCredie, the new representative from the second Washington district, who succeeds the late Francis W. Cushman, was sworn in. The greater part of the session was taken up by the roll call.

Although only 341 members responded to their names, almost a full membership appeared on the House floor and there were few among them that did not have one or more bills to offer. These included one by Representative Garner of Pennsylvania for an investigation by Congress of the entire customs service particularly in regard to sugar frauds recently brought to light; one by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska for the establishment of postal savings banks; one by Representative Mann of Illinois for Federal regulation of the "white slave trade," and another by Mr. Mann for the free admission of wood pulp, and one by Representative Hamilton of Michigan to grant Statehood to New Mexico and Arizona.

The leaders of the majority and the minority were there and conversed amiably, all of the bitterness engendered by the tariff fight of last summer apparently having been forgotten for the time being at least.

Resolutions of respect for the memory of Senator Johnson of North Dakota and Representatives DeArmond and Lassiter who died during the recess, were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the two houses adjourned until noon Tuesday, the Senate at 12:13 and the House at 12:40 p. m.

A round of applause greeted the Speaker when he entered the chamber with his customary red carnation. For a moment he stood in his place nervously fingering the gavel. While the applause was subsiding the gavel descended with a resounding left-handed clack.

The blind chaplain of the House, the Rev. Henry N. Callahan, then offered the prayer, in which he implored the divine blessing upon the members of Congress, especially the Speaker and for the President and his advisers. He prayed for the protection of the President and his Cabinet "from all personal violence and from the machinations of designing men."

The chaplain in alluding to the tragic death of the late Representative DeArmond of Missouri, who was burned to death in his home, prayed for consolation for his colleagues, friends and especially the stricken wife and children.

For the next ten minutes or more the chamber was again filled with chatter, while the roll was being called. The Speaker announced that as 341 members had responded to their names, a quorum was present and the House was ready for business.

Representatives Jones of Virginia informed the House of the death of his colleague, Francis R. Lassiter and

offered a suitable resolution, which was agreed to. A similar resolution, offered by Representative Clark of Missouri announced the death of David A. DeArmond. It was also agreed to.

W. W. McCredie, the new Representative from Washington, elected to succeed the late Francis W. Cushman, presented his credentials and was sworn in.

The House, as a further mark of respect to the two members who had died during the recess of Congress, at 12:40 p. m. adjourned until Tuesday.

80,000 Armenians Starving.

Worcester, Mass., Special.—No less than 80,000 persons are starving in Armenia, according to advices received by Emily C. Wheeler, secretary of the National Armenia and India Relief Association, which has its headquarters in this city. The secretary states that in addition to this number there are 5,000 orphans who need aid, and that unless aid is sent speedily from America a large number of Armenians will perish.

Saved in the Nick of Time.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The crew of the lost German steamer Brewster all landed Friday from the revenue cutter Onondaga. Nothing but the ships paper were saved. "One-half an hour later and the brave lifesavers who brought us to shore would have been unable to reach us. We would have all perished," declared one of them. "It was not the first time nor the last time that a ship has or will strike on that awful place under such circumstances," said another in defense of his captain.

Prize for Phthisis Cure.

New Haven, Conn., Special.—The Yale Alumni Weekly Friday night made formal announcement that an anonymous alumnus of Yale has offered a prize of \$100,000 for the person who first discovers an adequate remedy for tuberculosis. A condition of the award of the prize is that the cure under consideration shall have been in use for at least five years and during that time have proved its actual and unquestioned efficiency as a cure for tuberculosis.

Southern Congress Meets.

Washington, Special.—A greater nation will come into being through a greater South. This is the slogan of the Southern Commercial Congress which convened here Monday for a three-days' session. The congress has announced that it has two objects—to hasten a clearer self-knowledge throughout the South and to compel the balance of the United States and of the world to set a correct valuation upon the South as a region of opportunity.

DAINTY SACKET.

If you wish a delicate odor on all of your lingerie articles, make sackets for the bureau and dresser drawers. Get silkateen or thin flowered material and purchase a pound of dried heliotrope flowers at any drugist. Any fragrant flowers that give forth a pleasant and lasting odor can be used. Crush the flowers and put a handful or two into the bags. Lay the bag at the bottom of the drawer, and put the articles in, close the drawers, and when the articles are taken out the next day, or at any future time, the odor will be noticeable, yet not strong like the ordinary perfumes. Chicago Daily News

RESULTS OF FOOD

Health and Natural Conditions Come From Light Feeding.

Man, physically, should be like a perfectly regulated machine, each part working easily in its appropriate place. A slight derangement causes undue friction and wear, and frequently ruins the entire system.

A well known educator of Boston found a way to keep the brain and the body in that harmonious co-operation which makes a joy of living.

"Two years ago," she writes, "being in a condition of nervous exhaustion, I resigned my position as teacher, which I had held for over forty years. Since then the entire rest has, of course, been a benefit, but the use of Grape-Nuts has removed one great cause of illness in the past, namely, constipation, and its attendant evils.

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INSURANCE CO. TROUBLES.

George P. Sheldon, the President, is Charged With Overdrawing His Salary, Unloading Doubtful Securities on the Company and Using the Company's Assets to Secure His Personal Speculative Accounts.

New York, Special.—The Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn is under investigation for irregularities which it is believed have impaired its surplus at least \$1,000,000 and to have resulted in conditions which Superintendent Hotchkiss of the State insurance department, laid before the district attorney Monday for possible criminal action. It is charged that the president has overdrawn his salary, that he has unloaded doubtful securities on the company and that he has used the company's assets as collateral to secure his own personal speculative accounts.

In a formal statement issued Monday night Mr. Hotchkiss admits that the present investigation is still uncompleted. George P. Sheldon, a member of many clubs, and as chairman of the laws and legal committee of the national board of fire underwriters, is one of the best known insurance men in the country, has been president of the Phoenix since 1887, and it is charged that under his administration the annual reports of the company made to the insurance department during at least the last ten years, and probably longer, are false in more than one particular.

The insurance department alleges that it finds that questionable securities originally sold to the company by Mr. Sheldon have, year after year, passed through "wash sales" and by this method have been concealed in the annual report. Speculative accounts have been maintained by President Sheldon, according to Mr. Hotchkiss, in at least one brokerage house, and the assets of the Phoenix have been put up as collateral to cover his operations. It is charged also that for several years the president's salary account has been overdrawn and now is paid up in full to October 1, 1910.

NATIONAL EXPENSES CUT.

Grand Total of Estimates For 1911 is \$103,370,303 Less Than the Appropriations For the Current Fiscal Year—New Work Authorized Only Where Regarded as Absolutely Necessary—Salisbury, Will Get \$50,000 For Public Building.

Washington, Special.—That there has been a careful scrutiny of the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, is shown by the figures submitted to the House of Representatives Monday by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. The grand total of estimates for 1911 is \$73,323,073, which is \$103,370,303 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, and \$123,066,493 under the estimates submitted a year ago for 1910. A general cut has been made wherever possible, the new work authorized only where regarded as absolutely necessary.

Large reductions in the estimates for the appropriations for the Treasury Department, a total of \$12,000,000 for public works, and the War Department about \$6,000,000 in the military establishment made up of increases in the estimates for regular supplies, construction works for the army, mounted equipment, transportation, ordnance and manufacture of arms, and \$2,500,000 for public works, exclusive of the Panama canal, in the Navy Department \$2,000,000 due mainly to the fact that Secretary Meyer has not asked for any money for new ships and that only \$4,000,000 is required for armor and armament as against an appropriation of \$12,452,000 for this year; in the Postoffice Department a reduction of \$5,000,000 in the estimated deficiency in the postal revenues, and in the Department of Commerce and Labor a decrease from \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 on account of the "thirteenth census."

Gale Over British Isles.

London, By Cable.—A terrific gale that raged over the British Isles, the steamer Thistlemore went to her doom off Appleby, in Barmstaple Bay. It is believed that the entire crew of thirty men perished. Four bodies from the steamer already have been washed ashore. The Thistlemore was in command of Captain Yeo and was bound from Liverpool for an American port.

Canal Work Suspended.

Baltimore, Special.—Mr. Frank A. First of the East River Dredging Company, which has the contract for the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, said Saturday that all work on the canal will be suspended until spring. This decision was reached after the fearful experience of the dredge General McKenzie, which was caught in a gale blowing 72 miles an hour and which narrowly escaped total loss. As the dredge is valued at more than \$200,000 Mr. First said he was unwilling to take any further risks on this bleak coast during the winter storms.

MAKES A REPORT TO BOARD

Major Graham Commissioner of Agriculture Reviews the Agricultural Status in North Carolina—Receipts of Department \$132,258.75.

Raleigh, Special.—For the annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture which convened here Wednesday for probably three days' session, the feature for the day was the annual report of Commissioner W. A. Graham treating farm conditions in North Carolina and the work of the various divisions of the department.

The report declares the results of farming operations this year were in different sections of the State and that while the yields were very good in some sections they were quite inferior in others. So that the North Carolina crop census in connection with the general census by the United States government will not show an average yield for the State. Farmers, he says, have given far better attention to their work this year than in the past, especially as to improved culture of corn, due in a large measure to institute work and corn clubs in connection with demonstration work. He says the great interest in agricultural work is phenomenal and urges the board to devise some method of assuring its permanency.

Soil Improvement and Diversity of Crops.

The report urges the necessity of striving more effectively for permanent improvement of soils and diversity of crops through raising all farm supplies. Attention is directed to the fact, as he stated, that North Carolina pays to dealers in other States for supplies that could be produced on the North Carolina farms more money than is gotten for the entire cotton crop of the State. As long as this is the case the only cotton money left in the State is that realized by profits by the dealers selling the supplies.

The yield of cotton in this State will, he says, be the smallest per acre on record. This will also be the case as to corn. At the same time some yields of both crops will be abnormally large.

Receipts for the Year \$132,258.75.

Commissioner Graham reports receipts of the department for the fiscal year ending Dec. 1, 1909, \$132,258.75. The amount remaining in the treasury at the end of this fiscal year was not given in the report. He reported \$15,000 paid on the debt for the A. & M. Agricultural building and a balance due of \$15,000. This he recommended to be speedily liquidated by special appropriation from the receipts of the department.

The commissioner reported the finest agricultural exhibits at the State and the district fairs this fall ever made in the State, due largely to the attractive supplemental premiums provided by the State Department of Agriculture. He recommended that the amounts especially the department of women's work, be increased.

He recommends definite effort and provision by the State Department for raising improved breeds of stock and cattle. And stated that the mountain test farms will undertake to demonstrate the possibilities of sheep raising.

Progress in Horticulture Shown.

Progress in horticulture as demonstrated by the very creditable premiums carried off by North Carolina at the National Horticultural Congress at Council Bluffs in the contest with all the other apple-growing States, was presented with special compliment for State Horticulturalist W. M. Hutt.

Treating soil survey work the report mentioned the resignation of Mr. Drane to take an appointment in the United States assay office at Charlotte and the substitution of Mr. Brinkley to take up his work in co-operating with the national government the last work being in Pitt, Gaston and Scotland counties, there being 22 counties and special sections already mapped.

Treating animal industry, the commissioner recommended the appropriation of \$500 for the preparation and distribution of log cholera serum to check the spread of this disease, especially in Eastern Carolina.

He recommends legislation that will check hydrophobia among cattle, declaring that several thousand head of cattle were lost the past year from this disease. Cattle tick eradication was declared to be progressing well.

Fine progress in dairy demonstrating department, the department of entomology and in the department of agronomy were reported, special attention being asked to action to prevent the introduction of the boll weevil into this State which, he said, is expected to reach this State through natural progress in 1923. There was special mention of the farmers institute work under T. B. Parker, held each year in every part of the State.

In conclusion the commissioner reported that the new oil division turned over to the treasury Nov. 30 the sum of \$10,500.

COMMISSIONER M. L. SHIPMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Raleigh, Special.—The forthcoming annual report of Commissioner of

Labor and Printing, M. Shipman will show decided improvement in the chapter of farms and farm labor, especially in application of better methods of farming, in the efficiency of labor and an advance toward intensive farming. The report declares that a gratifying increase in breadth of vision is noticeable among the farmers generally, says the report, due largely to the effective effort through the state department of agriculture and the special bulletins issued by the various divisions. Increased diversification of crops. Market value of 87 counties. Decrease in fertilization is reported in fourteen counties. The great majority of the counties. The great majority ward smaller farms. Reports from 95 counties claim that negro labor is unreliable. General increase in the cost of living is reported.

Report as to wages show highest average for men \$24.11, an increase over last year. The lowest average is \$14.76 an advance of \$1.39 over last year. Reports show financial condition of working people good in 20 counties, fair in 42, poor 30; bad 3. Improvement is reported from 71 counties. As to cost of production 68 counties show cotton produces at average cost of \$33.39 per bale; wheat in 77 counties at 77 cents per bushel; corn in all counties at 53 cents; oats 38 cents; 51 counties tobacco average 47.71 per hundred pounds.

In the general introductory to the report covering the whole scope of to work of the department Commissioner Shipman says the distinction, especially on the part of some manufacturers to furnish the required reports has largely disappeared, but there are still many that give trouble by neglecting to promptly fill out and return the blanks. The effort to give statistics of organized and unorganized labor failed this year but it is the purpose to have such a report for the next year. Commissioner Shipman or Assistant Commissioner George B. Justice have gone into every section of the state wherever necessary to make sure of getting the fullest and most accurate reports possible. In spite of great effort, the commissioner says it has been impossible to secure absolutely complete reports of miscellaneous factories. However the reports of cotton, woolen and silk mills are complete.

Verdict For \$7,500.

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THE CAMERA BREEDS CONTEMPT

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New York Times.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Paris revolts at proposal to use the flesh of dogs for food.

The Berlin Aero Club appointed a committee to gather information for air charts.

Nicaraguan revolutionists offered to pay indemnity for Americans shot by President Zelaya.

Professor Percival Lowell described the discovery of two entirely new canals of Mars.

Mayor McClellan, of New York City, demands the removal of Borough President Coler.

Egyptologists said the mummy sent to America on the Aragonia was not King Ramesses II., but his cook.

Two sons and the daughter-in-law of Colonel Alfred Wagstaff were fined for "ducking ducks" in New York City.

Farmers' organizations in Ontario, Canada, are working against the Government's policy of building a Canadian navy.

Mr. Taft modified his legislative program, whereby postal savings banks and Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico may be delayed.

Secretary Knox came to the conclusion that President Zelaya violated all military codes, as well as international law, in executing the two Americans.

President Shonts said the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of New York City, had adopted the fixed policy of settling all just damage claims against it.

Representative James R. Mann, of Chicago, proposed a measure to make the maximum tariff inapplicable to wood pulp and printing paper imported from Canada.

Great Britain, Germany and Belgium have reached an agreement on the boundaries of British Uganda, German East Africa and the Congo Independent State.

A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

"I saw that fellow over there the other day in a room, full of ladies, and he just puffed away without a word."

"Wasn't he rude?"

"Can't say that; you see, he's a hair-dresser."—Baltimore American.



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