

ACTIVITY AT THE CAPITAL

Re-assembling of Congress Draws the Attention of the United States to the Washington Lawmakers.

CONGRESS CONVENES TO AID DEEP WATERWAY

Sherman Announces That Taft and Speaker Cannon Will Have a Conference Sometime During the Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress convened promptly at noon. The senate adjourned at 12:15 until tomorrow.

Sherman announced today that after conferring with the president a conference was agreed upon between Taft and Cannon here this week, the time not being determined.

Representative Townsend of Michigan, formally announced today that he is not a candidate for the speakership.

The resignation of Judge Labbous R. Willey of Missouri, of the United States district court, at Chicago, was accepted by Roosevelt today, who appointed Rufus H. Thayer, of this city as his successor.

Secretary Cortelyou today announced that there has been \$31 bids for the thirty million Panama bonds of which 150 were accepted.

Bills were introduced to the house today to grant separate statehood to New Mexico and Arizona.

A resolution to appoint a committee of five to investigate the purchase of the Panama Canal property and ascertain what portion of the purchase price if any went to an American syndicate, was introduced in the house today by Rainey, of Illinois. The house adjourned at one this afternoon until tomorrow.

The Payne resolution giving the ways and means committee authority to enforce the attendance of witnesses at the tariff hearings passed unanimously. No debate.

Piles of Washington was the first senator on the floor today. He was followed by Teller of Colorado, then Platt of New York, leaning on the arm of his secretary.

CONGRESS OF MINERS ENDS

J. H. Richards of Idaho Elected President and a Missouri Man for Vice President.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 7.—The convention of the American Mining congress adjourned Saturday. Officers elected are:

President—J. H. Richards of Boise, Idaho.

Vice presidents—Dr. E. R. Buckley of Flat River, Mo.; John Deera of Salt Lake City, Utah; and W. F. R. Mills of Denver, Col.

Secretary—J. F. Callbreath of Denver, Col.

The directors elected are: E. G. Bromley of Denver, Col.; H. Foster Bath of Urbana, Ill.; Samuel A. Taylor of Pittsburg.

Telegram from Taft. The reading of a telegram from Taft in which the president-elect said that the mining industry of this country deserved all the assistance which the government can render it, and that mining resources of the country must be conserved, caused much enthusiasm.

REV. GREGG FLINGS AT MR. CANNON

Hints That Speaker Will be Mashed if He Gets Caught Between Taft and Temperance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"Taft and Temperance have a great deal to do with Uncle Joe Cannon. Taft and Temperance are heavy bodies and if Cannon gets caught between the two there will be little left of Mr. Speaker," were the comments of Rev. A. S. Gregg, secretary of the international reform bureau in a letter covering the opening of congress today. "Washington statesmen used to obeying Archbold letters are beginning to find instructions in letters from home," says Gregg.

WILL ASK BIG APPROPRIATION

Congressman William Lorimer Will Introduce a Bill in Congress Asking For Appropriation of \$9,000,000.

WOULD START WORK ALL ALONG THE ILLINOIS AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS—GROUND FOR NEW REQUEST.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—Congressman William Lorimer, one of the pioneers in the movement to connect the lakes with the Gulf of Mexico by a ship water way, will introduce in the session of congress that opens this week a bill carrying an appropriation of \$9,000,000 to add to the \$20,000,000 authorized by Illinois, and also appropriations with which to start the work all along the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

Mr. Lorimer returned last week from his extended trip through the northwest, and at once plunged into the work of getting his bill in shape for the present congress.

Ground for New Request. Mr. Lorimer's intention to ask the federal government to give Illinois \$9,000,000 for use in building the water way through the water power zone, although the reason for this is understood among the government engineers, adds a new and interesting feature to the big undertaking so far as the Illinois taxpayers are concerned.

This phase of the situation was made clear by Mr. Lorimer in his speeches for the bond issue throughout Illinois, but it appears to have escaped particular attention.

The ground on which the \$9,000,000 will be asked is that the federal government should build the locks in conformity with the federal regulations, and if so doing will further establish its control of the water way.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—At Madison Square Garden sixteen teams in the six day bicycle race started at midnight. At 8 today the leaders covered 185 miles, 4 laps, 3 laps better than the Bedell Brothers in 1902. A purse of \$2,000 by a French firm of cycle manufacturers is offered if the record is broken by a foreign team. Logan, of Ireland, is leading, the balance trailing short distances.

At 9 this morning the score was nine teams 206 miles, 5 laps, new record.

The score at 10 o'clock: Ten teams 227 miles, seven laps; four teams 227 miles, six laps; one 226, nine laps; one 226, four laps.

At noon the leaders were three miles three laps ahead of the previous record.

EQUALITY, FOR WOMEN ALSO

English Papers Say That if Women Want Equality With Men They Should be so Treated.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—If the militant suffragettes insist on absolute equality with men they should not complain that their rioting members are handled like men in Saturday's outbreak at "Albert Hall." This is the substance of replies of many English papers today on the charges of brutality that the suffragettes were making against three hundred "bouncers" who suppressed the riot.

ARKANSAS RIVER CHANGING COURSE

Sections of the River Front at Pine Bluff Menaced by the Changing Course.

PINE BLUFF, Dec. 7.—The Arkansas river is constantly changing its course and new sections of the river front today are menaced by the floods. Several houses have been pulled back from the stream and the changing of its course saved many others. It is feared, however, that more will be toppled into the flood before evening. Danger still threatens the larger structures.

Crushed Skull With an Axe.

CAMI, Ill., Dec. 7.—Roy Strum, a school teacher, today grabbed an axe and crushed the skull of Allen McRill, who had thrice knocked the hat off of Strum's head. McRill is dying.

Hains Trial Monday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Justice Crane Flashing of the supreme court has decided that the Hains trial shall proceed Monday.

Spanish Vice Counsel Suicides.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Charles Ekstromer, the Spanish vice-counsel at St. Louis, committed suicide at his home here today, by taking poison.

—Daily Gate City, 10 cents a week.



CARRIE NATION IS IN EUROPE. Carrie Nation—I'll show you fellows a few new wrinkles.

DISTINGUISHED MEN AT CAPITAL

Washington Has More Notable Men in the City This Week Than Ever Before in Its History.

FOUR BIG MEETINGS

Taft Will Preside at the Conservation Conference and Roosevelt Will Give the Opening Address.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The capitol entertains this week more distinguished men throughout the country than ever before.

Besides congress four great conventions of general object of improvement, the conservation of the country's natural resources, first formal meeting of the joint conservation conference tomorrow afternoon, with Taft presiding, Roosevelt will give the opening address, Gov. Chamberlain, of Oregon, the address on behalf of the governors of states, and representatives of the house and senate will speak. Definite plans for the improvements of the waterways and harbors of the Pacific coast will be urged on congress by the national rivers and harbors congress. Fairbanks, Ambassador Bryce, Carnegie, Gompers, Seth Lowe, Cannon, Garfield and Secretary Wilson are among the speakers. This is the first year the Pacific coast has been represented at the national rivers congress. Pardee of California, Dr. N. G. Barlock of Washington and A. H. Devers of Oregon will present the plans for the improvement of rivers and harbors in that region.

BIG BUNCH OF MONEY NEEDED

Appropriations, According to the Estimates of Departmental Heads, Goes Into the Billions, \$824,408,948.01.

THE NAVY INCREASE

Calls For Better Transportation Facilities, Navy Yards and Fortifications—Pension Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Appropriations aggregating \$824,408,948.01 are estimated according to the departmental heads reporting to congress today by Cortelyou, necessary the coming year.

The following are the apportionments: Legislative, \$13,178,177.95; executive, \$415,510; state, \$4,320,494.72; treasury, \$190,896,645.11; war, \$234,093,150.10; navy, \$137,510,387.99; interior, \$200,532,151.05; postoffice, \$1,711,040; agriculture, \$18,817,626; commerce and labor, \$13,043,845; justice, \$9,890,020.

Among the important individual estimates are increase in the navy to \$23,840,790; navy ordinance, \$7,020,405.79. Coal, transportation for the navy, \$5,000,000; navy yards stations, \$9,511,730; pensions, \$161,018,000; fortifications and other defense \$17,263,251; rivers and harbors, \$41,943,198.

CAUGHT GANG OF SHOPLIFTERS

Winnipeg Police Arrest Several Parties Who Systematically Rob Stores.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—Phillip Greenbaum and Sophia Wilson, A. M. Copeland, Alexander Matthews and a negro arrested after robbing a jewelry store are said by the police to be a gang that is operating with crooks in America for the disposal of diamonds, silks, and furs that are secured by the shoplifters. The police are wiring to Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Omaha and Denver for information.

SIMON WANTS THE PRESIDENCY

Indications are That the Revolutionary Leader Would Like to Succeed Ailes.

FORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 7.—The quick establishment of a peace pact between Simon and General Fouchard, the presidential candidate, is taken to mean that Simon himself wants the place and intends to see that nothing interferes. Fouchard reached Port Au Prince yesterday. It is rumored today he is out of the race.

—Read the want column.

LEWIS PROMISES A SENSATION

President of the United Mine Workers Issues a Statement in Defense of Assaults Made by Enemies.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 7.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers in a statement to the United Press today, said: "My attention has been called to a paper published in Illinois containing a number of articles designed to reflect upon me personally as an officer of the miners. These are inspired by certain officers of the organization with the knowledge there is not a centilla of truth in the published statement. Those who seek to promote their personal interests by assuming the position of character assassins are the worst enemies of the labor movement and society in general. I shall not at this time dignify those individuals by naming them, but when the national convention meets, the mask will be torn off and the perfidy of those men will be exposed. Too much of my time has been spent in building up the miners even to permit the selfish and prejudiced personal enemies to destroy it. The mine workers will know the facts in due time. Those attempting to injure my name and reputation will pay the penalty when the facts are understood."

The statement refers to his record and challenges investigation. Lewis is being voted for in the presidency race and is opposed by John H. Walker, of Illinois, president of the Illinois miners.

REV. MARY GRAVES DIES.

First Woman Ordained to Unitarian Ministry Passes Away.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Rev. Mary Hanna Graves, the first woman to be ordained to the Unitarian ministry in Massachusetts is dead, aged 71. She was ordained at Mansfield in 1874 and had occupied pulpits in Earlville, Ill., and in this state.

Chas. K. Sackett Drops Dead.

CHICAGO Dec. 7.—Chas. K. Sackett, one of the best known members of the Chicago board of trade, today dropped dead from heart disease at the entrance to the Postal Telegraph building.

—Keokuk made goods are as good as any other goods. Buy them and help local industries.

WESTERN CO. GETS THE MONEY

Six Million Dollars of Bond Issue of \$15,000,000 Secured by the Washington Water Power Company.

EXTEND ELECTRIC LINE

New York and Boston Syndicate Furnish the Cash for a Water Power Plant Near Spokane, Wash.

[Gate City Special Service.] SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—Six million dollars of a bond issue of \$15,000,000 and \$1,000,000 derived from new stock, authorized by the stockholders of the Washington Water Power company at a meeting in Spokane, December 1, will be expended in improving, and extending the company's railway, power and lighting systems in and near Spokane the next few years. A syndicate of New York and Boston capitalists has taken over the entire bond issue at a price not given out by the directors. The money will be used in erecting a large power plant near Spokane, the extension of underground wires in Spokane and a three-story power and passenger station, 100 by 200 feet. Work on the power plant is under way and other improvements will be started early next spring.

Robert E. Strahorn of Spokane, president of the North Coast Railroad company, which has already invested more than \$5,000,000 in right of way and terminal land in this city, also announces that car shops and round houses with facilities to accommodate several hundred miles of line will be erected in Spokane, probably in the western part of the city. The company, which is building a steam railway from Spokane to Puget Sound, owns several electrical plants in the central part of Washington, but so far no one has been able to ascertain who is identified with the enterprise. That the company has ample financial backing is evidenced by the large investments in Spokane and other parts of the state.

STEEL FREIGHTER WEEK OVER DUE

Belief that the D. M. Clemenson With Entire Crew Has Been Lost is Growing.

DULUTH, Dec. 7.—Despite the fact that the belief of the steel freighter, D. M. Clemenson, a week overdue in this port has been lost and a crew of twenty-four perished, several tugs were sent out from here today to continue the search for the vessel. It is feared the freighter went down with all hands in a terrific gale which swept Superior last week.

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Dec. 7.—Ves-

selmen here believe that the steel freighter Clemenson sank as the result of injuries received during October, when it was entering the local harbor. It struck a stone of the lighthouse pier and three holes were knocked in its side. It was not believed to be serious and was patched with cement. It is believed that this was opened up in the heavy waves of a late storm. The men's quarters were below the water line. It is thought that they must have perished.

CHAMP CLARK CHOSEN TO LEAD

Successor to John Sharp Williams Makes Urgent Plea For Harmony in Coming Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 7.—Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, was chosen minority leader of the house of representatives Saturday night at a caucus of Democratic members of that body.

Clark's election was unanimous. His name was suggested to the caucus by the retiring minority leader, Senator-Elect John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi. Resolutions were adopted thanking Williams for his services to the party on the floor of the house.

Springfield Bank Closed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 7.—The National Exchange bank, one of the largest in Springfield, was closed today under orders of Examiner L. T. Rareback. An examination of the affairs of the bank was ordered. The capital is \$100,000.

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OIL KING MAY GO TO LONDON

Reported That John D. Rockefeller Has Purchased London Property and Will Begin Erection of Palace.

FASHIONABLE SECTION

Bond Street is Wondering What Part the Prosecution in the Standard Oil Has Played in the Move.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—John D. Rockefeller may become a member of London colony of fashionables for at least a part of every year, according to indications discovered today when it was learned the American oil king had purchased houses 38 and 41, Queen Anne's Gate, and begun their demolition to make way for a marble palace. When the news reached Bond street today it caused considerable speculation as to what part the prosecution of the Standard had played in influencing Rockefeller in purchasing this home.

ANARCHISTS BLEW UP MAGAZINES

Believed that Natives Destroyed the Station at Dundum in Which Many Were Killed.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 7.—Native anarchists at Dundum, a military station six miles from here, are believed to be responsible for blowing up the magazines ammunition at that place in which eleven native soldiers were killed and twenty-six injured.

ENGLAND PREPARES FOR INDIA WAR

Heavy Draft Made on the Home Regiment for Service in India.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A heavy draft of the English Home Regiment, for service in India, was ordered by the war office today. The troops have made ready to embark for India as soon as it is possible as a threatened Indian uprising is believed to be imminent.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri Wired from Chicago.

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

For Illinois: Fair tonight with warmer northwest portion; Tuesday fair and warmer.

For Iowa: Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

For Missouri: Fair tonight with warmer north portion; Tuesday fair and warmer.

Weather Conditions.

A low barometer has been attended by warmer weather in the eastern portion of the country, and there have been rains from the western gulf through the lower Mississippi and Ohio valleys to the eastern states, the rainfall being very heavy in east Tennessee and New York City.

The crest of high pressure extends from the Oregon coast to the central Mississippi valley and eastern Texas, and snow from the northern mountain region to the upper lakes has been followed by fair much colder weather, with a cold wave.

In the upper Missouri valley the temperature is rising with a low barometer in Alberta.

Fair weather, with rising temperature is indicated in this section tonight and Tuesday.

River Bulletin.

St. Paul . . . 14 Frozen . . .
La Crosse . . . 12 3.0 x0.3 0.02
Devenport . . . 15 1.2 x0.1 . . .
Galland . . . 8 1.1 -0.1 . . .
Keokuk . . . 15 1.3 -0.4 . . .
St. Louis . . . 30 19.5 -1.0 . . .

xRise. -Fall.
The river will remain nearly stationary.

Dec. . . . Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather
6, 7 p.m. . . . 30.96 22 NW Clear
7, 7 a.m. . . . 30.31 4 W Clear
River above low water of 1864, 1 foot, 3 tenths; change in 24 hours, fall 3 tenths.

Mean temperature, 28.
Maximum temperature, 35.
Minimum temperature, 22.

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