

WHAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE WILL CONSIDER

Fifty-Seventh Congress Will Open the Short Session Today--Anti-Trust Laws Will Probably Have an Early Consideration--Sherman Measure Thought Sufficient to Control the Combine By Hepburn--President's Message Will Be Read Tomorrow and By Wednesday the Congress Will Have Settled on the Calendar of What May Be a Very Busy Session.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The house convenes today to enter on the final session of the Fifty-seventh congress. A perfect deluge of bills dealing with the trust question in all its phases will be thrown into the legislative hopper. It is admitted on all sides that this will be the most important topic of the session; indeed, the leaders incline to the belief that beyond the appropriation bills and routine legislation it will be the only general subject on which there is a chance of action at the short session.

As yet the leaders have formulated no measure and there should be a pretty wide divergence of opinion of what can or should be done. The president's recommendations on the subject are awaited with interest. The most conservative opinion among the republican leaders seem to favor an appropriation for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Such an appropriation, it is pointed out, could be placed on one of the regular appropriation bills and be put through both houses without difficulty, whereas any amendment to the law itself, no matter how conservative, would likely meet opposition.

THINKS SHERMAN LAW WOULD TURN THE TRICK

Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, is one of those who believes the Sherman law, if enforced, is sufficient to meet the situation, and today he will introduce a bill appropriating \$500,000 to be used by the department of justice in prosecutions under the present law.

It is not improbable, when the leaders ascertain exactly what can be done, that a caucus of republicans will be called to agree upon a measure. Meantime, the trust bills introduced probably will be referred to the judiciary committee. There is some question of jurisdiction. If a bill invokes the interstate commerce clause of the constitution it should go to the commerce committee, and if the taxing power of the government, to the ways and means committee; but to secure uniformity, all bills dealing with the subject have gone heretofore to the judiciary committee, and this practice will be followed unless a fight for jurisdiction is made.

The leaders already have resolved to expedite the appropriation bills as much as possible in order to allow the largest margin of time for other matters.

CANNON EXPECTS TO DO LOT OF THINGS RIGHT OFF

Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee, believes the legislative, executive, judicial and the pension appropriation bills can be disposed of before the holidays. His committee will go to work at once and prepare the supply bills as rapidly as possible. The legislative and pension bills probably will be read before the end of the week.

One of the first things the appropriation committee will be called upon to do, however, is to prepare a bill to provide for the coal strike commission. Judge Gray, chairman of the commission, has written a letter to Mr. Cannon asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the commission, to pay its clerical force and to furnish such compensation for its members as the president may fix.

The appropriation committee will meet tomorrow to prepare a bill which, it is expected, will be submitted and passed this week. No opposition from the minority is expected.

The session of the house today will be brief. The roll will be called and the announcement of the deaths that have occurred during the recess. The house will adjourn until tomorrow, when the president's message will be read. There is no program for the remainder of the week beyond the appropriation bill to defray the expenses of the coal commission. If the regular order is demanded the London dock charges bill is the unfinished business.

SENATE WILL CONSIDER THE THREE NEW STATES

The admission of the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states of the union probably will be the first subject of general importance to receive the attention of the session, which begins at noon today.

The omnibus territorial bill passed the

house last session. Its friends in the senate were so insistent on action by the senate and so strong in point of numbers, that in point of other pending legislation, an unanimous agreement was reached that in consideration of abatement by the friends of the measure during the last session the committee on territories would report on the bill on next Wednesday, December 3, and that a week later the bill should become the unfinished business in the senate, which means that unless the measure shall be displaced by vote or by unanimous consent it will occupy the first place of the senate calendar until disposed of.

It is the current expectation that this program will be carried on whether the committee's report is favorable or unfavorable, as the agreement contemplated consideration regardless of the character of the report.

MAY ALLOW OKLAHOMA ONLY TO BE ENTERED

There is no definite information as to what the committee's decision will be, but at the last session all the republican members of the committee, except Senator Quay, voted to defer consideration, while Senator Quay and all the democratic members voted for immediate action, the result being a majority for postponement. It is known that some of the republican members favor an amendment for the bill, so as to provide for the admission of Oklahoma only, and it is the prevailing opinion that the committee will divide on this proposition, all the republicans except Senator Quay being considered favorable to it.

However, the transfer of one republican to the majority would insure the report of the bill to admit all three territories to statehood,

as Senator Quay and all the democrats are in favor of a tri-statehood.

A protracted debate in the senate is probable. The friends of the house measure claim to have the support of all the democratic senators and from 15 to 18 republicans. There is, however, determined opposition on the part of some republican leaders, who deny that the omnibus bill has the strength its friends claim for it.

Other questions which, in addition to the appropriation bills, are expected to receive the attention of the senate at this session are the trusts, the tariff and Cuban reciprocity.

CUBAN RECIPROcity BILL MAY BE PUT OFF LONG

It is possible the Cuban question may be postponed until the pending commercial treaty with the Cuban government shall be transmitted to the senate, but there has not been any determination on that point. Very few republican senators admit the probability of any change of the tariff law during the present session, but some bills to modify present schedules may be introduced and speeches made thereon. Some senators speak of the creation of a tariff committee as a possibility, but there are differences of opinion as to the utility of such a body.

There is quite a unanimity of opinion favorable to anti-trust legislation, and this opinion goes to the extent of predicting results along the lines indicated by Attorney-General Knox for the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Differences of opinion as to the constitutionality of some of the proposed changes have developed already. The judiciary committee will attempt to reconcile these differences, and if it succeeds the present indications are favorable to

affirmative action by the senate. The democrats will place no obstacles in the way of such legislation.

CONSTITUTIONAL ACTION NOT TALKED OF ANY MORE

There is no longer serious talk of constitutional amendments for the control of trusts, as it is recognized that in a short session it would be impossible to secure action on such amendments. The present week will barely witness the beginning of three months' work. Today the usual committee of two senators will be appointed to call on the president and resolutions of regret on the death of Senator McMillin of Michigan will bring the day's session to a close a few minutes after assemblage.

It is possible the oath of office may be administered to General Alger, Senator McMillin's successor, but even this ceremony may be postponed for a day.

Tomorrow the president's message will be read, and beyond this no business will be attempted that day.

The sessions of Wednesday and Thursday also will be barren, with an adjournment from Thursday to the following Monday. On Wednesday, in accordance with the agreement of last session, Senator Beveridge will doubtless present a report from the committee on territories on the statehood bill, and it will then go over until December 10.

There will be an effort to confirm some of the numerous nominations expected to be sent in at the first opportunity.

There are a number of cases involving constitutional questions before the supreme court, whose hearings have been postponed pending the appointment of a justice.

The foundation will be laid on Wednesday and Thursday for what is expected to be a very crowded calendar.

DEWET WRITES HIS TALE OF WAR

Great Boer General Has Little Praise for Either Roberts or Kitchener and Declares That Had It Not Been for Internal Dissentions Among the Boers the British as a Nation Would Have Found Their Grave on the South African Veldts.

London, Dec. 1.—"Had not so many of our burghers proved false to our own colors, England, as the great Bismarck foretold, would have found her grave in South Africa."

That is the keynote of the Boer general, Dewet's, book, entitled "Three Years' War," published by Archibald Constable & Co., in London and dedicated by the Boer general to "My fellow subjects of the British empire." It is perhaps the most remarkable book by the most remarkable leader that any recent war has produced. The concise, simply-told tale of the extraordinary campaign is marked throughout with the stamp of truth.

The boldness of the narrative only serves to bring into strong relief the fiery passages over which a strong man literally bows his soul in pathetic regret or bitter denunciation.

He Spares No One. In thus taking the public into his confidence Dewet loses nothing of the glamor with which his exploits in the field surround him. Criticising he spares no one; Boer and Briton come equally under the lash. Dewet declares that, whatever the English people have to say in discredit of General Buller, he had to operate against stronger positions than any other British general. Throughout the work the Boer general has little slight praise for Lord Roberts and little more for Lord Kitchener.

General Knox is almost the only British general who seems to have struck Dewet as a commander with real military genius.

"Tommy Atkins" he says many kindly words, and he declares: "The British were far from being bad shots."

The Lord Was With Them. The comparative immunity of the Boers from harm Dewet constantly and most fervently attributes to the interposition of God.

"If any reason," he says, "is needed to know how it was I kept out of the enemy's



General DeWet.

hands, I can instantly answer, although I may not be understood, that I ascribed it to nothing else than this—it was not God's will that I should fall into the enemy's hands. Let those who rejoice at miraculous escapes give all the praise to God."

Nevertheless, the book teems with accounts of military and other stratagems by which Dewet outwitted his pursuers.

Frequently he recounts cases of desertion and panic among his own men, to whom his entreaties and "jaanboking" were all of no avail.

Dewet pays a tribute to General Cronje for his bravery, but declares he lost at Paardeburg only on account of his fatal obstinacy in refusing to leave the laager, as he was advised to do by General Botha and by the writer himself.

Regarding his own forces, Dewet writes: "It was far easier to fight against the great English army than against treachery among my own people, and an iron will was required to fight against both at once."

"If only our orders had been carried out a little more strictly, and if only the

most elementary rules of strategy had been observed in our efforts to break the British lines of communication, Lord Roberts and his thousands of troops would have found themselves shut up in Pretoria, where they would have perished of hunger. It was not the skill of their commander-in-chief that saved them."

Blockhouses and Blockheads. Of the blockhouses Dewet is frankly contemptuous.

"The blockhouse policy," he says, might equally well have been called the policy of the blockhead."

The writer emphatically defends the right to blow up railroad lines and trains as the usage of war, and he declares he never missed an opportunity to do so. The so-called war against women and the misuse of the white flag by the British is denounced by the Boer general, who says: "That such direct and indirect murders have been committed against defenseless women and children is a thing I should have staked my head could never have happened in a war waged by the civilized English nation, and yet it happened."

His last word is an injunction to his fellow countrymen to be loyal to the new government. "Loyalty," he says, "pays best in the end, and loyalty alone is worthy of a nation which has shed its blood for freedom."

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New York, Dec. 1.—Four persons have narrowly escaped death in the sinking of a canal boat on Long Island sound. The boat was in tow of the tug Hattie B. The wind was blowing a gale, and, after leaving Hell Gate, bound east, the decks of the tug and canal boat were awash in a rolling, heavy sea. When near the north end of North Brother island the hawser parted, sending the boat adrift. Efforts were made to get a new line to it. The tug approached as closely as it could with safety, the boat bobbing up and down like a toy.

Suddenly the tide swept it against a rock which tore a big hole in its side and it began to fill and settle. All attempts

to save the boat were given up and every effort was devoted to rescuing the family of Captain Bentley, who sought safety in a little cabin on the upper deck, where they locked themselves in. Line after line was thrown to them, but Captain Bentley could not catch them. Finally, with the aid of a life-saving gun, a line was shot across the roof of the cabin within reach of Bentley, who tied the end to the hatches. Quickly improvising a pulley and breeches buoy out of an old salt bag, Bentley gave the signal to the crew of the tug, who pulled one member of the family over after another. The children were first, then the mother and, last of all, Bentley.

As the line was cut the canal boat went down.

SACRED CANTATA A SUCCESS

Presbyterian Church Crowded to the Doors to Hear "The Holy City." The First Presbyterian church was crowded to the doors last night, the occasion being the presentation of Alfred R. Gaul's sacred cantata, "The Holy City," by the church choir, increased to 18 voices. Every part of the program was rendered without a flaw and those present felt well repaid for their presence. Mr. W. S. Goldenburg, the new organist, was a revelation to everybody. The soft, even tones of the big pipe organ were an evidence that the organist was its master, and Mr. Goldenburg's services are sure to be in demand at the several churches in the future.

FIRST OF SERIES OF SERMONS

Along Revival Lines Delivered in Meaderville by Rev. Mr. Crouch. The Methodist Episcopal church of Meaderville was packed to the doors last evening to hear the first of a series of sermons by Rev. Mr. C. D. Crouch. Mr. Crouch is assisted in the revival work by Lee Hayes. Mr. Crouch preached from the text, "Wilt thou be made whole?" John v., 12. It was a splendid discourse. ONLY \$13.00. Via Great Northern railway Butte to Boulder Hot Springs and return, including one full week's board at Spring's hotel. On sale daily at ticket office, No. 41 Main street.

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