NEW MEN IN CONGRESS

TEN SEATED IN HOUSE.

Seven Republicans and Three Democrats Chosen to Fill Vacancies.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Dec. 3.—In the midst of the general handshaking and animation at the opening of the session in the House, a scene which in some respects resembled the reunion of a lot of collegians back from their vacations, there were ten new Representatives, who were like "freshmen" in the midst of the older classmen. These are the men who were elected to fill vacancies in the House which had occurred through death or resignation. There were twelve vacancies in all from these causes, but the seats of Representatives John H. Ketcham, of New York, and Rockwood Hoar, of Massachusetts, have not been filled for the unexpired term, the death of both members having occurred too close to Election Day. All the new men are to be members of the 60th Congress, as well as serving in the present session, except Mr. Overstreet, of Georgia.

The ten new members come from states as far west as California, across the continent to Illinois, New York and southward to Georgia, seven of them being Republicans and three Democrats. Death especially depleted the ranks of Pennsylvania's delegation last year, and three of the new members, all Republicans, are from that state.

New members in the House of Representatives are not like "freshmen" in one important respect—they are not hazed; and both before and after the routine of the session the men who take their seats for the first time are sought out by the veterans and introduced around generally, so that they are made to feel thoroughly at home in their new surroundings. As a matter of fact, two of them, Representatives Charles N. Brumm and J. E. Reyburn, both of Pennsylvania, are not actually new to Congress, as they both have served in previous years. They are finding a number of their old acquaintances on the floor.

TWO OVERSTREETS IN THE HOUSE.

When Jesse Overstreet, of Indiana, chairman of the Postoffice Committee, who considers himself almost a veteran, though he does not look it, was informed recently that there was a new member in the House by the same name and with one of the same initials, Mr. Overstreet at once arranged that there should be a meeting. "I am glad to learn that there is another one of the family in the House," said Mr. Overstreet, of Indiana, to the Georgia Representative of the same name; "there have not been many Overstreets in Congress, and the more the better, even if it has to be a Democrat."

The senior new member in point of experience is Charles N. Brumm, Republican, of Pottsville, representing the 12th Pennsylvania Congress District, to succeed George Patterson, who died during the recess. He comes back to the House without a mustache. Although Mr. Brumm's mustache was a forceful and vigorous feature of his countenance, his old friends declare that he is more adorned without the adornment, and compliment him upon his fine appearance. Mr. Brumm served in Congress from 1881 to 1889, and from 1895 to 1899. He would have been a member as far back as 1878, but, according to the official returns, which did not at all agree with the number of votes cast for Mr. Brumm, he was counted out and remained at home to practise law. He made a good selection of a profession, it seems, for of forty-one alleged murderers defended by him only one was executed. Mr. Brumm's army record is as good as his professional. He went into the Civil War a private, and after rapid promotion to lieutenant and quartermaster, he was aide-de-camp on the staffs of Generals Barton and Pennypacker. When the strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt held its hearings, Mr. Brumm appeared before it as the counsel for the United Mine Workers of America. If at any time Mr. Brumm should happen to leave Congress and wish to abandon the bar, he will not be without a calling. In his younger years he served his apprenticeship as watchmaker, and, it is said, still takes delight in tinkering with the delicate mechanism of chronometers belonging to his friends. His watch owning associates, however, assert that when Mr. Brumm's own watch gets out of order he takes it to a jeweller.

ANOTHER VETERAN.

The other veteran, John Edgar Reyburn, of Philadelphia, Representative from the 2d Pennsylvania Congress District, has also had a previous record in the House, serving in the 51st, 52d, 53d and 54th Congresses, from 1891 to 1897, and, having lived here since that time, Mr. Reyburn considers Washington almost as much his home as Philadelphia. He has maintained a handsome house here, entertaining lavishly, and this is the headquarters for his yacht, the Gretchen, on which it is his custom to make frequent trips to favorite hunting and fishing grounds on the Chesapeake and North Carolina sounds.

Mr. Reyburn is one of Pennsylvania's iron masters, being largely interested in the steel and iron industry in his state. He is a man of wealth, and during his long career in Washington both in public and private life his hospitalities were a feature of the social life at the capital.

Mr. Reyburn had a long record in the Pennsylvania Legislature, serving both in the House and Senate for several sessions. In the former he was chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and was president pro tem. of the Senate at one session. As a Representative in Congress he served to the satisfaction of his constituents on the Rivers and Harbors Committee and made an excellent record. He was born at New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, in 1845. He went to Philadelphia to study law, and was admitted to the bar there. Oddly enough, this is the second time Mr. Reyburn has been elected to serve in the unexpired term of a Representative. His first election to Congress was to fill the unexpired term of that stanch Protectionist, "Pig Iron" William D. Kelley, in February, 1890, and he now takes his seat as the successor of Robert Adams, who last summer committed suicide.

J. Hampton Moore, of the 3d Pennsylvania District, steps into the vacancy caused by the death of George A. Castor. The 3d was formerly a stronghold of Democracy and was represented by such men as Samuel J. Randall, one time Speaker of the House; Richard Vaux, and William McAleer. Vaux, in addition to having made a first class record as a Congressman and diplomat, won the distinction, unique among Americans, of having danced with Queen Victoria soon after her coronation. Mr. Moore comes to Congress fairly loaded down with titles and official designations. Beginning as office boy in a lawyer's office, he studied hard and was made court reporter on "The Philadelphia Public Ledger" and held the place for nearly thirteen years. Thirteen years of newspaper work ought to entitle a man to almost any reward, thought the Mayor of Philadelphia, who made him his private secretary in 1900. So thought President Roosevelt five years later, when he appointed Mr. Moore first chief of the bureau of manufactures of the Department of Commerce and Labor. After that he was president of one of the largest trust and surety companies of Philadelphia, president of the Allied Republican Clubs of Philadelphia, president of the Pennsylvania State League, twice president of the National Republican League, and last, and most important in his platform, he promised to stand in Congress as an exponent of the "Roosevelt square deal." In the midst of his other activities, or, to be exact, in 1889, Mr. Moore became a benedict, marrying Miss Adelaide Stone. The 3d, which Mr. Moore represents, is the largest manufacturing district of Pennsylvania, takes in the river front, and is peopled by a large proportion of non-English speaking residents, who are all personally acquainted with the new Congressman, whether they can converse fluently in his language or not.

A NEW WISCONSIN MAN.

John M. Nelson, who comes as the Representative of the 2d Wisconsin District, in place of the late Congressman H. C. Adams, has taken an active part in state politics for the last fifteen years and has been closely affiliated with Senator La Follette. He has been a delegate to practically all the state and national conventions since 1892. He is a large stockholder in a number of financial institutions of Wisconsin and North Dakota. At present Mr. Nelson, who is thirty-six years old, is a member of the executive committee of the Republican State Committee. For a number of years he was a bookkeeper in the Department of State of Wisconsin, and for three years succeeding was correspondent in the Treasury Department of the state government. He was urged by Governor La Follette to accept the office of executive clerk, but declined the place and also declined the position of private secretary under Governor Davidson. He might have had the nomination for the state Senatorship had he wished to make the race, but preferred to remain in private life until the Congress nomination was tendered to him by the leaders of his district. Bills that Mr. Nelson introduces in the House may be expected to receive Senator La Follette's hearty support in the co-ordinate branch of Congress, and when Senator La Follette wishes votes in the House for measures he is fighting for, it is safe to say that Mr. Nelson will be found ready with voice and vote to help them through. Mr. Nelson was married in 1891 to Johanna Stondall, sister of State Senator A. M. Stondall, and, like President Roosevelt, has six children.

By the election of W. F. Englebright, Representative of the 1st District of California, succeeding Mr. Gillett, who was elected Governor of the state, there has been added to the Republican majority a man whose services will doubtless prove valuable to the nation, as well as to his own state and district. Mr. Englebright is a successful mining and irrigation engineer, and with the extensive interest which Congress is now taking in federal irrigation Mr. Englebright's knowledge and experience will doubtless bring him rapidly to the front. The handsome majority given Mr. Englebright in his district, indicates the high regard in which he is held by those who know him best, and the papers of his district declare that he received the support of a great number of Democrats, who abandoned party lines when they had an opportunity to vote for a Representative for whose ability and character they entertained such high respect. In his youth Mr. Englebright served as a joiner in the United States navy yard at Mare Island, and he enjoys, as a result, some knowledge of naval matters. But it is as a civil engineer that he has made his success in life, having practised that profession for many years in California. While he has not before held political office, unless his membership on the Board of Education be characterized as such, the new Representative has always been a public spirited man, and has taken an active part in promoting mining reforms of an engineering character, many of these having made materially for the safety and comfort of the men who work beneath the ground.

Mr. Englebright was unable to take the oath of office yesterday, for the reason that he is detained in California by a lawsuit now in progress and with which he is connected in his capacity of engineer, but he expects to arrive in the capital in the not distant future, and his colleagues will doubtless endeavor to pre-empt for him some good assignments on the mining, irrigation, public lands and other committees that deal with subjects with which he is familiar.

MR. HITT'S SUCCESSOR.

Frank O. Lowden, of Oregon, Ill., succeeds to the place made vacant by the death of Robert R. Hitt, who was for years one of the House leaders. Mr. Lowden's friends are sure that he will play a prominent part in the House, his political training in state campaigns as a candidate for Governor and in national politics as a member of the Republican national committee being such as to qualify him for leadership. He was offered the place of First Assistant Postmaster General by President McKinley in 1900. Mr. Lowden is proud of the fact that he is a farmer, and of the farm that he owns in his home countyfl on which he raises the finest kind of cattle, specimens of his stock having taken numerous prizes at public exhibitions. The farm is regarded as a model, and illustrates the success of the most modern methods of agriculture. But Mr. Lowden is active in many other enterprises besides farming. By profession he is a lawyer, and he has been president of the Chicago Law Club and a professor in the Northwestern University Law School. Until two weeks ago he was a director in the Pullman company, but withdrew, in accordance with a promise made in his campaign. He married Florence Pullman, daughter of the founder of the car company, and his wife will be with him in Washington while he is here attending Congress. As a practical banker, Mr. Lowden is interested in the proposed currency reform legislation, and declares that he will assist in promoting legislation to effect greater elasticity in the national money system. He is a popular after-dinner speaker, and is likely to be in demand for festivals in Washington. That he is also a good public speaker was evidenced in his campaign for Governor in 1904, when he stumped the state of Illinois in one of the hottest campaigns that state has experienced. With half a dozen candidates in the field, Lowden ran a strong race, and as the result of the contest between Yates, Deneen and himself there was a deadlock in the convention famous in Illinois history, the result being finally determined in favor of Deneen when the Yates men threw their votes for that candidate. Mr. Lowden is forty-five years old and a man of force and vigor, who is determined to assert himself positively in the House on questions of the moment, but, as a new member, he says he is willing to wait and "learn" for a while at least, and will not charge at full tilt against the House traditions in the effort to stir up things.

Edward W. Saunders, the Representative of the 5th District of Virginia, who comes to Congress widely heralded as a man who does things and as a "terror to the railroads." If the President should desire any amendments making the Railway Rate law more drastic, Judge Saunders will doubtless be found ready to make the galled jade wince, for he is the author of the Virginia law which compels a railroad to pay for every horse, cow, hog, chicken or other domestic animal killed on its line, entirely regardless of whether the defunct animal committed suicide or the railroad murder. Judge Saunders is also credited with having done more than any other one man in the Virginia Legislature to place the Employers' Liability law on the state statutes, and with having led the fight which resulted in the enactment of the Corporation Commission bill. People from the Old Dominion describe Judge Saunders as a forceful and finished orator, and his colleagues believe he will add materially to the oratorical ability to be found on the minority side of the House. He succeeds Governor Claude Swanson, who served in the House until he was compelled to resign to take the oath of Governor of Virginia. Judge Saunders has to his credit a distinguished service, extending over seven terms in the Legislature of his state.

Some other important legislation for which Judge Saunders receives credit is the act compelling railroads to provide suitable crossings, the Negotiable Instruments act, an act protecting the property rights of married women, and a number of other equally meritorious laws. In 1899 he was elected Speaker of the House, and in 1901 was elected judge of the 4th District. Up to the time he was elected to the bench Judge Saunders was a member of the Virginia Military Institute Board. In addition to his legislative and judicial duties, Judge Saunders has found time to prepare and deliver a number of lectures before various educational institutions.

From "the land of the goober and the rattlesnake watermelon" comes J. W. Overstreet, of Sylvania, Ga., as successor to the late Colonel Lester, who for eighteen years represented the 1st District in Congress. Mr. Overstreet is a young man, just turned forty, and in a hot campaign for the nomination he carried seven out of the twelve counties in his district, his three opponents carrying only five between them. Mr. Overstreet is elected for the short term only.

"Mr. Overstreet, of Georgia," as he will be known, because of the fact that Representative Overstreet, of Indiana, is his senior of the same name, has already enjoyed some legislative experience, having served two terms as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. He has practised law for fourteen years, has been interested in educational affairs in his county and brings his wife and two children to Washington with him.

Clarence C. Gilhams, Indiana's new Representative from the 12th District, was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Newton W. Gilbert, who was appointed to the Supreme Court of the Philippines. He is a lawyer, living at La Grange. After two previous unsuccessful efforts to be elected a member of the House, Mr. Gilmans succeeded in winning the place in the November elections by the narrow margin of 350 votes against a Democratic candidate. He has held no public office before, but served for eight years as auditor of his county. In early life he was a school teacher. Four years ago, when he had the Republican nomination, he was defeated by a Democrat by 285 votes, and two years ago was beaten for the nomination by Gilbert, who came in easily on the Roosevelt wave.

Daniel J. Riordan, the new member from the 8th New York District, succeeds Timothy D. Sullivan, who resigned. Mr. Riordan sat in the 56th Congress, being succeeded then by Mr. Sullivan. Since 1902 has has been a member of the New York State Senate. He was a member last year of the special insurance investigating committee. Mr. Riordan is a member in good standing of Tammany Hall, where he has been known as one of the Sullivans' most trusted lieutenants. He was born in Hester street, New York, in 1872, and was graduated from Manhattan College in 1890. He is interested in the real estate business with his father.

ALASKA'S FIRST DELEGATE.

Among the new figures at the Capitol who attract great attention is the first Delegate from Alaska. Frank H. Waskey, who enjoys the distinction of bearing this title, is an energetic, hardworking citizen of Nome, who was elected by the miners of the territory to come to Washington to press their interests. Nominally a Democrat, he has announced that he will follow the leader of that party just so far as the minority proceeds in the direction of Alaska's interests, and no further. Waskey wants to secure for Alaska a larger share of local self-government than is now enjoyed. The land laws and mining regulations are pretty bad in Alaska just at present, according to Waskey, and he has a bunch of bills for bettering conditions which he hopes to have passed. If he cannot secure their passage he will do his best to talk about them, at any rate, and his successor, Thomas Cole, who was elected to take up the work next session, will undoubtedly make his mark in "The Congressional Record" along the same lines. Mr. Waskey has been in Washington for several weeks, and has familiarized himself with the workings of the departments. He is accompanied by his wife and little child, and the appearance of the latter on the street, dressed in furs, Esquimau fashion, is one of the novel sights of the capital. Mr. Waskey has had several interviews with President Roosevelt since his arrival, and has received assurances from the head of the administration that the claims of the great northwestern territory will receive due consideration.

ARIZONA KEEPS ORPHANS.

Supreme Court Leaves Foundlings with Their Foster Parents.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Supreme Court dismissed for want of jurisdiction to-day the case of the New York Foundling Hospital agt. John C. Gatti. This decision revived the story of about forty orphan children sent from New York to Arizona in 1904, which at the time received much attention at the hands of the public. The effect of the decision, which was delivered by Justice Day, is to leave in effect the decision of the Arizona Supreme Court, which was favorable to Gatti.

The record in the case brought out the fact that in October, 1904, forty foundlings from the hospital intended for the neighboring towns of Clifton and Morenci, Ariz., arrived at the former place. The children were in charge of three Sisters of Charity, but were turned over to the local priest in pursuance of a request he had made to have the children sent out. In that request he had said that respectable, educated Spanish families desired them for adoption.

They were immediately distributed throughout the two towns, but the American residents of the places charged that the persons to whom they were given were of "the lowest class of halfbreed Mexicans, and wholly unfit to care for the children of whom they were to become the foster parents." They accordingly organized a mass meeting and appointed committees, with the result that the children were all taken from their guardians and adopted by the Americans. The Arizona courts sustained the course of the citizens and indorsed their retention of the children. The Sisters of Charity sought to have the little ones restored to their custody, in order that they might take them back to New York. The case acted on to-day involved the custody of only one child, but it has been agreed that the decision in this case shall control in all the others; consequently all the children will be left in Arizona.

The decision of the case turned entirely on the question as to whether the personal freedom of the children had been violated, and the court held that such was not the case. Speaking on that point in the case Justice Day said:

There was no attempt to illegally wrest the custody of the child from its lawful guardian while in Arizona. The society voluntarily took the child there with the intention that it should remain. Through imposition, the child was placed in custody of those unfit to maintain control of it. It was within the jurisdiction of the court under such circumstances that rival claimants of the right of custody might invoke the jurisdiction of a court of competent jurisdiction of the territory to determine, not the right of freedom, but to which custody a child of tender years should be committed.

PRESIDENT COMMENDS GUNNERS.

Says the Navy Offers a Promising Career for Young Americans.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The President has written a letter to Secretary Bonaparte telling of his experience aboard the Missouri last summer, when a remarkable record was made at target practice. The President highly commends the ability of the gunners. He also describes the dinner he took with the men, giving the bill of fare in detail to illustrate the point that the sailors are well fed, and makes an argument to show that the navy offers a promising career for young Americans.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISTRICT.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Representation in Congress for the District of Columbia is provided for in a bill introduced by Representative Kline, of Pennsylvania, giving two members of the House to the District.

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CUBA PACIFICA.

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of the elections for perhaps six or seven months. The laws of Cuba must undergo some revision, especially the laws relating to elections, to municipal government and to the civil service and judiciary. These laws need to be so reformed as to make it impossible for any future government with any shadow of a pretext of legality to repeat the disastrous performances of the last year of the Palma administration. After that is done it ought to be possible to hold an election and to let the Cubans resume the government of their island.

The probability is that the election will not be held until July next. The cane cutting season ends in June, and it is not desirable to have an election while it is in progress. Liberal leaders are quite willing to wait until then for the election, though they might prefer to have it at an earlier date. As for the Moderates, they apparently want to postpone it as far as possible. They contend that to hold it before July would be disastrous, and there is ground for fear that some of them may try at that time to convince the United States that not even then is the island sufficiently pacified. The fact is, the Moderates are "sparring for time." Their party is badly demoralized and is in no condition to enter a campaign against the excellent organization of the Liberals. They think that in a year's time they might pull their party together and win an election, and so they want to postpone the date of the election as long as possible. It is not to be supposed that this consideration will have convincing weight with Governor Magoon. He will probably order an election at the time which he thinks best, and that will be when he has completed the necessary revision of the laws and feels assured that the election will result in the establishment of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations of a civilized state.

A word about the sentiments of the various parties concerning the future of Cuba. The Liberals believe the island is capable of free self-government, and want its autonomy restored. The Moderates are divided in opinion. Some incline toward independence, while some prefer a permanent American protectorate to the chance of Liberal ascendency, though just what they mean by protectorate they are not able to explain. There is a third party, of Independents, who are somewhat affiliated with the Moderates, but who take little or no part in politics. Their lack of co-operation with the Moderates is what gives the Liberals their best assurance of victory; for if the Independents and Moderates united and worked together as a conservative party they would probably control the island by a strong majority. There is a fourth factor in the situation of great importance. It is composed of the merchants and the men heavily interested in railroads and tobacco and sugar plantations. These are nearly all Spaniards, Americans, Englishmen and Europeans, and are not citizens of Cuba. They are nearly all in favor of annexation to the United States, or at least of a permanent American protectorate, and in that they are animated, of course, by a selfish though sincere regard for their own pecuniary interests. They have entire confidence in Governor Magoon, however, and are not likely to undertake any opposition to the execution of his policy.

TO TRANSFER ERIE ENGINEERS.

Men Will Not Run Electric Cars—Will Go to Other Divisions.

It was stated unofficially yesterday that the question of the status of the engineers of the Erie Railroad on the part of the road to be operated with electricity, is likely to be settled without conflict with the rules of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The division at Rochester, on which electric cars will be running in a week or two, will be run differently from the divisions on the New York Central, where trains of cars will be drawn by electric engines. On the Erie division at Rochester single trolley cars will be run.

The plan under consideration is to send the engineers on this division to other divisions and operate the trolley cars with regular motormen. The officials of the railroads say the engineers are putting themselves to a great deal of needless anxiety.

WOULD STRIKE BLOW AT BROKERS

Bill Prohibiting Dealings in Cotton, Grain and Cattle Futures Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A bill striking a blow at brokers was introduced to-day by Representative Macon, of Arkansas. It forbids the dealing in futures of products of the soil, such as cotton, grain and livestock.

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It was said last night that the increase would amount to $400,000 in the payroll of the company, which is provided for out of a contingent fund. An official explained last night that the company realized that the price of living had gone up, and wished to hold its men by helping them to meet this increase in expenses.

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