

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FAIR TO-NIGHT AND TOMORROW

OPENING OF THE SHORT SESSION

The Scene in the Senate Chamber Described as One of Great Brilliance. The Hall of Representatives Appears Palatial in Its Dress of Gold and Carmine. In the Galleries Were Many Handsomely Gowned Women at an Early Hour.

Washington, Dec. 1, 12 noon.—The second session of the fifty-seventh congress convened at noon today.

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Without distinction of party, senators moved from one side of the chamber to the other and renewed old acquaintances.

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Mr. Burrows (Mich.) then announced the death of the late Senator James McMillan.

There was the usual flower display, although it was, perhaps, not as elaborate as upon some similar occasions in the past.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the members began arriving, the greetings exchanged amicably being equally cordial whether they were between political friends or enemies.

When the roll call was finished the speaker announced a quorum present.

MASSACRES IN MACEDONIA

Armenian Villages Surrounded by Turkish Troops and Their Inhabitants Murdered. The Leaders in the Recent Insurrection Have Been Killed Under Various Pretexts.

New York, Dec. 1.—Private telegrams received in Geneva at the headquarters of the Armenian refugees in Europe confirm the report of a massacre in Macedonia.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The house adjourned at 12:58 p. m.

GOLD FOR MEXICO

President Diaz to Appoint His Minister of Finance as His Successor. With the Distinct Understanding That This Change Is to Be Made.

Denver, Col., Dec. 1.—Rev. J. A. Zahm, provincial of the Order of the Holy Cross of South Bend, Ind., has returned from a visit to President Diaz.

FT. SNELLING HITCH

The Advance in Prices of Acre Property May Interfere with the Proposed Enlargement. Condemnation Proceedings May Be Necessary if Idea Is Not Dropped Entirely.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Stevens will undertake to close the Fort Snelling enlargement deal before the holidays.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL

Senator Concha, the Colombian Minister Who Blocked the Proceedings, Is Ousted. Dr. Thomas Herran Succeeds—This Chan's May Facilitate Negotiations.

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Nobody Yet Knows Officially Where the First Irrigation Works Are to Go In. Friction Between Secretary Hitchcock and Geological Survey as to Amount of Work.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary Hitchcock of the department of the interior will submit to congress, probably before the holiday recess, a report outlining the steps which he has taken thus far towards carrying into effect the irrigation law.

TEA FAMINE THREATENED

Secretary Shaw Will Do What He Can to Avert It. It is feared a majority of the villagers have perished.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary Shaw promised northwestern people to-day that he would do everything in his power to prevent a tea famine in the northwest during the early weeks of 1903.

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LEVI NYSTEDT. —Photo by Opsahl.

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