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Meeting of Congress.

The Fifty-sixth Congress, which convenes to-day, promises to be the most important in history-making in the annals of the country since the time of Washington. Extraordinary conditions have arisen out of the war with Spain, presenting problems never before encountered in the life of the Nation. The policies of the Republican party have been growing stronger in public favor day by day against the unreasoning, caviling factions of the Democratic party, and, we regret to say, some dissentient voices within its own ranks. It is believed, however, that the Republican party will present a solid front to the enemies of the administration and meet all the responsibilities that have been thrust upon it with the same fearless and conscientious performance of its duty that has always characterized its acts, guiding the Nation to its manifest destiny as the leader of the family of nations of the world. We are confident, too, that it will make good use of the opportunities which Providence in His wisdom has set before it for the uplifting of an oppressed people, and that it will carry the torch of civilization to the darkest corners of the globe, giving them the widest liberty consistent with safety to themselves, and bestow upon them the blessings of a government unequaled for justice and elevating in its ministrations.

The most important matter that will be presented for solution will be the Philippines and their final disposition. Whether ultimate self-government shall be their fate cannot be decided at present under the conditions that now prevail in the archipelago, but there will undoubtedly be some definition of the attitude of this government towards the islands which will serve to compose peace and allow a fair trial of American ideas with regard to law and order and exact justice to all.

The Cuban question will be another problem, but one much easier of solution for Congress, as intimated in the report of the secretary of war. By April next the census of Cuba will have been completed, and this government shall then be ready to provide for municipal elections, placing local government in the hands of the citizens, and these local governments will form a representative convention to frame a constitution and provide for a general government of the island, to which the United States will surrender the reins of government.

A government for Porto Rico has been suggested, and as there is no question of our rights there under the treaty of peace with Spain there is not likely to be any serious differences in establishing a wholesome state of affairs on that island.

Financial legislation in the line of carrying out the pledges made by the Republican party in its platform will engage a great deal of the time of both houses. The house, we believe, will pass the caucus bill putting the gold standard into the law of the land, and forever settling that vexed question, in short time, but the more deliberate senate will require a longer season for its discussion, and in which body it will meet with the most serious opposition. Its final passage, though, is assured in all its essential details.

The case of the Mormon member-elect will be a new question with the house of representatives in passing upon the qualifications of its members. There is no doubt about the sentiment of the country in regard to Mr. Roberts, but it remains to be seen whether sentiment and the law and the facts agree in this matter. If they do Mr. Roberts will not be allowed to participate in the deliberations of that body. Otherwise he will take and retain his seat.

A Startling Suggestion.

Rev. John Watson, who is better known as Ian Maclaren, the author of that clever Scotch novel, "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," has laid himself open to the withdrawal of the friendship of many ministers in this country whom he cultivated during a recent visit to this country. In the current number of the Ladies' Home Journal he has an article under the blood-curdling caption, "Should the Old Clergymen be Shot?" However, the murderous implication of this startling headline is not carried out in his advocacy of the retirement of aged ministers. In fact he rejects the suggestion once said to have been made by a distinguished divine "that a minister who is past his prime should be taken out and shot," very naively adding that "there are objections on the part of an interfering law to this summary method of disposal, and one must abandon the idea of an ecclesiastical knacker's yard."

What Dr. Watson does advocate, though, is the compulsory retirement of every minister at sixty years of age. He would not send the veteran away to starvation or the poor house; he would put them on half pay, and that, for many of them would be extreme poverty. To the suggestion that such a law would be arbitrary, the doctor replies that "any minister would prefer to retire by law rather than by force, and that he would be in good company, for he would share the lot of every naval and military officer, and every civil servant, and every officer of any great corporation throughout the civilized world."

The comparison, we think, is very inapt. There is a singularly happy aphorism that we should have old men for counsel and young men for action, and in no profession or calling does the aged veteran in works, deeds and faith increase in usefulness as the years are added unto them than in the ministry of Jesus Christ. There can be no more beautiful crown than the whitened locks that adorn the chastened brow of an old soldier of the Cross, and there is nothing which so stirs the deepest and most reverent emotions of the human soul as the trembling voice of age, which fills the sanctuary with the echo of His presence. How many worshipers would consent to have their aged pastors put away in the manner suggested by Mr. Watson, or the time of life he fixes as the end of their usefulness? There are too many sacred things associated with him to relegate him. He has married his parishioners, baptized their children, buried their beloved dead, and in times of distress and grief has been to them as "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." He has been their confidant, their advisor and the friend of all friends. Why, then, when the days grow darker for him and the light of his hope and faith brighter, should he be cast aside and be told that the places that knew him once shall know him no more?

Germans Misrepresented.

One of the strongest cards the so-called anti-imperialists sought to work off on an over-confiding public was the misrepresentation of the attitude of the German citizens of the country toward the expansion policy of the administration. In one sense the course of Bryan and his desperate entourge was an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of that class of citizens whose thinking they impertinently assumed to do. This has been resented in a very emphatic manner by Mr. Marling, the leading German business man of Milwaukee, Wis., and an old-school Democrat. He was invited to act as president of a meeting a few days ago to be addressed by the wildly assumptive Congressman Lentz, of Ohio. The invitation accomplished much good, for it gave Mr. Marling an opportunity, which he availed himself of, to call the attention of his German fellow citizens to the deception sought to be practiced upon them. Here are a few sentences from the letter in which he declined the invitation:

"The cry of 'imperialism' and 'militarism' is a result of the Spanish war, but the almost unanimous vote of Congress declaring that war shows both parties agreed ot it. The Democrats and Republicans fought side by side and gained the glorious victories that are now a record of history.

"The fortunes of war gave us new countries and new responsibilities from which we cannot honorably recede. The change of governments in the new countries will be of vast benefit to them.

"The cry of imperialism and militarism is, in my humble opinion, but the 'red fire' to illumine the rotten Chicago platform and its 16 to 1 dogma, than which a more hellish device to scatter the great Democratic party could not have been invented by its opponent party.

"As to imperialism, if we wish to grow and like other civilized powers find outlets for our products, we must have coaling stations and harbors to protect our war and merchant marine, which I predict will in time be the greatest in the world. If such harbors and islands have fallen to us by the fortunes of war we should not surrender them because some old aunties cry 'imperialism.'

"As to militarism, the army will no doubt be increased and decreased as existing necessities may demand, no matter under what party leadership.

"Now as to 'ringing in' the attitude of the subsidized press toward Germany,' it is not likely that the press, having the general prosperity of our country at heart, would desire an estrangement between two countries so closely allied by kinship and commerce. I ask every fellow German-American, can you in the face of general prosperity allow yourself to be hoodwinked by foolish side issues dragged in to bolster up the corpse in the Chicago coffin?

"The mere fear of Bryan's election brought our country to the verge of a panic, and yet that coffin continues to receive its indorsement of nearly every Democratic state convention."

It appears to us that this answer ought to satisfy the demagogues who have with insufferable presumption sought to speak for men who of all things are most capable of doing their own thinking, and are the least likely of any class of our citizens to be led or used by politicians or tricksters of any calling, and who are by all odds the most patriotic of our adopted citizens.

Corroborative of the opinions expressed by Mr. Marling is the evidence gleaned by the Milwaukee Herald as to the German-American sentiment in Wisconsin in regard to the government's policy toward the Philippines. To ascertain their attitude the following three questions were propounded to 117 representative German-Americans in every county in the state:

First—Are you and your friends of the opinion that the American government, after the close of the war in the Philippines, shall retain the islands as territory and property of the United States and give to the Philippines a suitable form of government, under the direction and control of the United States; or, second, are you of the opinion that the United States troops shall be recalled immediately and the Filipinos left to take care of themselves; or, third, are you of the opinion that after the close of the war the United States shall give to the Filipinos the broadest self government and content itself with a protectorate?

The replies received show 55 in favor of the first proposition, 10 in favor of the second and 34 in favor of the third. Five ignored direct answers, but expressed confidence that the administration would adopt the proper course; four were undecided between question 1 and question 3, and nine were undecided as to the proper policy to be pursued. In other words, but 10 out of the entire 117 favor stopping the fighting now or giving the Filipinos absolute independence.

For the first time in more than a quarter of a century the United States senate will convene to-day without carrying on its rolls the name of a Democratic senator from West Virginia. Of the last Republican senators who represented West Virginia in that body only one survives, the venerable Waitman T. Willey, who lives at Morgantown. Although greatly advanced in years he still retains his mental vigor and his interest in political affairs, and no doubt rejoices that he has been permitted to live to see the scepter that departed from Judea restored.

Ex-Senator Faulkner, who is Senator N. B. Scott's attorney, expresses the opinion that Mr. McGraw's efforts to dislodge the new West Virginia representative in the senate will prove to be so much labor lost. We do not believe that the Knight of the Purple Pencil ever expected anything to come of his alleged grievance. His only object and motive are ulterior and sinister.

The protest of the Pennsylvania Democracy against the seating of Quay by appointment of the governor will have no weight with the senate, but precedents and a strict construction of the law in the case may teach the governor of the Keystone state that he cannot dictate to that body. Really there are some fine points to be decided, and we think the United States senate is equal to the task.

The proceedings of the Republican house caucus were of the nature of a formality, as the election of General Henderson to the speakership was settled some time ago. The remaining officers of the last house were renominated with the exception of Sergeant-at-Arms Russell, who was not a candidate. Colonel Casson, of Wisconsin, was chosen to succeed him.

Mormon Roberts has indicated that he is going to make a hard fight for his seat. He participated in the Democratic caucus Saturday night and voted for Richardson, the successful candidate for the nomination for speaker.

The President's message will not be sent to Congress until to-morrow, as both houses will adjourn immediately upon their organization as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart.

The west was honored by the Republican caucus, as it deserved to be. This is the first time in the history of the Republican party since the days of Colfax that the speakership has gone to a western state.

Chamberlain's attack on France, in a recent speech, was, to put it mildly, indiscreet. France is in a position to make things very warm for England at this juncture.

The ambitious Sulzer will not be the leader of the minority in the next house. Can it be possible that the seal of Croker's imperial favor counted for naught.

When John Tergiversation McGraw presents his "brief" to the senate he will have the pleasure of seeing it referred to the Committee on Oblivion.

Not That Kind of Man.

Wheeling Evening News: It is not likely that the charges against the American minister at Bogota will amount to anything. Mr. Hart is charged with neglect of duty in the case of Judge Randolph, of Alabama, convicted of murder in one of the Colombian provinces. The Randolph case has gone through several courts and official reports on file at Washington will show that the American minister at Bogota have done all possible for the prisoner. Those who know Mr. Hart will not believe the charge against him. Mr. Hart in public and private life has never been in the habit of neglecting his duties, and we do not believe he has done so in his present position as minister at Bogota. He is not that sort of man.

Princess Royal.

A flash of blue, a gleam of gold;
A swirl of wheels apast me rolled;
A glimpse of white like orient pearl;
She's bound for school—the darling girl.

The flash of blue, so like the skies,
Is from her limpid, laughing eyes;
The gleam of gold is in her curls;
Her smiles betray the glistening pearls.

And like a bird on gladsome wing,
How light, how free, her graceful swing!
No goddess clothed in myths of old
E'er swept in lines more free and bold.
Each look, each move, new charm reveals,
O, loveliness of youth on wheels!

Such is the picture, day by by day,
Morning and noon and night each way,
Coming and going along the street—
My dozen sweethearts whom I greet.

Which love I most? How can I say,
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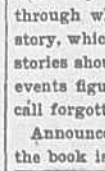

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