

CONGRESS WILL CONVENE TO-DAY FOR SHORT TERM.

Both Houses Will Adjourn for the Day After the Reading of the President's Message.

THE SHIPPING SUBSIDY BILL

One of the First Measures to be Inaugurated—Spooner's Philippine Bill Displaced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The senate will be called to order at 12 o'clock to-morrow, but beyond the probable reading of the President's message will transact no business, as the announcement of the death during the recess of Senators Davis and Gear when the message has been read, will bring the sitting to a close. Senator Allison will make the announcement in the case of his late colleague, Senator Gear, and there is hope that Senator Nelson may arrive in time to perform similar service concerning Senator Davis. These announcements will be preceded by the ceremony of swearing in the new members who this year are Mr. Dolliver, who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Gear, and Mr. Dillingham, who takes the place formerly occupied by Senator Ross, of Vermont, and the appointment of the usual committees to wait upon the President and the house of representatives.

Shipping Subsidy Bill.
Mr. Frye expects to get up the shipping subsidy bill on Tuesday, and if not on that date, then on Wednesday, and in doing this to have the Spooner Philippine bill displaced. This will be the beginning of the important work of the session and upon the success or failure of the scheme may depend much of the future course of the proceedings for the entire session. In order to accomplish this result it will be necessary first to get the consent of the Republican committee on order of business, and to this end a meeting of that committee will be held after the adjournment of the senate Monday afternoon. Mr. Frye said to-day that he already had conferred with a majority of the members of that committee, and that he felt assured he would have no difficulty in securing their assent to the proposed change. Thus far there has been no consultation with Democratic senators, but the friends of the shipping bill do not look for factious opposition to the taking up of the bill from that source.

Motion Not Debatable.
A motion to take up the measure is not debatable under the senate rules, and they are confident of a majority on a vote if a roll call should be demanded. It is probable that a friendly arrangement will be made with Senator Morgan, who has the Nicaragua bill in charge, that bill being on the calendar as a special order for the tenth instant. There is some talk of an effort during the week to get up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in executive session, but there is as yet no definite programme to this end. A movement is on foot now to secure the assent of the committee on foreign relations to the abandonment of the Davis amendment to the treaty for the fortification of the proposed canal. The usual custom of adjourning over from Thursday until the following Monday during the first weeks of the session probably will be departed from this session. That is the desire of the Republican leaders now here and they say there probably will be no such adjournment this week.

LEADERS OF HOUSE

Preparing for Important Business. Bill to Reduce War Revenue Tax Completed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The leaders of the house are preparing to press with great vigor the important business of the short session of Congress which convenes to-morrow. Already considerable preliminary committee work has been done on the important measure—the bill for the reduction of the war revenue taxes, the army reorganization bill, the river and harbor bill and several of the appropriation bills—and the legislative mill will start under a full head of steam. The army reorganization bill is considered particularly urgent, owing to the possibility of its meeting strenuous opposition after it reaches the senate and it is the intention of the leaders to get it out of the way at the earliest possible moment. It will be reported probably on Tuesday and will be taken up at once unless after further consultation it is decided to let the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill which also will be ready on Tuesday, in ahead of it.

The Democrats will caucus on the army bill on Monday and the indications are now that they will offer as a substitute for the permanent reorganization measure a bill extending for two or three years the present law for a provisional army.

War Revenue Bill Completed.

The bill to reduce the war revenue taxes has been practically completed by the Republican members of the ways and means committee and it will be submitted to the full committee on Tuesday, unless in the meantime a caucus of the Republicans should be found advisable. Some of the Republican members are not satisfied with the list of articles relieved of taxation by the bill and if too much opposition becomes evident when the house convenes on Monday the leaders probably will call a conference or cau-

cus for the purpose of adjusting and harmonizing differences. On Thursday, the Groat oleomargarine bill will come up as a special order under a rule made at the last session. It imposes a tax of ten cents per pound on oleomargarine, butterine, or other manufactured butters colored in imitation of butter. It has strong backing from the dairy interests and while it will meet with warm opposition from the interests that are antagonizing its passage, when it reaches a vote, its passage is regarded as a foregone conclusion. Two days, it is thought will suffice for its consideration.

Eulogies on Congressman Harmer.

Saturday, under a special order made last session, will be devoted to eulogies on the life, character and public services of the late Representative Harmer, of Pennsylvania, who for several years enjoyed the distinction of being the member holding the record for longest continuous service and therefore entitled to the sobriquet, "Father of the house."

FEDERATION OF LABOR

Will Take a Hand in the Tampa Strike—President Gompers Does Some Talking.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, left her tonight for Louisville, Ky., to attend the twentieth annual convention of the Federation, which he says will be the largest and most representative meeting ever held by that body. Accompanying him were Messrs. Pete Curran and John Weir, fraternal delegates from the British trade union congress. Just as he was about to leave his office for the railroad station to-night, a reporter asked him regarding the course the Federation of Labor will take concerning the cigarmakers' strike now in progress in Tampa, Fla. Gompers was not inclined to enter into any discussion on the subject, however, but he made a general statement as to the attitude of the Federation, saying:

"We are going to do everything within our power to aid our fellow workers of Tampa to secure these two essential rights, first the right to work at their trade and calling, and second, the right to organize in an organization connected with the American labor movement. It would be too much to enter into details as to what that implies."

FIGHT WITH INDIANS

Results in the Death of Three Redskins—Mormon Church Leader Reports the Particulars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The killing of three Indians in a fight in Mexico has been reported to the Indian bureau by Captain Michaelston, in charge of San Carlos Indian agency, in Arizona. He says that Mr. Woodruff, of Salt Lake City, one of the Mormon church leaders, has come to San Carlos and reported to him the particulars of recent Indian troubles in Mexico, near the Casa Grande. Mr. Woodruff says that on the night of November 19 a band of six Indians, three men and three women, a remnant of the Nashuit-Pi-E band of the Chiricahuas, who did not surrender with Geronimo, and who have been marauding the outlying Mormon settlements in Mexico for a number of years, raided a Mormon ranch and packed off a lot of plunder. Two men took up the trail the next day, and came on the Indians in a deep canyon, and a fight that ensued one Indian and two squaws were killed, the rest escaping to the mountain with the stolen stock. Woodruff and three other men joined the pursuers the next day, but did nothing more than to bury the dead Indians.

Egyptian Shoe Market.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Consul Schumann, at Mainz, says in a report to the state department that if American shoe manufacturers studied closely the requirements of the trade in Egypt they ought to be able to conquer that market with ease.

ITALIANS FIGHT

And Two Receive Fatal Wounds. Practically a Lynching.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Frank Tuscanni was murdered at Hackensack, N. J., to-day, and the man who slew him was in turn stabbed repeatedly by the victim's friends, receiving what in said cannot fall to be death wounds. It was practically a lynching on the part of Tuscanni's friends.

Mystery of a Policeman's Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Mystery surrounds the finding to-day of the dead body of Policeman Patrick McGloin, which was floating in the East river, at the foot of Sixty-fifth street. McGloin, who was regularly detailed to duty in the house of the Good Shepherd, answered to the roll call as usual this morning, at his police station, and then left to go, it was believed, to the house of the Good Shepherd. Timothy Callahan, captain of a canal boat, at 3:50 o'clock, discovered the body of the policeman in the water. McGloin had been on the force for about twenty-five years, and was sixty-four years old.

WAITED TO SEE THE OLD DUTCH CHIEF OF AFRICA.

Thousands Out to Catch a Glimpse of Kruger as He Entered the Domain of King William.

SHOOK HANDS WITH STUDENTS.

Appeared in the Vestibule of the Hotel—Details of the Last Fight. Word From Lord Roberts.

COLOGNE, Dec. 2.—Thousands of people waited to-day in the vicinity of the Cathedral hotel to catch a glimpse of Mr. Kruger, who, when replying to the deputation of Bonn students, in the afternoon, described the educational progress of the Transvaal, thanked the students for their kind welcome and shook hands with each.

CRUGER NOT WELCOME IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Mr. Kruger has abandoned his proposed visit to Berlin, owing to the receipt of an official intimation that Emperor William regrets that in consequence of previous arrangements, he will be unable to receive him. The Boer statesman will therefore proceed direct from Cologne to Holland. He telegraphed to this effect this afternoon. The Cologne Gazette, in an inspired communique, says:

"Mr. Kruger's visit is not agreeable to Germany, his aim being to obtain intervention in South Africa. It would be a grave political mistake, it would be even a great crime, to allow him to entertain even a spark of hope that Germany will render him any practical support."

This declaration is accompanied with reproaches, Mr. Kruger being charged with "having encouraged a useless guerrilla warfare, and having disregarded Germany's advice when he might have still followed it."

The press generally strikes the same note.

Fight Near Reitfontein.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Dec. 2.—Further details have been received regarding the fight near Reitfontein between the British under General Paget and the Boers, under commandants Viljoen and Erasmus, November 28 and November 29.

Denounced the War.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 2.—Replying at Stellenbosch, Cape Colony, to an address presented to him by the leaders of the Afrikaner bond, Mr. J. X. Merriman, former treasurer of Cape Colony, in the course of an impassioned speech, denounced the war in South Africa as "one of the blackest spots in British annals." The present methods of British warfare, he said, were such as encouraged the worst elements on both sides and were bound to prove fatal to the ultimate peace of the country. He declared that neither he nor Mr. J. W. Sauer, former commissioner of public works, would attend the Worcester congress, lest it should be said that the congress was engineered by politicians and he appealed to all Afrikaners to speak boldly when upholding their rights and yet to "avoid wild language or actions which might lead to the abrogation of the last vestige of freedom."

Lord Roberts Talks.

LADYSMITH, Natal, Dec. 2.—Lord Roberts, who arrived here on Friday, had inspected Majuba and Laing's Nek, while en route. Replying to an address from the townspeople here, he expressed his admiration of the gallant defense of the town, which he characterized as "A glorious memorial of British pluck and endurance, only equalled by the determination and bravery of the relieving force."

William's Abrupt Saub.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—All the London morning papers comment with unbounded enthusiasm upon the abrupt saub administered by Emperor William to Mr. Kruger, which is all the more noticeable when contrasted with the Boer statesman's concededly successful visit

to France. The saub is regarded as further evidence of the better relations existing between Great Britain and Germany.

Emperor William's telegram to the German minister at Luxembourg was the outcome at the German frontier. "On reaching German soil I hasten to express to your majesty my sentiments of respectful devotion and cordial sympathy."

French Comment.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—Emperor William's refusal to receive Mr. Kruger has caused general surprise here. Most of the morning papers make it an excuse for articles sympathizing with the Boer statesman or condemning the Kaiser. "The Kaiser is no longer a modern Lohegrin," says the Echo de Paris, "but a simple disciple of Bismarck. His attitude is dictated by the interests of Germany, which he considers identical with those of England."

KNOCK-OUT DROPS

May Have Caused the Death of A. F. Westcott—Taken to a Boarding House, Where He Died.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 2.—A. F. Westcott, aged twenty-five years, was found dead in bed at Mrs. Kaziah Putnam's boarding house, No. 8 Union street, at noon to-day. He was brought there at 6 o'clock last night, by a man giving his name as William Brown, who had been boarding with Mrs. Putnam for a week. Brown placed the man in his own bed, saying to Mrs. Putnam that he was drunk and that his name

Active in All Quarters of the Republic—Insurgents Capture Town of Chagres—Government Forces Lost Heavily.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 2.—Advices brought to-day from Colon, by the royal mail steamer, Don, Captain Newton, indicate the continuance of considerable rebel activity in all quarters of Colombia. Last Wednesday a strong force of insurgents captured the town of Chagres, fifteen miles from Colon. Eight hundred government troops were sent immediately to relieve the town and sharp fighting followed. The government forces lost heavily, but the rebels were compelled to retire.

Colombia Rebels

Before the Don left, news had reached Colon that the insurgents were attacking Porto Colombia and Sabanita and that government reinforcements had been ordered there.

It was believed at Colon that the insurgents had changed their plan and would concentrate against Colon, instead of Panama, owing to the strict precautions taken by the government at the latter city. Martial law was being strictly enforced in Colon and large numbers of people had been imprisoned under suspicion.

NO TROUBLE REPORTED

In the Family of the Duke of Manchester—Spent a Quiet Sabbath.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Duke of Manchester, the Duchess of Manchester and Eugene Zimmermann, her father, passed to-day quietly at the Holland House. The two detectives who met them at the pier have been withdrawn, and Captain McCluskey explained their presence by saying:

More Victim.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 2.—Two more of those injured in the Thanksgiving Day accident died to-day, making twenty-one deaths in all. To-day's dead are: Ellery Cranford, aged twelve, and E. P. Ties, aged forty. Nine of the dead were buried to-day.

SETTLEMENT OF DIFFICULTY IN CHINA EXPECTED

To be Consummated Soon—State Department in Communication With Ministers and Ambassadors.

NO IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS

Will be Made—Chinese Military Forces Being Formed Everywhere. Court Anxious to Return.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Administration officials continue sanguine that the ministers of the powers at Peking will soon reach a common ground of agreement in the demands to be made upon the Chinese imperial government in satisfaction for the boxer outrages. The state department is in communication with the ministers and ambassadors of the United States to the European courts and advices which have come from them from time to time lead the officials here to hope that the powers will be brought to the position maintained by the United States in dealing with the Chinese, viz., that there should not be demands made upon the imperial government, which it is not able to fulfill. Our government has persistently held to this view in the progress of the negotiations between the ministers at Peking.

Solicitude Expressed.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—"Count Von Waldsee expresses some solicitude," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, "concerning expeditions into the surrounding country, but he believes that they are necessary and salutary. Most of the British officers approve them."

"Sir Robert Hart, in the course of conversation, said he considered the resentment against the foreigners to be partly just and the outgrowth of the last sixty years of treaty relations. He seemed to think the settlement would be a difficult problem.

"Chinese military forces are being formed everywhere and even if the importation of foreign arms is prohibited a supply will be easily obtainable from Chinese arsenals.

"A body of one hundred American cavalrymen is escorting some Chinese officials to Tien Tsin.

"Chang Chih Tung has received a dispatch from Sian Fu," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "directing him to stop the forwarding of further supplies to the province of Shen Si. It is rumored that Emperor Kwang Su will return to Peking immediately and that the empress dowager will follow if the reception given him is satisfactory."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times also reports that it is believed in well-informed circles that the Chinese court is anxious to return to Peking; but he says that such a course will not be agreeable to Li Hung Chang, who hopes to gain an advantage from dissensions among the powers.

Dowager Empress Starts for Livadia.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 2.—The dowager empress has started for Livadia.

RAILWAY WRECK

Causes a Death of a Score of People. Freight and Passenger Trains Came Together.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 2.—A terrible wreck, in which a score of persons were killed, and about sixty hurt, occurred on the Mexican Central railway on Thursday afternoon, between Tamana and Symon, fifty miles south of Juimille. Then first news of the disaster reached here to-day. Edward Rische, a citizen of San Antonio, was at the scene twenty minutes after the engines crashed together. The place where the wreck occurred is in a valley at the foot of two immense hills. At the time both trains were running thirty miles an hour. One of the trains had on board a construction crew numbering 180 men. The other was a freight train of fifty-five empty cars. Three engines and about forty cars were piled up thirty feet high. Two American train employes were forced to flee to avoid being lynched. The names of the killed and injured are not obtainable. This is said to be the most serious wreck that has ever occurred in Mexico.

Traffic Manager Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 2.—J. J. Fletcher, aged fifty-three years, traffic manager of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road, died here to-day, of Bright's disease. Mr. Fletcher was formerly general agent of the Big Four railroad, and was located in St. Louis.

Ex-Governor McClurg Dead.

LEBANON, Mo., Dec. 2.—Ex-Governor John W. McClurg, aged eighty-five years, died here to-day, of hemorrhage of the stomach. He was elected governor of Missouri as a Republican in 1868, and served one term. He served as senator from 1862 to 1868.

Mental and Physical Wreck.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Miss Georgia Cayvan, the actress, has been ill for several weeks in the Sanford Hall sanitarium, of Flushing, L. I. She is suffering from nervousness. It is said she is on the verge of mental and physical wreck, having become almost totally blind. Little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Contract for Turkish Cruiser.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2.—It is believed that the contract for the construction at Philadelphia of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy will be signed to-morrow. Capt. C. M. Chester, of the United States battleship, is expected here. He will probably remain a few days.

Weather Forecast for To-Day.

For Ohio and Western Pennsylvania: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday. Winds mostly light southerly. For West Virginia: Fair Monday; warmer in the mountain districts. Tuesday: Fair; southerly winds.

RAILWAY INJUNCTION

To be Argued in Marion County Court—Wheeling Parties Interested in the Suit.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 2.—The injunction granted J. Fay Watson against the Fairmont Street Railway, will be argued before Judge Mason Tuesday, by U. N. Arnett and W. H. Conaway, attorneys for Mr. Watson, and Hon. John A. Howard, of Wheeling, representing the railway company. This injunction was granted Friday, on the grounds that the city of Fairmont, under its present charter, has only police and governmental control over the streets and cannot grant a franchise. It is also claimed that the franchise was granted R. K. McMechen, and that such powers cannot be granted to an individual. This argument will be met by claiming that the franchise was granted B. K. McMechen and his assigns and that his assigns is the corporation known as the Fairmont Street Railway Company. An effort is also being made to have the county court rescind the order allowing the railway the use of the county roads claiming that the right of eminent domain has been granted an individual, which is unlawful.

BLUE AND THE GRAY.

Old Soldiers Meet Who Fought on the Field of Manasses.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Nearly forty years ago, John W. Carner, now managing a theatrical company travelling through this state, and Major John T. Harris, of Nashville, Tenn., who came here on Friday to act as one of the lawyers in the gramophone suit, met on the battlefield of Manasses and the former saved the latter's life by making him comfortable and furnishing him with stimulants, as he lay wounded and seemingly dying. Both men were guests at the Commercial hotel this week and the fact of their former meeting was accidentally discovered. Carner was a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-second New York and Harris was an officer in the Confederate Seventh Tennessee during the war, and neither had heard of the other since the battlefield incident. After their identity was known to each other the men were constantly together and did not part until they left the city for their homes.

UNCONGENIAL LIFE PARTNERS

Failed to Become Separated by Law in Judge Tavener's Court.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Judge Tavener, of the circuit court, created a sensation yesterday, by handing down a decision, declining to grant Mrs. Margaret Blanche Warne a divorce from William M. Warne, who, she claimed, had deserted her. The case, which has been pending several months, attracted great attention because of the prominence of the parties interested, Mrs. Warne being a somewhat noted local beauty and social leader, her husband a valuable employe of the Standard Oil Company, and both being members of the oldest and wealthiest families of this section of the state. The plaintiff is now making her home at Cambridge, Ohio, and the defendant is located at Sistersville.

Police Resign Their Positions.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 2.—The officers composing the police force of Clarksburg have resigned and accepted other positions, because they were ordered to guard smallpox suspects and burn the infected bedding and clothing of those afflicted with the disease.

Gibson Captured.

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 2.—William Gibson, who is charged with burning his two-year-old stepdaughter to death with a poker, is undoubtedly captured, and the officers have given up the chase. A message from Rush, Ky., says he has been captured there, and is being held for a reward. His captors are miners, and have him secreted in the mines. Governor Beckham will offer a reward of \$500 to-morrow, but his captors will not turn him over unless the reward is raised to \$1,000.

Emperor Passed a Good Day.

LIVADIA, European Russia, Dec. 2.—The following bulletin regarding the condition of Emperor Nicholas was issued to-day:

"The czar passed a very good day yesterday, and slept very well last night. His Majesty's condition this morning is very satisfactory. His appetite is returning, and his strength gradually increasing. Last evening his temperature was 97.9 and his pulse 64. This morning the former was 97 and the latter 72."

McGovern Wants to Fight Broad.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 2.—Sam Harris, manager of Terry McGovern, the champion feather weight pugilist, to-night announced that he was willing to back McGovern against Kid Broad in a twenty-round bout for any sized purse. Harris also stated that if Broad should last fifteen rounds he would give him all the purse, whatever it might be.

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Local Temperature.

The temperature Saturday, as observed by C. Schmitt, druggist, corner Fourteenth and Market streets, is as follows:

7 a. m.	.....	40	3 p. m.	.....	53
9 a. m.	.....	43	7 p. m.	.....	50
11 a. m.	.....	50	9 p. m.	.....	47
12 m.	.....	50	Weather, fair.		

Local Temperature.

7 a. m.	.....	36	3 p. m.	.....	61
9 a. m.	.....	39	7 p. m.	.....	57
11 a. m.	.....	47	9 p. m.	.....	50
12 m.	.....	47	Weather, fair.		