

CONGRESS CONVENES FOR THREE MONTHS' SESSION

President Taft Plans Much Legislation, but Party Politics and Lack of Time May Block It— Extra Session of New Congress Is Predicted.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The first congress convened at noon today for its short session, with prospects of a lively time and of not accomplishing a great deal. This despite the important legislation that has been planned by President Taft and that the supporters of the administration will endeavor to put through.

The short session of a congress expires by constitutional limitation in three months. There usually is a holiday recess that consumes a fortnight. Adjournments over from Friday to Monday cause a loss of valuable time, and in the end, by reason of these various causes, the session usually closes about sixty working days for the congress, reduced to half that in the house as a result of the new rules. Within this short space experience has proved that it is well nigh impossible to do more than enact the supply bills which the senate is expected to report, and to consider a few bills for the maintenance and support of the various branches of the government.

Special rules providing for emergencies are possible in the house and there debate can be limited and delay prevented. In the senate there is nothing akin to cloture, and so long as a single senator desires to speak there is no way to bring debate to a close. It is in the senate, therefore, that the danger comes if obstacles are thrown in the way of an outlined legislative program. In the face of all this the administration has mapped out a program that will require the most adroit political and legislative management to bring it to fruition.

May Block Reappointment. Chief among the matters attracting attention in view of the result of the recent elections is the proposed reappointment. This is the determination of the allotment of members of the house of representatives to the various states, based upon the population ascertained by each decennial census. While this ought not to be a political question, it invariably involves politics, and the Republicans are anxious to deal with it while they control both houses of congress. It is not essential that this new reapportionment be enacted into law at this session, and a bill considered unfair by the Democrats in the senate may be counted upon to prevent its conclusion before March 3.

A big fight is promised with regard to the tariff board for which the president will ask a still larger appropriation, and, incidentally, increased authority in the matter of conducting its inquiries and making its investigations both at home and abroad. Many leading Democrats, like Senator Bailey, for instance, are opposed to the tariff commission plan and will antagonize this. The president is very earnest in this. Then, too, there are many men in both parties who believe the tariff should be removed from politics entirely, and men of this view hold that this may be accomplished through a commission and are inclined to give it a fair test.

If the effort threatened by Senator Gallinger and others to push through a ship subsidy bill at the short session is made seriously, it promises to precipitate a time-consuming contest. The Democrats are opposed to this sort of legislation.

Small Hope for Currency Bill. It does not appear likely that Mr. Aldrich will be able to put through anything of the kind, a revision of the currency laws at the coming session, although he has been credited with having that in mind. Time will be too short to admit of full and free consideration of so important a subject.

The administration's legislative plan includes the usual conservation schemes, an anti-inflation bill giving relief, in a measure at least, demanded by organized labor, and a plan of pension retirement for aged civil employees of the government. With the end in view of forming a cohesive Republican working force to

accomplish that which he has at heart, the president has had several conferences, with leading regulars and progressives at which his program has been thoroughly thrashed out. The outlook seems to be good for united action of all classes of Republicans in the senate, but, as has been intimated, the danger comes from these Democrats who will antagonize all that bears a political aspect in proposed legislation.

The session may not be without its share of sensational incidents. The committee which investigated the Balmage-Pinchot controversy has concluded its labors and its report is ready for the consideration of the two houses of congress. By the majority of the joint committee the secretary of the interior is exonerated; by the minority, including one progressive Republican, Pinchot is suspended from office and his report doubtless will cause some sensational speeches in both houses.

Lorimer Report Ready. The Lorimer bribery charges, growing out of the allegations that the Illinois senator was elected through the corrupt use of money, are being investigated by a senatorial committee during the summer and its report is ready. The impression here is that the committee did not find the charges sustained by evidence that was of sufficient importance to warrant an unfavorable report.

Another inquiry, growing out of charges made by Senator Gore on the floor of the senate, was made during the recess. This charge involved the use of money and the offer of alleged fees to certain men in the senate and house for favorable action on legislation pertaining to Indian matters. Although the formal report of the committee has not been made, it is understood that the conclusion has been reached that the statements rest on unwarranted accusations.

If one attempted to predict what will be done at the present session, it would be safe only to prophesy that the appropriation bills and incidental measures necessary to the ordinary conduct of the government will be much talked and very little acted on.

Extra Session Is Predicted. Leaders among the Republicans, as well as among the Democrats, are predicting that events are tending toward an extra session of the new congress, either immediately after the expiration of this session, or early in the summer. These leaders believe that if President Taft does not call such a session for the consideration of a revision of the tariff schedules, the Democrats or Republican leaders may force an extra session by holding up the passage of the necessary appropriation bills.

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Malde an Unwelcome Visitor. M. De Balzac, who is a native of Touraine, has come into the country to buy a small estate, and induced one of his neighbors to bring him here. Unfortunately it was dreadful weather and I was forced to invite him to dinner.

I was polite, but very reserved. I am greatly afraid of these publicists, and of their letters, and writers of articles. I never spoke a word without deep consideration, and was delighted when he went. Moreover, he did not attract me; his face and bearing are vulgar and I imagine his ideas are equally so. Undoubtedly he is a clever man, but his conversation is neither easy nor light, but, on the contrary, very dull. He watched and examined all of us most minutely, especially M. de Tallyrand.

I could very well have done without such a visit, and should have avoided it if I had been able. He aims at the extraordinary and relates a thousand incidents about himself, of which I believe none.—From the Duchesse de Dino's Memoirs.

Luxury is just as bad for the working man as it is for the rich. There is no difference. A man is given to luxury when he thinks more of his "havings" than of his "beings."—Cannan Barnett.

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MOVING PICTURES



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BEGIN WAR ON TRUST

U. S. FIGHT TO CRUSH AMERICAN COMPANY STARTS WITH DIS-SOLUTION SUIT.

H. O. HAVEMEYER IS ACCUSED

Late Head of Sugar Corporation Said to Have Pocketed \$10,000,000—Executors Demand Defendants—Government Files Petition.

New York.—Attacking the American Sugar Refining company, familiarly known as the sugar trust, as a lawless combination, the federal government Monday began in the United States circuit court its long-expected suit for the dissolution of the corporation.

A voluminous petition was filed by United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise. Before the bill finally was completed it had the approval of Attorney General Wickersham.

The petition, which as yet no answer has been made by the sugar company, alleges that the trust has employed the usual means of all such large industrial combinations in stifling competition, by purchasing a controlling interest in competing concerns where that method proves necessary and by crushing out other concerns by underbidding in their territory. To accomplish the latter result the petition refers to the systematic rebating arrangement of the trust for years maintained with the railroads.

One of the most sensational allegations is that the late Henry O. Havemeyer, for many years head of the sugar combine, received \$10,000,000 in common stock of the National Sugar Refining company of New Jersey as a gift at the time that corporation was formed to take into the combine four independent companies.

In general the petition sets up that the defendants "for some time past have been and are now engaged in an unlawful combination and conspiracy to restrain the trade and commerce between the several states and with foreign countries in raw sugar, sugar beets, refined sugar, molasses, sirups and other by-products of raw sugar and sugar beets, and to monopolize the same. Such unlawful combination and conspiracy is the result of a series of wrongful acts extending over a period of many years, in participating in these acts all of the defendants have been actuated by wrongful intent to restrain interstate and foreign trade in raw and refined sugar and related articles and to monopolize parts thereof."

The petition then prays for a perpetual injunction against the parties and corporations named from continuing the evils practised. It further prays for an order compelling the American Sugar Refining company there are two other trusts—the National Sugar Refining company of New Jersey and the Western Sugar Refining company of California—and that each of these be enjoined from engaging in interstate and foreign commerce.

Another allegation is that the trust has obtained unfair advantages over competitors through the customs frauds by receiving rebates from railroads and keeping up the prices of sugar.

James Mac, Pugilist, Dead. London.—Jim Mac, the greatest pugilist of his day and regarded by many as the best fighter that ever lived, died Wednesday at Jarroon-Tyne, at the age of seventy-nine. Until the end he was the idol of the English sporting public.

Spain Is Swept by Gale. Corunna, Spain.—A wild gale caused heavy damage to shipping along the coast Wednesday. A coasting vessel capsized and 16 persons were drowned.

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SEEKS TO REGAIN ESTEEM

Blames Privation for Yarn, Declares Months of Isolation and Starvation Racked His Mind—Knows He Has Been Called "Greatest of Liars."

New York.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, confesses in a magazine article that he does not know whether he reached the north pole or not.

"I was half-crazed from isolation and hunger," he declares, "at the time I convinced myself I had discovered the pole."

Doctor Cook informed the magazine that he would return to the United States with his wife and children December 22 for a visit.

Doctor Cook in his story deals with the psychology of his adventure and says:

"I did get to the north pole? Perhaps I made a mistake in thinking that I did. Perhaps I did not make a mistake. After mature thought I confess that I do not know absolutely whether I reached the pole or not. This may come as an amazing statement, but I am willing to start in the world if, by so doing, I can get an opportunity to present my case."

"By my case I mean not my case as a geographical discoverer, but my case as a man. Much as the attainment of the north pole once meant to me, the sympathy and confidence of my fellow men mean more."

"Fully, freely and frankly I shall tell you everything—tell you everything and leave the decision with you. If, after reading my story, you say: 'Cook is sincere and honest; half-crazed by months of isolation and hunger, he believed he reached the pole; he is not a faker,' then I shall be satisfied."

Doctor Cook tells the story of his life and pictures what he calls the overpowering ambition for exploration that beset him until it culminated in his effort to reach the pole. He declares that at the time he convinced himself that he had discovered the pole he was half mad. He devoted two years to his quest and during that time endured hunger and privation, which, he says, would unbalance any mind.

"I have been called the greatest liar in the world, the most monumental impostor in history," says Doctor Cook. "I believe that in every undesirable way I stand unique, the object of such suspicion and vituperation as have assailed few men."

With this realization he wrote his story and he says that to him the honor of discovering the pole no longer means anything. The explorer has been working on his story since last August and says, according to the editor of the magazine, "that his sole desire is to make the people of the United States realize just what he went through during his two and a half years in the arctic fastness, and to make them see what process of thinking—or lack of thinking—it was that led him to do the thing which confirmed to the average mind the worst suspicions against him."

Doctor Cook and his wife are in Europe and the children are in a convalescent home in France. Most of the time during his exile Cook has been in London. He says he has gone about among Americans there with the utmost freedom and at times has registered under his own name. Only a few have guessed his identity.

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Torreon, Mexico.—Americans arriving here Tuesday from points in the state of Chihuahua tell of the holding up a few days ago of a passenger train on the Chihuahua & Pacific railroad by revolutionists. Cars were ditched and three Mexican women were killed. There were said to be about 100 revolutionists in the party and the train was wrecked in the belief that it carried soldiers. The affair occurred between Chihuahua and Madera. The passengers were held prisoners by the revolutionists for 24 hours, but were well treated. Upon extracting a promise from the railroad officials not to send a train of soldiers, the passengers were released and were taken back to Chihuahua in a special which went out after them.

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Washington.—The sweeping importance of President Taft's order for the publicity of corporation tax returns is emphasized by the figures contained in the annual report of Royce C. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue. According to this report, the returns have been filed by 282,490 corporations chartered by the various states.

The total capital is \$52,471,626,752. The interest-bearing indebtedness of those corporations is \$31,333,952,896.82; net income for the year which the tax ran, \$3,125,481,101.94.

The tax collected for the first year was \$27,900,767.43. This is an average of \$103.97 per corporation.

In the state of Illinois there are 17,908 corporations; aggregate capital, \$3,191,058,968.74; total indebtedness, \$3,032,803,126.87; net income, \$274,821,933.55.

The average indebtedness of corporations in the whole country is 60 per cent. of the whole capitalization. In the state of Illinois average is 94 per cent.

According to the report Illinois stands first in internal revenue taxes. The total it pays being \$49,165,273.75. New York is next with \$36,000,000 and Indiana, \$23,000,000. There were twenty-four million more gallons of distilled spirits this year than last year, and three million more barrels of fermented liquor than last year.

The total receipts of the bureau for the past year were \$289,957,320.16.

INDICT JAMES J. GALLAGHER

Assault of Mayor Gaynor Is Held on Charge of Assault With Intent to Kill.

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There seems to be a wave of psychism sweeping over the country. Perhaps that is the reason that Margaret Graham, the well known Psychic who resides at 2918 Ave. Chicago, is so popular.

Have you seen her yet? Here is a woman with marvelous psychic faculty. There are truly wonderful things reported about her powers. Margaret Graham states that everyone, old or young, has a sort of aura, which is an ethereal envelope of various colors, sizes and shapes, according to the constitution, thoughts, life and general aspects of his being. Within this aura may be read the history of one's past life, and likewise the things that are prearranged for the future. Everything we do is in answer to a thought. If we are planning something of importance, we think of it considerably. Therefore a deep impression is made upon our aura and whether the thoughts have been realized in actualities or not, or whether they are yet to be realized is a matter of no great importance to the psychic, who may read the aura for the future as well as for the past.

Those who need advice on any subject should see her at once, as her counsel is worth going miles. There may never again be a chance to consult one of the Soul Vision of such a remarkable Psychic as Margaret Graham, who is permanently located in her own private residence, 2918 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

AS REPRESENTED.

Patience—Look here, doctor, you said if I took a bottle of your tonic I would have a remarkable appetite. Why, I only eat one soda cracker each week.

Doctor—Well, don't you call that a remarkable appetite?

Some One Must Do It. J. Pierpont Morgan, at one of the numerous dinners that he gave in Cincinnati during the recent congress, praised the power of advertising.

Mr. Morgan's eulogy concluded with an epigram quite good and quite true enough to be passed in every business man's office.</