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SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS MEETS.

Aside From the Reading of the President's Message No Business of Importance Is Transacted—Synopsis of Mr. McKinley's Recommendations as Set Forth in His Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—In the senate the work of the short session of the Fifty-sixth congress was successfully launched. It had been the purpose of the senate to announce the deaths of Senators Gear of Iowa and Davis of Minnesota immediately after assembling and then to adjourn and then receive the message of the president next day, but as this had been announced by leaders of both branches to be a "business session" it was determined to receive the message and thus gain one day in a session which that much time would be of immense importance.

Aside from the reading of the message and the administration of the oath of office to W. B. Dillingham, the new senator from Vermont, who succeeds the late Justin S. Morrill, no business was transacted.

The senate then at 3:45 o'clock p. m., upon motion of Mr. Allison, as an additional mark of respect for the memories of Senator Gear and Senator Davis, adjourned.

House Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The opening of the session in the house was brilliant but not exciting. There were the usual throngs in the galleries and the usual display of floral pieces on the floor, but the proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the rapping to order by the speaker, prayer by the chaplain, the roll call of members, the appointment of the formal committees to wait upon the president and the reception and reading of the president's message. Despite the fact that a great presidential campaign had concluded within a month the best of feeling seemed to prevail between victors and vanquished. The reading of the message, which naturally was the feature of the day, occupied over two hours. It was listened to with respectful interest by both sides. The deaths of late Representatives Daly of New Jersey and Moeffecker of Delaware, and Senators Davis of Minnesota and Gear of Iowa were announced, and as a further mark of respect to their memories the house adjourned for the day.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. McKinley's Recommendations to National Legislatures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The president's message this year is unusually long, about 18,000 words, and treats at length the various subjects of importance that need the attention of congress. In opening he speaks of our friendly relations with the powers, China excepted, and discusses at length the causes that led to the uprising in that country. He recommends that in adjusting a settlement adequate guarantees for liberty of faith be demanded, as well as indemnity for our wronged citizens.

In discussing the question of an inter-oceanic canal the president commends to the attention of the senate the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in order to remove any objection which might arise.

In speaking of the national finances the president calls attention to the surplus of \$79,827,000 for the past fiscal year, as compared to the deficits of the preceding six years, and says it is the duty of congress to provide whatever further legislation is needed to insure the continued parity under all conditions between our two forms of metallic money, silver and gold.

World Aid Our Merchant Marine. American vessels, the president says, carry but 9 per cent of our exports and imports. He recommends a policy of aiding our merchant marine which will broaden our commerce and uphold our sea-carrying capacity.

On the question of trusts the president calls the attention of congress to the necessity for early action, but says every phase of the subject should be deliberately studied before laws are passed.

Referring to the Philippines the president says that progress toward suppressing the rebellion has been favorable and that our forces control the greater part of the islands. He makes no recommendation regarding a specific or final form of government.

The president recommends that the secretary of the interior be given supervision of the public land in Porto Rico and refers briefly to the Cuban constitutional convention.

An Army of 100,000 Men.

In discussing our defenses the president says it is quite apparent that we need a standing army of about 60,000 men and that during present conditions in Cuba and the Philippines the president should have authority to increase the force to the present number of 100,000. Included in this number authority should be given to raise native troops in the Philippines up to 15,000.

The president refers to the continued rapid growth of the postal service and the extension of rural free delivery.

The president approves the recommendation of the secretary of the navy for new vessels and for additional officers and men which the required increase of the navy makes necessary.

In conclusion the president says: "In our great prosperity we must guard against the danger it invites of extravagance in government expenditures and appropriations; and the chosen representatives of the people will, I doubt not, furnish an example in their legislation of that wise economy which in a season of plenty husbands for the future."

THE LAW IS VOID.

United States Supreme Court Decides a Case of Importance in Minnesota.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—An opinion in the case of Fred Stearns, county auditor of Aitkin county, Minn., vs. the State of Minnesota, was handed down in the supreme court of the United States by Justice Brewer. The case came to the court on error from the supreme court of the state of Minnesota. It was brought up at the instance of certain railroad companies and involved the question of whether real estate belonging to them and not used in the operation of their roads is subject to taxation according to its value or is exempt by virtue of a contract alleged to have been made several years ago through legislation by the state, providing that railroad companies should pay 3 per cent on their gross earnings in lieu of taxes on all property. The taxes of the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad company were immediately involved in this case. The case also included the question of the validity of the Minnesota state law of 1895 repealing the former contract law and seeking to separate the lands of railroads from their other property.

For Purpose of Taxation, still retaining the 3 per cent tax on gross earnings. The effect of the opinion is to hold the law of 1895 invalid. In passing upon the case the court held that the state had been admitted to the sisterhood of states under the usual compact and that as long as the title of its lands remains in the United States, those lands are exempt from taxation. So far as the land involved in this case is concerned, it was stated that it had been granted to the state by congress and by the state to the St. Paul and Duluth company. Soon afterwards, the justice continued, the state had enacted legislation providing that railroads in the state should pay 3 per cent on their gross earnings in lieu of all other taxes upon their property. The opinion by Justice Brewer sustained the view that the original legislation was in the nature of a contract which was binding and which could not be invalidated by the act of 1895, seeking to repeal it. This latter act, therefore, was pronounced repugnant to the federal Constitution and void in this respect.

LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS.

Twenty-two Hundred Filipino Bolomen Swear Allegiance to United States.

MANILA, Dec. 4.—Sunday in Vigan was a great day for the American cause. Twenty-two hundred natives of the region, nearly all fighting rebels, crowded the church and took the oath of allegiance to the United States. The oath was administered by the priest. All but 500 of those sworn were bolomen. The number included the 1,200 bolomen who had previously surrendered.

The proceedings in the church occupied the entire day, and included an address by General Young and an exhortation by the priest. Scarcely any rebels remain in the vicinity of Santa Maria. General Young attributes this fact to three causes—the reelection of President McKinley, the arrival of a stronger body of troops, and the especially rigid enforcement of war measures and the deportation of prisoners to Manila. He reports that it is necessary to occupy all the barracks in order to protect the natives from the vengeance of Tagalog raiders.

PHILLIPS CLEARS \$300,000.

Announces the Profits of His Big Deal in November Corn.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—George H. Phillips, who engineered the corner in November corn, in discussing the matter said:

"My personal profits through the deal are \$300,000, about half of which was made during the past week. Hereafter I shall confine myself strictly to a commission business."

A foreigner who sold short a line of 50,000 bushels at 44 cents per bushel when everything looked against him, bought it in the last day of the month at 35 cents. The market declined on the liquidation of scattered holdings, aggregating 300,000 bushels. Most of this corn was held through the advance to 51 cents and was sold at a loss.

IS SHORT \$100,000.

Books of a Dead Cincinnati Official Show a Big Deficiency.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1.—The discovery of a supposed error of \$1,600 in the books of George Griffiths, deceased, late clerk of the board of education of Cincinnati, led to an examination of his books and the discovery that Griffiths was an apparent defaulter to the amount of \$100,000. Griffiths had been clerk for 13 years and had always had the entire confidence of the whole community. His estate, it is said, will not meet more than one-fifth of the shortage and his bondsmen will have to make up the remainder.

SERIOUSLY MENACED.

French Troops Sent to Bellevue Belonged to German.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 4.—Four companies of German troops are reported to be seriously menaced 35 miles west of Pao Ting Fu. Eight companies of French troops, with three days' rations, have left to go to their relief.

Hobson Getting Along Nicely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson, U. S. N., who is ill with typhoid fever at the Presbyterian hospital, was said at that institution to be "getting along nicely, with symptoms very favorable."

Judge Wyman Dead.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 3.—Judge O. B. Wyman of the Sixth judicial circuit of Wisconsin died of cancer at Buffalo, N. Y., where he had been under treatment for some time.

NEWS CONDENSATIONS.

Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Robert Fitzsimmons has announced that at the end of the theatrical season he will once more enter the ring.

Robert E. A. Dorr, president of the New York Mail and Express company and publisher of that paper, is dead.

The Russian naval estimates for 1901 amount to 97,000,000 roubles, being 87,800,000 roubles beyond the normal estimate.

One hundred and twenty-six presbyteries have voted in favor of revision of the Presbyterian creed and 48 against.

The plant of the Sanford Manufacturing company, makers of inks, mill-glass, etc., at Chicago, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$120,000.

Miss Helen Gould has purchased over \$3,000 worth of clothing and toilet articles, which she has ordered dispatched to the distributing office of the United States army at Manila.

Thursday, Nov. 23.

Ole Larson, probate judge of Polk county, Wis., for 25 years, is dead of heart disease.

The government of New Zealand is importing 60 modern railway carriages from the United States.

Emperor William has conferred upon King Albert of Saxony the rank of field marshal in the German army.

The steamer Curacao has arrived at San Francisco from Mexican ports with \$600,000 in gold bullion and specie.

Robert J. the world's champion pacing gelding and ex-champion pacer of the world, whose racing days are over, was sold in New York Wednesday for \$625.

Sister Sanghamita, a Buddhist nun, has arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu and proposes to speak throughout the country in behalf of her chosen faith.

Friday, Nov. 24.

The Rogers locomotive works at Paterson, N. J., have closed down permanently.

The French chamber of deputies has unanimously adopted a vote of sympathy with Kruger.

Miss Mary E. Chapin, 87 years of age, veteran seminary founder and teacher, is dead at Chicago.

A boiler exploded in the plant of the Glucose Sugar Refining company at Davenport, Ia., killing two men and seriously injuring five.

Canadian railway employes have complained to the government against the importation of United States labor while they are debarred from entering the United States.

L. Trumbull Kelly, left tackle of the Capital Culture football club of Johnstown, Pa., is dead from the effects of an accident in a game with the Indiana state normal school team.

Saturday, Dec. 1.

The steamer Portland has arrived from Nome with \$100,000 and 78 passengers.

Four masked men wrecked the Farmers' bank of Emden, Ill., and secured all the funds, between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The cotton manufacturers at Faehlo, Mex., are proposing to raise a loan of \$500,000 gold in the United States to buy raw cotton.

"Finlay Peter Dunne, author of the "Dooley" papers and for many years an active newspaper man of Chicago, is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Miss Eugenia Washington, great grandniece of George Washington and one of the founders of the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, is dead.

The municipal council of Speyer, Germany, has adopted a resolution to place a commemorative tablet on the house where the late Henry Villard was born.

Monday, Dec. 2.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester have arrived in New York. President James J. Hill of the Great Northern is confined to his home in St. Paul by illness.

F. Peter Dunne, author of the "Philosopher Dooley" stories, is suffering from typhoid fever.

Two more people injured in the Glass Works accident at San Francisco have died, making 31 in all.

Daniel MacAloose, member of the British house of commons for the North Managhan division, is dead.

One thousand more bolomen have surrendered to Captain Green, of the Thirty-third infantry at Vigan, island of Luzon.

Mrs. Eliza Miller, widow of the late Associate Justice Samuel F. Miller of the United States supreme court, was found dead in bed at Washington.

Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Rev. William Howard Day, A. M., D. D., general secretary of the A. M. E. Zion church, is dead.

The fifteenth parliament of Queen Victoria assembled Monday. William Court-Gully was re-elected speaker of the house of commons.

Lois Gilgenbach was killed and Frank Orting fatally injured at Food Lu, Wis., by the giving away of a scaffold on which they were standing.

Renewed efforts in the interest of Mrs. Florence Maybrick will be made by Ambassador Choate in accordance with the instructions made by Secretary Hay.

Five railway employes were instantly killed and 12 persons were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the powerhouse of the Chicago and Northwestern road at Chicago.

The Manchester Guardian says it understands Queen Victoria has decided to confer a dukedom on Lord Roberts and that parliament will be asked to vote him £100,000.

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New Congressional Apportionment.

From Pioneer Press. The census of Minnesota for 1900 shows the following population by congressional districts:

Table with 4 columns: District, 1900, 1900, Increase. Rows: First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh.

It is now stated that the unit of representation in the next apportionment will be 198,000, which would entitle Minnesota, on a population of 1,751,394, to nine representatives in congress. If from the First district Waseca was taken it would leave a population of 195,394. If Waseca was added to the Second district and there were taken from it Lac qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, Lincoln, Lyon, Chippewa and Redwood it would leave a population of 204,416 for that district.

Order to Examine Accounts. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower—In Probate Court. Special term, November 21, 1900. In the matter of the estate of Andrew J. Swanson, deceased.

Order for Hearing and Notice of Application for Appointment of Administrator. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower—In Probate Court. Special term, November 22, 1900. In the matter of the estate of Hannah Scriber, deceased.

Order for Hearing Proof of Will. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower—In Probate Court. Special term, November 22, 1900. In the matter of the estate of Ella Gurney, deceased.

Order for Hearing Petition for Determination of Descent of Land and Notice of Application. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower—In Probate Court. Special term, Nov. 22, 1900. In the matter of the estate of Ella Gurney, deceased.

Notice of Lis Pendens. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower. In District Court, Tenth Judicial District. Alma Sophia Kessler, plaintiff, vs. Floyd Weese, George Hoggie, Mrs. Floyd Weese, E. R. Perkins, executor of the estate of Selah Chamberlain, deceased; Richard W. Trenworth and Mrs. Richard W. Trenworth; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants—Summons.

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On reading and filing the petition of Clara S. Swanson, administratrix of the estate of Andrew J. Swanson, deceased, representing among other things, that she has fully administered said estate and praying that a time and place be fixed for examining and allowing the final account of her administration, and for the ascertainment of the residue of said estate to the parties entitled thereto by law.

Order for Hearing and Notice of Application for Appointment of Administrator. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower—In Probate Court. Special term, November 22, 1900. In the matter of the estate of Hannah Scriber, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Luther C. Scriber of said county, representing among other things, that Hannah Scriber, late of said county, on the twelfth day of December, A. D. 1899, at said county, died intestate, and being a resident of this county at the time of her death, leaving goods, chattels and estate within this county, and that said petitioner is a son and heir of said deceased, and praying that administration of said estate be to Luther C. Scriber granted.

Order for Hearing Petition for Determination of Descent of Land and Notice of Application. STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower—In Probate Court. Special term, Nov. 22, 1900. In the matter of the estate of Ella Gurney, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Willis M. Corbett of Austin, Minnesota, representing among other things, that Ella Gurney who resided last prior to her death in the city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, in the county of La Crosse, state of Wisconsin, on the twenty-second day of February, 1888, died intestate, seized of an estate of inheritance in certain lands in the county of Mower, state of Minnesota, which said lands are described in said petition, and that more than five years have elapsed since the death of said Ella Gurney, deceased, and that administration has not been granted or had of said estate of said deceased in this state, and praying that the descent of said lands described in said petition be by this court determined and said lands assigned to such persons as are entitled thereto by law.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that said petition be heard at a term of this court to be held at the probate office, in the court house, in the city of Austin, in said county of Mower, state of Minnesota, on Monday, the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock a. m.

It is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to the heirs of said deceased, and to all persons interested, by publishing this order once in each week, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the MOWER COUNTY TRANSCRIPT, a weekly newspaper printed and published at the city of Austin, in said county.

SUMMONS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Mower. In District Court, Tenth Judicial District. Alma Sophia Kessler, plaintiff, vs. Floyd Weese, George Hoggie, Mrs. Floyd Weese, E. R. Perkins, executor of the estate of Selah Chamberlain, deceased; Richard W. Trenworth and Mrs. Richard W. Trenworth; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants—Summons.

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action, which complaint has been filed in the office of the clerk of said District Court at the city of Austin, county of Mower and state of Minnesota, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the undersigned at their office, in the city of Austin in said county of Mower, within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, together with the plaintiff's costs and disbursements.

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Notice is hereby given that an action has been commenced in this court by the above named plaintiff against the above named defendants, to determine the estate, lien, right, title, or interest of said defendants as above named and herein, and to the following named parties, to confirm and quiet the estate and title of plaintiff therein and for judgment declaring void said estate, lien, right, title, or interest of each of said defendants. The premises affected by said action are situated in the county of Mower and state of Minnesota, and are described as follows: Lot No. one (1) of block No. thirty-two (22) of Yates and Lewis' addition to the village (now city) of Austin, according to the records and plat thereof. Dated October 6, 1900.

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