

## CONGRESS WILL BE KEPT BUSY

Lively Session, Which May Extend Well Into Summer, is Anticipated.

## WILL ASSEMBLE ON MONDAY

Friction Between Speaker Cannon and the Insurgents Expected to Develop Immediately—Interest in Message.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Congress will assemble Monday for the "long session," which probably will run well into the summer. Senators and Representatives who have arrived in town express a determination to take up the work of the session vigorously at the beginning with the hope of having it well advanced before the holidays. The House is already organized by the election of Speaker Cannon and officers at the extra session, and the appointment of committees, so there will be no excuse for that body not getting down to business at once.

The appropriation bills are to be given the right of way at both ends of the capitol and pressed through with all possible haste. The appropriations committee of the House have been at work for more than a week. When the appropriations bills have been disposed of, Congress will turn its attention to more important measures. There will be plenty to engage attention. Every important committee of the House has a calendar full of bills, introduced in the extra session, and a flood of new measures, cooked up by ambitious members during the recess, is expected at the outset.

Here are some of the things Congress will find ready to hand to work on:

Sweeping changes in the railway laws, giving added power to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Subventions for the upbuilding of the merchant marine and extension of the ocean mail service.

Authorization to railroads to pool under strict supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Legislation regulating the boycott and the issuance of injunctions against labor organizations.

Internal waterway improvements, according to the policy outlined by the president in his recent addresses in the South and West.

A proposal to reduce the present tax on oleomargarine.

An investigation of the sugar trust scandal will be proposed, and may or may not be undertaken.

The foregoing are some of the more important measures which will clamor for attention, but not all of them are expected to receive it.

Every person here is looking forward to a lively session. Friction between Speaker Cannon and the insurgents is expected to develop as soon as the gavel falls. The insurgents are rampant and determined for trouble, while Mr. Cannon, judging from his recent speeches in the West, has no idea of side-stepping. In the Senate things also will be lively. If present signs count for anything, Senator Cummins of Iowa is in town primed for battle, and La Follette of Wisconsin, Bristow of Kansas and other insurgent leaders are also on the ground ready for the fray. On all sides, therefore, the outlook is bright for some "scrappy" times in both houses during the coming winter and spring.

Much interest is manifested in the president's message on account of the great importance of the many questions it will have to deal with. No presidential message in years, it is safe to say, will have been listened to with a greater amount of eagerness and interest. In the course of his recent tour of the country, Mr. Taft outlined in his various addresses the views he holds concerning the great public questions of the day and which he is expected to incorporate in his message.

The president will propose to Congress important legislation upon at least ten subjects. Each is a matter which will provoke discussion and arouse opposition in Congress. The chief subjects to be dealt with are: Supervision of the issue of stocks and bonds by interstate corporations; readjustment of the duties and powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission; expansion of the duties of the Bureau of Corporations; creation of a new bureau in the Department of Justice to deal with violations of law by interstate carriers; establishment of a so-called "railroad court"; creation of a postal savings bank; ship subsidies; amendment of the procedure regarding the granting of injunctions, and the conservation of natural resources. In addition to these it is probable that currency reform will be recommended, not as something to be immediately undertaken, but to be considered when the report of the Monetary Commission is completed.

## President's Message Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the opening of the first regular session of the sixty-first Congress but two days away senators and representatives are arriving in Washington today by almost every train. Both houses will adjourn

## IS CANNONISM DOOMED?



SPEAKER CANNON IN CENTER—AT LEFT CONGRESSMAN CHARLES N. FOWLER OF NEW JERSEY, AT RIGHT CONGRESSMAN CHARLES E. TOWNSEND OF MICHIGAN.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The first great question to be decided in the house of representatives when the 61st congress convenes on Monday, and the most important in its effect on future legislation is the selection of a speaker.

With the adjournment of the special session "Uncle Joe" completed his 34th year of service in the national house of representatives. He entered as a representative from Illinois in President Grant's first term and has continued under every president since. With the exception of the 52nd congress his term has been continuous.

He was first made speaker in 1903, and is fighting to succeed himself in the 61st congress. The fight this year will be the hardest one this "war horse" has ever made. The insurgents are many and are determined to unseat the speaker and place in command one of their own men.

During the summer months the insurgents have been organizing and now claim 47 votes on the republican side against Cannon.

The great difficulty of the past has been to hold the insurgent forces together. Will they succeed this time? That is the great question. If they do who will be the next speaker, Congressman Fowler of New Jersey, has been frequently mentioned and has been one of the leaders in the fight on "Uncle Joe." Congressman Townsend of Michigan, is considered as another possibility. Just at present, however, the Wolverine republican is out after Senator Burrows' toga and is not giving attention to the speakership.

## MRS. SNEAD VICTIM OF INSURANCE MAD PEOPLE

Probers Into the East Orange Bath Tub Tragedy Unearth Astonishing State of Affairs—Victim Heavily Insured.

New York, Dec. 4.—Probers into the mystery of the death of Mrs. Cecy W. M. Snead, victim of the East Orange bath tub tragedy, found themselves wandering in a labyrinth of insurance finance. "Insurance mad," is an expression which has been used in characterizing the Wardlaw family into which Mrs. Snead married, in view of the facts so far brought to light regarding a group of elderly women who were custodians of the victim for months preceding her death. Papers found reveal memoranda in the handwriting of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, an aunt of the victim, now under arrest, nearly all having to do with the subject of life insurance. Policies aggregating \$24,500 on the life of Mrs. Snead are known to be in existence and other policies running into thousands are believed to be written for her. Authorities admit they have very little light as to the actual responsibility for the death of Mrs. Snead.

## ELKS' MEMORIAL DAY.

Special Services Will Be Held in Elks' Temple Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be observed as Elks' Memorial day by every lodge of Elks throughout the United States with special services in commemoration of departed brethren.

The Calumet and Hancock lodges of Elks have decided to combine in their observance of the day, the Portage Lake Elks coming to Calumet where special services will be observed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Elks' temple. All Elks and their lady friends are invited.

The Calumet committee in charge of the affair have made all necessary arrangements for seating the large number expected, and has also completed the decorations in the lodge room where the services will be held.

Attorney Angus W. Kerr and Rev. J. E. Curzon of Houghton, will deliver the eulogies and an excellent program of vocal and instrumental selections has been arranged. Messrs. Cowley and King will render "Calvary," on the cornet and trombone, respectively, while Mrs. Frank J. Kohlihaas will sing an appropriate solo.

## KARGER LEADING PITCHER.

St. Paul Twirler Heads American Association With 700 Per Cent.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 4.—Karger of St. Paul, with 700 per cent. was the leading pitcher of the American Association for 1909, according to the official averages issued today. Olmstead of Minneapolis, was second with 667. The Louisville team led in fielding with a mark of .862. Thielma, a Louisville pitcher, who played seven games in the outfield, is the only player who made a perfect fielding score.

soon after their convening at noon Monday out of respect to the memory of members who have died during the recess of congress. Tuesday will be devoted by both houses to the reading of the president's message.

## Big News Events of the Coming Week.

Simultaneous with the meeting of Congress several important national gatherings will assemble in the capital to impress upon the lawmakers the necessity for legislation along various lines. The Southern Commercial Congress will meet during the first two days of the week and will be immediately followed by the annual meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Other conventions of general interest scheduled for the week include the meeting of the American Anti-Saloon league in Chicago and the American Civic Reform league will be held in New York Thursday and Friday. Among the subjects to be discussed are civil pensions, consular reform and the application of the merit system to the higher municipal offices.

The property of the Waters-Pierce Oil company in Texas is to be put up for sale at public auction in Austin on Tuesday to satisfy a judgment obtained by the State of Texas in its suit against the company for violation of the anti-trust law. The property to be sold is valued at \$4,000,000.

The second trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United States Railways of San Francisco, charged with bribery in connection with the granting of a street railway franchise, is scheduled to begin in San Francisco Monday.

The trial of some of the members of the so-called Maybray gang, who are charged with swindles aggregating over a million dollars through the medium of fake horse races, wrestling matches and other sporting contests, will be taken up during the week in the United States district court in Iowa.

A number of Italians and Sicilians who were rounded up by the federal authorities in Ohio last summer on a charge of being connected with the Black Hand society will be placed on trial in Toledo Tuesday. Sufficient evidence, it is said, has been gathered by the secret service agents to prove that the accused men were among the leaders of the organization which for several years has made a practice of leaving blackmail on Italian merchants and others in cities and towns throughout Ohio and the neighboring states.

## PATRICK'S PETITION IS REFUSED BY THE COURT.



LAWYER PATRICK.

New York, Dec. 4.—For the second time this week Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer serving a life sentence in Sing Sing prison for the murder of William March Rice, emerged yesterday from prison to renew his fight for freedom.

Patrick appeared before the appellate division of the supreme court with his counsel, William T. McDonald, but made the argument in person. After Patrick had concluded his argument Justice Jenks ordered the writ of habeas corpus dismissed and Patrick was sent back to Sing Sing prison. Justice Jenks said that Patrick had developed no new grounds for a re-opening of his case.

## FIGHT IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Dec. 4.—Fanatical Moros and Sananos forced a fight upon a detachment of constabulary near Mt. Malindang islands, last Sunday. Six constabulary, four porters and one policeman were killed, and one constable wounded. The aggressors left twenty dead when they finally departed.

## URGE INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

Milwaukee, Dec. 4.—The final session of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education was held this morning. A number of addresses were delivered, the trend of all being the advantages gained by education of youth along industrial lines.

## PUSH BILL FOR NAVAL MILITIA

National Naval Militia Society Hopes to Get Bill Through Congress.

## MEET IN WASHINGTON DEC. 9

Measure is Planned Along the Lines of Dick Law—Bill Has Had Careful Consideration and it Likely Will Pass.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Final touches on a bill to be presented before congress at an early date, which in short is a provision to make the naval militia of the various states come under the same benefits and training as the Dick bill made possible for the National guard of the country, is the principal business to be taken up by delegates to the National Naval Militia association at a meeting here on December 9.

Commissioned officers from all state naval militias are expected to be present and beside the nineteen states which already have naval militia, Wisconsin and Indiana possibly will have tentative representation.

The new naval militia bill to be put in final shape has received the very careful work of the naval militia general board and has been revised by the general board of the United States navy, with Admiral Dewey at its head. The bill as a whole, it is thought, will carry such strength that its passage by the coming session of congress seems certain.

## CENTURY OF EXISTENCE.

New York Bible Society One Hundred Years Old Today.

New York, Dec. 4.—The New York Bible society today rounded out a century of existence. The original society was organized on Dec. 4, 1809, the present society being formed as an auxiliary in 1823, under the name of the Young Men's Bible society. In 1840 the latter adopted the name of the original organization, which had ceased to exist, and was incorporated in 1866. The work therefore began in 1809, has continued without interruption.

The New York Bible society is the only organization having for its work Bible distribution in the city and harbor of New York. The society distributes Bibles through the ministers and church missionaries and employs special agents among immigrants on Ellis Island and the sailors of the harbor. During the past year 151,179 Bibles were distributed, the largest number in the history of the society.

## OIL AS FUEL FOR SHIPS.

Believed Navy Department Contemplates Its Introduction.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The opening of bids today at the Navy bureau of yards and docks for the construction at the Boston navy yard of a concrete oil tank storage house is taken to mean that the navy contemplates the early introduction of the use of oil as a fuel for the warships. The tank at the Boston navy yard is to be fifty feet by seventy-five feet and twenty-four feet deep. Similar tanks are to be constructed at other yards on the Atlantic coast, and the supply ship, Arctus, now at the Mare Island yard, is to be brought around to the Atlantic and go into service as an oil tank ship.

## NEW CANADIAN LINE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 4.—Arrangements have been completed for the inauguration tomorrow of the new direct day and night train service between Ottawa and Quebec. The service will be operated by the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway, although the new section from Ottawa to Hawkesbury, 58 miles, has been built under the Canadian Northern Ontario charter.

## CHICAGO SALOON FIGHT.

Lively Campaign Will Be Waged by the Temperance Forces.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Chicago is to be aroused into a lively campaign against saloons. The agitation is to be given shape at the annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon league, which is to assemble in this city Monday for a session of five days. Arrangements have been made to celebrate tomorrow as "Temperance Sunday" and stir public sentiment by agitating the object of the league in 100 pulpits in Chicago churches.

The national organization of the American Anti-Saloon league has been in existence for thirteen years. Its one and only object is to create public sentiment against the existing evil in saloons. Delegates will be present at the coming convention from practically every state and territory and from several of the Canadian provinces.

Among the scheduled speakers are many of the leading orators and temperance workers of the country. Included in the list are Bishop Luther B. Wilson, who is president of the league; John G. Woolley, the noted prohibition party leader; Bishop William F. McDowell, Congressman Miller of Kansas, Congressman Hobson of Alabama, and Dr. George R. Stuart of Tennessee.

## STARTLING TESTIMONY AT THE CHERRY MINE INQUIRY

Evidence Introduced to Show Child Labor Law Has Been Violated—Inexperienced Boy Said to Have Started Fire.

Cherry, Ill., Dec. 4.—Testimony was introduced this morning at the coroner's inquest of the Cherry mine disaster tending to show the fire was started by Mat Francisco, an inexperienced boy of fifteen, who was working in the mine in an alleged violation of the child labor law. Francisco himself was on the stand and stated he had pushed the car of hay that caught fire to the elevator shaft leading to the third vein, and left it standing close to the blazing torch which ignited it. The lad said it was the first bale of hay he had ever been required to handle and no one in authority in the mine gave him instructions as to what to do with it. The authorities consider this testimony of greatest importance and say it justifies the opinion that the child labor law is freely violated in Cherry to the great danger of the miners.

## YOUNG LADY VOLUNTEERS.

Are Wanted to Take Charge of Sale of Christmas Stamps.

Mrs. H. H. Rounavaara of this city, who is in charge of the sale of the Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas stamps in Calumet, has made arrangements to open the sale in the Calumet postoffice and the local express companies' offices on December 16. During the week of Christmas, Mrs. Rounavaara will place the stamps on sale in many of the local stores in Calumet and Laurium.

Mrs. Rounavaara is anxious to secure the assistance of Calumet young ladies to help her in this work. She desires young ladies to volunteer to take charge of the sale of these stamps in the postoffice, express offices and stores. Volunteers may report either to Mrs. Rounavaara or Miss Salisbury, in charge of the Associated Charities.

## SIX DAY BIKE RACE.

McFarland and Clarke Favorite Team in New York Contest.

New York, Dec. 4.—Between fifteen and twenty teams of champion racing cyclists, hailing from many countries of the world, are ready to start in the annual six-day race at Madison Square Garden, beginning at one minute after the midnight hour tomorrow night. The usual series of short-distance world's championship events serves as a curtain-raiser tonight.

While this year's field for the six-day event is made up of many of the familiar old heroes of the similar races in past years, there will be some new riders on the track when the starting pistol is fired. Among the best of the latter are the Italians, Cuniolo and Carrapert. This pair is said to possess great speed and endurance, and they are expected to make the others hustle to keep up with them.

The favorite team is made up of Floyd MacFarland, the hero of last year's grind, and Jackie Clarke, the little Australian who has been Frank Kramer's bitterest rival during the past summer season. Other well-known teams entered for the six-day grind are Root and Folger, Rutt and Stol, George and Brothers, DeMara and Lawson, Collins and Walthour, and Germain and Shirley. Rutt and Stol will be a favorite pair with many of the spectators. These riders are noted for their gameness and in the contest last year they finished second.

## REAR ADMIRAL RETIRES.

Royal R. Ingersoll, Michigan Man, Completes Active Service.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Rear Admiral Royal R. Ingersoll, one of the noted ordnance and gunnery experts of the navy and who served for a time as chief of staff, was retired today on account of age. Rear Admiral Ingersoll comes from Michigan and graduated from the Annapolis academy in 1868. He served on the Yantic, Kearsarge, Pensacola, Constellation and other famous ships of the old navy, and during the war with Spain he commanded the U. S. S. Supply. In recent years he commanded the gunboat Helena and the cruiser Maryland.

## WEATHER FORECAST

RAIN OR SNOW AND COLDER TONIGHT. Sunday snow flurries and much colder. Moderate northwest winds.

## TRANSPORT STILL AGRAND.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—The transport Proteus is still stuck in the mud near this city. The cargo is being lightened and the marines will probably re-embark this afternoon when another attempt will be made to float the vessel.

## FIVE ARE UNDER ARREST.

Charged With Knowing Something of Mysterious Death of St. Louis Boy. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—For sixteen months Mrs. Anna Cordes of St. Louis has worked to dispel the uncertainty as to the manner in which her 16-year-old son, William, came to his death in Pittsburgh Lake, near East St. Louis, Ill. As a result Mrs. Regina Koshak and Frank and August Rutz, Alex Halder and Fred Bianchi are under arrest. The Rutes are said to have been with Cordes fishing at the lake. It is also alleged \$105 the boy had with him disappeared.

## PLANS TO PUT END TO STRIFE

Taft to Ask Congress for Authority for Action in Central America.

## INDEMNITY FROM NICARAGUA

Question of Payment for Deaths of Americans Will be Held Up, However, Until Revolution in That Country is Over.

Washington, Dec. 4.—There seems little doubt the president will lay before congress at an early date facts as to the Nicaraguan situation with a view to receiving authority for any further steps he may see fit to take in the interest of American residents of that country and with a view to putting an end to the interminable strife in Central America.

The question of indemnity for the killing of Cannon and Grece is still held in abeyance and there is reason to believe no demand will be made until the issue between the Zelaya government and the revolutionists has been settled. It is the view of the U. S. there is at present no responsible

## JOSE DE OLIVARES, AMERICAN CONSUL OF MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.



Olivares will play an important part in the Nicaraguan troubles.

government in Nicaragua. When the proper time comes it is stated there will be no waste of time in seeking reparation.

Should the Zelaya government prove successful there is no doubt the money demanded for the killing of the Americans would far exceed the amount required in case of the success of the revolutionists who are in no way responsible for that outrage.

## Gunboats at Colon.

Colon, Dec. 4.—The U. S. gunboat Eagle has arrived here from Costa Rica. The U. S. gunboat Marietta arrived from Port Limon last night.

## American Force Sufficient.

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the arrival of Corinto today or tomorrow of the cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown, the U. S. will be in a position to take as aggressive steps as any occasion may demand for the protection of American interests along the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Together with the assistance of the gunboat Vicksburg the warships will have a quota of fighting men of about 600. The guns aboard these vessels are considered large enough to subdue any hostile demonstration against Americans in any of the seaport towns. In the event of trouble in the interior the six hundred men with a supply of ammunition are regarded as a force sufficient to bring fear to any force likely to present themselves in opposition. The landing of the bluejackets or shelling of seaports is not anticipated at this time.

## Transport Still Aground.

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