

# IN CONGRESS

BEGINNING OF THE SHORT SESSION OF THE 59TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

## BILLION DOLLAR BODY

The Ship Subsidy Bill May Be Brought to the Front, and Currency and the Tariff Discussed—The Cmoat Case.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Both houses of congress convened at noon today. It is the short session and will end March 4. Both houses were in session only a short time today. The president's message will be sent in tomorrow. It is a lengthy document and contains almost 25,000 words. The usual scenes were enacted today. The galleries were crowded. There were congratulations over successes at the polls and words of condolence for those who failed to be re-elected last November.

### FORECAST OF SHORT SESSION.

Passage of Appropriation Bills and Little Other General Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The passage of the appropriation bills and as little other general legislation as possible. Such in brief is the forecast for the short session of the Fifty-ninth congress. There has not yet been time for as general an exchange of views among members as is ordinarily desired by leaders before expressing their views, but all seem to regard the present situation as so simple as to need comparatively little intercourse to arrive at an understanding. It is evident that for various reasons it will not be possible to do much on the appropriation bills before the holidays and this circumstance will practically have the effect of condensing the consideration of the 14 large supply measures into two months. Considering that the aggregate of the appropriations to be will approximate one billion dollars, some senators and members express the opinion that congress cannot do better than give all of its time to these measures.

### The Ship Subsidy Bill.

The ship subsidy bill probably will be an exception to the rule for no general legislation. The friends of that measure have never been more insistent than now. They are extremely hopeful and yet very apprehensive. The bill has passed the senate and is in committee in the house. The committee has heretofore been quite evenly divided, but the advocates of the bill believe that they will be able to get it out in due season, and they hope for its consideration when once reported to the house. Speaker Cannon has given no positive assurances as to his attitude, but the bill's supporters find encouragement in his silence. One incident that is very materially helping the subsidy is the recent speech of Secretary Root in support of it. The fact that the speech was delivered at Kansas City is helpful, as the ship bill has found its principal opposition in the interior of the country. There have been some significant conferences on the bill among the most influential members of the two houses.

### Currency and Inheritance Tax.

Not a few members of both houses are anxious to meet the demands of the bankers and others for a more elastic currency, and it is quite certain that there will be efforts to supply this want, but there are so many plans that even the most sincere believers in the necessity almost despair of accomplishing anything in that direction during a short session. The recommendations of the president in the interest of a national inheritance tax is awaited with eager interest by many, and there is no doubt that a large following could be secured for a measure of the character he will outline. But, as in the matter of currency reform, the few weeks of the session will not suffice for adequate consideration. It is also recognized that the present plethora of condition of the treasury would furnish strong argument against the proposed innovation.

### The Tariff and Other Questions.

Among the questions, slated for a liberal share of discussion, the tariff stands at the head of the list, but no one has the least idea that any serious effort will now be made to secure the modifications which even many republicans think desirable. The president, who himself desires some changes, has recently promised his congressional callers that he will not ask to have the subject taken up at this time. The Japanese question, the discharge of the negro soldiers, the desirability of an income tax law, the result of the late elections and the trusts are also slated for discussion, and it is even expected that some of these questions, if not all of them, will receive oratorical attention from democratic member as soon as the first appropriation bill is laid before the house.

### Bishop Seymour.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 3.—The condition of Bishop Seymour of the Episcopal diocese of Springfield shows a slight improvement.

### Brewery Plant Damaged.

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 3.—Fire damaged the plant of the Hygeia Brewing Co. to the extent of \$175,000.

# FREIGHT CAR SHORTAGE

CHAIRMAN KNAPP WRITES SENATOR HANSBROUGH ABOUT IT.

## NOW ALMOST A CALAMITY

Doubtful if Commerce Commission Has Power to Remedy and Suggests Courts.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The intentions and attitude of the interstate commerce commission respecting the freight car shortage in the northwest are made clear in a letter addressed to Senator Hansbrough by Chairman Knapp, which says: "The inability of shippers to secure cars for the movement of their traffic is reported from various parts of the country, and amounts in some sections, as you observe, to almost a calamity. This matter has given the commission special concern, although we appear to be without any adequate authority to deal with such a situation. We can exercise no direct power to compel interstate carriers to furnish adequate equipment, nor are we prepared at this time to recommend specific legislation upon this subject."

Commission Could Perhaps—Chairman Knapp said that the commission could perhaps award reparation for damages resulting from failure to supply sufficient cars, but the power to do this is not altogether certain, and he says it would seem to be rather more suitable and efficient for aggrieved shippers to bring their suits in the courts in the first instance. "We have, however, ordered an investigation of this matter of car shortage, and will prosecute it with the utmost dispatch. Already one or more agents have been sent to the northwest, and it is expected that hearings will take place in that region within the next two weeks. This appears to be the most effective course, the commission can take, and you may be assured that everything will be done within the scope of our authority to bring about the earliest possible relief."

### TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

Liquor Traffic and Church and State in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 5.—President Murray of the constitutional convention has appointed two more important committees, namely, those on the regulation of the liquor traffic and on county boundaries. That on liquor regulation is headed by Luke Roberts, of Olustee, as chairman. The general belief is that two-thirds of the members of the latter committee, which will pass on the prohibition provision of the new constitution, favor state-wide prohibition.

A resolution was presented by an Oklahoma delegate calling on the convention to draft a law maintaining the individuality of church and state. The resolution was a practical embodiment of a memorial from Seventh Day Adventists. The memorial is signed by 5,000 and asks that no reference be made in the constitution to any day to be set aside for public worship. The resolution was referred to a committee.

### INVESTIGATE HARRIMAN SYSTEM

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Consider.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The proposed investigation of what is known as the Harriman system of railways will be the subject of a conference by the interstate commerce commission Thursday. The commission has for some time had the matter of an investigation under advisement, because of communications which have reached it, alleging that the effect of the alleged combination is to suppress competition. The active work of the inquiry will be delegated to some responsible person in whom the commission has full confidence, and upon whose report a decision will be reached as to what, if any, further steps shall be taken.

### FATALLY WOUNDED A WOMAN.

Shot by Mail Carrier Because She Wouldn't Marry Him.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 5.—Garland Moore, aged 21, a mail carrier, shot and fatally wounded Miss Clara West, aged 27, at Bois D' Arc. Moore fled after the shooting and a posse has started in pursuit. Miss West comes of one of the wealthiest families in Greene county. She was at the home of a cousin in Bois D' Arc and the shooting occurred in the parlor after Moore had pleaded with her to marry him.

### Freed by the Supreme Court.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Austin Francis, a switchman, found guilty of murder in the first degree at Kansas City, in November, 1905, has been freed by the supreme court of Missouri, which reversed the verdict of the trial court. Francis was convicted of murdering Winona Newton, his 15-year-old sweetheart. The decision holds that there was only a suspicion of his guilt, and that no motive for the crime was shown.

### Captured by an Indiana Steer.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Defender, a Hereford steer, owned by F. A. Nave, of Attica, Ind., carried off the grand championship honors at the international livestock exposition.

### Five Good Shows.

The Wells-Bijou theatre in Evansville offers the strongest list of bills for the coming week ever booked in that city. Beginning Sunday, Dec. 9th, they will have the success musical comedy "Lovers and Lunatics" for three nights at popular prices. Wednesday—The Rogers Brothers in Ireland. Thursday—Frank Daniels in Sergeant Brue. Friday—Amelia Bingham in her new play, "The Lilac Room" and Saturday matinee and night, "Mable Montgomery in Zaza." Special provisions are made for the convenience of out-of-town patrons of the house.

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