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SIXTIETH CONGRESS ASSEMBLES IN WASHINGTON AT NOON TODAY

The One Big Show Day of the Whole Year in Government Circles Attracts Crowds to the Galleries—Flowers are Barred and There is Less Show Than in Former Years.

"Uncle" Joe Cannon is Re-elected Speaker Over John Sharp Williams and the Republican Slate Goes Through Without a Crack—In the Senate the Scenes Were Less Spectacular and More Formal—The President is Informing That Congress is Ready for Business—Big Lottory Drawing of Seats in the House Attracts Much Attention—President's Message Not Sent to Congress Today.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The sixtieth congress assembled at noon today. It was Washington's one great show day of the year. Long before the gavel fell in the senate and house, a stream of people had filled the galleries and overflowed into the corridors.

Admission was by card only, and for days visitors had been beseeching, cajoling and in some cases almost threatening congressmen and senators for the necessary pasteboards.

As flowers have been barred, there was nothing much for the spectators to see but statesmen. These, however, were present in sufficient numbers and variety to make up for the lack of floral displays of former years.

The procedure in the senate was formal and brief. In the house the speaker's membership had to be sworn in. Speaker Cannon and other officers were elected and seats assigned. In the upper body Vice President Charles McNamara presided, the organization of the senate being continuous. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain, offered prayer, the roll was called, and the vice president announced a quorum present.

The swearing in of newly-elected senators followed, after which Senator Hale, master of ceremonies, offered the usual resolution directing the appointment of a committee to inform President Roosevelt congress was assembled and prepared to receive communications. The committee will not report until tomorrow.

Then another resolution was adopted, informing the unsuspecting house the senate was ready to go to work. One more resolution was needed to start the legislative machinery. It fixed the meeting hour at noon each day.

Resolutions were then offered officially informing the senate of the deaths of Senators Morgan and Pettus, of Alabama, and out of respect to their memories adjournment was taken.

The bulk of the crowd besieged the house, where the procedure was more spectacular. Alex. McDowell, of Pennsylvania, clerk of the last house, called the body to order.

Many of those in the galleries were the relatives and friends of new members, the "congressional kids" who have come to Washington to save the country, and incidentally make cents on the scroll of fame.

The diplomatic corps was generously represented. In the presidential gallery was Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Longworth and her sister, Miss Ethel. They had met at the house entrance of the capitol by a platoon of police, who escorted the party to the gallery reserved for the executive and cabinet members.

Representative Nick Longworth was constantly sought by the crowd and received and occasional glance from Alice.

The blind chaplain, Henry N. Couden, offered prayer, the roll was called by states and a quorum found present. Then the question of who would be the chosen speaker was placed before the house.

Col. "Pete" Hepburn, chairman of the Republican caucus, which had decided upon "Uncle Joe" as a successor to himself, nominated the Illinois member.

The chairman of the Democratic caucus placed John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi, the minority's candidate, before the house as the proper man to be elected leader.

Nobody was at all surprised when "Uncle Joe" won in a walk. Announcement of the result was made by the tellers, two Republican and two Democratic members, selected by the clerk, and then the newly elected speaker was escorted to the

rostrum by a committee headed by his rival, the Mississippian.

All the time the contest for the speakership was being waged on the floor, "Uncle Joe" was modestly absent. His appearance was the signal for an outburst of applause from the floor and the galleries.

The little procession came through the main door and down the center aisle, halting at the speaker's stand. Williams introduced Cannon to the house as the man who will be and deserves to be its speaker.

Then there was more shouting and applause. Grasping the gavel with his trusty left hand, the speaker brought it down with a thump.

He stood with his right hand uplifted as Gen. Bingham of Philadelphia, the "father of the house" having the longest continuous term of service to his record, advanced and administered the oath of office.

Suddenly there was a puff of smoke and a flash from each of the four corners of the galleries. Some of the women spectators gave a hysterical squeak, and the "congressional kids" on the floor ducked their heads.

The old timers merely smiled. Speaker Cannon did not flinch. They knew that the usual photographs by flashlight of the new congress and the swearing-in process were being taken.

The speaker then made a short speech and proceeded as speedily as possible to connect the other members with Uncle Sam's pay roll. The clerk read the roll by states and territories.

"Alabama, Arkansas, California and Colorado," he called. The members from these states came forward and ranged before the speaker, who administered the oath of allegiance.

More states were called, and when the last member had been sworn in, Representatives Butler of Pennsylvania and Coeks of New York, who represents Oyster Bay in congress, stepped forward and qualified by affirmation. Both are Quakers and a Quaker never "swears."

Next came the selection of minor officers. The Republicans had their slate and the Democrats theirs. There were no doubts whatever about how it would turn out, but it was just as important to unwind this section of red tape as to elect a speaker, who had also been chosen by the dominant party.

The successful Republican candidates were called to the rostrum and sworn in.

Having appointed committees to notify the president and senate that the house had organized and was ready for business, John Dalzell of Pennsylvania, spokesman for the rules committee, moved that the rules of the last house be adopted.

Williams, the minority leader, started the first scrap of the sixtieth congress by telling the new Republican members the rules are arrogant and harmful, and should not be adopted for longer than 30 days. He spoke of the growing sentiment in the Republican ranks against the rules, and cautioned the "kids" that unless they voted to upset the rules they would be bound hand and foot to the speakers' chariot throughout the entire congress.

Despite the warning of the minority leader, the rules were adopted by an overwhelming vote, although a few Republicans lined up with the Democrats.

Then came the grand biennial lottery—the drawing of seats. The floor leaders of both sides—Payne of New York, and Williams of Mississippi—were first given their choice as was Gen. Bingham. Then a huge box was brought forth.

In it were marbles, each separately numbered. A page, blindfolded, stood up and reached into the box, pulling forth a marble. The number was read and the member having that

number was given his choice of the unassigned seats.

The drawing of seats consumed an hour. The house was then informed of the death of Stemp of Virginia and Smith of Illinois and in respect to their memories adjournment was taken.

The president's message was not read today because of the early adjournment. It is expected it will be read Tuesday afternoon.

INSANITY DODGE

Taken in the Kinsman Murder Trial at Warren

Warren, O., Dec. 2.—The jury in the murder case against Alfred Kinsman, of Kinsman, who killed George Birrel, a banker, June 18, was asked today to judge upon his sanity, instead of his guilt.

Affidavits of insanity caused Judge Roberts to order a special on trial on mentality.

Clarence Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, who won fame in the Boise case, had planned to come here in defense of Kinsman, for friendship's sake. They were schoolmates. A press of work was prevented Darrow from coming, as yet, but it is believed he counseled the insanity move.

AGAIN POSTPONED

Thaw's Second Trial is Now Set for Hearing January Sixth.

New York, Dec. 2.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, for the killing of Stanford White, was postponed today, by Justice Dowling, until January sixth. The difficulty of getting a jury with the prospect of the holidays being locked up during the holidays was the cause of postponement.

Martin W. Littleton, Thaw's new attorney, made a formal protest against changing the date and insisted on an immediate trial.

Littleton and District Attorney Jerome united in asking the court for permission to examine the record of the insanity commission, and the minutes of the last trial.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was the only member of the Thaw family in court while the brief argument was on. Harry Thaw was not brought into

court, but stood in the doorway leading to the pen under guard of deputies, where he could hear all that was said.

Evelyn presented a greatly changed appearance. Instead of the wan, sad looking little figure so familiar at the last trial, she appeared today looking fresh and smiling. Her eyes were bright, and she had a smile for those whom she had met at the other hearing. She wore the same blue suit, broad white collar, and big bow tie, and a new hat, a big "fluffy ruffles" creation, trimmed in blue, with a veil that dangled behind to her waist.

SHOOTING AN ACCIDENT

So Claims Judge Powers When Arguing the Bradley Case, Today.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Bradley case is expected to go to the jury this evening.

Judge Powers made an eloquent appeal for acquittal. When he paid tribute to her motherhood and womanhood, Mrs. Bradley broke down and sobbed hysterically. Powers held that the killing of Brown was accidental.

"It is for you to say that the crime was done of her own free will and volition," he told the jury. "This woman, distressed beyond all understanding, went to the fatal room to end her own life. A struggle ensued and Brown was shot and killed by the gun he purchased and told this woman to use upon his wife. They say this woman fell. True she fell and why? The tempter entered and she fell. She was a woman with a woman's weakness. When a woman loves she does not reason. Love is her life. She became a bond woman, knowing her shame, yet turning always to her master."

Powers concluded at noon and was followed by District Attorney Baker, this afternoon.

AMERICAN PUGILIST IS THE FAVORITE IN BETTING

London, Dec. 2.—The eyes of the entire pugilistic world are today fixed on the national sporting club, where Tommy Burns, the American heavyweight champion, will tonight contest with Gunner Moir, the British champion, for the world's championship. Betting is 10 to 8 on the American and a great crowd will see the bout.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED; THREE PERSONS KILLED

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2.—Train 12, known as the Duquesne Limited was derailed at Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia this morning. Three were killed and twelve injured.

The dead: W. L. F. Hoffman and daughter, Nellie of Baltimore and an unidentified man.

BRYAN DRAWS FIRST CHEER FROM THE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 2.—Bryan got the first applause of the sixtieth congress. Just before the house met, Representative James, of Kentucky, steered the Nebraskan onto the floor and the Democrats let out whoop.

HAU'S SENTENCE IS COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Kahrshu, Germany, Dec. 2.—Sentence against Karl Hau for murdering his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, has been commuted from death to life imprisonment.

Hau was professor of Roman law in the Washington University, at Washington, D. C.

WILL DEVOTE HIS TIME TO TAFT'S CAMPAIGN

Columbus, O., Dec. 2.—Insurance Commissioner Vorys resigned Monday, to devote himself exclusively to his duties as manager of the Taft campaign. Judge C. C. Lemer, of Kenton, now executive clerk in the governor's office, was appointed commissioner.

ADVANCE OF ADMIRAL EVAN'S FLEET LEAVES

Washington, Dec. 2.—Six destroyers, forming the advance for Admiral Evans' battleship cruise to the Pacific, got under way at 10 o'clock this morning from Hampton Roads.

ASKS A FAIR FIELD

Bonaparte Asks for More Authority in Prosecuting "Bad Trusts."

Washington, Dec. 2.—Attorney General Bonaparte, in his report sent to congress, today, refrains from suggestions for changes in the several anti-trust and interstate commerce laws, but asks for statutes to compel the attendance of witnesses, empowering he courts to authorize the taking of evidence before examiners simultaneously in indifferent districts and specifying the circumstances under which receivers may take charge of "Bad Trusts". He suggests the maintenance of a special detective division by the department. He wants a fair field and no favor in the prosecution of unlawful corporations.

He thinks legislation guaranteeing the enforcement of present laws would prevent the great corporation blocking the execution of decisions.

"I WON'T DEVIATE"

Says President Roosevelt When Talking About a Third Term.

Washington, Dec. 2.—"I won't deviate one single point from the announcement I have already made," said President Roosevelt, today, to Representative Hinshaw, who called to tell him that the people of Nebraska wish him to run again.

This is the most direct and positive statement that has been made by the president on the subject of a third term, since the announcement of his action in 1904.

SIXTY MEN ENTOMBED IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE

Black Damp in an Old Working Ignited by an Open Lamp in the Hands of a Miner—Many of the Men, Who Were Caught by the Falling Rocks, are Believed to Have Perished.

Monongahela, Pa., Dec. 2.—Between 50 and 60 miners are entombed in the Naomi mine of the United Mine Coal company at Fayette City, as the results of an explosion of black damp at 8 o'clock last night.

It is thought many are dead behind tons of rock and coal, which fell during the concussion and blocked the entrance.

The explosion was caused, it is said, when a miner with an open lamp, entered one of the old workings. Medical aid has been sent from Monongahela and surrounding towns.

Fayette City, Pa., Dec. 2.—One dead body has been removed from the Naomi mine of the United Mine Coal company in which an explosion of black damp occurred last night. It is estimated that between 30 and 70 men are still entombed and it is feared most of them are dead.

State Mine Inspector Loutitt is on the scene and pronounces the explosion a very serious one. He

says the mine was well conducted and considered safe.

A large force of rescuers is working in relays, but it is feared it will be some hours before the point where it is thought most of the men are, will be reached.

Bellevue, Pa., Dec. 2.—Frustratedly working at his utmost pitch, every experienced miner available is today burrowing through the mass of earth and rock that blocks the entrance to the lower level of the Naomi mine, of the United Mine company, where a portion of the night shift was entombed last night. All are apprehensive that the waiting doctors will have nothing to do when the entry finally is forced. All that can be done is to dig, until the closed level is reached.

A small pipe has been forced through the debris until it is now possible to pump air and water into the depths. If there comes a sign of life, food will also be sent down. One body was early recovered at the bottom of the first air shaft.

Estimates of the number of men entombed vary from thirty to sixty. It is believed by company officials that the number is close to forty.

TAFT FORCES OLD WAR HERO TO SHAKE HANDS

Secretary of War Arrives in Moscow and is Shown About the City by the Governor General—Great Deference Shown Taft by the People—He Leaves for St. Petersburg This Evening.

Moscow, Dec. 2.—Secretary Taft devoted Sunday to a visit to the ancient Kremlin, the historical center of Russia, all the palaces and churches of which were opened for his inspection by the special order of the governor general of Moscow.

After the round of official visits had been paid yesterday morning, the governor general assigned his personal aide to conduct the American secretary of war and his party through the fortress.

Secretary Taft showed remarkable familiarity with the historic laws, which he had learned from his father, who formerly was stationed in Russia. He was greatly interested in the crown jewels, the armor and relics of the former rulers of Russia, particularly those which had belonged to Peter the Great.

Mrs. Taft sat in the state equipage, which had been presented to the royal family by Queen Elizabeth of England, and in the traveling sleigh of Catharine the Great.

Secretary Taft had a conversation through an interpreter with a veteran soldier, a member of the palace guard, who bore stripes and medals, denoting 48 years' service. The battle scarred hero wept when Secretary Taft, not contented with the military salute, insisted upon shaking hands with him when he departed.

Yesterday evening the secretary and his party attended a banquet given in his honor by the American colony. President Roosevelt and Emperor Nicholas were toasted. Secretary Taft responded briefly to the speech of welcome of the American consul, Samuel Smith.

Everywhere the distinguished representative of the United States is recognized while sight-seeing and heartily cheered. Today there will be an official dinner in his honor and a special ballet in the opera in the evening.

Secretary Taft will leave late this evening for St. Petersburg.

BRYAN, THE FAVORITE

Poll Taken at Washington Shows Five to One for "The Commoner."

Washington, Dec. 2.—A poll taken of the Democratic senators and representatives who have arrived in the city shows an overwhelming conviction that Bryan's nomination is a certainty.

The proportion is about 5 to 1 of those who answered the question directly. It also shows a still stronger conviction that he should run on a conservative platform. Its importance is somewhat diluted however, by the fact that some of those who say "conservative" seems to think a platform declaring for the initiative and referendum or something equally new would be conservative.

Nearly all the Democrats think the financial situation has greatly

improved Democratic prospects. Many of them base this idea on the fact that the panic of 1893 injured the Democrats. Some of them, however, think that while the situation might help, if it were continued it will be over so long before the election that it is not worth banking on.

The very few Democrats who think Bryan's nomination may still be evaded—and they are the merest handful—are all at sea as to a candidate.

HARTJE GETS ANOTHER TURN-DOWN IN COURT

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 2.—The superior court today refused the petition of Augustus Hartje for a reargument on his application to reopen his divorce case.

WILL BE SOMETHING DOING WHEN THEY ARRIVE

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 2.—Miss Mary Templeton, a teacher in the Presbyterian mission school for Pueblo Indians, at Velarde, was assaulted and slain by her wards. A posse headed by rangers is headed for the scene.

