CONGRESS ASSEMBLES

OPENING OF SECOND SESSION OF FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

The Galleries Crowded by Sightseers, High and Low—The President's Message Received in Both Houses and Read—Close Attention Paid by Senators and Congressmen—Adjournment of Both Houses in Respect to Memory of Congressmen Who Have Died Since the Last Session

Washington, December 6.—At noon today the first regular session of the Fifty-fifth Congress was launched upon the unknown seas of legislation. Simultaneously at both ends of the capitol Speaker Reed, in the house and President Hobart in the senate, dropped their gavels and called to order the respective bodies over which they preside. The ceremony attending the opening of congress, though comparatively of a routine character and usually devoid of dramatic incident, except as it marks the formal promulgation of the policies of the administration as outlined in the president's annual message, is a spectacle which in some respects is regarded as the greatest official event of the year at the national capital. All Washington attended. High and low, rich and poor, white and black, foreign ambassadors and street gamin, banker and beggar, cabinet officer and department messenger, joined in witnessing the starting of the lumbering, intricate machinery of legislation. All roads on this day lead to Capitol Hill and the noble architectural structure which surmounts it with its classic outlines and broad spreading dome.

Long before the hour for the assembling, the crowds began wending their way to the American Acropolis. As a sort of quasi official function, the representatives of the foreign governments, the social leaders and everybody who is anybody in Washington goes thither on this day. The elegant equipages of the notables, many of them, emblazoned with coats of arms, with liveried footmen on the boxes and drawn by prancing horses with silver mounted trappings and jingling chains, added tone to the occasion, as they dashed up the broad avenue. At the capitol the crowd swarmed into the corridors at an early hour and choked the marble steps as they ascended to the galleries from which they were to view the show. As is usual on such occasions, the reserved galleries were carefully guarded on both the house and senate side, admission being only by card, and the public had great difficulty in wedging itself into the limited space set aside for it.

No unusual incident marked the opening of the house. The formalities attending the inauguration of the session are dry and, except as a spectacle, hardly repaid the crowds which thronged the public and private galleries. Yet, with few exceptions, the visitors sat through the whole proceedings.

The floral tributes for the members were numerous and in some instances imposing. One, which attracted probably more attention than any other on account of its unique character, graced the desk of General Grosvener, of Ohio. It consisted of a huge tree of yellow chrysanthemums and American Beauty roses under the nodding branches of which stood an innocent looking toy lamb. It was a tribute from the National Wood Growers' Association. A huge gavel, in red and white carnations, stood upon the speaker's table.

At fifteen minutes before noon the floor was cleared of all persons except members and officers. Soon afterward, Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the leader of the minority, and "Silver Dollar" Bland, of Missouri, entered the hall together. Mr. Dingley, the floor-leader of the house, smiling and affable as ever, came in just before the speaker appeared. He had difficulty in making his way to his seat, owing to the pressure of those who desired to extend their greetings. As the hands of the clock pointed to the hour of 12, Speaker Reed, attired in a black cutaway coat and wearing a red tie, pushed through the green baize-doors from the lobby and ascended the rostrum.

One crack of the gavel subdued the din on the floor and the conversation in the over-hanging galleries. The gavel with which the speaker called the house to order was presented to him by J. C. Grones, sheriff of Knox county, Tenn., who sent it in the name of the "Stalwart Republicans of East Tennessee.". The gavel is made of apple tree wood which grew beside the loghouse in which Farragut was born. This house stood at Lowes Ferry, on the Tennessse river, six miles below Knoxville.

In the deep silence which followed the calling of the assemblage to order, the prayer of the eminent English divine, Rev. Charles A. Berry, of Wolver Hampton, England, who delivered the invocation, was solemn and impressive.

The speaker then immediately directed the clerk to call the roll. The roll-call showed the presence of 310 members. There were five vacancies from death or resignation during the recess and the credentials of the members elect were read by the direction of the speaker, who then administered the oath of office to them.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, republican, of Illinois, the clerk was directed to notify the senate that the house was ready for business, and on motion of Mr. Dingley, a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of three to join the committee of the senate to wait on the president and inform him that congress was ready to receive any communication he desired to make. The speaker selected Messrs. Dingley, of Maine; Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Bailey, of Texas, for this honor.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, a member of the committee on rules, the rule at the extra session for three day adjournments was vacated and daily sessions to begin at noon each day were ordered. There being nothing to do but to await the reception of the president's message, the house took a recess.

The house reconvened at 1:40 o'clock, when the committee appointed to wait on the president came down the centre aisle and Mr. Dingley reported that the committee had performed its mission. "The president," said he, "was pleased to send to the two houses his respectful salutations and to inform them that he would communicate in writing."

Mr. Pruden, who had followed the committee into the hall, immediately presented the message of the president, which, by the direction of Speaker Reed, was read at the clerk's desk.

The message was listened to with great earnestness, especially the portions dealing with the question of revising our currency legislation and our attitude toward Cuba. The president's utterances on both subjects seemed to impress the members deeply, but there was no demonstration of any kind until the conclusion, when the republicans joined in a sharp round of applause. The reading consumed an hour and twenty minutes.

On motion of Mr. Dingley, the message was referred to the committee of the whole and ordered printed.

Mr. Lawerence, republican, of Massachusetts, then officially announced the death of his predecessor, the late Representative Wright, and Mr. Allen, democrat, of Mississippi, the death of Senator George. Out of respect to their memories the house then at 3:05 p. m., adjourned until tomorrow.

The attendance upon the session of the senate, both on the floor and in the galleries, was notably large, despite of the understood fact that little business beyond the presentation of the president's message and the proceedings incident thereto would be transacted.

Prior to the convening of the senate, the members passed half an hour in exchanging greetings. Senator Hanna, of Ohio, who has been ill for a week, was given a cordial reception by his republican colleagues. Mr. Wolcott, of Colorado, one of the members of the international monetary commission, was also given a warm greeting.

When the senate convened after the recess, Hon. H. D. S. Money, the new senator from Mississippi, entered the chamber, but the oath of office was not administered to him during the session.

The floral display was unusually rich and beautiful, and the odor of flowers was heavy in the hall.

The republican members were particularly well remembered with floral presents. One of the most notable of the offerings, both for size and beauty, was that presented to Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, a magnificent tree of American Beauty roses set in a stand of evergreens and ferns from the senator's "republican friends of Columbus, Ohio." Senator Butler, of North Carolina, received a horse-shoe of roses.

Precisely at 12 o'clock the gavel of Vice-President Hobart fell and the senate was called to order. The invocation was delivered by Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain. He made a beautiful and touching reference to our "beloved president," who awaited news from the bedside of the mother to whom he is devoted, and prayed that she might have a peaceful passage to the celestial shore.

Seventy-seven senators responded to their names on the roll-call.

The venerable Senator Morill, of Vermont, was first recognized by the vice-president. He offered a resolution which was passed, in the usual form, that the secretary inform the house that the senate was in session and ready to proceed to business.

Senator Allison, or Iowa, presented a resolution that a committee of two senators be appointed to join a like committee from the house to inform the president that congress was in session and prepared to receive and communication which he might desire to make to it. The resolution was passed and the vice-president named Senators Allison and Gorman as the senate committee.

By resolution of Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, the time of daily meetings of the senate was fixed at 12 o'clock noon.

At 1:30 o'clock Senator Allison reported that the two committees had waited upon the president, who informed them that he would immediately communicate with congress in writing and he expressed the hope that the deliberations of congress might result in great good to the country and reflect honor upon itself.

The president's message was presented by Mr. Pruden, the president's assistant secretary, and was at 1:35 laid before the senate and read. Senators gave the closest attention to the reading of the message, a majority of them following it from printed copies with which they had been supplied. That part of the message which dealt with the Cuban question and outlined the policy of the administration with reference to that question was listened to with particular interest. The reading of the message was concluded at 2:30 o'clock. The document was ordered printed for the use of the senate.

Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, was recognized and announced the death of his colleague, Hon. C. Z. George, of Mississippi. After a lingering illness, Senator George died at Mississippi City on the 14th of August last. By his death, said Senator Walthall, the state of Mississippi lost its most useful and distinguished citizen and this body one of its most prominent and able members. Senator Walthall presented the usual resolution of condolence with the family of the deceased senator.

The resolution was adopted, and as a further mark of respect, the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

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The Mobile in Collision With the Corean

New York, December 7.—The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Mobile, Captain Leyland, which arrived today from London had a collision with an unknown steamer on the banks of New Foundland at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, during a thick fog. There is no doubt that the other steamer was the Allen Line Corean, which put into Halifax yesterday bound from New York to Glasgow with her bow damaged above the water line and which reported having been in collision with an unknown steamer in about the same locality and time. The Mobile had five plates damaged on her port bow, but fortunately above the water line.

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Court Business Taken From Clerk Riddick

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 7—Judge Purnell transfers all criminal actions from the circuit to the district court. This takes the business of the court from Riddick and places it with J. B. Fortune.

Professor Massey resigns as botanist and entomologist of the pest commission. The commission meets here Monday.

GERMANY IMPERATIVE

IN HER DEMANDS ON THE HAYTIAN GOVERNMENT;

Two Warships in Harbor of Port Au Prince—The Government Given Eight Hours in Which to Agree to Germany's Demands. The Haytians Submit—Great Excitement Among the Populace—The Streets Crowded and Denunciations Against the Government Placarded

Port au Prince, Hayti, December 6.—trouble between Germany and Hayti, as a result of the arrest and imprisonment of Herr Lueders, an alleged German subject, reached a crisis today. Two German cruisers entered this port during the morning and an ultimatum from the german government was delivered to the Haytian government, giving the latter eight hours in which to grant the demands of Germany for an indemnity to Herr Lueders. The members of the diplomatic corps here believe the government of the republic has decided to accept the conditions of Germany.

In anticipation of trouble, the citizens of German nationality sought refuge yesterday on board two steamers which were at this port and the French steamer Ville de Marseilles has been requisitioned by the French minister, in order to serve as a place of refuge for French citizens. The Ville de Marseilles has arrived here direct from Porto Rico.

The populace of this place is in a state of great excitement, but the Haytian government has strong forces of troops at its disposal and is resolved to maintain order.

Port au Prince, December 6.—4 p. m.—The population of the city late this afternoon, when this cablegram is sent, appears calm, and the present indications seem to confirm the supposition cabled earlier today, that the government will accept the conditions imposed by Germany so far as money indemnity is concerned, and it is also probable that, yielding to superior force and in order to avoid international troubles, the government will accept the other conditions.

The exact nature of Germany's demands on Hayti is as yet somewhat in doubt, but it is understood that the German government asks: First, an indemnity of $20,000 (American) for Herr Lueders; second, the promise that Herr Lueders may return to Hayti and there sojourn without danger of any kind: third, a letter to the German government in which Hayti will express apology for the proceedings toward the German government in the whole transaction; fourth, that the president of Hayti shall graciously receive the German charge d'affaires at Port au Prince.

It is this fourth demand to which the most serious exception has been taken by the Haytian government, as affecting Hayti's honor and involving a deep humiliation, for it was Count Schwerin, the German charge d'affaires at Port au Prince who went before President Simon Sam, and rudely submitted the demand for indemnity and apology.

Washington, December 6.—Mr. Leger, the minister of Hayti to the United States, when asked today concerning the Frankfort Zeitung's statement that Hayti has agreed to pay the indemnity asked in the case of Lueders, said that he had received no advices of any change in the position taken by his government: namely, that it stood ready to pay cheerfully any proper indemnity, provided it had the opportunity to demonstrate whether this indemnity was properly collectable. The minister said that he had received no advices from Hayti since last Friday when the reported approach of two German naval cadet schoolships caused rumors that they were men-of-war coming to blockade the island. It was predicted then by the minister that great excitement would follow the approach of the German vessels, but he has no reason to fear that the stability of the government is endangered.

Advices to the state department indicate that the situation in Port au Prince and Hayti generally is one of great commotion, but no reference is made to any threats against the government.

Kingston, Ja., December 6.—Advices received here today from Port au Prince show that serious trouble is imminent in Hayti. The streets of the capital are placarded with "Down with the Government," and the troops have been ordered into barracks.

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Germany Invades China

London, December 8.—A special despatch from Shanghai says: On Friday last Captain Becker, with 210 German marines, left Kiao-Chou bay to occupy the surrounding villiages, whence they proceded to capture the city. The Chinese forts opened fire and the Germans replied, killing three of the garrison, which thereupon fled in disorder. The Chinese general in command was captured but afterward liberated. Several German sailors were injured by stones flung by the inhabitants of the villages. In return for this, the head men of these villages were beaten with bamboo sticks by order of the German commander. It is reported here that China is willing to pay an indemnity of 1,000,000 taels (about $781,250) and to grant all the German demands, including the temporary cession of Kiau-Chou bay and adjoining territory.

A despatch to The Times from Pekin confirms the report that China, hoping for the evacuation of Kiao-Chou, agrees unconditionallly to all the demands of Germany.

Berlin, December 7.—Dr. Stuebel, the German consul at Shanghai, has been ordered to go to Kaio-Chou and establish a regular German administration.

Why Germany Seized the Chinese Port

Pekin, December 7.—The Chinese government has caused it to be made known that up to the time of the German occupation of Kiao-Chou bay no claim was made by Germany for reparation as a result of the murder of the two missionaries, Nies and Hennle, and that there were no other differences between the two governments. Consequently the government of China points out, that the missionary question is regarded as a pretext to obtain a naval station which, it is shown, Germany long coveted. The Chinese government, it is said in conclusion, will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kiao-Chou bay, as their presence there deprives China of a harbor which, since the war with Japan, has been regarded as the most suitable naval base of operations.

The Dreyfus Case Not to be Reopened

Paris, December 7.—M. Scheurer-Kestner's interpellation of the ministers on the subject of the Dreyfus case was debated in the senate today. At the conclusion of the discussion the senate unanimously voted to proceed with the order of the day, thus sustaining the ministry in its attitude toward the convicted officer.

THE FEDERAL MARSHALSHIP

H. C. Dockery Certain of the Appointment. Marshal Carroll to Hold on Until January 15th—Delegates to Cotton Growers Convention

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 6.—H. C. Dockery says there is no possible doubt of his being marshal of this district. He and Sheriff Smith, of Richmond, left for Washington tonight. Marshal Carroll says it is settled that he holds on until January 15th.

At least 100 persons are here attending the federal court from Chatham, Moore, Cumberland and Harnett counties.

The governor appoints the following delegates to cotton growers' convention at Atlanta, December 14th: John Graham, Ridgeway; John W. Robbins, Hickory; W. A. Capehart, Merry Hill; W. H. Bason, Swepsonville; O. F. Herring, Clinton; T. B. Parker, Hillsboro; W. B. Upchurch, Morrisville.

There is another cotton growers' convention, that of the American Growers' Protective Association, at Memphis, December 20th. To this the governor appoints the following delegates: John M. Templeton, Mooresville; Lee Morrow, Statesville; J. A. Earnhard, Salisbury; Ransom Hinton, Releigh; R. L. Smith, Henrietta; J. H. Quinn, Shelby; J. F. Mitchells, Youngsville; P. B. Kennedy, Falling Creek; George W. Lawrence, Fayetteville; S. A. Edmund, Lumberton; M. J. Battle, Whitakers; J. S. Cashion, Derita; Thomas F. Floyd, Chapel Hill.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R Bellamy.

MRS. MCKINLEY STILL ALIVE

Her Children and Grandchildren at Her Bedside—The President's Arrival—She Rallies and Recognizes Them

Canton, O., December .—Once more the children of Nancy Allison McKinley have gatehered about her couch and the reunion is complete. The president and Mrs. McKinley arrived today to find their mother still living. With the children are Mrs. Abigail Osborne, mother of Consul William Osborne; Miss Sarah Duncan, who came from Chicago, where she is attending school and the other grand children, who have been summoned from their studies and their homes, together with other relatives, making the immediate family circle almost complete.

The president and Mrs. McKinley, together with other relatives from the east, came in the morning, the latter part of the journey being made on a special train. They were taken to the homestead as rapidly as possible and as they entered the sick room the dying woman rallied and for a moment plainly evidenced her recognition of her son and others about her.

The president has remained almost constantly at the bedside since his arrival and kept tonight's vigil, relieving others of the children who have been so constantly at the bedside. He remained close to the house all day, going out only for a little air and exercise, taking a walk near the house.

The Railroads Given Two Years Extension

Washington, December 7.—The interstate commerce commission has decided to extend for two years the period within which railroads must comply with the act of congress requiring all railroads to be equipped with safety appliances for the protection of the employees and passengers. The commission this afternoon authorized the following statement:

"In the matter of the application of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company and other carriers to the interstate commerce commission to extend the period within which they shall comply with the provisions of the act of congress of March 2, 1893, commonly known as the safety appliance act and upon which hearing has just been had, the commission has decided to extend said period two years for the petitioning carriers."

While the formal order and statement of facts and reasons constituting causes for such extension have not yet been prepared, it is understood that the extension will not be conditional and that the commission has under consideration the question of requiring quarterly or other periodical repairs by carriers during the two years period.

"I don't know, there may be others" he said, but I have used "Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup in my family and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him. Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup has no equal. It will immediately relieve any cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

The Paris Exposition

Washington, December 7.—The president eoday submitted to congress the report of Major P. Handy, of Chicago, special commissoner to the Paris international exposition, giving the details of his mission. In his letter of transmittal the president says the report gives a clear and comprehensive presentation of the situation. The commissioner recommends that an appropriation of $919,600 be granted so that a creditable display on behalf of tre United States may be made. The president in transmitting the report, approves of the recommendation.

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SONNY RYAN NOT LYNCHED

NO TRUTH IN REPORTED LYNCHING AT GREENSBORO

Heavy Criminal Docket in the Federal Court—J. H. Barnes Wants to go to Penitentiary Hospital—Another Prisoner Sent to Wake Jail to Prevent a Lynching. Large Rewards for Engineer Bumgardner's Murderer—Poultry Show—The Smashed Morganton Bank

Messenger Bureau.
Raleigh, N. C., December 6.

It was reported here early this morning that Sonny Ryan, the white man who so brutally murdered his wife at Greensboro Saturday evening, was lynched late last night, but a telegram says he is in jail and will be legally tried and hanged. It was one of the worst crimes of the year.

The federal court began its session here today, Judge Purnell presiding. There are 110 cases on the district docket, all criminal and nearly all for moonshining. There are seventy-five cases on the circuit court docket. The most interesting case is that of John A. Meeder, the fourth class postmaster of Warren county who was perpetrating so large a swindle when arrested. Meeder was sending out from 300 to 400 letters a week and getting in 200 registered letters. He had canceled $90 worth of stamps in October.

The order of railway conductors for this division held a very large meeting here yesterday.

Some of the relatives of J. B. Barnes the Rocky Mount man in jail here, are here to see him. He wants to be transferred to the penitentiary hospital, claiming he will have pneumonia if he remains in jail.

As yet the supreme court has never filed an opinion in the case of ex-Chief Clerk S. P. Satterfield of the house.

Mention was made the other day of the fact that the sheriff of Wayne county had gone to Texas after a man who four years ago murdered his wife. Solicitor Pou of this district has directed that the man be placed in jail at Raleigh for safe keeping.

The news that John C. Davis, the Wilmington embezzler, is to be discharged from the insane asylum here is interesting. There are people who do not believe and never have believed that Davis was insane.

The penitentiary will have truck and strawberry farms on quite a large scale on the Castle Haynes property which it purchased last week.

It is now certain that P. H. Lybrook will get the postmastership at Winston. As to the Raleigh office everything is yet "in the clouds."

The rewards for Osborne Lambert, the assassin of Engineer Bumgardner, of the Southern railway, now aggregate no less than $1,100.

Mr. Hege, of the poultry experiment farm here, says that the poultry show at Asheville is to be a grand one. The special premiums aggregate over $700, besides $1,500 in cash premiums. The date is January 4th. There is also to be a poultry show at Charlotte January 12-14.

It was decided by the state superintendent of public instructions today to call a state convention of county supervisors of education, to be held here December 30th in the hall of the house of representatives.

There is quite a lively complication about the smashed Piedmont bank at Morganton. A telegram to State Treasurer Worth from Bank Examiner Crowder, who was put in charge of it, says that he has locked the door, and that Walton, who was appointed receiver by Judge Hoke, has also put a padlock on it. So neither Crowder nor Walton can get in. The courts will settle the matter. Chief Clerk Denmark of the state treasury says he learns that Judge Hoke, who appointed Walton receiver, says he would not have done so had he known that Judge Robinson had appointed Cowles receiver. Denmark says Cowles' appointment was made prior to that of Walton. Cowles arrived at Statesville today, to take charge. Perhaps he will put another lock on the bank, though Crowder turns over his keys to him.

Private Secretary Alexander, Quartermaster General Harrell and Inspector General Royster left for Asheville today, to represent the governor at the ceremonies during the reinterment of the remains of General Thomas L. Clingman.

Auditor Ayer says he will mail the 5,738 state pension warrants Wednesday.

The Richardson Place Real Estate Company, which the state charters, is allowed $25,000 capital, and can operate in any county, though Elizabeth City is its headquarters.

The new building at the negro institution for the deaf mutes and blind, completed last week, will be accepted this week.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds, and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Suicide of a Supreme Court Judge

Helena, Mont., December 7.—Judge Horace R. Buck, associate justice of the supreme court of Montana, shot himself through the right eye about midnight at his home in Lenox, a suburb of Helena. He had spent the evening with a party of friends at a neighbor's house seeming very cheerful. His wife found him lying on the floor dead immediately after the sound of the pbistol rang through the house. He was 44 years of age, a native of Vicksburg, Miss., and a graduate of Yale. He came to Montana in 1879.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy

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The New Pension Bill

Washington, December 7.—The subcommittee on pensions of the house committee on appropriations agreed upon the pension appropriation bill today and will report it to the full committee tomorrow. The bill carries a total of $141,218,830. It gives $140,000,000 for the payment of pensions proper, these figures being identical with the estimates submitted by the secretary of interior. For clerk hire at the various pension agencies throughout the country, the bill appropriates $400,000, a decrease of $30,000 from the estimates

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