

PRINCIPALLY FORMAL

Were the Proceedings In the Senate and House at the Opening Session.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS READ

Reapportionment Leads All Other Measures in Introduction—Sympathy for Kruger.

Washington, Dec. 4.—In the senate yesterday 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 death of Senator Gear, of Iowa, and Davis, of Minnesota, immediately after assembling, and then to adjourn, and to receive the message of the president today, but as this had been announced by the leaders of both branches of congress to be a "first-class session," it was determined to receive the message yesterday and then gain one day in a session which has much more to be accomplished than usual.

The other new member of the body, ex-Representative Dooliver, who succeeds the late Senator Gear, of Iowa, was present throughout the session, but his credentials were not presented, and he was not sworn in, because the death of his predecessor had not been formally announced. The air of the chamber was heavy with the perfume from magnificent floral pieces, the call of the roll, the reading of the president's message, the administration of the oath of office to William B. Dillingham, the new senator from Vermont, who succeeds the late Justice S. Morrill, no business was transacted.

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 reading of the president's message, the recapping to order by the speaker, prayer by the chaplain, the roll call of members, the appointment of the formal committees to wait on the president's message. Despite the fact that a great presidential campaign had concluded within a month the best 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.

When Speaker Peckham called the house to order at noon the desks of half the members were freighted with flowers from admiring friends or constituents, and the profusion of the floral pieces gave the vast hall the appearance of a garden that a legislative assembly. After the roll call the speaker announced that 275 members had responded to their names, a quorum, and the house adjourned until 2 p. m.

PLANS AN ORDER OF BUSINESS. Republicans and Democrats Consider the Bill on the Ship Subsidy.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Republican senatorial committee on order of business yesterday afternoon decided that the ship subsidy bill should displace the Spooner Philippine bill as the unfinished business. It also considered at the same time the disposition of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and decided that it should receive a preliminary hearing on the floor.

What a Leading Member of the Party Says on the Subject. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.—Fred A. Baker, a leading Democrat of Detroit and ex-chairman of the state central committee, has made a formal statement regarding the future of the Michigan democracy. His views are presented in the form of suggestions for a platform to be considered by the party in March. He believes both factions can be united. The most radical plank he advocates is as follows: "The maintenance of the single gold standard as long as the production of gold keeps pace with the growth of business and population, but no longer."

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MEASURES THAT WERE PRESENTED

Boer Resolution, Reapportionment, "Government by Intuition." Washington, Dec. 4.—There were a number of bills and other forms of measures introduced into the house yesterday. The first one was introduced by Crumpacker of Indiana, "making an appropriation of reapportionment in congress under the eleventh census." It provides an increase of membership from 357 to 365. The following states gain in representation: Arkansas, 1; Colorado, 1; California, 1; Connecticut, 1; Florida, 1; Illinois, 2; Massachusetts, 1; Minnesota, 2; Missouri, 1; New Jersey, 2; New York, 3; North Dakota, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Texas, 2; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 1. The following states lose: Kansas, 1; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 1; North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 3; Virginia, 1.

Littlefield of Maine, from the judiciary committee of the house, presented a favorable report on what is known as the "conspiracy" bill, limiting the use of restraining orders and injunctions in disputes between employer and employee in places under federal control. Amendment is made to the bill so that it will not cover instances of threats to injure persons or property, business or occupation, or overt acts of interference with the rights of others.

As to Revenue Reduction. Washington, Dec. 4.—Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, said yesterday that no exact program had been fixed as to the time of acting in committee on the message of the president in considering the measure in the house. There has been some talk of a caucus, but it has not come to the attention of the committee. The committee will report to the house at once referred to that committee.

Money the War Department Wants. Washington, Dec. 4.—The secretary of war yesterday forwarded to the house committee on appropriations a comparative statement of war department estimates for the fiscal years of 1901 and 1902, together with a statement of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. The estimates for 1901 amounted to \$185,503,551, and for 1902 to \$171,773,855. The appropriations for the present fiscal year amount to \$148,295,034.

Jim Crow Coach is Regular. Washington, Dec. 4.—The Kentucky state law requiring railroad companies in that state to provide separate coaches for colored passengers was made the subject of an opinion in the United States supreme court yesterday and the law was sustained. Justice Brandeis dissented, stating his opinion to be that the Kentucky legislature has no right to classify citizens by color in railway coaches.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Wedding of Alta Rockefeller to a Young Chicago Lawyer. Cleveland, O., Dec. 3.—Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, has called her mother from Vienna that her marriage to E. P. Armette Prentiss, a Chicago lawyer, has been postponed indefinitely.

WANTS AN APPROPRIATION. Sioux City to Ask Congress for \$100,000 to Fight the Big Muddy.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 4.—The city council will pass a resolution asking for an appropriation from congress of \$100,000, to be expended in protecting the city from the encroachments of the Missouri river. Petitions will be circulated in the city in order that the necessity for the improvement may be presented to the committee on rivers and harbors in the strongest possible manner.

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Smallpox in Minnesota. Winona, Minn., Dec. 4.—In consequence of the outbreak of smallpox in this city the local board of health has in accordance with the wishes of Dr. Bruckner, secretary of the state board of health, issued orders to the street car company to stop its cars at Liberty street, the western boundary of the infected district, in order to prevent the residents of that district from riding on the cars and thus spreading the disease. The Washington and Kosciusko schools were also ordered closed for the present as were also two steam laundries.

PRESSURE TOO GREAT.

Charge Made Against the Company. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3.—State Natural Gas Inspector Leach has been testing the pressure on the various natural gas lines leading into Chicago to see if the law as to maximum pressure was violated. He met his first rebuff at Greentown, where the Indiana Natural Gas company's pumping station is located. Mr. Leach was refused admission to the buildings. He declined to state at present what discoveries he had made, but he strongly intimated that the law regulating the pressure to be used in pumping gas is flagrantly violated. It is intimated that he secured evidence which leads him to believe that the Indiana Natural Gas company is forcing large quantities of gas through the mains to Chicago at a pressure far beyond that prescribed by the law of Indiana.

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Will Go to Holland and Await There a Softening of the Kaiser's Heart.

THE SNUB HAS MADE HIM VERY SAD

French Editors Continue Their Comments on the Matter—British Parliament Opens.

Paris, Dec. 4.—A special dispatch from Cologne says that Kruger, after he had received Emperor William's telegram, spoke as follows to a deputation styled "Friends of the Boers": "I hope with all my heart that the circumstance which prevents his majesty from receiving me today will become more favorable later. I shall never cease to have confidence in the spirit of justice of the emperor, who, without knowing me, sent me four years ago significant messages. I shall stay some time at The Hague and will then renew my request, and this time the emperor will not refuse."

French Editorial Opinion. Emperor William's telegram to Kruger continues to be the chief subject of comment in the French press. The afternoon newspapers strike a note of sadness. They say they see in his refusal to receive Kruger a lack of magnanimity on the part of the emperor. The Temps says: "The emperor's wording, that he could not receive Mr. Kruger on account of his position already taken is very clear. Every one understands that the emperor is not actually fulfilling one of the clauses of the recent Anglo-German accord, is inspired by the spirit thereof in declining to receive Mr. Kruger. Neither the declarations of Count von Buelow nor of the emperor have concealed from the eyes of the world that the emperor has veered his policy in favor of England since he sent his famous dispatch on the Jameson raid."

Yves Gavot in The Siecle compares the attitude of Emperor William with that of France, to the advantage of the former. He says: "Emperor William wished to show his government had not surrendered its powers to the least enlightened classes, and intimated to Mr. Kruger that he was opposed to his coming to Berlin to be acclaimed by hands led by Dr. Leydys of good acrobats. I can affirm to a certainty that if Mr. Kruger approaches the czar diplomatically he will meet with an equally categorical refusal."

Not Wanted at Vienna.

London, Dec. 4.—In response to a confidential inquiry as to whether Mr. Kruger would be welcomed here," says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail, "a polite reply was returned to the effect that Emperor Francis Joseph had made other dispositions for the next few weeks."

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BEHIND TIME AND IN LUCK.

All That Averted a Fatal Crime on the Illinois Central Railroad.

Kankakee, Ill., Dec. 4.—Officials of the Illinois Central railroad, assisted by detectives, are investigating a suspected attempt to wreck the north-bound fast mail, due here at 7:48 Saturday night. All that saved the mail train from a disaster was a wreck that would have probably been attended with loss of life was the fact that it was thirty-five minutes behind time. In its stead the second section of freight No. 84, consisting of an engine and twenty-six loaded coal cars, was wrecked as the result of a half-opened switch leading into the grounds of the insane hospital, a half mile south of the Kankakee station. The engine and eight cars were piled on the track. The fireman and head brakeman saved themselves by jumping from the left side of the engine. Engineer John Milgic was caught under the tender and placed in that position for an hour before he could be taken out. He was removed to the insane hospital infirmary. He sustained severe internal injuries. His home is in Chicago. Some unknown persons who possessed a key to the lock unlocked it and removed the light.

FISHING FOR SAWLOGS.

Business That Pays Better on the Ohio Than a Fishing for Fish.

New Albany, Ind., Dec. 4.—Hundreds of fishermen and rivermen along the Ohio, and especially around the falls, are engaged in a peculiar business, opposite this city, are reaping a harvest fishing out logs from the big raft of more than 100,000 which broke loose as a result of the high water in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. The logs are sold for \$100 each, and under the law the owners are compelled to pay from 50 cents to \$1 for the return of each log. The river for miles above the falls has been filled with logs for two days, and hundreds go entirely away down the river toward Evansville. The fishermen have expended their favorite avocation for a few days to devote their attention to logs. As a result great piles of logs are to be seen along the banks on both sides of the river. The loss to the owners of the rafts will approximate \$1,000,000. In many instances sections of rafts came floating down.

Northern Pacific at Tacoma.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4.—A special to The Times from Tacoma says: The Northern Pacific railway has purchased fifty-six acres more of land in the central portion of Tacoma to be used as a deep water pier. This purchase, together with the application made to lease a pier, will give the pier a total length of 1,200 feet. The pier will be used for the coal piers of the Northern Pacific of the entire western part of Tacoma harbor alongside of the city itself. Engineers of the pier here and at St. Paul are drafting plans to cover this acreage with additional warehouses, coal bunkers and terminal facilities, costing \$1,000,000.

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MILL READY TO GRIND

Congress Puts Itself in Condition to Turn Out a Few New Statutes.

USUAL FIRST-DAY PROCEEDINGS.

Business That Will Be Pushed in the Two Chambers.

Shipping Subsidies the Special Care of Frye in the Senate—House to Tackle Army Reorganization—Capital News.

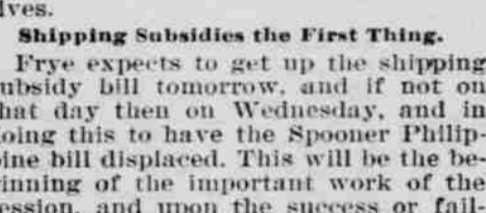
Washington, Dec. 3.—The senate was called to order at 12 m. today, but it transacted little business, as the announcement of the death during the recess of Senators Davis and Gear, after necessary business had been attended to, brought the sitting to a close. Senator Allison made the announcement in the case of his late colleague, Senator Gear, and Senator Nelson did a similar service concerning Senator Davis. These announcements were preceded by the ceremony of swearing in the new members, who this year are Dooliver, who has been appointed to succeed Senator Gear, and Dillingham, who takes the place formerly occupied by Senator Ross, of Vermont, and the appointment of the usual committees to wait upon the president and the house of representatives.

Shipping Subsidies the First Thing.

Frye expects to get up the shipping subsidy bill tomorrow, and if not on that day then on Wednesday, and in doing this to have the Spooner Philippine bill displaced. This will be the beginning of the important work of the session, and upon the success or failure of the scheme may depend much of the future course of proceedings for the first session. In order to accomplish this result it will be necessary first to get the consent of the Republican committee on order of business, and to this end a meeting of that committee will be held after the adjournment of the senate this afternoon. Will Drop a Regular Custom, Perhaps. There is some talk of an effort during the week to get up the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in executive session, but there is as yet no definite program to this end. A movement is on foot now to secure the assent of the committee on foreign relations to the abandonment of the Davis amendment for the fortification of the proposed canal. The usual custom of adjournment from Thursday until the first week of the session probably will be departed from this session. That is the desire of the Republican leaders now here, and they say there probably will be no such adjournment this week.

HOUSE TO PRESS BUSINESS.

Henderson Calls to Order and Hustle Will Be the Program. In the house there were the usual scenes of reunion and making of new acquaintances. Speaker Henderson called the body to order on time, and the preliminary business of organization was rapidly transacted. The lead-



SENATOR FRYE.

DEAD NUMBER A SCORE.

Three Score Hurt Besides, in a Wreck on a Mexican Railway. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 3.—A terrible wreck in which a score of persons were killed and about sixty hurt occurred on the Mexican Central Railway on Thursday afternoon, between Tamaulaca and Simon, fifty miles south of Juicillo. The first news of the disaster has just reached here. Edward H. Peckham, a citizen of San Antonio, was at the scene twenty minutes after the engines crashed together. The place where the wreck occurred is in a valley at the foot of two great hills. At the time each train was running thirty miles an hour. One of the trains had on board a construction crew numbering 150 men. The other was a freight train of forty-five empty cars. Three engines and about forty cars were piled up thirty feet high. Two Americans, two of whom were killed, were forced to flee to avoid being lynched. The names of the killed and injured are not obtainable. This is said to be the most serious wreck that has ever occurred in Mexico.

MULCTED BY A MAP AGENT.

Five Dollars Is Made \$15 by the Use of Chemicals. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1.—Rev. Simon Ponganus, of St. Adalbert Roman Catholic church, has been swindled out of \$15 by a fake map agent, who gave him as A. E. Gromley, representing an eastern map house. The agent called upon him last March well recommended, and said his firm was publishing a large map of this city which would show the streets, the outgoing boulevards, the steam and electric railway lines, the business houses, the churches and every point of particular advantage in the Valley City.

JUSTICE MILLER'S WIDOW DEAD

Passes Away in the Night of Angina Pectoris—E-mance of Her Marriage. Washington, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Eliza W. Miller, widow of the late Associate Justice Samuel E. Miller, of the United States supreme court, was found dead in bed Saturday morning at her home on Highland terrace in this city. Death had occurred from angina pectoris. Mrs. Miller had returned from her old home in Keokuk, Ia., Thanksgiving evening she dined with Senator and Mrs. Cullom. Keokuk, Ia., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Samuel E. Miller, who died at Washington Saturday, was in excellent health when she left here. Her first husband was Louis R. Reeves, who practiced law here in partnership with Samuel E. Miller. Reeves and the first Mrs. Miller died almost at the same time, and a few years later the surviving husband and wife were married. Justice Miller is buried here, with other members of the family, and Mrs. Miller will be laid by his side in Oakland cemetery.

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NOT WANTED TO STAY AWAY

Kruger Given Notice That His Presence in Germany Is Not Wanted.

HIS JOURNEY A TRIUMPHAL TOUR.

Fighting in South Africa Ends as Usual—Boers Get Away—Cape Dutch Settlement.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Kruger has abandoned his proposed visit to Berlin, owing to the receipt of an official intimation that Emperor William regrets that in consequence of previous arrangements he will be unable to receive him. The Boer statesman will therefore proceed direct from Cologne to Holland. He telegraphed to this effect Saturday afternoon. The emperor's intimation was conveyed to Mr. Kruger by the German envoy at Luxembourg, who arrived at Cologne yesterday. The Cologne Gazette, in an inspired communicate, says: "Mr. Kruger's visit is not agreeable to Germany, his aim being to obtain intervention in South Africa. It would be a grave political mistake—it would be even a great crime—to allow him to entertain even a spark of hope that Germany will render him any practical support."

And the Boers Get Away.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 3.—Further details have been received regarding the fight near Rietfontein between the British under General Pakenham and the Boers under Commandants Vloeden and Erasmus. Nov. 28 and 29, General Pakenham toward evening on the second day, closed in upon the Boer position with the intention of attacking next day at dawn. The Boers, however, with reinforcements, including three guns, made a desperate attack on a severe fighting ensued. The Boers, who were repulsed with heavy loss, withdrew in a northerly direction. General Pakenham having occupied their position, sent mounted troops in pursuit. The New Zealanders displayed great gallantry, losing five out of six officers wounded.

Some Cape Dutch Settlement.

Cape Town, Dec. 3.—Replying at Stellenbosch, Cape Colony, to an address presented to him by the leaders of the Afrikanerbond, J. X. Merriman, former treasurer of Cape Colony, in the course of an impassioned speech, denounced the war in South Africa as "one of the blackest spots in British annals." The present methods of British warfare, he said, were such as encouraged the worst elements on both sides, and were working to the ultimate peace of the country. I. W. Sauer made a speech which was rather more militant; demanded the removal of Sir Alfred Milner, whom he described as "a violent, arrogant" and declared that if Great Britain deprived the two republics of their independence she would lose the affection of all South Africans.

KRUGER'S TRIUMPHAL PROGRESS.

He Leaves France and His Road is One Long 'Vive Kruger.' Cologne, Dec. 3.—Thousands of people waited yesterday in the vicinity of the Cathedral hotel to catch a glimpse of Kruger, who when replying to a deputation of Bonn students in the afternoon, described the educational progress of the Transvaal, thanked the students for their kind welcome and shook hands with each. Afterward he appeared upon the balcony, where he was loudly cheered from below. Having rested for half an hour he went into the vestibule of the hotel, which was crowded with visitors. Here, replying to a deputation from the Pan-German league wishing him success, he referred to the close relationship between the Boers and the Germans. He will remain here probably until Wednesday.

He Left Paris Saturday at 1:40 p. m.

and his journey through northern France was attended by scenes similar to those witnessed at Marseilles and Paris. At nearly every station crowds gathered and waved hats and handkerchiefs and cheered the train as it whirled along. At Charleroi, the first stop on Belgian territory, rigorous police measures had been taken to prevent the invasion of the station, but the people were stronger than the police and rushed on the platform and gave vent to their feelings in cries favorable to the Boers. This was the case also at Mankun, Leseng and when he passed here where the welcome was entirely unofficial.

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