

2ND SESSION OPENS

BIG CROWD IS PRESENT TO WITNESS THE "BEGINNING OF THE END."

CANYON QUITE UNPERTURBED

Many Members and Employees Entering Upon Their Last Service, but the Democrats May Retain Blind Chaplain.

Washington—Thousands of persons thronged the capitol at the opening of congress Monday, and if their thoughts could be read it probably would be found that most of them were drawn to witness the preliminary proceedings by a desire to be in "at the beginning of the end," for it is known that as soon as this short session is over the control of the house of representatives passes from the Republicans into the hands of the Democrats.

Opening day in congress always draws a throng, but as a general thing the crowds which gather at the beginning of the first session when a new congress takes hold are much larger than those which come together to witness the proceedings on the opening day of the second session. Curiosity perhaps is to see how men take defeat was responsible in large part for the overflowing attendance at the present opening.

Speaker Cannon looks at the Republican majority which sits at his left and understands with a resigned yet painful fullness of knowledge, that in a short time a Democratic speaker will have his place and will see sitting at his left an overwhelming majority of Democrats.

Speaker Cannon shows no sign of discomfiture in the defeat of his party and in his knowledge of the passing of personal power. His gavel comes down with the same old resounding crack and his smile for Democratic inter-speakers is as grim as ever it was. The blind chaplain of the house, Rev. Mr. Coulton, prayed at the opening without showing visible evidence that his own position as spiritual director of the lower chamber is in danger. The Democrats like the chaplain, it is said, and this feeling of kindness, taken with the fact that the clergyman has been totally blind for many years, may save him his chaplaincy when the Democrats take charge of the offices and of the legislation in the lower house.

In the senate Vice-President Sherman occupies again the chair of the presiding officer. There are several vacant seats in the senate which at the last session were occupied. Three members of the upper house recently have died. There was a crowd in the senate galleries, as there was in those of the house. The Republicans will still control the senate after March 4, but notwithstanding this there are a good many senators who are just beginning the last session of their present service in congress.

Nearly all the officers of the house of representatives, except possibly the chaplain, are entering on their last few months of service. The veteran clerk, Alexander McDowell, who has been in the service for many years, will depart in March. Asher C. Hinds, the parliamentarian, who knows the rules and precedents better than any other man, will leave his place at the speaker's side to take a seat as a member of the house, for he recently was elected to congress from a Maine district. Altogether, four or five hundred house employees will be affected by the recent Democratic victory and most of them will be separated from the service.

LIBERALS TO RETAIN POWER

Results of British Elections Show Unionists Have No Chance of Replacing Present Government.

London.—The position of the parties Monday night after the second day's polling in the general election was as follows: Government coalition: Liberals, 87; labor, 14; Nationalists, 16; total, 117.

Opposition: Unionists, 116.

The results of Monday's poll merely confirm the opinion formed that the result of Saturday's contests show that the Unionists now have no possible hope of replacing the Liberals in power.

FIFTEEN HURT IN WRECK

Passengers Suffer in Accident on the Missouri Pacific Due to a Broken Rail.

Lamont, Mo.—Fifteen persons were seriously injured when a Missouri Pacific passenger train was wrecked two miles east of Lamont Friday. Among them were Mrs. Belle Ross, Chicago; Mrs. Josephine Flood, Evansville, Ind.; W. S. Humphrey, St. Louis; E. G. Wood, Lenexa, Kan.; Matthew Matson, Maplewood, Mo.; C. R. Eastland, Nevada, Mo.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail.

Cute Off Man's Nose.

Muncie, Ind.—In a quarrel over \$192, which Charles Conway said William Meyers, aged sixty-three, a well-to-do contractor, owed him, Conway Tuesday stabbed the older man 11 times, cutting off Meyers' nose and fatally injuring him.

Thornton Wins Louisiana Toga.
Baton Rouge, La.—Judge J. B. Thornton of Alexandria was Tuesday elected by the Louisiana general assembly United States senator to succeed the late Senator McQuary.

WOULD THIS BE THE METHOD OF PETITION



IF ENGLAND SWITCHED FROM MAN TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND THE MEN WANTED VOTES?

BATHTUB TRUST HIT

THIRTY-TWO FIRMS AND 16 INDIVIDUALS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

VIOLATE ANTI-TRUST LAW

Principal Defendant is Standard Sanitary Company of Pittsburg and Its Officers—Alleged Concerns Control 85 Per Cent. of Output.

Detroit, Mich.—The federal grand jury Tuesday returned indictments against 16 firms and 32 individuals alleged to have secured control of the annual output of bathtubs, sinks, lavatories, etc., in the United States.

The principal defendant is the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company of Pittsburg, and the individual indictments include the president, first and second vice-presidents and the treasurer of this concern.

Against each firm and each individual there are two indictments, containing six and four counts respectively, under the Sherman anti-trust law, charging in substance that the defendants control 85 per cent. of the output of enameled iron ware, tubs, sinks, lavatories, etc., and that they have conspired to restrain trade and fix prices. It is alleged that the conspiracy was formed at Mount Clemens, Mich., last April and the criminal cases grew out of a civil suit brought in the federal court at Baltimore.

MACVEAGH ASKS \$748,414.861

Treasury Secretary Sends Estimates to Congress for Government Bureau's Expenses.

Washington.—The estimates of appropriations required for every branch of the federal government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, aggregating \$748,414,861, were submitted to congress Tuesday by Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury department. This grand total stands against estimates of \$745,294,513 for the current fiscal year, which appropriation included over \$10,000,000 for the postal deficiency and other deficiencies.

There are no particularly striking features in this year's estimates. Among the items are: Increase in the navy, \$23,294,048, including \$12,840,428 for construction and steam machinery and armor and armament in the proposed building program for 1912 and \$3,000,000 for armor on vessels already authorized.

MAJ. GEN. MERRITT DEAD

Distinguished Veteran of Civil, Indian and Spanish Wars Dies at Natural Bridge, Va.

Natural Bridge, Va.—Major Gen. Wesley Merritt, retired, died here Saturday. His home was in Washington. He was known throughout the country for his war services, as military governor of the Philippines, and as commander of the various army departments in the United States.

General Merritt's service in the United States army was an uninterupted one. His promotion was gradual and in recognition of the qualities as soldier and gentleman.

Fire Threatens Town.

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Sam Langford Whips Harris.

Boston.—Two rounds were sufficient for Sam Langford, middleweight champion, to put Morris Harris, the New York heavyweight, to slumberland in the feature bout at the Armory A. A. Tuesday night.

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DUVEENBROS. OWE \$5,000,000

ART FIRM DEFRAUDS GOVERNMENT OF VAST SUM.

Their Attorney Seeks to Make Conditional Compromise With Washington Authorities.

New York.—Duveen Bros., the greatest art and antique dealers and connoisseurs in America, owe the United States government \$5,000,000, according to an announcement made by Collector Loeb Tuesday.

This vast sum represents the customs duties out of which the government has been defrauded by the Duveens since they established their famous house twenty years ago. The amount was arrived at by the government experts, who have been comparing the book values of the firm with invoiced values sworn to on articles entered at the New York custom house. The amount claimed does not represent the value of the imports, but the actual amount out of which it is alleged the wealthy Englishmen have swindled this government in tariff duties.

They declare that the frauds they have discovered exceed those of any of a similar character ever perpetrated.

John B. Stanchfield, attorney for the Duveens both in the civil and criminal actions pending against them, has instituted negotiations with officials of the treasury department and department of justice at Washington to compromise the cases against his clients, on condition of which is that the criminal proceedings against them shall be stopped upon the payment of a large sum of money by them.

BIG CIGAR FACTORY BURNS

Fire at Evansville, Ind., Destroys Property Valued at More Than \$1,000,000.

Evansville, Ind.—Fire Tuesday destroyed the Pendrich cigar factory, the largest independent factory in the world, and several other business buildings on Main and First streets. The losses will run over one million dollars, partly covered by insurance.

Thomas N. Beidelman, a wealthy real estate man and broker, after visiting the fire went to his office, a block away, and fell dead from heart disease, brought on by excitement. The guests of the St. George hotel, a half block away, escaped to their night clothes.

TORIES GAIN THREE SEATS

Unionists Fall Short of Their Claims in First Day's Polling in British Election.

London.—The first day's polling in the British parliamentary elections Saturday greatly disappointed the Unionists. Returns from 64 constituencies show that they gained only seven seats, while the Liberals gained four. The Unionists had confidently counted on making a net gain of 20 seats.

The feature of the results that gives the Liberals most cause for rejoicing is that instead of losing five seats in London, as they had feared they would do, they gained one.

Sonoma Girl Fetches \$20,000.

Boston.—Miss Lotta Crabtree, the famous retired actress, Monday sold the noted brown trotting horse, Sonoma Girl, 2-044, to George G. Moore of St. Claire, Mich. The sale price was close to \$20,000.

Boston Club Is Sold.

Boston.—The Boston National League club, which has been owned in Pittsburg, was Monday transferred to James J. Pheasant, a Boston banker, who represents a syndicate of local men.

THREE ROADS ARE INDICTED

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPERS BREAK ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Two Hit by Government Are Atlantic Coast Lines and Seaboard Air Line.

Savannah, Ga.—Three large corporations and two individuals were indicted by the federal grand jury in the United States district court here Friday on a charge of infringing the anti-trust laws by giving and accepting rebates on grain shipments.

The Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard line railroads were indicted jointly with the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation company for specific violations of the Sherman anti-trust and Elkins laws.

Harvie C. Miller and Morris F. Miller, grain merchants and members of L. F. Miller & Sons, Philadelphia, were the individuals to feel the wrath of the government. The Miller brothers put themselves in the jurisdiction of the United States court for the southern district of Georgia through their shipments into this district over the lines of the three corporations indicted.

In the indictments dates are given when the individual defendants are alleged to have made shipments over the lines named at rates less than those on file with the interstate commerce commission.

It is alleged that from western points to Philadelphia the Millers obtained export rates where the law demanded domestic rates. This saved them from one to three cents on every 100 pounds of grain shipped.

Morris F. Miller and Harvie C. Miller of Philadelphia were immediately arrested and placed under bonds of \$25,000 each.

Immediately after the indictments were presented Judge Emory Speer thanked the grand jury for its prompt and effective work and commented on the example of patriotism it had set through the service rendered.

The beginning of the investigation against the defendants arose from complaints registered with the interstate commerce commission during the summer. It was said the Miller firm had destroyed competition in grain shipments over an enormous territory embracing points along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and in the South Atlantic states. Proceedings were held before Commissioner Clements in Philadelphia during July. The revelations were sufficient to start the powerful machinery of the government against not only the Miller firm, but also the intermediaries.

91,000,000 PEOPLE IN U. S.

Total Population Estimated on Basis of Results of Census Already Given Out.

Washington.—The total population of the United States, as revealed by the thirteenth census, is expected to be announced by the census bureau December 10.

Counting Arizona and New Mexico as states, the totals for 28 of the 48 states already have been announced. The grand total for 26 of these states is 90,996,759, which is a gain of 21 to 22 per cent. over the population in the same states in 1900. At this rate of increase the total population of the country should be about 91,000,000.

The most striking development of the census bureau so far shown is the relative growth of cities and industrial centers compared with farming regions. The eastern states have more than held their own, while the states of the middle west have fallen off.

Cremeries Are Liable to Taxation

The report of President Thomas of the Kearney normal and his recommendations were filed with the governor. He asks that \$55,000 being appropriated by the last legislature has not been sufficient to build the building. Of this \$50,000 he reports that \$39,529.58 has been spent. The appropriation for salaries two years ago was \$82,000. He calculates in his report the expenditures of this nature for the rest of the biennium.

County Treasurer Is Short

Hardy N. Whitlock of Danville, Ill., Turns Over All His Property to Bondsmen.

Danville, Ill.—Hardy N. Whitlock, county treasurer, was Monday declared short in his public accounts to the amount of \$37,522.04. The shortage became known when Treasurer Whitlock, for a score of years holding public office, was to have turned the treasuryship over to his successor and retire to private life.

Business ventures and investments had not been as successful as he had anticipated. Calling his attorney and bondsmen together the treasurer suggested that his private holdings be taken over by the bondsmen and that they stand such differences as might be shown until he could arrange to wipe out the indebtedness. This was arranged, leaving the politician penniless and homeless and still with a shortage of about \$2,000.

Wilson Seeks Permit to Leave.

Washington—Harry Lane Wilson, United States ambassador at Mexico City, Friday applied to the state department for leave of absence from his post. This is interpreted as indicative that conditions in Mexico are approaching a normal state.

Twelve Hurt in Wreck.

Hammond, Ind.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains at North Hayden, 26 miles south of Hammond on the Indiana Harbor railroad, Tuesday, twelve trainmen were injured. The trains were practically derailed. The property loss will reach \$150,000.

Congressman Swaps Dies.

Washington—John A. Swope, representative from Pennsylvania in the Forty-eighth and forty-ninth congresses, died here Tuesday.

NEW READJUSTMENT

SOME COUNTIES SHOWN TO BE UNDULY FAVORED.

SMALL SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

Decided Growth in Population in Western Counties—Miscellaneous Capital Matters.

Adams, Cass, Otoe and Saline counties have the best of it, in the apportionment of state senators of Nebraska, on the figures of population recently made public by the government. Adams has one senator for 20,900, Cass has one senator for 21,330, Otoe has one senator for 19,323, and Saline has one senator for 17,866. Since the apportionment was made in 1887, Adams gained only approximately 2,000 in population. Cass has gained less than 2,000, Otoe has lost nearly 3,000, and Saline has lost 386.

Douglas county has three senators, each representing approximately 56,000 of population. Lancaster has two senators, each representing less than 37,000 people.

The eighth district, comprising five counties, has a senator for 46,000, and the new census shows a decrease of population in this district of about 10,000. The fourteenth district has a senator for its seven counties, with a population of 47,000. The twenty-ninth district, comprising eight counties, has a senator for over 52,000 of population.

As was naturally to have been expected the main growth of population in the last ten years has been in the western counties of the state, and in the cities of Omaha and Lincoln.

It would appear from the figures given that a just and equitable reapportionment as called for by both parties in their platforms, would mean at least one additional senator for Douglas and several additional senators for western Nebraska. This would mean, evidently, that the very small districts mentioned should be switched into new combinations that would cut down the preponderance of power they now have. Otoe and Cass together, and Adams and Saline together, would have as near the average population of the present senatorial population of the present senatorial districts as could be handily figured.

In the matter of representation in the house, too, the western part of the state is not adequately treated under the present apportionment. While some of the counties in the eastern half of Nebraska have suffered a loss in population, it will be noticed in the tables that, with rare exceptions, the western counties have gained in substantial measure.

Inspection of the Guard.

Major Phelps of the adjutant general's office has completed his report on the inspection of the Second regiment of the Nebraska National Guard. Of 701 enlisted men and officers, 539 appeared at inspection. This is regarded as an exceptional showing. Company G of Omaha made the best showing, having but two absences at inspection out of a total of fifty-six men. The two were out of the state at the time of inspection. Inspection reports on the First regiment have not been finished.

Infantile Paralysis.

The report of the state orthopedic hospital directors, now in preparation, will recommend that the governor ask the legislature to appropriate money for the investigation and extermination of infantile paralysis.

Wet Vs. Dry.

Sprentendunt Poulson of the Anti-Saloon league is sending out letters to members of the legislature, both democrat and republican, in an attempt to get them to refuse to go into party caucuses and to organize as a dry force opposed to the wet forces.

State Contract Awarded.

The board of public lands and buildings has awarded the contract for constructing new boilers and new buildings at the Beatrice Institute for feeble minded to Mr. Pomeroy of Lincoln, the price being \$2,920.

Inspect New Building.

Secretary of State J. J. Nease and State Treasurer Brian went to Hastings to inspect a new \$50,000 building which the state of Nebraska has paid for.

State Printing.

Bids for the printing of house and senate bills during the next session of the legislature were opened and the bid of the State Journal company proved to be the lowest. For the printing of 500 copies of each bill the State Journal company bid \$1.72 per page; North & Co., \$1.50; Woodruff, \$1.75. On 300 bill titles the State Journal was lowest at 35 cents. North & Co. 50 cents; Woodruff 3.7 cents. Before the board of public lands and buildings the State Journal was lowest on a small amount of supplies that is to be purchased before the legislature convenes.

Statute for Gen. Thayer.

William T. Rigby, chairman of the Vicksburg national military park committee of the war department, has written to Governor Schallenberger urging him to use his influence with the next legislature to obtain an appropriation for the erection of a portrait statue of General John M. Thayer on the battlefield of Vicksburg. The chairman writes that since the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1910 that four additional portrait busts and ten additional relief tablets have been provided for.

Reduced Rates Granted.

The railway commission has granted permission to the Nebraska Telephone company to reduce its rates at Fairbury to agree with the rates charged by the local company. It was brought out at the hearing that the independent company charged \$1.25 for telephone calls there were more than ten subscribers and \$1.50 where there were less than ten. But it appears that where five or more persons were subscribers with the exception of increasing their number to ten, the lower rate was given.

Penitentiary Report.

The report of the penitentiary for the month of November shows receipts of \$1,694.84. Of this sum \$527.31 was turned over to the state treasurer. Warden Smith sold \$889.55 worth of wheat that had been raised

STOPPING UP THE LEAK

MAN TRIES PLUMBER'S TRICK AND COMES TO GRIEF.

Painful Experience Results From Man's Desire to "Putter" Around the House During His Wife's Temporary Absence.

Election day brought to a prominent Brooklynite the remembrance of the way he spent that day a year ago. He had noticed a slight discoloration on the ceiling of his library, which was directly under his bedroom. With a man's desire to "putter" around the house, he decided to use the holiday to investigate and see if there was not a leak in the water pipes on the floor above, one reason for this determination being that his wife was away and would not return home until after luncheon.

When he had finished his morning paper and cigar, he took up a corner of his bedroom carpet, and turning it back, removed a couple of the floor boards and, sure enough, found an insignificant leak in a water pipe that ran between floors. He had seen plumbers stop little leaks of that sort by hammering down the pipe where the water seeped through, and decided to try the same trick himself. He took the heaviest hammer he had in the house and struck the pipe several brave, resounding blows.

The result was startling. Instead of one trifling leak he had enlarged that to sizable dimensions, and the rotten pipe giving way had also started another leak, from which a vigorous stream of water spurted into his face, knocking off his eyeglasses and trickling merrily over his shirt front. The principles of first aid to the injured flashed into his mind and, lying flat on the floor, he put a thumb of each hand over each leak and called lustily for help. He was finally heard in the regions below, and when the servant girl appeared he besought her to put on her hat and run for a plumber.

It took Bridget some time to realize that her master had not gone entirely daft, still more time to array herself in her outer garments, and anyone who has tried to find a plumber on a holiday may imagine how long it was before she corrailed one and brought him home with her.

At any rate, when the Brooklyn man's wife returned repeated ringings at the doorbell only resulted in her hearing confused and indistinct bellows from within which she could not understand. With the aid of an obliging butcher boy she finally sprung the catch on a basement window. On ascending to the upper story she found her spouse flat on his face, hanging on to that water pipe with both hands and using language more picturesque than she had ever heard him employ before. By the time she had decided she had not broken into an insane asylum by mistake, Bridget arrived with a reluctant and diffident plumber, and the Brooklynite was released from his predicament. He goes out of town on holidays now, and he still glances at innocent appearing pipes with shudders of apprehension.

How We All Take It.

Miss Elizabeth Marbury, the well known dramatic agent of New York told, at a tea at the Colony club, a story both amusing and true.

"To grow old properly," she said, "is to grow old keeping the mind and the heart young. Few accomplish this feat, but all think they do so. This misconception prevents old age from being tragic."

"You all know Helen Dash. She is a great-grandmother now, but she was once a famous actress. She clung to the stage to the very last; she saw, year by year, her applause lessen, her salary decrease, and her press notices shorten. Yet do you think that Helen Dash was unhappy? Not at all!"

"Not at all. When, one night in her sixty-eighth year, Helen, in a new role, got instead of tumultuous applause, cold silence and even a few venomous hisses, she took the contretemps calmly, and on the way home she said to her maid, a worn old woman like herself:

Happy Future in Store for Him.

Here is a sensible man's views of the sort of woman he would like to marry: "I'm afraid I don't care for the one-sided woman. My wife is certainly not going to be too strong-minded, and you can bet a large sum she is not going to be a bit masculine, but she's going to have plenty of interests and avoid a rut as she would the smallpox. The little woman whose only thought is husband and babies and how the dinner turns out may be all very nice in a short story, but I'd rather come home to find out that my wife had been to a club or to a suffrage meeting or an aeronaut meet than to discover after 20 years of marriage that she had fallen 100 miles behind my mental and spiritual development. When I marry it shall be for a companion, not for a household ornament or a family drudge."

Among Highwaymen.

"What did that shady financier do when you stopped him and said, 'Your money or your life?'"

"He told me that if I didn't give him a half interest in my little enterprise he'd organize a competing enterprise and drive me out of business."