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## CONGRESS MEETS

Adjourns as Mark of Respect  
to Departed Members.

### AWAIT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Little Planning for Session Has Been  
Done Among Members, Even Can-  
non and Aldrich Having No Pro-  
gram—Much Interest in Nicaraguan  
Situation, but Disposition is to Let  
President Taft Handle It.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The first reg-  
ular session of the Sixty-first congress  
opened today. Vice President Sher-  
man presided in the senate and Speaker  
Cannon wielded the gavel in the  
house.

Following a time-honored custom,  
both houses adjourned soon after their  
convening at noon out of respect to  
the memory of those members who  
have died during the recess of congress.

Senator Johnson of North Dakota,  
died several weeks ago and his suc-  
cessor already has been chosen and  
probably will take the oath of office  
tomorrow. Fountain L. Thompson of  
Cando, N. D., the new senator, is a  
Democrat, although his predecessor  
was a Republican. Senator Thomp-  
son was appointed by North Dakota's  
new Democratic governor to fill out  
Johnson's unexpired term, which ends  
Jan. 1, 1911.

The deceased representatives are  
David A. De Armond of the Sixth Mis-  
souri district, who met death in a fire  
which destroyed his home at Butler,  
Mo., only a few days ago, and Francis  
R. Lassiter of the Fourth Virginia dis-  
trict. Successors have not yet been  
elected in either district.

Tomorrow will be devoted in both  
houses to the reading of President  
Taft's message to congress, and after  
that the lawmakers should be able to  
get down to business immediately, as  
all the committee appointments and  
other details of organization have  
been completed.

Much interest is felt in the Nica-  
raguan situation, but the general dis-  
position is to permit the executive  
branch to deal with it without legis-  
lative interference, at least in the  
present stage. Congressmen generally  
express no apprehension as to the out-  
come.

### PRAIRIE REFUSES TO BUDGE

Stranded Cruiser is Still Aground on  
Shoal.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Despairing of  
quickly freeing the auxiliary cruiser  
Prairie from the mud flats at Patch  
Island, in the Delaware river, where it  
has been stuck since last Thursday,  
the marines and stores aboard the  
stranded cruiser were removed to the



MARINES ON BOARD THE PRAIRIE.

auxiliary cruiser Dixie. It is probable  
that the latter vessel will get under  
way today and continue to the original  
destination of the Prairie.

Two more vain attempts were made  
to free the Prairie. Lighters had re-  
moved more than 800 tons of coal  
and all the 800,000 rounds of ammu-  
nition, when half a dozen tugs strained  
and pulled in an effort to get the Prai-  
rie into deep water at high tide. The  
warship did not budge from the shoal  
and when the tide began to recede  
again the work of removing additional  
stores and the 500 marines to the Dixie  
was begun.

### BODIES OF AMERICANS BURNED

Great Indignity Shown Executed Men  
by Zelaya's Soldiers.

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—The Times-  
Democrat says: "Confirmation of the  
cremation of the two Americans,  
Groce and Cannon, by President Ze-  
laya's forces was received here in pri-  
vate letters to Nicaraguan families re-  
siding in this city. The letters say  
the executions took place on the banks  
of the San Juan river, within sight of  
El Castillo, the bodies being burned,  
and it is claimed some of the soldiers  
spat on them, saying words of con-  
tempt for the 'dirty American traitors.'  
It is claimed that some one ordered

that the ashes be swept along the pub-  
lic road with the dust and other filth  
and finally into the San Juan river.  
This was considered the greatest in-  
dignity which could be passed upon  
the Americans, and according to the  
letters it was done in the vilest man-  
ner."

**Buys an Entire Island.**  
Honolulu, Dec. 6.—The entire Isl-  
and of Lanai has been sold by W. C.  
Irwin to a local company for \$325,000.  
It is the intention of the purchasers  
to raise cotton and other agricultural  
products.

### COMMONS STARTS WAR ON PEERS

Votes Budget Rejection Was Usurpa-  
tion and Breach of Constitution.

London, Dec. 3.—By a majority of  
215, after a brief but exciting sitting,  
the house of commons recorded its  
claim to exclusive control of the na-  
tion's purse—a claim never before  
challenged in modern times.

The vote was taken on a resolution  
offered by Premier Asquith, which de-  
clared "that the action of the house  
of lords in refusing to pass into law



PREMIER ASQUITH.

the financial provisions made by the  
chamber for the expenses of the year  
was a breach of the constitution and  
an usurpation of the rights of the  
house of commons."

The resolution was passed by a vote  
of 349 to 134. By this vote the oppos-  
ing forces of the lords and commons  
are placed in battle array for one of  
the greatest constitutional struggles  
that has come before the country's  
judgment for centuries.

The scenes of enthusiasm which ac-  
companied the voting on Mr. Asquith's  
resolution were in marked contrast to  
those witnessed during the recent de-  
bate in the house of lords.

No prominent member from the gov-  
ernment side arose in the house of  
commons to utter solemn warnings  
against the course the ministers were  
pursuing. The ministerial ranks were  
closed in a complete unanimity of pro-  
test against the action of the lords.

### LOST TRACK OF STEALINGS

Warriner Can Only Account for Half  
\$643,000.

Cincinnati, Dec. 3.—More than half  
of the \$643,000 which Charles L.  
Warriner, former local treasurer of the  
Big Four railroad, admits to have  
been stolen from the railroad, cannot  
be accounted for. The indicted treas-  
urer has furnished a statement, which  
accounts for \$318,000; \$48,000 of which  
he said was paid in blackmail, and  
claims that the balance of \$225,000  
was lost in speculation.

According to Warriner he carried on  
his stock market operations through  
the New York brokerage firm of Hen-  
ry Clews & Co., but an examination of  
the books of that concern shows that  
in the entire course of his transac-  
tions with them he could not have  
lost more than \$17,000.

The question which still perplexes  
the railroad officials is: "What be-  
came of the money?"  
The grand jury resumed its inquiry  
into the case today.

### FLOODS DESTROY RAILWAY

Sixty Miles of Track in Washington  
Washed Out.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 3.—For  
three days northwestern Washington  
has been cut off from telegraphic  
communication from the outside world.  
No trains are moving except between  
this city and Burlington, twenty miles  
south, and service cannot be renewed  
inside of a week. About sixty miles  
of railroad in this part of the state  
has been destroyed. The town of  
Lacquer is under seven feet of water.  
Two warehouses filled with grain col-  
lapsed. In the country north of La-  
cuer 1,000 head of cattle were  
drowned, while 400,000 sacks of oats  
and 8,000 tons of haled hay are lost.

### Rescued From Wrecked Mine.

Ducktown, Tenn., Dec. 2.—The eight  
men who were imprisoned in the Lon-  
don mine of the Tennessee Copper  
company, as the result of a shaft  
house fire, were brought to the sur-  
face. None is injured.

## CRISIS IN STRIKE

Union Switchmen in Conference  
With Railway Managers.

### GENERAL DEMAND IS MADE.

Cold and Snowy Weather Complicates  
Switchmen's Strike in Northwest.  
Northern Pacific Claims to Have  
Plenty of Men to Handle Cars.  
Trains Arrive in St. Paul From One  
to Four Hours Late.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Authority to call  
a strike of all union switchmen be-  
tween Buffalo and Chicago, if such a  
course is deemed necessary, is vested  
in a committee of the union, which ar-  
rived here today to negotiate with the  
general managers of the nineteen rail-  
roads for the settlement of certain de-  
mands.

A referendum vote to secure the  
sentiment of the organization and to  
give their committee a free hand was  
taken some time ago, according to  
Grand Vice President Burt, who is in  
charge of the Buffalo district during  
the absence of President Hawley in  
the northwest to superintend the strike  
in that territory.

The district east of Chicago in-  
cludes not only Toledo, Fort Wayne,  
Detroit and other important centers,  
but also takes in points as far south  
as Pittsburgh, so the ranks of the strik-  
ers will be increased by between 12,  
000 and 15,000 men if the negotiations  
which began here today fail.

The demands to be submitted at  
Chicago will be for a 6-cent increase  
in wages, time and a half for over-  
time exceeding a ten-hour day, double  
time for Sundays and holidays and a  
modification of the physical test. No-  
tice of these demands was sent to the  
general managers of the lines in the  
Chicago-Butte district on Nov. 6, so  
that the thirty days' limit in which a  
reply must be made expires today.

### Weather Aids Strikers.

St. Paul, Dec. 6.—The switchmen's  
strike situation has been complicated  
by cold and snowy weather, which has  
seriously affected freight traffic on the  
Northern Pacific and some parts of the  
Great Northern, according to state-  
ments issued by the general managers  
of those roads.

General Manager Slade of the North-  
ern Pacific said freight is more or less  
tied up all along the system on ac-  
count of the snow, and especially in  
northern Minnesota and North Dakota.  
Passenger trains are being run with  
two engines. The trains on all roads  
arrived from one to four hours late  
in St. Paul.

It is said the Northern Pacific has  
all the men that they need now and  
the new arrivals are being shipped  
west. Fifteen engines were working  
at Tacoma and things are being opened  
up at Seattle, according to Mr. Slade.  
President Hawley of the switch-  
men's union said he had received word  
from several eastern points in which  
it was stated that the switchmen in  
those places are ready to strike on a  
moment's notice.

### ERDER INQUEST NOT HELD

Inquiry into Manner of His Death is  
Postponed for a Day.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—The evidence  
against Mrs. Dora E. Doney, charged  
with murdering William J. Erder by  
giving him poison in his food, will be  
presented to the grand jury, which  
meets today. The coroner's inquest  
into Erder's death, which was to have  
been held today, has been postponed  
until tomorrow. This was made nec-  
essary, as Dr. Warren, who is making a  
chemical analysis of parts of Erder's  
body, will not submit his final report  
until then.

The woman, who is accused of hav-  
ing killed him by administering ar-  
senic in his food; her husband, Loren  
B. Doney of Columbus, Neb.; Miss  
Kate Erder, sister of the dead man,  
who collected the evidence that moved  
the authorities to action, and numer-  
ous acquaintances of both families  
will be called to testify.

### ROOSEVELT'S HUNT NEARS END

Final Three Weeks' Shooting at  
Njoro This Month.

Nairobi, British East Africa, Dec. 5.  
—Colonel Roosevelt and R. J. Cun-  
ningham arrived at Naivasha from an  
extended hunt looking extraordinarily  
brown and feeling extraordinarily well.  
They were delighted with their expe-  
dition, and Colonel Roosevelt said both  
he and Kermit were proud of having  
got their elephants, and especially  
proud that they had each got one  
when they were unaccompanied by  
such experienced hunters as Cunn-  
ingham and Tarlton.

Colonel Roosevelt's three weeks  
shooting at Njoro with Lord Delamer,  
this month will end his African hunt-  
ing. Then on for Uganda and down  
the Nile to Cairo.

Fine printing—The Herald.

### FRISCO GETS FIGHT JULY 4

Rickard's Offer of \$101,000 and Two-  
Thirds of Picture Privilege Wins.

New York, Dec. 3.—The world's  
championship fight between James J.  
Jeffries and Jack Johnson will be held  
in San Francisco before a club organ-  
ized by "Tex" Rickard of Ely, Nev.,  
and Jack Gleason, the fight to take  
place probably on July 4, 1910. The  
bid made by Rickard and Gleason of a  
purse of \$101,000 and the contestants  
to take 66 2-3 per cent of the moving  
picture receipts was accepted by rep-  
resentatives of Johnson and Jeffries.

The successful bid provides that the  
fight shall take place in California,  
Utah or Nevada on a date to be set  
later, but it was stated that without  
doubt the contest would take place in  
San Francisco. In view of the fact  
that James Coffroth, manager of the  
Sunshine Athletic club at Colma, Cal.,  
controls certain patents on moving  
pictures, it was thought Rickard and  
Gleason would likely enter into some  
arrangement with him whereby they  
could have the fight take place in the  
Colma arena.

The final articles for the fight will  
be drawn up by lawyers and signed in  
Hoboken, N. J., today.

### NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE

Colored Preacher Shot and Fatally  
Wounded a White Man.

Cochran, Ga., Dec. 2.—John Har-  
vard, a negro preacher who shot and  
fatally injured Will D. Booth two  
miles from this place late in the after-  
noon, was captured by a mob of en-  
raged citizens five miles from here  
and burned at a stake, more than a  
carload of light wood, it is said, be-  
ing heaped about the body.

Harvard admitted the shooting and,  
it is said, justified himself by the fact  
that Booth's automobile frightened his  
mules. Harvard was given an opportu-  
nity to pray, after which he was se-  
curely bound with chains to a stake.  
The fuel was piled high above his  
head and the torch applied. The roar-  
ing of the flames prevented any state-  
ment he might have made from being  
heard.

### HELD AS BLACK HANDERS

Four Italians Accused of Extortion  
Plot at Collinsville, Ill.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—Four Italians  
were arrested in Collinsville, Ill.,  
charged with a Black Hand plot to se-  
cure \$6,000 from L. F. Lumagli, a mer-  
chant and former mayor of the town.  
Lumagli received letters demanding  
\$6,000 on pain of losing his three chil-  
dren and threatening him with death.  
Armed guards patrolled his premises  
day and night and he placed \$6,000 in  
stage money at the place designated  
in the letters. An Italian came for  
the money. In his panic at being ar-  
rested he confessed his part in the  
plot and implicated four others, three  
of whom have been apprehended.

### MASKED WOMAN THROWS ACID

Victim Answers Door Bell and Vitriol  
is Dashed in Her Face.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 4.—Mrs.  
George Mann answered a ring at her  
door and met a woman, masked, who  
threw vitriol into her face, exclaim-  
ing: "I'll burn your eyes out." The  
woman then fled.

Mrs. Mann's eyes were saved by  
physicians, but she will be disfigured  
by deep burns. Her husband told the  
police that he had received letters  
threatening that one day he should  
go home and find his wife dead.

### INDICTED FOR REBATING

Two Railroads and Tobacco Company  
to Be Prosecuted.

Louisville, Dec. 3.—The special  
grand jury which has been sitting in  
the federal court to investigate al-  
leged violations of the interstate com-  
merce law returned indictments  
against the Louisville and Nashville  
and the Louisville, Henderson and St.  
Louis railroad and the American To-  
bacco company for rebating.

### THREE HURT IN STRIKE RIOT

Hiring Nonunion Tailors Brought Seri-  
ous Results in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Three persons  
were seriously injured in a riot be-  
tween union and nonunion workmen in  
the woman's tailoring establishment  
of William Bain. The injured were  
William Bain, proprietor of the estab-  
lishment; Mrs. Jennie Bain, his wife,  
and Helen Mallnosky, a tailoress.

### EGAN WILL ATTEND HEARING

American Minister Will Examine  
Cook Records.

Copenhagen, Dec. 2.—The American  
minister, Maurice F. Egan, replying to  
the invitation of Rector Torp of  
the University of Copenhagen, said  
he would be delighted to attend the  
examination of Cook's records if  
they arrive before he sails for the  
United States on a leave of absence.

### Latham Files Machine in Furious Gale

Mourmelon, France, Dec. 2.—Bat-  
tling against a wind of nearly forty  
miles an hour, Hubert Latham, the  
French aeronaut, attained a height of  
about 1,600 feet, beating the official  
world's record.

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to 84 are called for payment; interest  
stopped after Nov. 30, 1909.  
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