

CONGRESS AGAIN

NATIONAL LAWMAKERS ABOUT TO ASSEMBLE.

LITTLE WILL BE DONE THIS WEEK

Message of President Nott to Be Delivered Until Second Day—Adjournment in Memory of Members Who Have Died.

WASHINGTON—Little in the way of legislative business is expected the first week of the session of congress. The first day will be devoted to calling the roll and swearing in new members who have been elected to fill vacancies. The usual committee will be appointed to inform the president that congress is in session and the resolution notifying the senate that a quorum of the house is ready for business will be passed. Tuesday the president's message will be read, but it is not expected that any other business will be transacted.

There are a number of minor matters of legislation which may be considered on Wednesday and on Thursday, as no special order has been made for consideration of any general measure. It is possible that the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill may be reported Wednesday or Thursday.

Friday is pension day and there will be more than a thousand private pension bills ready for the house to consider.

Early adjournments each day are expected during the first week in order to give time to shape the session business.

An intimation has been given that objection may be interposed against administering the oath of office to J. Thomas Heflin, who has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Thompson of the Fifth Alabama district, on account of certain language Heflin is alleged to have used regarding the president of the United States. In case objection is made there is no doubt there will be a spirited party debate which would occupy considerable time.

The first act of the senate after convening will be one of respect to the memory of two distinguished senators whose deaths have occurred since the adjournment of congress. Senator Penrose, immediately after the senate is called to order, will announce Senator Quay's demise, and then will give way to Senator Lodge to perform a like service in the case of Senator Hoar. Adjournment for the day will follow at once and will postpone receipt of the president's annual message until Tuesday. The document will be received early Tuesday and very little if any further business beyond its reading and the induction into office of Messrs. Knox of Pennsylvania and Crane of Massachusetts.

For the remainder of the week exceedingly brief sessions are expected. On Thursday an adjournment will be taken until the following Monday.

Senator Lodge will press the house bill for the amendment of the Philippine government law as soon as it is practicable to get that measure before the senate, and has announced his intention not to brook opposition to its consideration. The bill has the vast advantage of being on the calendar as unfinished business, so that it cannot easily be displaced. It is not probable, however, that Mr. Lodge will now attempt more with reference to it than to give notice of his intention to press its adoption.

Fight for Fairbanks' Seat.

INDIANAPOLIS—Congressman C. B. Landis of Delphi and Captain Harry S. New of Indianapolis, withdrew their names from the contest for the seat of United States Senator Fairbanks, vice president-elect.

TALK OF RECIPROCITY.

The Question Likely to Be Up in the Coming Congress.

WASHINGTON—Coupled with tariff legislation discussion is the subject of reciprocity. A number of proposed reciprocity treaties have been and still are reposing in the pigeon-holes of the senate. During the coming three months there may be some talk about these treaties, but the indications are they will not be seriously considered. So strong has been the opposition to them that it has never been considered worth while to report them from the committee on foreign relations, to which they were referred. There was considerable talk during the last session of congress concerning tariff revision, and the suggestion was made by several prominent leaders that any revision that was necessary could be accomplished during the short session of congress, the idea being that revision would be on the lines of reduction and would meet with little or no opposition may be more pronounced.

Revenue legislation of any kind is sure to create considerable talk in the senate, and that means delay. In fact it has become known under present conditions legislation during the short session is enacted by practically unanimous consent. Any half dozen senators who determine to defeat a bill have the power to do so, with the privilege of unlimited debate. In the house the stringent rules enable the majority to transact all business it desires, and so far as that body is concerned there is no difficulty about any legislation that may be attempted, but if the leaders do not want tariff revision or change in the revenue laws nothing will be done.

ENJOINS THE TAXES.

Burlington and Union Pacific File Petition in the Federal Court.

OMAHA—The Union Pacific Railway company, through its attorney, John M. Baldwin, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and B. & M. Railway companies, through their attorney, J. E. Kelby, appeared before Judge W. H. Munger in the United States circuit court Wednesday evening and secured a temporary restraining order against the county treasurers of the different counties of the state of Nebraska through which their respective roads run, from attempting in any way or manner to collect the taxes levied against the complainant roads or from enforcing any of the terms of any tax warrant which may now or hereafter be placed in their hands.

Judge Munger granted the temporary order and the hearing is set for Monday or Tuesday, December 26 or 27, 1904.

The petition accompanying the application made by the Union Pacific is of seventy-four printed pages.

The haste in seeking the restraining order is owing to the fact that under the new revenue law of Nebraska the taxes of railway corporations become due and delinquent on December 1, and the tax collecting officials of the respective counties are authorized under the law to levy upon any funds that may be in the hands of any agent of the respective companies to apply upon the delinquent taxes, or that may thereafter come into their hands so long as the taxes remain unsatisfied. Hence, as these corporation taxes become due on and after Wednesday, the railroads had to hurry and get the restraining order granted.

Another Russian Blunder.

LONDON—The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs: "It is reported that a Russian torpedo boat destroyer returned to Vladivostok from a scouting expedition was sunk by the guns of the Russian forts in error."

FALL OF ARTHUR

ST. PETERSBURG NOW THINKS IT IS IMMINENT.

ARE PREPARING FOR THE WORST

Capture of Two Hundred and Three Meter Hill Seals Doom of Besieged Town—General Stoessel Will Never Surrender.

ST. PETERSBURG—With the confirmation of the news that the Japanese have occupied Two Hundred and Three-Meter hill and the report that the Russians unsuccessfully attempted its recapture, officials at the war office are beginning to prepare themselves for the inevitable. Golden hill and Liaoti hill are higher and dominate Two Hundred and Three-Meter hill, but the officials say that if the Japanese succeed in mounting heavy guns upon the latter it probably will be only a question of days or weeks before the fortress falls. Still there is not the slightest idea among General Stoessel's friends that he will surrender even if he should be ordered to do so. It is hinted that it is possible that if the fall of the fortress is shown to be inevitable the emperor may direct his surrender in order to prevent the unnecessary sacrifice of the remnant of its brave defenders, but it is believed by those who know General Stoessel best that he will make good his threat to hold out to the last man and cartridge in Port Arthur.

The ships in the harbor, it can now be stated on high authority, are in no condition to attempt to break through the blockading squadron. The guns of the warships were not long ago landed and the marines and sailors have been participating in the land defense. Some of the ships have also been injured by shells. If the fortress falls, it is understood, they will be taken outside and sunk in deep water in order to prevent the possibility of their ever being of service to the enemy.

The question of the advisability of reinforcing Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron with the Black sea fleet is again being agitated in some of the papers, notably the Novoe Vremya, which points out that with the addition of the Black sea vessels Rojestvensky will have a superiority which will insure victory over Admiral Togo's fleet.

The Novoe Vremya calls attention to the fact that Japan was not one of the signatories to the treaties closing the Dardanelles and asserts that if Japan had the power she might force an entrance into the Black sea and engage the Russian fleet. Conversely, the paper continues, with the consent of the porte there is nothing in the treaty to prevent the exit of the Black sea fleet to fight some power which is in nowise involved in the treaty.

NEW BANK TO RUN AT NIGHT

New York Financiers Plan Institution for Transients.

NEW YORK—Impressed by the need for an institution where money may be obtained at any hour, prominent New York financiers and commercial men have, it is announced by the Herald, organized the first night and day bank and safe deposit company.

The names of men prominent in the business and social world appear in the organization committee and the capital stock of \$250,000 already has been subscribed. The concern also will have a working surplus of \$250,000. The plight in which many travelers of wealth often find themselves because they are unable to draw cash in cases of emergency suggested the organization of the bank. It is likely that Oakleigh Thorne of the North American Trust company will be president of the new institution.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

No man enjoys the farm when he plows it with his face.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

English Marriage Rate.

The marriage rate is higher in England than elsewhere, being 15 a 1,000. In most other countries it varies from 7 to 10 a 1,000. The highest birth rate, according to a volume of statistics, referring chiefly to foreign countries, issued by the British Board of Trade, is in Roumania—30 a 1,000. That country also has the highest death rate, 27.7 a 1,000. The lowest marriage rate is in Sweden, where it is .9 a 1,000.

Cuban Soil is Productive.

The soil of Cuba is extremely fruitful. Cabbages there are so large that heads weighing twenty pounds each are common. All vegetables do well. Radishes may be eaten from fourteen to eighteen days after sowing, lettuce in five weeks after sowing, while corn produces three crops per year. Sweet potatoes grow all the year.

Don't Let the Years Count.

Age will never succeed in retaining a youthful appearance and mentality until people make up their minds not to let the years count—until they cease to make the body old by the constant suggestions of the mind.—Success Magazine.

Hearty Appetites of Birds.

A redstart has been known to eat 600 flies an hour, and a blackcap has destroyed 2,000 green flies from a rose bush in a greenhouse in a few hours. The wren feeds her young thirty-six times an hour.

HAPPY CHILDHOOD.

Right Food Makes Happy Children Because They are Healthy.

Sometimes milk does not agree with children or adults. The same thing is true of other articles of food. What agrees with one sometimes does not agree with others.

But food can be so prepared that it will agree with the weakest stomach. As an illustration—anyone, no matter how weak the stomach, can eat, relish and digest a nice hot cup of Postum coffee with a spoonful or two of Grape-Nuts poured in, and such a combination contains nourishment to carry one a number of hours, for almost every particle of it will be digested and taken up by the system and be made use of.

A lady writes from the land of the Magnolia and the mocking bird way down in Alabama and says: "I was led to drink Postum because coffee gave me sour stomach and made me nervous. Again Postum was recommended by two well known physicians for my children, and I feel especially grateful for the benefit derived.

"Milk does not agree with either child, so to the eldest, aged four and one-half years, I give Postum with plenty of sweet cream. It agrees with her splendidly, regulating her bowels perfectly although she is of a constipated habit.

"For the youngest, aged two and one-half years, I use one-half Postum and one-half skimmed milk. I have not given any medicine since the children began using Postum, and they enjoy every drop of it.

"A neighbor of mine is giving Postum to her baby lately weaned, with splendid results. The little fellow is thriving famously." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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