

CONGRESS MEETS ONCE MORE

Members Shake Each Other's Hands and Renew Acquaintances.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION PURELY FORMAL

Both Houses Put in the Afternoon Listening to the Reading of the President's Last Regular Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States senate began the second session of the fifty-fourth congress with crowded galleries and with that accompaniment of activity and of greeting that usually attends the reassembly...

ASSEMBLING OF THE SENATE

The senate chamber was a center of interesting long before the hour for assembling had arrived, and by 11 o'clock the public galleries were well filled and crowds were at the entrance...

The senators were rather late in arriving. Mr. Palmer, democrat of Illinois, came about 11:30, and was a center of interest from the galleries...

Exactly at 12 o'clock the vice president entered the chamber and gave a tap which brought the senate to order...

At 1:30 o'clock there was a further recess for the minutes of the previous session were read...

At 1:45 Senator Sherman reported that the president had been waited upon and would communicate to the senate...

At 2:00 o'clock the reading of the president's message was begun and continued until 2:30 o'clock...

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WHERE THE MONEY WILL GO

Estimated Appropriations Slightly in Excess of Last Year.

SECRETARY CARLISLE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Head of the Treasury Department Informs Congress of the Amount of Cash Needed to Run the Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Secretary Carlisle today transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. They are captioned by titles as follows, cents being omitted...

The estimates for the present fiscal year amounted to \$418,091,073, and the appropriations for the present fiscal year including the deficiencies and miscellaneous amounted to \$422,421,093.

Under the head of public works appropriations for \$20,000 or over are asked for public buildings as follows: Allegheny, Pa., post office, \$55,000; Boise City, Idaho, post office, \$20,000; Cleveland, N. Y., post office, \$18,000; Denver, Colo., mint building, \$200,000; Helena, Mont., court house, etc., \$227,750; Kansas City, Mo., post office, etc., \$200,000; Marshall, W. Va., post office, \$15,000; Milwaukee, Wis., post office, etc., \$400,000; Newport, Ky., post office, etc., \$200,000; Omaha, Neb., court house, \$25,000; etc.

For the construction of buildings and enlargement of military posts \$1,000,000 are asked. Appropriations under recent acts are asked for as follows: Improvements at Yellowstone National park, \$1,000,000; for the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National park, \$146,000; Gettysburg National park, \$75,000; etc.

The secretary of war in a note states that the above sums are required to meet the obligations of the government under contracts at the time fixed by law for filling these estimates with the secretary of war.

A statement is appended showing the total amounts required for the improvement of rivers and harbors under acts of 1891, 1892 and 1896, but which are not yet under contract. These amounts to \$17,500,000.

OVER A HUNDRED PLACES VACANT. McKinley Will Have Many Appointments to Make in March.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—During the first week after President McKinley assumes his duties he will have the privilege of making about 120 appointments of presidential postmasters. The senate during its session, beginning today, will have about 400 cases for action.

THREE NEBRASKANS PRESENT

Mercer, Strode and Andrews Hear the Message Read.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—But three members of the congressional delegation from Nebraska were present today when Speaker Reed called the house to order.

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OLNEY REVIEWS CUBAN WAR

Secretary of State Forshadows a Radical Change of Policy.

OUR RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN NATIONS Minor Matters of Dispute with the Governments of Many Countries Touched Upon for the Information of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—For the first time within the memory of oldest officials, the secretary of state has made a regular report to the president for transmission to congress, like the reports of other officers of the cabinet.

Under the head of Spain, Secretary Olney has much to say in regard to Cuba, and in his report he sets out in great detail the story of the growth of the rebellion, the present evil state of affairs on the island and other facts upon which the president bases his broad statement and conclusions.

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COMFORT FOR CUBA

President's Message Contains a Ray of Hope for the Island.

AMERICAN PATIENCE ABOUT EXHAUSTED Spain Gets Warning that Something Must Be Done Very Soon.

EARLY RESTORATION OF PEACE URGENT Preservation of the Island Depends Upon Immediate Action.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SETTLEMENT MADE Good Offices of This Government Proffered Several Months Since.

INTERVENTION SEEMS NOW IMMINENT Protection of American Interests Demands the Cessation of Strife.

TIFF WITH JOHN BULL ENDS HAPPILY Permanent Arbitration Treaty Negotiations Well Under Way.

RECEIPTS STILL LESS THAN EXPENDITURES, BUT BUSINESS IS IMPROVING.

URGES REFORM IN NATIONAL FINANCE Government Should Go Out of the Banking Business Entirely and Thus Preserve Its Credit Intact.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The following is the full text of President Cleveland's message to congress, read in both houses this afternoon:

To the Congress of the United States: As representatives of the people in the legislative branch of their government, you have assembled at a time when the strength and excellence of our free institutions and the fitness of our citizens to enjoy popular rule have been again manifested.

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MCKINLEY READS THE MESSAGE

CANTON, O., Dec. 7.—The most of Monday morning was passed by Major McKinley receiving visitors, a number of whom were Canton people.

The reading of President Cleveland's message had scarcely been finished when President-elect McKinley was presented with the copy from the Associated Press. He immediately returned to his study and seated himself in a comfortable rocking chair proceeded to read the important paper.

Perhaps the greatest interest shown was in his reading of Mr. Cleveland's exposition of the Cuban situation, which he followed closely and read in full. At this time, however, neither his face nor his words gave any indication as to his sentiments in the subject under consideration.

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS

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