

LAFOLLETTE IS SWORN IN

Former Governor of Wisconsin Takes His Seat in United States Senate.

ESCORTED TO BAR BY MR. SPOONER

Appearance of Political Enemies Together Attracts Attention of Large Crowds in the Galleries.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—After waiting for almost a year E. M. LaFollette appeared in the senate when it reconvened today after the holiday recess to claim his seat as a senator from Wisconsin and the oath of office was administered to him by Vice President Fairbanks. The ceremony was witnessed by a crowded gallery, which manifested much interest in the proceedings. This interest was greatly heightened by the fact that Mr. LaFollette was escorted into the senate chamber and to the vice president's desk by Mr. Spooner, between whom and Mr. LaFollette there has been in recent years a difference of opinion as to party and public policies amounting to personal antagonism. Neither senator displayed any trace of such feeling today.

Mrs. LaFollette was among the spectators of her husband's initiation into this new sphere of public duty.

The senate discussed at some length a proposition to print a magazine article by Mr. Newlands and also a resolution for the regulation of senate patronage. Both were adopted. A resolution calling for information concerning the status of affairs in Santo Domingo was presented by Mr. Fillman, who made an unsuccessful effort to secure immediate consideration of it. Mr. Gallinger had expected to open the debate on the merchant marine shipping bill today, but when the bill was laid before the senate he asked to be excused from talking, until next Monday, when the bill will be formally taken up as the unfinished business.

Assignments of Mr. LaFollette and Mr. Gearin to committees were made as follows:

LaFollette—Potomac river, fire, immigration, Indian affairs, claims, insurance, gearin—Claims, pensions, forest reservations, industrial exhibitions, national banks and District of Columbia, Mr. Simmons resigning from the last named committee to make room for the Oregon senator.

At 2:14 the senate went into executive session and at 2:23 adjourned until Monday.

PHILIPPINE BILL IN THE HOUSE

Mr. Payne Opens the Debate with Four Hours' Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The cause of the Philippine was advocated on the floor of the house by the republican leader, Mr. Payne, for nearly four hours today. He presented the views of the majority of the ways and means committee on the Philippine tariff bill reducing the duties on sugar and tobacco to 25 per cent of the Dingley tariff rates and admitting other products of the islands to the United States free of duty. Before he began a following Mr. Payne's speech brief discussions indicated that there is to be a protracted debate on the measure, and the opponents, representing the cane and beet sugar interests of this country, will speak and vote against the bill.

The president's annual message, which caused a seven-day discussion in the house preceding the holiday recess, was disposed of in twenty minutes at the beginning of the "day" session. The particular question, which was the cause of contention, which committee should get the insurance question, was temporarily settled by the adoption of an amendment offered by Mr. Hepburn, providing for an expression of opinion by the judiciary committee as to the extent congress has power to control corporations other than railroads.

Acting on a printed charge that members of the house were sending cows and all manner of articles free through the mails, the house instructed its postoffice committee to make an investigation as to whether members are abusing the franking privilege.

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COMMERCE OF ELEVEN MONTHS

Manufacturers of Country Participate to Extent of Over Two Billion Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Manufacturers participated to the extent of more than \$2,000,000,000 in the \$2,500,000,000 worth of commerce of the United States during the eleven months ending with November, 1905. Statistics announced by the Department of Commerce and Labor show that the value of the manufacturers' material imported was \$212,000,000 during these eleven months and of manufacturers exported \$200,000,000 against \$420,000,000 the previous year. The value of crude material for use in manufacturing imported in this time was \$202,000,000 against \$200,000,000 in the same month of the previous year. During these months there was a remarkable increase in the exports of agricultural products, especially of corn, the value of which rose from \$21,000,000 in the previous year to \$50,000,000 during the first eleven months of last year.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEWEY

Dry Dock Now Over Five Hundred Miles at Sea, Making Good Progress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Navy department has received the following wireless message, dated January 4, from the Glacier, one of the vessels towing the dry dock Dewey to the Philippines: Five hundred and twenty miles southeast Cape Henry. Weather glorious. Light southeast winds. Smooth sea. Speed four knots. Panama.

Nominations by the President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate: Richard W. Austin, Tennessee, consul at Glasgow, Scotland. Surveyor of customs, port of St. Louis, Charles E. Callenkamp. Secretary of Oklahoma, Charles A. Tillman. Secretary for the Indians of the Osage Agency in Oklahoma, Ret. Millard. Register of land office, Frank C. Slicks at El Reno, Okla. Alpa E. Hoyt, at Sandusky, Wyo. Receivers of public moneys: Thomas R. Reid, at El Reno, Okla.; Robert R. Herndon, at Lovell, Wyo.; Levi R. Davis, at Sandusky, Wyo. Also a number of appointments and promotions in the army, navy, revenue cutters and marine hospital service.

"Charter" Lot Not Needed

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