

SHORT SESSIONS IN BOTH HOUSES

House of Representatives Sits But Forty Minutes and the Senate But Thirteen.

MEETING LARGELY SOCIAL

Senator Bailey Makes Attempt to Have Sessions Begin at 2 O'Clock.

COMMITTEE WAITS ON PRESIDENT

Announcement Made that Annual Message Will Come Today.

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There were the customary crowds in the galleries of the two houses and the usual scenes attending an opening day of congress were re-enacted on the floor.

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WYOMING, Neb., Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire broke out here in the rear of the drug store, about 1:30 a. m., and five buildings were destroyed.

The buildings and stocks destroyed were A. E. Stiles & Co., druggist; Charles Graves, attorney; C. W. Clark, restaurant and confectionery; L. C. Curtis, barber shop; H. E. Graves, Union Ledger; H. M. Townsley, restaurant and confectionery.

Ten Hunters Are Killed. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 6.—Ten persons were killed and thirty-nine injured, six probably fatally, in Ohio, during the three month shooting season which ended Saturday night.

Wilson Advises Every Farmer to Visit Corn Show

Secretary of Agriculture, in Letter to President Wattle's, Tells of Benefits of Exposition.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Wilson today forwarded to G. W. Wattle's, president of the National Corn exposition, a telegram of congratulation upon the successful opening of the great exposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—To G. W. Wattle's, President National Corn Exposition, Omaha, Neb.: I wish for the National Corn exposition which opened its doors today, success to which such an educational undertaking is entitled.

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FIRE INSURANCE PRESIDENT OUT

George F. Sheldon of the Phoenix of Brooklyn Removed from Office by Board of Directors.

STATE OFFICIAL FILES CHARGES Superintendent Hotchkiss Says Surplus is Greatly Impaired.

NO EXAMINATION FOR YEARS

Records Show Large Loans to State Deputies and Inspectors.

PRESIDENT IS OVERPAID

Record Shows that He Has Drawn His Salary to October 1, 1910—Questionable Securities Among Its Assets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Phenix Insurance company of Brooklyn is under investigation for irregularities, which it is believed have impaired its surplus at least \$150,000 and to have resulted in conditions, which Superintendent Hotchkiss of the state insurance department laid before the district attorney today for possible criminal action.

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Coldest is Four Above Zero Mark

Minimum Temperature for Omaha This Winter is Reached Monday Night.

A temperature of 4 degrees above zero was recorded Monday night at 9 o'clock with prospect of a nearer approach to zero before morning.

END OF YERKES FIGHT

Agreement Confirmed by Which Widow Gives Up Claim to \$100,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Judge Cutting in the probate court here today confirmed an agreement which was entered into some weeks ago between Mrs. Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles F. Yerkes, the executor of the traction magnate's estate, and heirs of the estate by which Mrs. Yerkes relinquished personal claim to property in New York and Chicago valued at \$100,000.

What You Can See at the National Corn Exposition

Corn grown at an altitude of 6,000 feet above the sea level.

Corn grown below the sea level on the swamp lands of Louisiana.

Corn grown north of Hudson bay.

Corn grown in the arid regions of the west, where rainfall is less than twelve inches per annum.

The best ear of corn the world has ever known, exceeding in fine points those of the Pascal ear.

The best ten ears of corn in the world with pedigrig ten years long.

The best bushel of corn in the world, seventy ears.

The worst bushel of corn in the world—the corn which was pulled down from the tassels.

Corn placed at any point desired on the stalk by the plant breeder, to hang at any angle on the stalk desired.

Corn which contains so much mineral matter that it will make a good feed for the stock.

Corn containing so much oil that it will finish a steer for market in six weeks or less.

Bushel of corn containing enough starch to last a laundry a month.

Mexican National band.

Moving picture of convicts, making good roads in Virginia.

Thirty model road beds built by farmers.

Lectures illustrated by lantern slides and transparencies, by Prof. Scribner of the Department of Agriculture.

One hundred and fifty lantern slides, giving visitors a complete tour through the Union stock yards in South Omaha.

Two thousand feet of hucking bronchus at the frontier day celebration, at Cheyenne.

Growing fields of rice, corn and cotton. An alpine palace, which is a "hog's idea of heaven."

Clover from Wyoming, four feet high. Two hundred varieties of cotton from Oklahoma.

Public Work in Four States

Details of Secretary of Treasury's Report to President.

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Nebraska—Kearney, \$300,000, to complete its public building, and Nebraska national forest \$15,330.

There are many other Nebraska items in the bill, but they are merely continuations of previous ones made in previous appropriations.

Every project in which Nebraska is interested has been cared for.

For support of the different tribes of the Sioux, including those on the Santee agency, Nebraska, \$600,000 will be necessary.

Money for Postoffice. At Council Bluffs an appropriation of \$6,000 is recommended for the purchase of additional land for the completion and enlargement of the court house and postoffice.

Walter L. Smith, being a member of the appropriations committee, will doubtless attend to this, as well as the further provision calling for a \$10,000 appropriation to enable the postmaster at Council Bluffs to pay rent on temporary quarters.

At Fort Dodge a similar condition exists. The government is in rented quarters there, pending completion of a new postoffice. The continuance of such rental is recommended.

Ottumwa wants \$5,000 to complete its new postoffice and it is recommended.

In South Dakota for the assay office at Deadwood \$3,460 is recommended; for surveyor general's office, including clerks, office rent and supplies, \$8,300.

Indian schools: Plainsbeau, \$69,425; Pierre, \$35,050, and Rapid City, \$68,390. In addition to that \$200,000 is requested for general educational purposes of the Sioux in South Dakota.

For the support of the Sioux Yankton agency \$20,000 is recommended and Canton at Yankton for insane Indians \$25,000 to maintain their institution.

In Wyoming to complete public building at Lander \$50,000 is asked and a similar amount is requested to put the new postoffice at Sheridan into habitable condition.

Ellis' offer for Omaha. W. F. Ellis of the forestry division of the Agricultural department, who has been delivering lectures at Chicago left tonight for Omaha to represent his bureau with a series of lectures at the National Corn exposition.

G. T. Harrington of the bureau of seeds of the Department of Agriculture has gone to Omaha to give demonstrations in seed selection at the Corn exposition.

Senator and Mrs. Norris Brown arrived in Washington yesterday, as did Senator and Mrs. Gamble of South Dakota.

Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee, who arrived in Baltimore Saturday came over to Washington today and witnessed the opening of the regular session of the Sixty-first congress.

The Nebraska State association has planned a "camp fire" for tomorrow night, which will be attended by members of the Sixty-first congress.

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Corn Exposition visitors will find The Bee advertising pages a handy guide for their shopping while in the city.

Do not overlook the advertisements on the want ad pages under the classification of "Christmas Hints". Our Omaha merchants are offering many suggestions to help you with the problem of what to buy.

You will always find something worth while if you read the want ad pages of The Bee.

Have you read the want ads, yet today?

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Two Men Killed, Four Are Hurt by Explosion

Boiler in Wholesale Liquor House at Kansas City Wrecks the Building.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 6.—Two men were killed and four others were injured following the explosion of a boiler in the basement of a six-story building at 910 Broadway, in the wholesale district here shortly before noon today.

The dead: JAMES TOLEY, steam fitter. JAMES COX, driver.

Fatally injured: Andrew Meyer, plumber.

A negro janitor and two other workmen were seriously but not fatally injured.

The two lower floors, which were vacant, collapsed. The building above the second floor was not seriously damaged and no person in the upper stories was hurt.

The force of the explosion blew out the front and rear portions of the first and second floors of the building at 910 Broadway and broke several large windows in the millinery house of Lyons Bros., 912 Broadway.

Much excitement prevailed among the dozen of girls employed in the millinery establishment and several made a rush for exits. All reached the street in safety, however, and none of the occupants of this building was hurt.

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TRANSMASTERS CALLED OUT

Eleven Men in Charge of Switchmen Ordered to Quit.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 6.—President Shepard of the Order of Railway Conductors arrived yesterday from Cedar Rapids, Ia., and after a conference with the four other national officers here, ordered out those members of the conductors' organization who through recent promotion by the Northern Pacific have been acting as trainmasters in charge of nonunion switchmen.

The same action was taken today in regard to the Great Northern.

While the number of men so employed is only four in Minnesota and about seven in St. Paul, according to Secretary A. C. Parker of the strike committee, the significance of the act is in the principle involved, which prohibits men of other railway organizations assisting in the strike.

Easterners May Go Out. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Authority to call a strike of all union switchmen between Buffalo and Chicago, if such a course is deemed necessary, is vested in a committee of the union, which goes to Chicago tomorrow to negotiate with the general managers of the railroad for a settlement of certain demands.

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 includes not only Toledo, Fort Wayne, Detroit and other important centers, but also takes in points as far north as Pittsburgh, so that the ranks of the strikers will be increased by between 12,000 and 15,000 men if the negotiations which begin at Chicago tomorrow fail.

The demands to be submitted at Chicago will be for 6 cents an hour increase in wages, time and a half for overtime exceeding a ten-hour day, double time for Sundays and holidays and a modification of the physical test. Notice of these demands were sent to the general managers of the lines in the Chicago-Buffalo district on November 6, so that the thirty days' limit expires tomorrow.

Grand Vice President Burt today received a telegram from President Hawley notifying him that the situation in the northwest is satisfactory to him.

No More Men Needed. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The General Managers' association of the railroads affected by the switchmen's strike issued the following statement tonight:

"The striking switchmen are fast returning to their former positions and it is the intention of the railroads to allow them to return where vacancies exist. It should be understood, however, that the new employes will not be displaced to make room for the men who obeyed the strike order.

"That the railroads hold no ill feeling against the strikers is best indicated by (Continued on Second Page.)

WOMEN HOLD BOARDS TODAY

Leaders Among Club Women of Five States Will Discuss Social Life in the Country.

WILL BE A NOTABLE OCCASION

Program Outlined for Woman's Day Full of Promise.

PRESIDENT DIAZ GIVES GREETING

Formality of Opening Began by President Wattle's Address.

VISITORS ARE BEGINNING TO COME

American Society of Agronomy to Meet Today—Wednesday is to Be Devoted to Corn Association.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

10:00 a. m.—Round table discussion on "Social Life in the Country," led by state presidents of the Iowa, Kansas, Illinois and Nebraska Federations of Woman's clubs; Mrs. W. G. Wattle's, president of the economic department of affiliated Agricultural Societies of Nebraska, presiding.

1:30 p. m.—Concert, Mexican National band.

2:00 p. m.—Music hall.

Mrs. F. M. Cole, president of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's clubs, presiding.

"The States' Aid; Woman's Clubs," Mrs. Frances D. Everett, president of the Illinois Federation of Woman's clubs.

"Good Citizenship as Influenced by Home Training," Mrs. Julian H. Richards, president Iowa Federation of Woman's clubs.

"Play and Playgrounds," Mrs. C. G. Goddard, president Kansas Federation of Woman's clubs.

"Walls of organization," Mrs. C. G. Higbee, president Minnesota Federation of Woman's clubs.

4:00 p. m.—Concert, Mexican National band.

5:00 p. m.—Concert, Mexican National band.

Travelogue Lecture.

Other Meetings. American Society of Agronomy at Hotel Rome.

NATIONAL CORN ASSOCIATION DAY. Wednesday, December 8, Music Hall.

9:30 a. m.—Henry Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer, presiding.

"Progress of Organized Agriculture," testimony as offered by the various state vice presidents of the National Corn association, regarding the development and work of organizations promoting corn and small grain improvement in their respective states.

1:30 p. m.—Music hall.

Conservation of Our Soil. Cyril G. Hopkins, professor of agronomy, University of Illinois.

2:00 p. m.—"Soil Fertility and Live Stock," Joseph E. Wigg of the Breeders' Gazette.

4:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National band.

8:00 p. m.—Concert by Mexican National band.

Travelogue lecture, "Across the Pacific, at Honolulu and Through Japan," G. W. Wattle.

OTHER MEETINGS. American Society of Agronomy at Home Hotel.

American Breeders' Association at Home Hotel.

The first night of the third annual National Corn exposition became an occasion of rare beauty through the striking effect of the brilliant illumination of the city streets reflected down vistas of snow-covered buildings and pavements. The dazzling glow of white and ruby lights, caught by the tiny crystals of frost, was shimmered back and reflected in prismatic halos about each center of radiance. It was a fairyland highway which connected the glowing downtown district with the exposition grounds.

Within the exposition hall was bright and merry, too. The big show had begun and the spirit of the great agricultural event of the west asserted itself.

The afternoon program comprised the formal speeches opening the exposition. Last night there was nothing more serious than the first of the regular evening concerts by the Mexican National band.

Today will be "woman's day" at the exposition. At a round table discussion of the life of woman in the country one of the most notable and momentous gatherings of western club women will be held. Mrs. F. H. Cole, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. W. G. Wattle, president of the home economics department of the affiliated agricultural societies of Nebraska; Mrs. Frances D. Everett, president of the Illinois federation; Mrs. C. G. Goddard, president of the Kansas federation; Mrs. Julian H. Richards, president of the Iowa federation; and Mrs. C. G. Higbee, president of the Minnesota federation, will be among the prominent club women who will take part in the affairs of the day. Never before in the history of the organization of women's clubs has such a representation been gathered together. The women are highly enthusiastic. They expect to do much toward solving the problem of the farmer's wife in her frequent lack of social life.

Governor Shafroth will probably arrive this morning and will make an address during the exposition.

The call of the land and the demand for farms as a result of economic conditions was the message of a speech delivered by Gordon W. Wattle's, president of the exposition, who led the program Monday afternoon. Mr. Wattle urged the importance of the furthering of scientific methods in agriculture that all the territory now being cultivated be made available for the homes of the nation's growing agricultural class. He spoke in passing terms of what the corn show has done for the wealth of Nebraska alone, adding that there was yet much to be gained.

Mayor Dahman gave an address of welcome in which he complimented the people who have brought the annual corn show into such successful being.

"There is nothing that could give Omaha more pride than the magnitude of showing made here. It is the source of a great degree of pleasure to me as a citizen and official of our city to realize that it has become the home of an affair of such tremendous importance to the nation, to the farmers of all the world, to the commerce of all the world."

"The officers of the exposition are to be complimented in their selection, and every exhibitor, no matter how small his part in the show, must, too, be encour-

Congratulations from President Diaz



PORFIRIO DIAZ, President of Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Mexico, November 25, 1909.

Mr. C. C. Rosewater, Chairman Executive Committee, National Corn Exposition, Omaha, Neb., U. S. A.

Esteemed Sir: I have always believed that Omaha, the beautiful Gate City of Nebraska, with its exceptional geographical situation on the Missouri, and the magnitude of its commerce and its industries, with its extensive railroads for marketing agricultural products in the East, will, in a short time, be one of the greatest cities in North America.

The exposition of 1898 has shown to the World the importance of the rich state of Nebraska, and I compliment the organizers of the present exposition and cordially wish for new triumphs and a brilliant future. I assure you,

I am your servant and friend,

Porfirio Diaz

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