

## SOCIETY SEES CONGRESS OPEN

### BRIEF SESSION IS WITNESSED BY PACKED GALLERIES

#### CLERK AND SHERMAN EACH PRESIDE AT THE FUNCTIONS

#### Committees Appointed to Wait Upon President Taft and Committees Draft Resolutions of Condolences—Galleries Crowded with Interested Spectators—Quorums Present.

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the thump of an ivory handled gavel in the good right hand of Speaker Champ Clark and the polite tapping of his desk by Vice President Sherman, the first session of the 62nd congress opened for business at precisely 12 o'clock today.

Galleries were as usual filled to the limit with spectators. Feminine relatives of the members and lights of society made a splendid display of the latest in winter fashions. Gay gowns provided especially for this occasion and for society functions to follow. About 85 per cent of the members observed the custom of statesmen by wearing brand new suits.

For Washington it was the annual gala day, second only to inauguration day, and the townspeople awakened from the lethargy of vacation time. Hotels and rooming houses have been for weeks in a disordered state from the activities of plumbers, paper hangers, painters and scrubwomen. The approaching arrival of nearly 500 statesmen, an army of employees and the crowd of smooth-looking gentlemen in constant attendance throughout sessions of congress, behooved the commercial hosts to make alluring quarters for prospective guests.

On the floors of the senate and house, members were busy shaking hands with one another felicitating their friends and other survivors of the torrid special session of last summer. In striking contrast to the reunion of a year ago there was an absence of gloom. Then, it was that about 125 members of the senate and house came from the November battles, wherein they were shot from their perches in the halls of fame. Today they were in aerial spirits, beaming and cheerful. Later scores of them will prance through the stately halls of the capitol with wrinkled brows and nerves on edge as they look forward to the elections of next year. Records made during the session will boost or blast the ambitions of all the members of the house and of 31 senators who will be returned or dropped out by the sovereign citizen when he goes to the polls next November.

#### House Session Important.

Confronted with the weightiest questions of public policy, the democratic house of representatives met, to prepare itself for what promises to be one of the most important sessions of congress in the last half century.

With a prospective candidate for the presidency, Champ Clark, at the speaker's desk, the house came to order at noon, the floor filled with a fair attendance of both democrat and republican members. The right side of the center aisle, where the democrats sat, was well filled, and the republican side of the house was besprikled with members of the minority.

With the tariff legislation and the anti-trust law widely agitated, a strenuous session for the lower body of the national legislature is assured.

Minority Leader "Jim" Mann, of Illinois, took his place at the left of the dividing center aisle without ostentation but with a serious air that betokened trouble from the majority. Crowded galleries greeted Champ Clark with a round of applause as he ascended the rostrum to call the first meeting of the session to order. He bowed to the right and left, nodding pleasantly to his friends on the floor as he pounded the marble desk with his gavel. A hush fell over the chamber as the chaplain of the house, the Rev. Henry N. Couden arose to pray.

The blind chaplain implored the blessing of the Almighty upon the gathering, its accomplishments and its aims, a hush fell upon the crowd. At the conclusion of the prayer Speaker

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## DARROW IMPLICATED IN BRIBERY ASSERT RUMORS

### Wife of Juror Bain Confesses To Having Received Money--Many Arrests Are Forthcoming

Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—Investigation into the dynamite cases growing out of the McNamara case by the United States authorities has uncovered the most damnable plot ever entered into in this country," said United States District Attorney Miller, today. "The time has arrived when such unsafe leaders as Gompers must be retired. Destruction of life and property must cease. The people will know all the facts at the proper time."

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—District Attorney Fredericks expects another bribery confession today. If not, there will be another arrest. Fredericks said that Juror Bain, whose wife accepted a bribe in his behalf, would not be arrested at the present time.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—That Clarence Darrow, the chief counsel for the defense in the McNamara case, is to be arrested on a charge of bribing jurors was the report circulated by those near the prosecution. Today Fredericks said: "I haven't any intention of arresting Darrow—as yet."

When asked direct if he would arrest Darrow, Prosecutor Fredericks declined to talk further.

"Do you intend to arrest Darrow for bribery?" was asked.

"I wouldn't tell if I could," snapped Fredericks.

"Have you any evidence against Darrow for bribery?"

"I won't answer that."

It is believed negotiations are progressing to end the bribery scandal as the business men are of the opinion that Los Angeles is getting too much free advertising of the sort they don't want. It is almost certain that the McNamaras will be sentenced tomorrow. James will get life and John J. will draw about 14 years. It is reported that the McNamaras will tell only about themselves and wont "turn state's evidence" and implicate others.

#### Juror's Wife Confesses.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—With detectives guarding the home of one of the permanent jurors in the McNamara case, who was bribed, it is alleged, and with Mrs. Robert Bain, wife of another permanent juror, having turned over \$500 to District Attorney Fredericks which she alleged was paid her as "earnest money" on a \$5,000 bribe to influence her husband to save McNamara, interest in the case centered today on the bribery developments. The Franklin case, scheduled for the court today, was postponed a week and it is reported he would then plead guilty to a minor phase of the case and be given leniency.

Fredericks absolutely denied that pressure from big business sources who wished to influence the city election tomorrow had anything to do with the case. It is intimated that one of the biggest lawyers for the defense might be arrested soon for implication in the bribery.

"I know nothing of the matter but I am here if the district attorney wants me," said Clarence Darrow.

Juror Bain said: "My wife told all to the district attorney. I cannot say at this time how much I know of the matter. She can speak for herself."

#### Woman Near Prostration.

Mrs. Bain said: "I told the district attorney everything. I'm so broken up over it all, I can hardly think. It is terrible. The world will never understand."

She said after Bain was drawn as a juror she was worried almost to death by detectives. "I cannot say how it happened," she said, concerning why she had accepted the bribe. She denied that Franklin had offered her money.

In Justice Young's court, Gage positively asserted that Franklin was innocent when asking for a continuance of the case.

Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—Every person even remotely connected with the Mc-

Namara is under surveillance today of United States agents, who, armed with Federal Attorney Miller's evidence, are preparing to arrest those believed guilty. It is said at least nine men will be arrested soon.

Among the charges are: Conspiracy against the federal laws; illegal shipping without permit; and the use of the mails by persons who knew the McNamaras were guilty, to solicit funds.

#### President of Union Missing.

The whereabouts of Frank Ryan president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers of which McNamara was secretary, is the cause of much speculation. Employees at the headquarters of the union here say they haven't heard a word from him since he went to the American Federation of Labor convention at Atlanta. Ryan is due at the end of this week when the executive board will consider the pleas of the McNamaras.

#### Would Aid Families.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The unions here are suggesting that the McNamara fund be turned over to families of the 21 victims of the Times explosion. The idea originated in the government printing office.

#### Arrests Coming Soon.

Cleveland, Dec. 4.—"Watch out for arrest any hour," is the word sent out by the National Erectors' association, following a conference today between H. B. Brady, secretary of the association, and Detective Burns who arrived this morning.

#### King and Queen Receive.

Bombay, Dec. 4.—King George and Queen Mary are busy today paying state visits to the exhibition receiving the native princes. The little princes were permitted to kiss the royal hand and were given a few gracious words while the big ones were allowed time to chat and received presents and decorations.

#### Progressive Movement of Engineers.

New York, Dec. 2.—Members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers from all over the United States and from several foreign countries will meet here this week to perfect plans for the most progressive movement ever undertaken by any engineering organization. More than 40 committees are being appointed, each one of which is to investigate some particular industry and thus permit the society to serve it for the betterment of social and industrial conditions. Aside from the betterment to the industrial world from the introduction of standardized and more economical methods, it is expected that this movement will aid greatly in bringing the engineering profession into a share of that prominence and leadership now largely held by men in other walks of life. The sessions of the meeting will begin tomorrow and continue until Saturday. Dr. A. C. Humphreys, president of Stevens institute and also president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will preside.

## CRAIG ASSAULT ON CHUM COMES INTO JUSTICE COURT TODAY

George Craig was placed on preliminary hearing this afternoon before Justice Williams to answer for his assault on James Slack, an intimate friend, whom he nearly killed in an assault in the boiler room of the Amalgamated Sugar company factory some time ago. Craig, it was said, was drunk and had gone to the factory to wreak vengeance on some men and when his old-time friend, Slack tried to prevent any disturbance he was set upon, witnesses say, and was

### THE LESSON FOR TODAY.



—Rogers in New York Herald.

## WEBB PORTRAIT HANGS IN LODGE

### FIRST NOBLE GRAND AN HONORED GUEST SATURDAY NIGHT.

#### Ex-State Treasurer Webb Presents the Local Lodge With Life-Size Portrait

More momentous than any gathering held by the Odd Fellows' lodge in La Grande was the annual roll call session last Saturday night whereat a life size painting of Uncle George Webb of Pendleton was presented to the lodge as a gift by Mr. Webb. Anxious to find a safe and permanent abode for which the ex-state treasurer posed before a German artist in Portland 24 years ago, Mr. Webb concluded to present the La Grande lodge of Odd Fellows with the valuable piece of art and choosed the roll call night as the most fitting occasion to bestow the gift. Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative H. E. Coolidge made the presentation speech in his characteristic impressive manner and the gratitude of the lodge toward Mr. Webb was expressed by others as well.

#### Was First Noble Grand.

The gift is especially prized because Mr. Webb was the first noble grand of the La Grande lodge. This was in 1867 when the charter was granted and the lodge lived in cramped circumstances before it attained size and prestige. The struggle the original membership went through was aptly told in a stirring address by "Uncle" George Saturday night.

In his presentation speech Mr. Coolidge brought out some interesting facts about Mr. Webb, about the lodge here and historical facts in general: George W. Webb was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 4, 1824. His family moved to Hannibal,

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## "MYSTERY MAN" FACES HIS FATE

### FAR-FAMED INSURANCE CASE TO BE HEARD.

#### Kimmel Trial Is Singular in Many Phases and Scope.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—The celebrated case of George A. Kimmel, "the man of mystery," is to have an airing in the courts again this week. In the federal court here today the suit brought by Kimmel's heirs and other interested parties to recover the amount of a policy held by the missing man in the New York Life Insurance company was called for trial. This will be the second trial of the case. In the first trial the jury disagreed, being unable to determine to their own satisfaction whether Kimmel was dead or alive. Since the first trial there have been some new and interesting developments and it is believed that the present trial may solve the mystery that has puzzled the people of half a dozen states for nearly 15 years.

The Kimmel case is among the most singular in this country, involving the identity of a man supposed to be dead. George A. Kimmel was born in Miles, Mich., in 1867. After receiving his education in the public schools he entered the employ of his uncle, Chas. A. Johnson, as a bank clerk. Later he engaged in real estate and investments in Omaha, and still later he became cashier of the Farmers' State bank at Arkansas City, Kas. He was president of various corporations which owed money to his uncle's bank and other banking institutions.

In July, 1898, while cashier at Arkansas City, Kimmel went to Topeka to have some bonds redeemed. From Topeka he went to Kansas City. Realizing he could not reach Kansas City before the close of banking hours, he telephoned his bank correspondent to have \$530.20 brought over to the Midland hotel. He arrived at the hotel and the cashier handed him the currency. Immediately after he left the hotel and from that hour he has never been seen alive, according to the declaration of his relatives and intimate acquaintances.

The Kimmel family attempted to collect insurance after the seven-year period, after which a missing man is presumed to be dead. Kimmel, three months before his disappearance, had taken out insurance to the value of about \$25,000. At the time of his disappearance, according to evidence introduced at the first trial of the insurance suit, Kimmel owed nearly \$45,000, which has since been made good.

In the meantime the insurance company discovered a man in the asylum

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## PROVISIONAL HEAD ELECTED

### HUNG HSIN DEFEATS LI FOR HIGHEST OFFICE

#### NANKING CAPITAL OF NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

#### General Li Is Vice President—National Cabinet Also Selected During an Armistice That Lasted for Three Days—Thirteen Out of the Eighteen Provinces Represented.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—At a provisional revolution government meeting here today Nanking was selected as the capital of the proclaimed republic. The meeting elected Huang Hsin president and General Li vice president. Thirteen of the 18 provinces were represented. A national cabinet was also selected.

#### Armistice Is in Effect.

Tokio, Dec. 4.—Counselor Matsui of the foreign office, left Tokio for Peking hastily today to confer with Minister Ijūin regarding the possible Japanese intervention in China during the three days' armistice from Sunday agreed upon at Wu Chang, England, Russia and France support Japan and they believe that peace is likely soon.

#### RACE WAR BREAKS OUT.

#### Governor of Oklahoma to Be Asked to Send Troops to Scene

Manford, Okla., Dec. 4.—Following the deaths of two whites and two negroes in a race battle here, a petition to the governor asking that troops be called out, is in circulation. The negroes are reported to be arming, and another fight is feared. The latest trouble is the result of the efforts of two negroes to hold up whites.

#### PACKERS FILE DEMANDS.

#### Appear Before Supreme Court With Petition for Release.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Attorneys for the Armour and nine other Chicago packers, charged with criminal conspiracy under the Sherman law, today filed a motion in the United States supreme court, asking for a review of the habeas corpus proceedings, entered in their behalf in the United States circuit court in Chicago.

#### Wolter Appeal Comes Up.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 4.—The appeal of Albert W. Wolter from his conviction of murder in the first degree of Ruth Wheeler in New York came up for argument before the court of appeals today. Wolter has been an inmate of the death house at Sing Sing prison the past 18 months. His crime which was committed on March 23, 1910, was of an unusually brutal and fiendish nature and created a great sensation at the time. According to the evidence given at the trial he lured his victim, a girl of 15 years, to his rooms on the pretext that he wanted to hire her as a stenographer. After making a criminal attack on the girl he is alleged to have strangled her to death and then dismembered and partly burned her body, which was later discovered in the fireplace.

#### Alleged Wife Slayer on Trial.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 4.—The case of Louie Coffman, which was brought here on change of venue from McKinney, was called for trial today before Judge Jones of the Fifteenth District court. Coffman is charged with killing his wife at their home near Melissa about two years ago. His first trial was held at McKinney and resulted in a verdict of guilty and a sentence to death. Later the court of criminal appeals reversed the case.

#### Fair Managers in Session.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—The annual meeting of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions began in this city today and will continue over tomorrow. The association membership comprises the managers and directors of many of the leading state and provincial fairs of the United States and Canada.