

BILLS IN POLITICS

Congress Will Have a Very Busy Session.

FEW NEW LAWS PROBABLE

Appropriation Measures Will Take Up Much Time.

RIVERS AND HARBORS SAFE

Senate Will Probably Adjourn Monday Out of Respect to Hanna and Hear, and President's Message Will Go In Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—On the stroke of 12 Monday, the second session of the 58th Congress will be called to order by President Roosevelt in the Senate and by Speaker Cannon in the House. When the gavel of the presiding officers summon the Senators and Representatives to duty nearly every member will be in his seat, but only routine business will be transacted.

The President's message generally is received and read the first day, but the Senate is punctilious in certain matters and is almost sure to adjourn on Friday in the Senate and by Speaker Cannon in the House. When the gavel of the presiding officers summon the Senators and Representatives to duty nearly every member will be in his seat, but only routine business will be transacted.

There is plenty to do. After the opening day, when the message of the President is read, the regular business of the session will begin and the legislative wheels will grind steadily until March 4, 1905. There is plenty to do. The calendar of both Houses is loaded with bills of all kinds; hundreds of new bills will be introduced and committees are ready to report enough to keep Congress busy for 12 months. But in the three months Congress probably will do little more than pass the regular annual appropriation bills.

There has been some talk of a possible extra session. The only reason why such a session should be called is because there is a demand in certain quarters for a revision of the tariff. It is not likely that the incoming Congressmen during the past two weeks have made it plain they do not want tariff revision and further that they do not want an extra session.

There is one feature of the tariff revision talk that has some substance. More revenue must be had, or there must be a curtailment of expenditures. With the increasing annual appropriations for the harbor bill, increase of the Navy, the Panama Canal and other features of extraordinary disbursement, there will be need of more money than present customs and internal revenues provide. An intimation has been made that curtailment will satisfy many Congressional leaders, but the majority may determine otherwise, in which event some revenue legislation may be necessary, and an extra session for that purpose may be called. But this is said to be a remote contingency and the probability, according to the leaders who are here, are that there will be neither tariff legislation nor an extra session.

Coupled with tariff legislation discussion is the subject of reciprocity. A number of proposed reciprocity treaties have been and still are reported in the pigeon holes of the Senate. During the coming three months there may be some talk about these treaties, but no indication is given 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.

Bills for Philippines. The unfinished business in the Senate is a bill passed by the House providing for the construction of railroads in the Philippine Islands by a guarantee of 5 per cent income upon the money invested in such roads. The bill also provides for issuing Philippine bonds for other internal improvements in the islands, and in several other parts of the bill provides for Philippine laws passed by Congress. The bill met with a great deal of opposition during the last Congress, but Senator Lodge, who has it, is determined to press it through from the beginning of the session, and hopes to secure its passage.

Another bill for the Philippines, which has not yet been reported to the Senate and the President, as well as nearly every one interested in the Philippines, provides for a material reduction of the duty on sugar and tobacco as well as other Philippine products. In fact free entry of these products has been recommended. The sugar and tobacco interests were strong enough in the past to defeat any substantial reduction, and the law provides for a duty of 75 per cent of the Dingley rates. A demand for a reduction to 25 per cent has been quite frequently presented to Congress.

It is somewhat doubtful if a vote will be reached in the Senate in the case of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah. A score or more of witnesses are to be examined, and the defense has not even begun, so that it is evident that before a report is made to the Senate the session will be adjourned. No serious attempt will be made to reach a vote upon Senator Smoot's title.

The last session passed a bill providing for a commission composed of five Senators and five Representatives to investigate and report a measure for restoring the merchant marine of the United States. The commission was instructed to report on the first day of the coming session, and it is expected that this will be done.

Chinese Exclusion. Some doubt exists among the members of both Houses as to whether additional Chinese exclusion legislation is necessary. It has been held that the law would expire this month, and it was founded upon a treaty which also expires. A new treaty is being negotiated, and an exclusion law must be passed before the present law expires. The people of the Pacific Coast have been insisting upon more rigid exclusion than that known as the Platt law, and if the question is brought up there will be quite a long debate.

Currency legislation will be talked about, but it probably will not be enacted. A number of bills are pending before committees, but no one has shown any particular desire to have them passed. Reduced representation in Southern States which have by one form or another disfranchised negroes, will be a theme of discussion, but that action, during the winter. It is well understood that to bring about anything like a reduced representation would require much more time than a three months session of Congress which expires by limitation.

The trusts will receive attention, at least in debate, although some doubt is expressed about any effective legislation being passed. Following a campaign in which the trusts were made a vital issue, it is natural to expect that there must

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St. Petersburg Fears Rennenkampff Will Suffer.

HOTLY PURSUING JAPANESE

Many Passes Have Been Captured—Enemy Falls to Show Its Old-Time Form, Owing Probably to the Cold Weather.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3. A. M.—The situation of the armies below Mukden is again attracting attention, but the movements in progress are very puzzling. The War Office is inclined to reticence.

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There was a heavy bombardment today along the Russian center and right, which might indicate that General Kuropatkin is preparing to assume the offensive.

It is the general opinion in military circles that the present situation cannot continue much longer, but it is argued that a frontal attack against fortified positions along the Shakhe River is bound to be disastrous to whichever side attempts it. Any serious advance, to be successful, it is believed at the War Office must be accomplished by a well-strategized turning movement, as the armies are too close for tactical flanking operations.

Among some of the best-informed officers a suspicion is being heard, that Oyama is trying to work Kuroki around east of Shitsinlin, with a view to striking the Russians above The Pass, with the object of making a decisive coup, but no positive evidence of such a move has yet appeared.

RUSSIANS HOPE TO ESCAPE. Seamen at Shanghai Would Pilot the Ships Over Mine Fields.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, it is stated in that city that the officers and crew of the Russian torpedo-boat Rostoropy hope to escape from Shanghai in time to reach one of the vessels of the Baltic squadron in order to pilot the fleet through the mine field in the harbor of Port Arthur. The general opinion prevails that if these Russian officers and men make good their escape, Japan will raise a protest of such force and vehemence that China will be placed in an extremely awkward position.

RUSSIAN MOVE A SLY ONE. Engagement is Avoided.

TOKYO, Dec. 2.—The following was given out at the imperial headquarters this afternoon: "The commander of the Japanese forces at Hsien Chung reports that on November 29 a detachment of our force attacked the enemy's position at Suchialoutsu and dislodged him, but discovering a large column of the enemy advancing from the rear our forces stopped and occupied Machcheng and its vicinity. In the forenoon of November 30 some artillery appeared in the direction of Siatzen and Wanliu River, and in the afternoon the enemy was gradually reinforced from the rear to three or four battalions of infantry and eight guns. Our detachments avoided an engagement, rejoining our main position."

JAPAN COMPLAINS TO SPAIN. She Holds Russians Should Not Have Coaled at Vigo.

MADRID, Dec. 2.—Japan has made official complaint to Spain regarding the attitude of the Spanish government in permitting vessels of the Russian Pacific squadron to coal and victual at Vigo. The Japanese Minister today admitted that he had recently made representations on the subject, and said he had submitted Spain's reply to Tokio. At the Foreign Office it is stated that Spain's reply explained the situation and took up the position that Spain observed the strictest neutrality. The Japanese Minister says he has not received further instructions since forwarding the reply.

RUSSIANS BURN DEPOTS AND RETREAT. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—Dispatches received from Mukden today say that General Rennenkampff's force on No-

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If we were to tell the exact truth about the value of this special it would seem like exaggeration—therefore we confine ourselves to a description: Men's natural merino Underwear of medium weight—shirts have ribbed skirts and silk fronts; drawers, self-bands, double gussets, suspender tapes and pearl buttons also; same in heavier weight.



Underwear Special at \$1.23

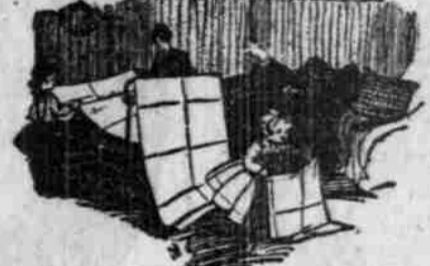
Men's natural wool and camelhair Underwear, made like the above, on sale today at the remarkably low price of \$1.23. Equal to the best elsewhere sorts at \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Boxed Kerchiefs

We offer today in our handkerchief store 500 boxes, six in a box, of Women's Handkerchiefs; some are plain hemstitched pure linen, some embroidered and hemstitched pure linen, some Swiss with hemstitched and scalloped edges, some are lace trimmed. Boxes are decorated with views of Mount Hood, Onoia's George and other noted Oregon views—just the thing to send East for Christmas; very extraordinary value at 98c box.

Warmer Bedding Is Needed

Pendleton Indian Blankets, Handsome and Warm, \$5.50. Eiderdown Comforts, Big Values at \$8.50 to \$35.00.



Warm Hosiery

AT 50c—Women's pure Cashmere Hosiery, full fashioned, high-spliced heels, double sole. AT 35c—Women's black worsted, fine-ribbed Hosiery, gray merino heels and toes. AT 25c—Women's plain and ribbed Wool Hosiery.

\$6.50 White All-Wool Blankets \$5

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Dolly Lined

A half-dozen items picked at random from our absolutely unmatchable doll stock—they strike the keynote of the entire collection. AT 75c—Unbreakable Dolls, light and dark wigs, 15-inch; real shoes and stockings. AT 50c—"Buster Brown" Dolls, including the famous dog "Tige." AT \$1.25—Rag Dolls, light and dark. Can be dressed and undressed—15-inch.

Neckwear

19c Instead 35c Women's Fancy Stock Collars of Mousseline de Soie, embroidered silk and silk with applique; great variety and great bargains. 49c Instead 75c Women's Silk Stock, with silver or gold bead embroidery, silk with gaffing and silk with applique. Fancy Lace Jabots; special, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75 each. Fancy Embroidered Mull Turnovers, 35c.



and through the North Sea without being detected, agents of the Japanese could have done likewise and placed torpedo-boats in the way of the Russian Baltic squadron.

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General Rennenkampff's troops are fighting with slightly increased activity.

Train of Sick and Wounded. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3.—The Russian siege artillery began a bombardment at noon in the region of the railway below Schlatun, a station near Shakhe. The bombardment was continued heavily throughout the afternoon. A large train of sick and wounded, part of whom were wounded in a recent small fight on the east flank, went north yesterday, indicating that the Russians were preparing for imminent casualties.

Second Russian Army Arrives. LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Daily Telegraph's Harbin correspondent, under date of December 2, says: "The greater part of the Manchurian second army has already arrived. It is in splendid condition. General Gripenberg is expected tomorrow en route to the front."

American Boats Tested. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—Two American submarine boats have passed a very successful test at Cronstadt and will be shipped immediately to Vladivostok by rail.

Nixon Not Sending Men to Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—The report which has reached here that Lewis Nixon, when afflicted with a hard cold, nothing is so effective as Piso's Cure, 25c.

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