

SOME EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

THE third section of the second article of the highest law of the land confers upon the chief executive the power to convene both houses of Congress on extraordinary occasions. He may even, if they disagree with respect to the time of adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper. Beyond this he cannot go. The occasions regarded as extraordinary have varied somewhat. War, present or potential, financial depression necessitating special revenue measures, stubbornness on the part of Congress at its regular session calling forth a retributive extra session, internal negotiations requiring earlier attention than that supplied by the first Monday in December, these have supplied the necessary reasons to the Presidents of the past.

President Jefferson called to special sessions during his administration of eight years. The first, that which consummated the Louisiana purchase, did what it could to facilitate the biggest real estate deal on record and cheerfully aided the President to bend the constitution to the breaking point. For a consideration of \$15,000,000 a territory now embracing thirteen States passed from France to the United States. A bargain which gave to this country some of its choicest and most productive land at an average cost of 2 cents an acre must be regarded as advantageous. Posterity in decent gratitude can find no fault with methods of reasoning by which the far-sighted statesman, Jefferson, reconciled his abstract views concerning constitutional government and his practical wisdom in carrying through an important extra constitutional measure which time and the people have completely justified.

During Jefferson's second term the Napoleonic wars led to a special session which was convened Oct. 26, 1807. Both England and France had for many weary months been assailing American commerce. The new Western nation, poor as it was, had no desire to engage in war with either of the European powers, though, as events afterward proved, the evil day was merely being held back by either conciliatory or mildly retaliatory measures, so far as England was concerned. When the English warship Leopard fired upon the American frigate Chesapeake, just outside Hampton Roads, in June, 1807, killing and wounding several Americans, men were craped in honor of the dead and cried for war. The President was, himself, deeply incensed, and at once dispatched a vessel to England to demand reparation and summoned Congress to meet in special session Oct. 26, at which time he hoped to have an answer from England. This reply did not come until the second week in December. As it was not satisfactory, the brief but momentous presidential message sent to Congress concerning the affair carried the famous embargo policy prohibiting American vessels from leaving for a foreign port under any condition. American sailors were to be protected by being kept safely in American harbors, while France and England were to be punished by being deprived of American goods. Ten years before this special session called to consider England's treatment of American sailors, John Adams had in the first year of his administration called a special session of Congress to meet May 15, 1797, for the purpose of supporting his policy toward France. Madison inherited the foreign troubles which had exasperated the people during the time of Adams and Jefferson. His first special session of Congress, convened May 22, 1800, was called to consider foreign policies. The second, which convened May 24, 1813, and lasted until Aug. 2, had to provide additional ways and means for financing the war with England.

Van Buren had as his legacy from the Jackson administration almost as fearsome a load as foreign war—a financial panic. At first Van Buren was determined to face the storm without the presence of Congress, but on May 15 he issued a proclamation calling for an extra session to meet on the first Monday of September, 1837, to consider "great and weighty matters." The stress of the times was shown in the tokens used as exchange. There were no cashiers' checks such as were used in the fall of 1907, but bits of paper were used instead of money.

March 17, 1841, William Henry Harrison issued a call for a special session of Congress to meet May 31. When it convened John Tyler, through Harrison's death, had succeeded to the presidency. In 1856 the regular session of Congress closed Aug. 18. The Republican House had refused to pass an appropriation bill for the army stationed in Kansas without a stipulation that the soldiers would not be used to enforce decrees of the pro-slavery Legislature of the Territory. President Pierce at once issued a call for a special session to meet Aug. 21. It was in session one week, during which the House gave way and passed the bill without stipulation.

When President Lincoln set July 4, 1861, as the day on which the extra session of the Thirty-seventh Congress should convene many criticized his judgment in selecting a date so distant from the time of his inauguration. It was called to provide ways and means for carrying on the war. In thirty-three days it passed sixty-one public and seven private bills and five joint resolutions. Its measures called out 500,000 volunteers, appropriated \$500,000,000, provided for a navy, closed the ports of seceding States, defined conspiracy against the government and provided the punishment, confiscated property used against the government and increased duties under the Morrill tariff which Buchanan had signed shortly before the close of his term. No session of Congress ever settled more momentous issues and no Congress has contained more noteworthy names.

During the Hayes administration two extra sessions were called, both for the purpose of passing appropriation bills which should have been enacted at the regular session. President Cleveland, confronted by a financial depression in 1893, as was President Van Buren in 1837, was as reluctantly forced to call an extra session to consider ways and means of relieving the prevailing conditions. Convened Aug. 7, 1893, this special session adjourned Nov. 3, after repealing the purchase clause of the silver act of 1890. The extra session of 1903 called by President Roosevelt helped to set in vogue the phrase reconstructive recess.

Starting an Endless Chain.

Both father and mother struggled valiantly to teach little Effie to repeat the letter 'A.' The child emphatically refused to pronounce the first letter of the alphabet and after many vain efforts the father retired from the fight discouraged. The mother took the little girl on her lap and pleaded with her affectionately.

"Dearie, why won't you learn to say 'A'?" she asked.

"Because, mamma," explained Effie, "des as soon as I say 'A' you an' papa will want me to say 'B.'"

No Such People.

The automobile industry has enriched the English language by a variety of terms which cannot be found in dictionaries published only a few years ago, but which are to-day household words. With one of the most common, however, a certain Massachusetts postmaster is apparently unfamiliar.

An enthusiastic automobilist who lives in Philadelphia had it in mind to tour through southern New England, and wished to make a stay of several days in one of the most interesting of

the old towns along the Massachusetts coast. He was not certain that the town contained accommodations for storing his car, and accordingly he wrote the postmaster to ask whether there were any garages there. In a few days he received this reply:

"Dear Sir: Your favor of the 12th inst. is at hand, and in reply I have to say that no person of that name gets any mail at this office. The nearest to it is a family of Gammages who live out on the Neck Road. Respectfully yours, POSTMASTER."

Something That Survived.

"It is my ambition," said the earnest young man, "to write something that will be handed down to posterity."

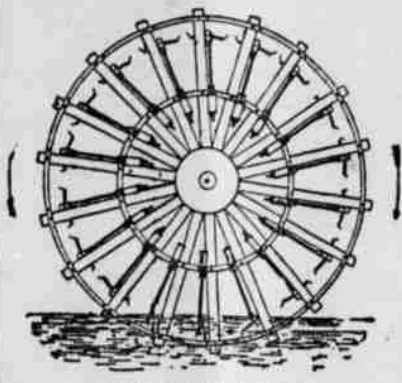
"Well," answered Farmer Cornstossel, "all I have to say is to be careful how you go about it. My grandfather wrote his name to a mortgage on this farm and it looks as if my grandchildren will have to go ahead struggling with it."—Washington Star.

A woman will keep out her best knives and forks longer for her own visiting kin than for her husband's visiting kin.

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NEW PADDLE WHEEL.

ed, when an automatic spring releases them and they assume their former inoperative position.

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There are families who reserve all their unpleasantness for meal hours; they think it a convenient occasion to discuss things that have gone awry, to trash out grievances, to dwell on disagreeable or gloomy subjects. If they but knew it they are courting dyspepsia more surely than if they indulged in mince pie or terrapin. Haven't you gone to the table ravenous with hunger to find your appetite leave you in the face of a family quarrel? Who has not felt their food heavy after a meal hour of ructions? Yet how few blame it on its real cause, which is the interruption of digestion by mental agitation. The meal hour should be the pleasantest hour in the day. It should be looked forward to rather than dreaded; and it will be if parents insist on each one being agreeable. Contribute to the family good cheer and dyspepsia will vanish.

Cheer during meals will do away with the need of digestive tablets. Make it a rule to come to the table smiling, and continue to smile, though the food does not suit you and every one else down on her luck. Your smile will prove contagious.

Good manners are desirable, but not so desirable as good health. If your child can only learn to eat well through constant nagging at meal time, better let it slip up in its table manners. Many children refuse to eat at table because their hunger is driven away by reproof. A mother once complained to her doctor that her small son had no appetite; no matter how tempting the food, he could not eat it, though he seemed hungry between meals. The physician asked to be invited to lunch, which the child ate with the family.

At the close of the meal he said: "It is not your boy's digestion that is at fault, but his mother. Let that boy's manners alone. Stop your incessant, 'Willie, your elbows.' 'Do not smack your lips.' If you think he will not shine as a gentleman without such coaching take fifteen minutes midway between meals for lessons in table breeding, but stop your nagging while he eats if you would not have a chronic dyspeptic."

Watch your table talk, keep it pleasant at any cost, learn to digest your food with laughter and fight dyspepsia with cheerfulness, and not only will your home life be happier, but you will forget that weak stomach.

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—Baltimore American.

Getting Personal.

Raggy—You don't never see me stand in a bread line!
Muggy—That's 'cause yer wife runs a clothesline.

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