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## CONGRESS HAS AGAIN ASSEMBLED

First Session of Fifty-seventh Congress Convened at Washington Yesterday.

### HENDERSON CHOSEN SPEAKER

Senate Soon Adjourns as a Mark of Respect to Late Senator Kyle—Proceedings in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The opening of the first session of the fifty-seventh congress of the United States took place today at the capitol building in Washington, D. C. The session was opened at 10 o'clock by the reading of the opening prayer by the chaplain, Rev. J. M. McQuinn. The session was then opened by the reading of the message from the president, which was read by the speaker, Mr. Henderson. The session then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

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### IN THE SENATE

Floral Offerings Made Chamber a Verdant Flower Show. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A profusion of floral offerings quite unusual in quantity, variety and beauty, today transformed the senate chamber into a veritable flower show. Almost every member of the body was the recipient of one or more of these evidences of the regard of his friends, and the atmosphere of the chamber was heavy with the odor of rare plants and blossoms. The display of chrysanthemums was notably beautiful, many of the specimens being of the choicest varieties.

Since the adjournment of the senate last spring the chamber has been redecorated and repaired. The principal features of its heavy and individuality have been retained, but they have been added to by the artistic decorations. A bright green carpet with old gold figures has taken the place of the old gold carpet and the desks and furnishings of the chamber have been notably improved. Dietrich and Millard Nebraska, Gilson, Montana, and Kittredge, South Dakota, were sworn in as senators.

Before the recess, Mr. McLaurin, of South Carolina, offered a joint resolution providing for the free admission of articles intended for exhibition at the Charleston exposition. Objection to immediate consideration was made by Mr. Hoar, who said no business should be transacted until the president had been informed that the senate was in session.

The senate took a further recess until 2 o'clock, to await the organization of the house and the appointment of its committee to wait upon the president. Senators Hale, of Maine, and Morgan, of Alabama, were appointed as the senate committee.

At 2 o'clock the senate reassembled. Mr. Gamble announced the death of the late Senator Kyle, and the senate adjourned.

Henderson Re-elected Speaker by Vote of 190 to 149. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The very handsome interior of the hall of repre-

sentatives added to the improvement of the general scene of the capitol when Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania, called the house of representatives to order at noon today. The vast chamber has been repainted, refilled and completely refurnished during the recess and many changes made for the comfort and convenience of the members and also the spectators. The floor has been elevated to a greater angle, the new mahogany desks rising thereon for making a sort of amphitheater effect.

At the conclusion of the roll call, showing its members present, Mr. Cannon, Illinois, nominated David B. Henderson, of Iowa, and Mr. Hay, of Virginia, nominated Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, for speaker. A roll call for the election then followed. The vote for speaker was: Henderson, 190; Richardson, 149; Stack, (Spe.), 1; Cummings (N. Y.), 1.

Mr. Henderson was declared elected and was escorted to the chair by the other three men voted for. He made a brief speech.

Mr. Henderson thanked the house for the expression of confidence and asked the support of all the members. The oath was then administered to him by Representative Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the father of the house, and to the speaker in turn administered to the members-elect. When the members had been sworn the formal session of the fifty-seventh congress was opened.

The previous question was ordered, and a roll call was ordered on Mr. Henderson's motion to send the vote to the committee on rules. The matter was carried by a vote of 190 to 149. The resolution was then adopted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The session of the fifty-seventh congress opened today at 10 o'clock in the capitol building. Among the measures introduced were the following:

### COUNSELS MODERATION

EYES OF THE WORLD ON GERMAN-Y SAYS VON BULOW.

Although Tariff Question Was Germany's Affair Must Keep Resolute Front to World.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Count Von Bulow, imperial chancellor, in introducing the greatest parliamentary struggle that Germany has ever faced, counseled the members of the Reichstag to moderation of language in discussing the tariff bill declaring that "the world were upon them. Although this was Germany's affair, said Von Bulow, it was necessary to maintain a resolute front to other nations of the world.

Although was made to the United States in the course of today's debate on the subject and the name "American" is likely to be yet more freely used by both sides to the controversy, which is making Germany more deeply than has any other civil question since the emergence of the empire. Tariff exonerations of the United States and the possessors of American competition constitute rich mines for argument upon either side of the question.

INJUNCTION REFUSED. Decision in the Suit of Boston and Montana Co. vs. Montana Ore Purchasing Company.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 2.—The supreme court today handed down a decision in the litigation between the Boston and Montana Mining Company and the Montana Ore Purchasing Company. Some time ago Judge Clancy, of Butte, denied the motion of the Boston and Montana Company for an injunction to restrain the Montana Ore Purchasing Company from working the Pennsylvania mine, pending a decision on the ownership of the mine, by the supreme court. The Boston and Montana appealed to the supreme court and the latter today affirmed its lower court.

### STOCK EXPOSITION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The International Livestock Exposition was formally opened tonight. Mayor Harrison, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Governor Yates spoke.

## REVOLUTION NOT ENTIRELY ENDED

General Alban Thinks Insurgents in Interior Will Continue the Struggle.

### SATISFIED WITH TREATY

Says Colombian Government Does Not Require Foreign Aid to Maintain Free Transit Across Isthmus.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Herald's London, Colombia correspondent cables as follows:

Your correspondent has obtained an interview with General Carlos Alban, Governor of Panama and commander of the military and naval forces of the isthmus, regarding the situation. When General Alban was asked if he could now maintain free transit on the isthmus, he replied:

"Colombia does not require foreign aid to maintain free transit across the isthmus. Within nine days we have recaptured Colon and have killed or taken prisoners the troops which occupied that port."

"We feel satisfied with the terms of the treaty executed in Colon" was added.

The terms of the treaty were those arranged in July of last year when the revolutionists surrendered at Panama. I must say, however, that many of these same rebels have again taken to arms against the Colombian government.

"Is your attitude toward the revolutionist seriously an end?" "Not yet," replied General Alban emphatically. "There are still several bands of insurgents in the interior of the department of Panama. These bands will soon be crushed."

One of the two revolutionist generals on the isthmus, Espinosa Diaz, has already been defeated. We are now going to defeat the other insurgent general, Pizarro Ferraz, who capitulated last year.

Diaz has a strong personal following. He has Porras. This condition of affairs clearly shows that the Colombian nation has in prospect should the liberals ever triumph. When the liberal party overthrew Colombia there were 15 revolutions in 20 years."

News has reached Colon that a committee of the insurgents several days ago demanded that Rivas del Toro should surrender. It is now believed that Rivas del Toro is in the hands of the revolutionists. Colonel Barrera, who led the forces of insurgents in the field against Alban's troops has been found in the bushes in a wounded condition. He will receive his freedom and medical care in Colon. The government will send troops into the interior of the department at once to operate against General Porras, whose insurgent forces General Alban is anxious to crush.

### PANAMA QUIET.

COLON, Dec. 2.—The City of Panama continues quiet. Following General Alban's orders the Colombian gunboat Boyaca, towing a launch bearing soldiers, has left there. The destination of the expedition is reported to be Atala Dulce, from which point the government will attempt to clear the remaining bands of liberals from the department of Panama. General Porras, liberal leader, is supposed to be in the vicinity of Atala Dulce. American marines are still ashore at Panama.

### A NEW INDUSTRY.

Shipping of Christmas Trees From Maine Proving Profitable.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 2.—The Christmas tree industry has obtained an early start in Maine this year and already carloads and even vessel loads are going forward to the large cities. Only a few years ago the fir tree was looked upon as rather a nuisance in this state, because it grew as rank as burdock, crowding out better growths and was of no earthly use, save as it might be considered an ornament to the landscape. Now the fir no longer despised, is source of considerable income to hundreds of Maine's rural people and to the transportation companies as well. Last year fully 1,500,000 were sold.

### PAT CROWE.

Man Under Arrest Alleged to Be the Long Sought Kidnapper.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 2.—A special to the Butte Miner from Cascade, a small camp near here, says Fred Dawkins, a ranchman, has been shot by a man whom he claims is Pat Crowe, the kidnapper of young Cudahy, of Omaha.

## THE CONSTITUTION FOLLOWS THE FLAG

Paris Treaty of Peace Made the Philippine Islands American Territory.

### FOUR JUSTICES DISSENTING

Duty on Goods Sent From United States to Porto Rico Tax for the Benefit of Porto Ricans Themselves.

### CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

Fresh Military Burdens Would Be Intolerable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The Vienna correspondent of the London Times and New York Times says that although it is not known to a certainty what passed at the ministerial council held on Friday under the presidency of Emperor Francis Joseph, there is an uncomfortable feeling that a large sum is wasted for military purposes. The economic depression of Austria-Hungary, says the correspondent, is such that fresh military burdens would be rendered well nigh intolerable. It is not astonishing that the minister of finance is at his wits end in regard to meeting the terms of the war minister and a difficulty has arisen between them. A dissolution is probable, says the correspondent in the event of further parliamentary obstruction or the failure of the government to pass the Budget.

Both in Vienna and in Bucharest the situation inspires a good deal of concern.

### AMERICAN METHODS.

Iron Industry of Russia to Form a Trust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Odessa to the London Times and New York Times says that in view of the amelioration of the crisis in the Metallurgical industry, the Russian blast furnace and rolling mill companies are about to combine with the object of organizing and controlling the output.

### BOERS IN CAPE COLONY

### THIRTEEN COMMANDOS IN WESTERN DISTRICTS.

General French With Eight Columns Operating in Those Districts But Boers Escape.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The correspondent of the London Times and New York Times at Pretoria says there are thirteen Boer commandos, with a total force of 150 men in the western districts of Cape Colony, where the configuration of the country, the scarcity of water and the distance from the railways make the capture of the burghers difficult.

There are seven commandos in California district, two in South Sutherland, three in Northeast Piquetberg, and one in Clan William. General French is operating with eight columns in the south and east of these districts but there is nothing to prevent the Boers escaping north, where they cannot be followed indefinitely. Once the line from Beaufort West to Clan William is secured with blockhouses, says the correspondent, the fugitive commandos can be dealt with in detail at leisure. The distance from Beaufort West to Clan William, 60 miles gives a small idea of the difficulties of this task.

### DEPOSED HEIR-APPARENT.

Son of Prince Tuan No Right to Aspire So High.

PEKIN, Dec. 2.—The edict of the Dowager Empress deposing Heir-Apparent Pu Chung, says that the son of such a man as Prince Tuan has no right to aspire to be the heir-apparent and that moreover Pu Chung himself is overwhelmed with shame at his father's conduct.

### KILLING JUSTIFIED.

WALLACE, Ida., Dec. 2.—The coroner's jury found the killing of Tom Ashcroft, at Mullan last night, justifiable. The evidence showed that Deputy Sheriff Williams went up stairs in the dark, carrying a lantern, when Ashcroft opened fire, shooting three times before Williams fled.

### MINER CRUSHED.

WALLACE, Ida., Dec. 2.—Daniel Danielson, a miner, was killed in the Hunter mine yesterday by a floor with a load of rock breaking down with him.

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