



## SCENE WAS GAY

### Fifty-Eighth Congress Is In Session.

### BEAUTY IS IN EVIDENCE

### Adjourned Out of Respect to Deceased Senators Hoar and Matt Quay.

### HUNDREDS OF VISITORS THERE

### President Expected to Transmit His Message to the Fifty-Eighth Congress at Noon Today—Committees Are Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Fifty-eighth congress assembled today in a short session, that, for both houses, scarcely endured an hour, and then adjourned.

The usual confusion attending the opening day of a new session was apparent as soon as the tardy members began to arrive, and the floral tributes, greetings to friends, and all the social impediments of a "first day," delayed the opening of both houses until the noon hour.

Promptly at 12 o'clock the gavels of Senator Frye, president pro tem of the senate, and of Speaker Cannon of the house, fell, and the third session of the Fifty-eighth congress was on.

Opening prayers were by Chaplains Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale in the senate, and Rev. H. N. Couden in the house.

Following this committees were appointed in both houses to wait upon President Roosevelt and notify him that the bodies were in readiness to receive any communication he might have to offer, though it was understood that his annual message will not be presented until noon tomorrow, when both houses will convene to hear its reading.

There being no other business for the opening day, both houses passed resolutions of respect to the memories of the late Senators Quay of Pennsylvania and Hoar of Massachusetts, and an adjournment was taken as a further tribute to their memories.

The hundreds of visitors who filled the galleries and lined the corridors were mostly beautifully gowned women, and the display of hats and gowns has never been excelled in this, the most recherche of American cities.

### BANK CLOSED DOWN.

### Run of Depositors Cause of Failure—Depositors Guaranteed.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5.—A run on the German bank of Buffalo closed that institution today. The run began at the opening and the flood of excited depositors grew in volume as the rumor spread and excited depositors collected in front of the doors demanding information.

So soon as the announcement was made that the bank had closed its doors the Buffalo Clearing House Association announced, after a meeting, that it would stand by the bank and meet all demands upon it.

Later an announcement was made that President Emery and two of the directors of the German-American had resigned, and their places taken by three local men. These announcements had a cheering effect and several large deposits were returned to the bank. Small creditors, however, continued to withdraw, and at 3 o'clock nearly 100 were in line. All were paid. Superintendent Kilburn is of the opinion the bank will not resume.

### MONEY BILL PASSED.

### Chile to Have Thirty Million Passed Into Circulation.

New York, Dec. 5.—After a lively discussion, the chamber of deputies has passed the bill recently introduced proroguing the redemption of paper money until January 1910, cables the Herald's Valparaiso, Chile correspondent. The bill increases by thirty mil-

lion pesos the paper currency, which shall be issued in monthly installments. It also provides for the creation of a special fund and guarantees the total conversion of paper into gold when the time limit expires. The measure has not yet been acted upon in the senate.

### Will Resume Operations.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Officials of the International Harvester Co. say that work at the steel and the bar mills of the South Deering plant will be resumed Jan. 1. Six hundred men were laid off by the shut down Saturday.

E. J. Buffington, president of the Illinois Steel Co. today announced that the steel mills in South Chicago would be reopened in 30 days. Nearly 6,000 men are idle. They fear a cut in wages may come when operations are resumed, but President Buffington would not discuss this. The steel workers were notified several weeks ago that when their present agreement expires Jan. 1 it will not be renewed.

### ARMY FOR THE FAIR.

### Eight Hundred Immigration Agents Promise to Send People to Portland.

Portland, Dec. 5.—An army of 800 men has been secured actively to represent the Lewis and Clark centennial in territories covering nearly the entire area of the United States. These men are the immigration agents of the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific Railroad Companies who come in contact with hundreds of tourists and homeseekers every month. The agents have promised to do all in their power to induce people to visit Portland next summer, and it is expected that their efforts will bring several hundred visitors to the fair.

## ACCUSES CARNEGIE

### Oberlin Bank Fails On Two Spurious Notes.

### MRS. CHADWICK BEING HELD

### Famous Philanthropist and Financier Denies All Knowledge of the Notes for Princely Sums in Question.

Cleveland O., Dec. 5.—There were numerous developments today in connection with the tangled affairs of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, whose complicated financial status has already resulted in the closing of the Citizen's National bank at Oberlin, O.

President Beckwith and Cashier Spear of the bank were brought here from Oberlin by United States Marshal Chandler and a deputy shortly before noon, and the bank officers were later arraigned before United States Commissioner Starks. Pleas of "not guilty" were entered by both and preliminary hearing was waived. The commissioner fixed bail in each case at \$10,000, and both of the men were bound over to the grand jury. Bond was furnished late this afternoon.

That the Oberlin bank, or President Beckwith, really possessed notes to the amount of \$250,000 and \$500,000, with the name of Andrew Carnegie signed thereto, is now an established fact. That these names are forgeries is yet to be shown. District Attorney Sullivan declared today that he had in his possession a note for \$250,000 signed by Mr. Carnegie, and indorsed by C. L. Chadwick.

A widely known banker, who has requested that his name be not used, states positively that he has seen the \$500,000 note signed by Andrew Carnegie.

### Carnegie's Denial.

New York, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick is at the Holland house here tonight and three of the United States secret service men are also there, and particularly alert. A gentleman closely connected with the case says there is a strong possibility that an arrest of one closely connected with the now famous case will be made shortly.

Philip Carpenter, Mrs. Chadwick's attorney, states his client is absolutely without intent to do wrong.

Andrew Carnegie was shown a copy of the Cleveland dispatch in which District Attorney Sullivan is quoted as saying he had a note for \$250,000 signed

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## NEW YORK FIRE

### Heart of City Threatened for a Time.

### LOSS IS OVER \$250,000

### Sparks From an Automobile Start the Great and Disastrous Conflagration.

### EXPENSIVE MACHINES GO UP

### Police Reserve Required to Keep Immense Crowd From Causing Further Casualties When General Alarm Goes In.

New York, Dec. 5.—A fire that bade fair to wipe out the heart of the Metropolitan theater district, broke out late this afternoon and for some hours the fire department was taxed to its capacity to control what looked like the most disastrous fire Gotham has seen in recent years.

The fire started in an automobile garage, and the result is summed up in the injury of ten persons and the destruction of property to the amount of a quarter of a million dollars.

The fire had its origin in the efforts of a chauffeur, working on one of the automobiles, to close a bad connection in the garage on the location at West Thirty-ninth street. The sparks caused by the connection, in the vapor laden atmosphere, communicated the fire to a tank holding 100 gallons of high grade gasoline, and the resultant explosion was terrific.

Notwithstanding that the nearby stations responded at once to the alarm, and a general call was sounded, the fire spread with such rapidity that the many employes of the place in the second story could not make their escape by way of the main floor and had to leap from the second story windows. Their fright was so great that they did not await the arrival of the landing nets, and in falling on the pavement many were more or less seriously injured.

In all, there were ten big explosions, and the Metropolitan opera house and several of the large hotels in the vicinity seemed doomed. An immense crowd, attracted by the central location of the big fire, gathered, and the department found it necessary to call out the police reserves to keep the jam back and prevent further casualties.

The garage, with forty automobiles was destroyed, but there was not serious damage to the surrounding buildings owing to the protection afforded by the firewalls and the efforts of the department.

Many expensive machines of French and American make were consumed, among them several "racers" that were to have been used at Madison Square garden and elsewhere during the coming spring.

### ATHLETES INTERESTED.

### Many Schools Will Take Part in Contests at Lewis and Clark Fair.

Portland, Dec. 5.—Athletes from all over the Pacific northwest are showing a lively interest in the athletic contests which will be a feature of the Lewis and Clark centennial. H. B. Conibear, director of athletics at the University of Montana, has written that his school will send a team of ten men to take part in all the contests. The institutions which will probably be represented in the intercollegiate contests are the Universities of Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and the agricultural Colleges of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Utah and the Whitman college.

### OPPOSE SUNDAY THEATRE.

### Pastors of Elgin Disagree as to Production of a Play on Sunday

Elgin Ill., Dec. 5.—Because the Rev. J. J. McCann, pastor of St. Mary's church, advertised an entertainment by musical and monologue artists of New

York City for Sunday night, at the opera house, Mayor Hubbard instructed Marshal Younger to prevent the management from opening the doors on the grounds that such an entertainment would be in violation of the ordinance concerning Sabbath observance.

Father McCann avers that the performance will be given. Petitions praying the mayor to take the action which he has been circulated throughout the business and residence districts, and nearly all of the pastors of the city have expressed their approval.

Father McCann states that the performance will be one of the cleanest ever witnessed, and that the proceeds from the sale of seats will be turned over to the church fund.

The mayor refused to accede from his position and the performance did not take place.

### DEATH OF PIONEER.

### Henry Gist Succumbs to Long Period of Suffering Last Evening.

Henry Gist, a pioneer of the state of Oregon, and well known to Astorians, died last evening at the Parker house.

For a long time Mr. Gist had been ailing, and his malady was finally defined as cancer of the stomach. Deceased was about 66 years of age and had lived in Astoria over 30 years.

No relatives of Mr. Gist are known, nor is it known to whom he recently willed his property at Tillamook. His will was drawn a short time since, when death seemed inevitable, by Judge Bowlby, but its contents are unknown. Arrangements for the funeral obsequies are incomplete.

## LAND FRAUD FINISH

### Trial Closes Today With Prosecution's Argument.

### JURY EXPECTED TO CONVICT

### Judge O'Day Roasts the Case Presented by Government, and Takes a Fall Out of the Witnesses in the Case.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5.—The finish of the land fraud case that has occupied a jury in the federal court for so long is now in sight, and it is expected the case will go to the jury tomorrow afternoon.

Deliberation, it is thought, will be short.

Lawrence F. Pater, of Eureka, Cal., was the first speaker of the day, and it was claimed that the burden of the government in the argument had failed to make a case, and that the testimony of the principal witnesses, Montague and Heidecke, was unworthy of belief.

Judge O'Day followed Pater, prefacing his argument with a defense of himself. He then attacked the government's attempt to convict the defendants in a sarcastic vein, ridiculing the testimony and belittling the witnesses. The argument was exhaustive in detail, and covered the history of the case from its inception. When O'Day concluded court adjourned until tomorrow.

Special Prosecutor Heney will occupy the morning session, and possibly a part of the afternoon. Following this will come the charge to the jury, which it is expected will require but a short time for its verdict; those who have followed the trial hazing the opinion that conviction is a matter of course.

## MARKETS

Liverpool—December wheat. 7s 2 5-8d.

New York—Silver 59 5-8, U. P. 114 7-8, preferred 95 1-4.

Chicago—December wheat opened at \$1.09 3-4@1.10 1-4, closed at \$1.11 3-4; barley 42@51; flax \$1.15; northwestern \$1.23.

San Francisco—Cash wheat \$1.50.

Portland—Wheat export, Walla Walla, 80c; bluestem 85c; milling, Walla Walla, 82c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 87 1/2c; eastern markets, Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem 90c.

Tacoma—Wheat, bluestem, 95c; club 88c.

## JAP'S REVERSE

### Russians Prove Best of the Later Engagements.

### MACHINE GUNS' HAVOC

### Japs Go Into a Fatal Ambuscade Through Error and Heavy Loss Resulted.

### FIFTEEN HUNDRED DEAD LEFT

### Correspondent Thinks Situation of Port Arthur is Far From Being as Dangerous as Has Been Depicted.

Mukden, Dec. 5 (6 p. m.).—There is a persistent rumor, that the force of Japanese sent to turn Rennenkampp's flank, has been repulsed with great loss, the slaughter having been administered by machine gun fire, for the most part.

It is stated the Russian general awaited the forces of Oyama at the mouth of the river, captured the passes and when the Japanese threw themselves against the Russian front they found themselves in an ambuscade.

The fighting was stubbornly carried on, and when the Japanese at last retired, the Russian forces collected 500 corpses for burial, and were proceeding to the interment of the remainder when the renewed fire from the Japanese drove the rescue corps back, and the estimate is made that 1500 Japanese lay on the field when the hospital corps and the burial detachment retired.

This estimate makes no account of the wounded of the Japanese army. According to this account the Russian loss was but 30 or 40 killed and a proportionate number of injured.

### Correspondent's View.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 5.—There arrived on the Iyo Maru the afternoon Richard Barry, special war correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle with the Japanese armies before Port Arthur. Mr. Barry has been with the army of Nogi throughout the operations. He left this evening for Seattle on his way home.

Mr. Barry believes that the fall of Port Arthur is still some distance in the future. It is, of course, some little time since he left the scene, and hence he is unable to fully size up the situation at it now exists.

The taking of 203-Meter hill by the Japanese does not, according to Mr. Barry's idea, mean the inevitable fall of the stronghold. He differs from the opinion expressed that it gives absolute domination of the city. He thinks that the Japanese have still a considerable task in hand before the beleaguered stronghold submits. The garrison, he thinks within Port Arthur has been underestimated in many quarters. He expects that the Japanese will eventually take the place, but at an appalling loss.

Mr. Barry gives an interesting account of the operations before the city. The determination of the Japanese soldiers is such that it is almost impossible to hold out against them, he says. He tells of how they advanced at night, scratching with their hands a trail to conceal their movements. After spending all night in a task of this kind they would break into an assault upon the opposing trenches at dawn.

For ninety-six hours continuously these Japanese soldiers will keep up a steady attack. In point of endurance they are incomparable, he thinks.

The shells have undoubtedly played terrible havoc with the city and the ships in the harbor. He saw a shell burst on the Rotvizan which wrought such destruction that it was a surprise to all that the ship kept afloat.

Mr. Barry has been with Frederic Villiers, the artist of the London Illustrated News, during the operations. Mr. Villiers has also left the front and

will arrive on the next ship on his way arrive on the next ship on his way home.

### SLAUGHTER AWFUL.

### Jap Forces Flung Themselves on Intrenched Position.

Mukden, Dec. 5.—On the night of December 2 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Lone Tree hill in order to pave the way for an infantry attack. This fusillade was answered gamely by the Russian guns for nearly three hours, when the fire from the Russian batteries slackened, and the Japanese, imagining the Russian guns silenced, sent corps after corps against the Russian trenches, where they were met with withering volleys, and a counter charge with the bayonet. The Japanese fled after sustaining enormous losses.

On December 3 Captain Gichkoon, and Corporal Companetz, crawled close to the Japanese position, and there was a heavy fire over them all day, they completed sketches of the whole position and returned to the lines in safety.

### Theatre Cuts Prices.

New York, Dec. 5.—A reduction in prices has been announced by the management of one of the largest Broadway playhouses. Beginning Dec. 26, the best orchestra seats will be sold for \$1. This is one half the prevailing price at most of the other first class theaters in this city and the cut has aroused considerable discussion among rival theaters. When the theater was opened some years ago orchestra seats were \$2, but they were cut to \$1.50 sometime ago. Second choice seats in the lower part of the house will be sold for 75 cents and the new scale will range down to 25 cents for the gallery.

## BIG TRUST FORMED

### Telephone Business to Become a \$700,000,000 Monopoly.

### WORK OF EASTERN PROMOTER

### Independent Manufacturers of Telephone Supplies Are to be Frozen Out by the New Combination.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The Chronicle today says: A scheme which is the preliminary step to the organization of a gigantic telephone trust which, when its alleged purpose is accomplished, will involve a capital estimated at \$700,000,000 and which will put out of existence all independent telephone manufacturing companies in the country, has come to light in Chicago with the announcement that a representative of an eastern syndicate is endeavoring to obtain options on all independent factories in the city and has obtained a few.

Similar options are being sought from all the independent telephone manufacturing companies throughout the country with the object of forming a big combination of manufacturing telephone interests on about the same order as other large corporations, such as the United States Steel corporation, in order to eliminate competition in this line.

W. J. Hildans, of Chicago, who is said to represent eastern parties in the movement declared that the proposed combination had proceeded so far that there was very little doubt about its consummation.

### FAVOR RAILROADS.

### Alaskan Development to Be Urged Upon This Congress.

Seattle, Dec. 5.—Alaska operators resident in Seattle, and others interested in the development of that country, say they will urge upon congress to extend governmental aid or subsidy in the matter of railroad construction in the territory, insisting that a rider to this effect be placed upon the bill passed by the last house guaranteeing 5 per cent income upon the money invested in such enterprises in the Philippines, and which is now coming up as unfinished business in the senate.

It is claimed that the United States is in duty bound to do at least as much if not more in the matter of development for Alaska, which is American soil, as for her far eastern island possessions.