

THE PROSPECT THAT PRESIDENT TAFT'S SUGGESTIONS WILL BE ACTED UPON AT THIS SESSION

Washington, Dec. 6.—Immediately after convening the senate the oath of office was administered to Claude A. Swanson, successor to John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Joseph M. Terrell, successor to Senator Clay, of Georgia, and LaFayette Young, successor to Dolliver, of Iowa. The oath was administered by Vice President Sherman.

Congress gave respectful attention to President Taft's message, but comparatively few members are willing to concede the probability of favorable action at the present session on many recommendations contained therein. This is in view of the fact that the session will close March 4.

The message was delivered to both houses by Secretary Latta soon after noon, and the reading of the document, which was of unusual length, was begun at 12:19 in the senate. At first most of the senators listened attentively, but gradually attention ceased on the part of most of them, and those who remained in the chamber devoted themselves to the printed copies before them. This was also the case in the house.

Out of respect for the memory of four members of the house who died during the recess of congress, the senate took an adjournment at the conclusion of the reading of the president's message.

For the first time in a long while the house began business without asking divine guidance, the chaplain having been delayed by a snowstorm. The clerk was reading the journal when Chaplain Couden arrived and delivered the customary prayer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The outstanding features of President Taft's message, sent to congress today, are these: He declares it is time to legislate with reference to the regulation of corporations and to witness the effect of a vigorous execution of the laws already on the statute books. The exact limitation upon business methods imposed by the law will doubtless be made clearer by pending decisions of the supreme court.

Just at this time the president says he believes that the activities of the government, in addition to enforcement of the laws, should be directed toward economy of the administration, the enlargement of opportunities for foreign trade, the building up of home industries and the strengthening of confidence of capital in domestic investment.

Ship Subsidy
Mr. Taft recommends strongly some form of a ship subsidy to increase the American shipping, especially to South America.

Fortify Panama Canal
The Panama canal should be fortified. An appropriation of \$19,000,000 is recommended for this purpose.

Rivers and Harbors
There must be no more "pork barrel" methods in river and harbor public building bills. The latter should be based upon the report of a commission of experts. In the past congress has appropriated too much for buildings not needed, and not enough for buildings badly needed.

Recommendation for anti-injunction and federal incorporation laws is renewed.

Postage on Magazines
It is proposed that the second-class mail rates shall be readjusted so as to charge magazines a much higher rate than their advertising sections.

Various Topics
Strong representations are made for the establishment of a new banking and currency system.

Two new battleships and several auxiliary vessels are urged for the navy.

The president recommends that the coal, phosphate and oil lands and other power sites be disposed of in the future by leasing.

Estimates of Expenses
Estimates for government expenditures during the next fiscal year, which is \$2,964,887,282 less than the actual appropriations for the current year. The estimated receipts for the next fiscal year are \$2,880,000,000.

The president urges the extension of the civil service principle to the diplomatic and consular corps, and the acquisition by government of residences and offices for diplomatic officers.

The fortifications at Corregidor Island, Manila Bay, and at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, should be carried to early completion.

Progress on the Canal
Regarding the Panama canal the president says: "The progress of the work is most gratifying. It will be completed well within the time set, January 1, 1915, and within the estimated cost of \$175,000,000. The slides in Culebra offered no great reason for delay."

Failure to fortify the canal would leave the United States powerless to enforce the universal and equal use of the waterway against the desperate and irresponsible enemy, and would defeat the object of the canal in increasing the military effectiveness of the American navy. The tolls should not exceed \$1 per net ton. The president is authorized to adjust the rates as necessity arises. The government should include in the management of the canal, but to the public as well, drydocks and repair facilities, and the sale of coal, oil and other ship supplies.

Interstate railroads should be prevented from owning or controlling ships trading through the canal.

Cheaper Litigation
Regarding the courts, the president declares the crying need of the United States is cheapening of the cost of litigation by simplifying judicial procedure and expediting final judgment. The supreme court should be relieved from unnecessary appeals. The jurisdiction of the federal judges should be increased.

Recognize Peary
The president recommends that congress give some fitting recognition of the polar discoveries of Commander Robert E. Peary. The secretary of the navy suggests that Peary be made a rear admiral and placed on the retired list.

The stupendous value of the agricultural products, amounting to \$3,325,000,000 this year, indicates a good prospect for business throughout the country.

Census Work Good
The present census promises to be the best ever taken, but is not perfect.

Holt's Sarsaparilla

Acts directly and peculiarly on the blood; purifies, enriches and revitalizes it, and in this way builds up the whole system. Take it. Get it today.

In usual bottle form or in chocolate tablet called Sarsapate.

master-general, I have included in the classified service all assistant postmasters, and I believe that this giving a secure tenure to those who are the most important subordinate officers of the postmaster-general will add much to the efficiency of their offices and an economical administration. A large number of the fourth-class postmasters are now in the classified service. I think it would be wise to put in the classified service the first, second and third-class postmasters. It is more logical to do this than to classify the fourth-class postmasters, for the reason that the fourth-class postmasters are usually small and the postmasters are necessary men who must combine other business with the postmaster's duties. Whereas the first, second and third-class postmasters are paid a sufficient sum to justify the requirement that they shall have no other business, and that they shall devote their attention to their postoffice duties. To classify first, second and third-class postmasters would require the passage of an act changing the present business appointment so as to take away the necessity for the advice and consent of the senate. I am aware that this is a very important matter, and one in respect to its quasi-executive powers that is considerable, but I believe it to be in the interest of good administration and efficiency of the service. The present business appointment of postmasters out of politics; would relieve congressmen who are now burdened with the necessity of making recommendations for the persons of a responsibility that must be irksome and can create nothing but trouble. It could also result in securing greater attention in business, great fidelity and consequently greater economy and efficiency in the postoffices which they conduct.

Forest Service
I have already referred to the forests of the United States and their extent, and have urged, as I do again, the removal of the limitation of the power upon the executive to reserve lands in the forest service, which withdrawal for this purpose is now forbidden. The secretary of agriculture gives a very full description of the disastrous fires which occurred during the summer of 1910, and which have destroyed a large area of forest. A drought more intense than any recorded in the history of the West has introduced a change in the forests which makes a great increase in the danger of fire, and the importance and benefit of the plan above proposed for the treatment of the forest service, which is even more important to the happiness and comfort of the people than the elimination of instances of injustice in the tariff.

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CONVENTION WAS BEST EVER HELD IN NORTHWEST

(From Monday's Daily Guard.)

The farewell session held in the tabernacle last night closed the largest Y. M. C. A. conference ever held in the Northwest. The total registration ran to 205, or nearly twice the number that had been anticipated. Eugene, however, handled the situation in a way that will add its reputation as the "Convention city," and the resolution of thanks that was tendered by the visiting delegates for the hospitality shown was in enthusiastic words. Besides this, a unique closing scene was that at the last of the meeting. The visiting delegation joined hands and made a big circle about the Eugene Y. M. C. A. men and then sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." It was an impressive scene that the delegates will long remember when they think of the Eugene convention. At the farewell meeting Senator Enoch presided. Secretary Rhodes had charge of the meeting, however. A large number were called upon for remarks and each spoke enthusiastically of the convention.

Before this was the regular Sunday evening session. It was addressed by E. L. Shuey, a business man of Dayton, Ohio, who is interested in the Y. M. C. A. work, and is devoting much time and money toward it. In his talk he gave a brief resume of the strong points of the successful convention, and then took up a number of topics of value to the delegates. He showed the value of a college education, and then upon this showed the need of college men in modern business, where innumerable new occupations and fields of business were springing up. Each of these required the formation of a set of new business ethics for that branch, and it required Christian and educated men for this. In this growing world of commercialism there is too great a possibility for loose methods.

At the Charles A. Drum meeting in the morning there were over 1500 in the tabernacle who listened to perhaps the most remarkable address of its type that has ever been heard in Eugene.

At the boys' meeting in the afternoon the same enthusiasm was characteristic. Over 140 boys listened to a special address by R. R. Perkins, religious work director of the Portland association, whose topic was "Covering Second Base."

Railroad Notes

The quarterly dividend of the Pennsylvania railroad to be paid today, will be distributed among 64,869 shareholders, of whom nearly half, 30,327, are women. Pennsy stock is a favorite investment with widows and orphans.

A department has been organized by the Southern railway to wage war on the boll weevil in the southern states covered by its lines, with Professor P. B. Plunkett, one of the experts employed by the government in directing the fight against the pest when it was first discovered in Texas, in charge of the campaign.

Among the railways which have placed large orders for steel this fall are the Erie, 33,000 tons; Atlantic Coast line, 20,000 tons; Norfolk & Western, 20,000 tons; Louisville & Nashville, 20,000 tons; Lehigh Valley, 20,000 tons; and Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, 8,000 tons.

An inter-state commerce commission hearing will be held next week in New Orleans to consider the status of the so-called tap lines or short roads connecting with and serving as feeders to railway systems engaged in interstate transportation.

It is rumored in railway circles that the St. Louis & Southwestern, or "Cotton Belt" line, is to be taken over by the Louisville & Nashville.

During the last year the government-operated railways of Mexico showed an increase in gross earnings of over three and a half millions over the previous twelve months.

The suit against the Pennsylvania for alleged infringement of the James Pinch patent, an important improvement in electricities, filed at Pittsburgh, has been postponed until the May term of court.

As a result of a temporary truce in the disputes as to demurrage between the railroads and shippers of New England, the railways will be permitted to put into effect to-morrow all the suspended demurrage rules, except those on coal, grain and lumber and their products. These commodities will be allowed seventy-two hours free time, all others falling under the forty-eight hour rule.

By order of the inter-state commerce commission, material reduction will be made in all class rates on both east-bound and west-bound traffic destined to Nevada points, commonly to Reno, effective this week.

The Atlantic Shore line, extending from Bliddeford to York, Me., is to be sold on Thursday to satisfy the claims of the bondholders, who in September filed a petition for foreclosure under their mortgages. The proceedings are part of a re-organization plan.

Proposed increases in Missouri river rates, scheduled to become effective after tomorrow, have been indefinitely suspended until March 31 by the inter-state commerce commission. Rates on all classes of merchandise between the Ohio river and Jackson and Meridian, Tenn., have also been suspended until March.

Under the management of Receiver George K. Lowell, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railway has been put into a better physical condition than ever before, and will soon be able to hold its own.

A reference on forest fire prevention will be held this week in Brainerd, Minn., when it will be urged that railroads in the wooded sections of the country be compelled to clean their rights-of-way for fifty feet on each side of the track and to equip all locomotives with spark arresters. The buggy is somewhat damaged.

LAST SESSION OF SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS CONVENES FOR THREE MONTHS OF WORK

Washington, Dec. 5.—Both houses of congress convened today for the third and last session of the sixty-first congress.

The galleries were crowded and there was a good attendance of Senators and representatives. Speaker Cannon was given a remarkable ovation when he took up the gavel to announce the opening of the session of the house. The applause lasted several minutes, and the Democrats joined the Republicans in acclaiming the veteran legislator.

Representative Cham Clark was also given a similar ovation when he entered, immediately on the conclusion of the prayer, the Democrats holding him as the speaker of the next house.

Both houses adjourned immediately after the formal assembling, calls of roll and adoption of a resolution.

The opening was of more than usual interest and importance because in three months it will expire by constitutional limitation, and control of the house will be surrendered to the Democratic party. Early work on the appropriation bills has cleared the way for prompt consideration on those measures on the floors of the two houses.

President Taft's demand for an appropriation for the fortification of the Panama canal will be taken up during the short session, but it may be stated on good authority that it will be met with determined opposition from influential congressmen, headed by James M. Tawney, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, and backed up by Congressman Bartholdt, of St. Louis, the "friend of peace" and Representative Bennett of New York.

The message the president strongly urges the necessity for fortifications at the canal zone. He will have the cooperation of most of the Pacific coast and southern congressmen, while a majority of the members from inland states will join Tawney and the opposition. On the ship subsidy measure there will be practically the same alignment of forces. The president is thoroughly convinced of the urgent necessity for such a provision for encouraging the building of an American merchant marine, and has expressed his ideas in no uncertain language. He believes that a knowledge that most of the arguments against such a subsidy are spread by the press agents and foreign lobbyists of the foreign steamship trust, which has become rich and powerful from American commerce, will go far toward disarming the opposition.

Among other recommendations of the president which congress will be asked to consider during the short session are the following:

Additional conservation legislation and legal regulations for the opening up of government oil, coal, phosphate and mineral lands and the water power sites.

Workmen's compensation and liability laws, based upon a report of the congressional commission.

A further appropriation to put the postal savings bank act into general effect all over the country.

Reforms in the government of Alaska, giving the people of the territory a greater influence in the conduct of local affairs.

An appropriation to continue the work of the tariff board.

Establishment of a bureau of public health, through the consolidation of the bureaus now concerned in the protection of health.

Reforms in the criminal court, and an anti-injunction law, framed along lines previously recommended by the president.

Aside from the federal corporation law, the president will recommend no additional legislation dealing with the government regulation of corporations, until after the re-hearing in the tobacco trust and Standard Oil cases by the supreme court, set for next month. If the decision is announced in time, the president may send a special message to congress, on this subject, but this is unlikely.

LOSS BY FOREST FIRES LARGE IN THREE STATES

Spokane, Dec. 5.—The Western Forestry and Conservation association met here today in semi-annual session to devise ways and means for the better protection of the forests from fire. E. T. Allen, forester of the association, reported that the fires of last summer in Washington, Oregon and Idaho destroyed three billion of privately owned timber. About one half of this can be saved by prompt logging.

The association spent \$667,000 in fighting fires in the three states.

A large number of rumors were started over the attempted suicide of the young Porto Rican cook last evening. When the chief of police went up to the University on the car about six o'clock he supposed that the man was dead and told several. From this the story grew and before long it was heard on the streets that there was a murder, and then a murder and a suicide. The coroner was annoyed by many inquiries.

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