## Looking In on Congress From the House Gallery

WHAT THE HOUSE IS LIKE

By CONGRESSMAN GUY U. HARDY

If you came to Washington for the pretty well of him is indicated by the first time and wanted to see congress fact that one of them who died recentin action, what ly left \$100,000 to him, \$100,000 to his would you do and wife and an equal amount to each of what would you his two daughters.

as that of a mem-

ber who is on the floor. On that trip a member friend took me in to see the late speaker, Champ Clark. It was in the beginning of the great war. My friend said to Mr. Clark : "Mr. Hardy has come down to Washington to see what we are doing." Mr. Clark replied in his characteristic way: "If he can find out, I hope to God he will let me know." And it is ever so, we are all seeking information about the congress, even the speaker of the house sometimes.

We have got to start from some place, so we might as well assume that you have come to my office in the house office building. Every man who comes to Washington should call on his congressman. The representatives are always glad to see folks from back home; especially so are the members from the West. Some members from pear-by states have more callers than

they can well take care of. The house office building is a fine structure, built of marble. It has 410 office and committee rooms in it. Each member is entitled to an office room. If he is chairman of a committee he gets two, sometimes. The building covers a large block of ground with a grass-covered court in the center. There are five floors and a basement. It is a mile walk around the corridors on the four sides of the five floors.

Through the Tunnel to the Capitol. After we have had a little visit I will take you over to the capitol. You have already seen that magnificent building from the outside and will see It many times before you leave the city, so we will go over underground, just to show you the tunnel. This tunnel, which is large, well lighted over points of order and modes of proand spacious, runs for about two blocks, I should think. By the use of it a member can go back and forth in winter or hot summer time and dur ing bad weather without putting his hat on, if he wishes. It isn't used much in good weather. Over on the senate side through a similar tunnel a little electric car system carries the senators back and forth between their office building and the capitol; but the representatives of the people have

Arriving at the capitol, we will go up in the gallery and look down on

the house for a while.

You will be disappointed at first by the small number of members present. Every member doesn't sit in his sent all the time every day. If he did, he would not be able to keep up with his office business, and besides that, be would grow nutty. Much of the time is spent in general debate, and much of the debate is very general. So when a definite time has been set for general debate-two hours being the usual time, though it may be 12 hours sometimes-a member not interested can safely get up and go to his office, or visit out in the clonk rooms for a while. During general debate it often happens that not more than 75 or 100 members are in their seats. After a while some one will probably call for a quorum, and then we will see the house fill up with members, as most of them like to answer as many roll

calls as possible. We will sit here in the gallery for a while. This is a historic old room. It has been occupied since 1857, so ! has seen much history made. It used to have desks in it, but when the num her of representatives was last in creased the desks were taken out and plain comfortable rows of seats put in A member has no special seat. He may sit anywhere he pleases. Democrats sit on one side and the Republicans on the other.

Speaker Gillett Presiding.

The mace is in its place, so we know that the house is in session. If it were in committee of the whole, the mace would be resting on the floor.

The mace is the symbol of the speaker's authority and it has been doing duty ever since the American congress

The speaker is in the chair, behind fine-carved marble desk. Mr. Gillett makes an excellent speaker in this modern day of great freedom in the He is fair and nonpartisan. He lets the house run itself, merely acting as its presiding officer. He is seventy-one years of age and has served in the house 20 years. He comes from Springfield, Mass., and is a gentleman of parts. His district thinks pretty well of him, as is indicated by sian cat lying dead by the side of the the fact that only 36 votes were cast gas stove. The cat had evidently for all other candidates in the last jumped onto the stove and in doing daction; and his wife's relatives think

At Mr. Gillett's left stands a young I remember do man who is official timekeeper. ing that very Whenever a member is recognized to thing a few years speak he has a definite amount of ago-coming as a time. Rarely it is an hour, occasionsort of tourist- ally it is 30 minutes, but usually it is and I sat in the only five or ten minutes. The timegallery and keeper notifies the speaker and the looked on. I can speaker calls the member down at the get the view- end of his allotted time. By unanipoint, I think, of mous consent the member is some the person look- times permitted to proceed for five or ing down as well ten minutes longer, and I have seen members plead and beg the house for five minutes, or two minutes or one minute more, like a Methodist preacher pleading for money to pay off the church debt. Sometimes it is granted, but often a member says "I object," and that settles it.

Parliamentarian is important.

At the right of the speaker stands another young man who is the par-Hamentarian. This young man is supposed to be thoroughly posted and trained in the rules and precedents of the house. He has various books of rules and precedents at hand, and advises with the speaker when any knotty points of order are to be de-

The house has been run mostly by lawyers for a hundred years or more, and it is not a difficult matter for some lawyer member to dig up a precedent on either side of any parliamentary question brought up. The house had a speaker one time of the name of Crisp. His son Charles became the parliamentarian for Speaker Clark. Charles is now a valued member of the house. In the last congress we had both ex-Speaker Cannon and ex-Speaker Clark on the floor, but they all differ some times on points of order. It was one of the pleasures of Republicans to refer occasionally to the fact that Speaker Clark ruled "thus and so" at some time in the past, and Speaker Clark announced several times in his facetious way: "As a member on the floor of the house, I do not propose to be bound by any rul-

ings I made from the speaker's chair." So you can see that with a couple of hundred lawyers in the house there is at times much argument and jangling

cedure.

However, when James R. Mann is on the floor the chair soon gets some advice that he can depend upon. I think that Mr. Mann knows more about the rules and precedents of the house than all the other members combined. and he usually has his way, because the man in the chair knows that he knows what he is talking about,

In front and below the speaker at another marble desk are the reading clerks, men have to be men of considerable ability.

Below and in front are the Congressional Record clerk and the official reporters. Every word that is spoken in stenographer. There are five or six of them. They work in shifts of about 20 minutes each. As soon as a stenographer is through with his task he goes to his room and reads his notes into a phonograph. An amanuensis takes the record and outs the stuff through a typewriter and within an hour a member may read and correct the speech he has made.

Tomorrow morning the Congressional Record will contain a complete report of today's proceedings. The Record is a little abused, I think. It is a valuable publication and contains much information, little hamor, some wisdom, and a minute report of the proceedings of the house. It contains some speeches that are flot delivered in the house. Members occasionally get permission to extend their To do this unanimous consent must ed. There are watchdogs of the Record as there are of the treasury, and someone frequently objects. Mr. Clark once said that the greatest speech ever made on an important subject of in-

was not made in the house. daily during the sessions of congress, on, such mortgage to be assumed by for cash in hand, to-wit: A member has only about fifty copies the purchaser, the following deat his disposal. These he sends to II- scribed real premises belonging to whole of lot 7 in block 4, an undibraries, clubs, newspapers and places the estate of said John Theiler, de- vided one half interest in lot 7 and where they may be seen by the pub- ceased, situated in Tillamook county the whole of lot 11 in block 5, lot lie at large. He cannot fill out many Oregon: individual requests. Those who are interested in the Congressional Record northeast quarter of section 29, in Wheeler, lots 1 to 10 inclusive, of however, can subscribe for it at \$1.50 township 2 south, range 9 west of block 61, of Rowe's addition to the per month.

Cat Turns on Gas and Dies. The members of a family living at East Sheen. Eng., came downstairs the other morning to find the kitchen full of gas and their fine white Per-

so had turned on one of the burners.

W. J. RIECHERS,

PICTORIAL NEWS



## Is Brooklyn Bridge Falling Down?



That largest suspension span on the famous old structure, the Brooklyn Bridge at New York, has slipped under the constant harmering of traffic and authorities have closed it to all except pedestrians. Arrow points to slipping cable.



Secretary of Navy Denby went to the Orient on a peaceful mission, nevertheless, his stop in Japan did not fail to impress the little islanders. His great size was made more conspicuous as he walked through the palace grounds with Admiral Urui. His wife is with him.

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S SALE

testament of the said John Theiler

the Willamette Meridian, less tract town of Wheeler, and lots 13, 14, therefrom, containing 30 acres. 15, 16, 17, 18 of block 2 of Neahmore or less.

Executor of the last will and testament of John Theiler, de

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of execution issued remarks, and a speech of five minutes authority of the County court of the out of the Circuit Court of the State may be extended over several pages. State of Oregon, for Tillamook coun- of Oregon for Multnomah county on ty, and pursuant to an order here- a judgment in favor of Lulu J. Mche asked in each instance, which tofore made and entered in the mat- Daniel, plaintiff, and against Frank means that if any member merely says, ter of the estate of John Theiler, A. Rowe and Belle Madden Rowe, deceased, in said court, the under- defendants, I have levied upon the signed, executor of the last will and following described real property situated in Tillamook county, Oregon, decensed, will, on and afteh the 2d and will, on Saturday, the 23rd day day of October, 1922, sell at private of September, 1922, at the Court terest to the country was put in the subject to confirmation, to the high- House door in Tillamook City, Tilla-Record by Samuel J. Randall, and est bidder for cash, or part cash and mook county, Oregon, at the hour secured note for the balance, and of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, sell The Congressional Record is issued subject to the mortgage now there- said property to the highest bidder

The West half of lot 5 and the 9 in block 20, and lots 8, 9, 10, 11, The southeast quarter of the 12, in block 24 of the town of Kah-Nie Mountain, all according to Dated this 25th day of August, the recorded plats thereof, and also all the timber on the southeast quarter of Section 35, in Township 3 North, Range 10 West, W. M., all

in Tillamook county, Oregon. Said property will be sold for the purpose of satisfying the balance

## THERE ARE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THIS YEAR IN ABUNDANCE

late stock of them in the county. You will also

This is the time of year when you begin-to want buckwheat cakes and pancakes for breakfast, with ome good syrup, honey, and the famous Linn Butter, topping it off with a good cup of Diamond W Coffee. We have them all, Inspect our stock,

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This life we live is irksome, no matter where we be; the road is lined with boulders, an' breakers crown the sea. But we mustn't get discouraged an' declare that life's a cheat, for the prospecks ain't so cheerin' when a feller gets cold feet.

COLD FEET

feet!

The man that proves a winner, is the man that trims his sails, and steers his craft, unerrin' amid the storms or gales,-the hard knocks don't dismay him, which he squares his chin to meet, and his symptoms don't betray him-he never gets cold feet!

There ain't no road to glory, but what's beset with thorns, and it's purty hard to travel, if you're pestered some with corns. So, to make yer failure certain, wear yer pants out on the seat, -it's a sign that allers tells me that a feller's got cold feet. . . .

I like to greet the feller that can laugh at clouds an' cares-that squares hisself in trouble, with his fists as well as prayers. . x. One that earns a benediction, that is mighty soft an' sweet.

He blessed the world he lived

If a man should put a pair of o jail, lock the door an' throw away the key, we'd most likely drag him out of prison an' put him in a pad-ded cell, but we don't do a thing to the bunch that's trying all the time to strip themselves of human rights as well as liberty. Now we are considering censorship of the movies when we have right with us the only efficient censorship without any law—the censorship of the people. Moral conduct by royal command never has worked out. Let the people have what they ple have what they want when they want it. Old Dame Nature will bater them into the line of decency. We wouldn't have steam heat to-day if our aboriginal ancestors hadn't been frozen into moral ac-

with the costs and expenses of the sale, the judgment being for the sum of \$800.00 with interest at 8 per cent per annum from September 29. percent per annum from July 28,

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tember 15, 1920. Dated this August 24th, 1922. JOHN ASCHIM, Sheriff of Tillamook county, Ore.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

amook County, Oregon, on Monday, ments, upon which \$1188.05 was and publicly examine the assessment realized upon execution filed Sep- rolls of Tillamook county, for the 45-4t year 1922, and correct all errors in valuations, descriptions of land, lots

sion from day to day until the ev-

or other property.

completed. Notice is hereby given that the All persons interested are re-1919, \$284.00 with interest at 10 County Board of Equalization, will quested to appear at said time and percent per annum from February meet at the office of the County place, as no changes can be made 24th, 1920, \$107.00 with interest at Assessor, at the Court House in Till- after the adjournment of the board. Dated at Tillamook City, Orego 1920, and \$15.90 costs and disburse- the eleventh day of September, 1927 this fourteenth day of August, 1922. C. A. JOHNSON,

County Assessor.

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tion of the assessment rolls shall be

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