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THE SENATE

Assembled at Noon Today.

Senator Simon Appeared and Was Sworn In.

Speaker Reed Calls the House Together as Usual.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Congress reassembled today under circumstances of unusual public interest. The same congress six months ago declared war against Spain, and now with the war fought and won it came together for the first legislative consideration of questions developed by the eventful months just passed.

The senate chamber presented an animated scene. Promptly at 12 o'clock Hobart rapped for order, Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain, in a profoundly impressive manner, returned "devout and reverent thanks for God's goodness to us as a nation and for his care of us since we last gathered in this chamber."

Senator McBride of Oregon, presented the credential of his newly elected colleague Hon. Joseph Simon, to whom the vice-president administered the oath of office.

Exactly at noon Speaker Reed's gavel came down with a sharp crack. The great ebony mace entwined with silyer and surmounted by a silver eagle was lifted to its place. Spreading folds of American flags were broken to the breeze about the brilliant stained glass ceiling and the house of representatives entered upon the closing session of the memorable war congress.

At 1:30 p. m. the president's message was presented in both houses and its reading began at once.

DEATHS AT MANILA.

Otis W. Drew, of Eugene, Died of Smallpox.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The war department has received the following report from General Otis of deaths among the troops in the Philippines: "MANILA, Dec. 4.—Following deaths since last report: "November 24—Otis W. Drew, private company B, Second Oregon, smallpox."

"November 20—J. J. Willet, artisan, First South Dakota, dysentery; James Link, private company L, First South Dakota, dysentery; John J. Mahoney, private, company K, First South Dakota, typhoid, Clyde F. Pitts, private, company L, Third artillery, acute melancholia, Charles F. O'Donnell, musician, company F, First Idaho, dysentery; Frank Temple, private, company I, First California, smallpox."

Beth Wade's Funeral Was conducted at 3:30 p. m. from the residence of Wm. R. Anderson, Rev. W. E. Copeland officiating. The remains were buried at Rural cemetery.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Annual Review Delivered at the Opening of Congress.

(By Associated Press to the Daily Evening Journal.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The president today transmitted to congress his annual message. He begins the message with the statement, that notwithstanding the added burdens, rendered necessary by the war, our people rejoice in the very satisfactory and steadily increasing degree of prosperity evidenced by the largest volume of business ever recorded. The revenue legislation passed by the present congress has increased the treasury receipts to the amount estimated by its authors and the finances of the government have been successfully administered and its credit has advanced to the first rank, while its currency has been maintained at the world's highest standard.

The president does not discuss the government of the new possessions, which will come to us as result of war, but states that a military government will be continued until such a time as congress provides other forms of government. Of the government of Cuba the message says: "Spanish rule must be replaced by a just, benevolent and humane government, created by the people of Cuba. Until there is a complete tranquility on the island and until a stable government is inaugurated the military occupation will be continued."

The president strongly urges upon congress the necessity for an early construction of the Nicaragua canal and says: "The construction of such a maritime highway is now more than ever indispensable to that intimate and ready inter-communication between our Eastern and Western seaboard, demanded by the annexation of the Hawaiian islands and the prospective expansion of our influence and commerce to the Pacific and our national policy, now more imperatively than ever, calls for its control by this government."

Concerning the situation in China, the message says: "The United States has not been an indifferent spectator of the extraordinary events transpiring in the Chinese empire, where a portion of its maritime provinces are passing under the control of various European powers; but the prospect that the vast commerce which the energy of our citizens and the necessity of our staple productions for Chinese uses, has built up in those regions, may not be prejudiced through any exclusive treatment by the new occupants, has obviated the need of our country becoming an actor in the scene. Our position among the nations having a large Pacific coast, and constantly expanding direct trade with the farther Orient, gives us an equitable claim to consideration and friendly treatment in this regard, and it will be my aim to subserve our large interests in that quarter by all the means appropriate to a consistent policy of our government. Warships have been stationed at Tien Tsi, for more ready observation of disorders, which have invaded even the Chinese capital, so as to be in position to act should need arise, while a guard of marines has been sent to Peking to afford our minister proper protection."

Much space is devoted to the matter of foreign relations. Regarding the claims against Turkey the president says: "The newly accredited envoy of the United States to the Ottoman port carries full instructions, looking to the disposal of all matters in the controversy with Turkey for a number of years. He is especially charged to press for a just settlement of our claims or indemnity, by reason of the destruction of the property of the American missionaries, residents in that country during the Armenian troubles of 1895, as well as for the recognition of older claims of equal justness. The president recommends that executive be authorized to correspond with governments of the principal maritime powers with view of incorporating into permanent law of civilized nations principle of exemption of all private property at sea not contraband of war from capture or destruction by belligerent powers."

The secretary of the treasury reports that the receipts of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, amounted to \$404,321,333, and its expenditures to \$443,368,582. It is estimated that upon a basis of the present revenue laws the receipts for the year ending June 30, 1899, will be \$577,574,007, and its expenditures \$689,874,647, resulting in a deficiency of \$112,000,000.

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Between Spain and the United States Agreed Upon.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The joint session of the peace commission began at 3 p. m. The Americans say its possible, though improbable that today's joint meeting will settle all open questions in substance, leaving only the wording of the treaty for discussion.

The American commissioners say there is no foundation for reports circulated in the United States and cabled back that President McKinley has forwarded to the American commissioners instructions to insist upon Spanish yielding a coaling base in the Carolines and that the Spaniards are renewing their opposition to a cession of the Philippines. Both commissions recognize that the latter question is settled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Advices from the Paris peace commission, are of a gratifying character and hopeful of the signing of the peace treaty within a reasonable time. Members of the cabinet express satisfaction at the progress being made and state that negotiations are progressing smoothly. There are various details, however, concerning which the chairman desires to learn fully of the president's wishes, and it was an inquiry of this character which formed the burden of the latest communication from Paris.

MADRID, Dec. 4.—The government has reached a full decision regarding the Cuban and Philippine debts, but the official gazette published an announcement that the drawing of the redemption of Cuban bonds will occur December 20. Speculation in the Cuban and Philippine debts on the bourse has seriously displeased the cabinet. The rise in those securities is attributed to the report that the government will devote the indemnity received from the United States to that colonial indebtedness, regarding which no decisive steps have been taken by the ministers.

GOLD STANDARD.

First Bill Introduced in a Republican Congress.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Cousins, of Iowa, has introduced first bill in the house at this session. It is entitled "A Bill Declaring the standard of value in the United States," and provides that the standard of value in the United States is hereby declared to be and is the standard gold dollar of twenty-five and eight-tenths grains of standard gold, nine hundred fine.

GOOD CANVAS.

Covered the Troops at Camp Chicamauga.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Col. Lee, chief quartermaster of Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, testified before the war investigating committee today, regarding the facilities at Chickamauga. "In the main," said Lee, "the troops were adequately sheltered with good canvas."

A New Department.

Salem has a new manufactory. It is that of the Post Office candy store, and the work is done by an expert French confectioner. Mr. Hughes, the proprietor, proposes to give his patrons the best and freshest candies that can be made. He has a grand stock of Xmas candies, and does not charge fancy prices.

GILLETT IN MEXICO.

The Missouri Cattle Plunger Recognized.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 5.—A dispatch the Journal from Chihuahau, Mexico, says: Grant G. Gillett, the missing Kansas cattle plunger, whose sudden disappearance so startled the financial world, arrived in Chihuahau, November 23, and left the morning of the 24th, for Durango, where it is stated that he deposited a large sum of money in the bank. He remained only a short time in Durango, when he bought a return ticket to Chihuahau.

Two prominent business men of this city came up from Durango on the same train with him, and stated that he bought a first-class ticket and rode in a second-class coach as far as Torreon, where he took the Pullman. The gentlemen got into conversation with him, and he said he had made considerable money in Colorado, in the general merchandise business, and he was in Mexico with the view to investing in ranch or mining properties. He conversed quite freely upon various topics, referring occasionally to the cattle business. He was well dressed, and wore several beautiful diamonds.

At Jiminez he was met by his attorney, C. R. Troxel, and the two entered into a low conversation and remained together until they reached Chihuahau. They arrived here last Monday, and went to the leading hotel, where they registered. The man was undoubtedly Gillett, as his signature corresponded with his signature to a document held in this city.

Troxel left on Tuesday on the stage for the West, presumably for the mining camp in the Sierra Madre mountains. Gillett is still in the city, but his whereabouts are unknown, except to the detectives, who are closely shadowing his every movement.

The report that Gillett had been arrested and held in custody here is untrue. The Jefe Politico says the Mexican authorities have not seen him and know nothing of his whereabouts. He will be arrested immediately upon the arrival of the authorities from the United States, who are expected to arrive soon from El Paso. Gillett and Troxel's baggage is all in this city, and on one of the trunks is a tag with the name C. R. Troxel.

Honors From Mexico.

By Associated Press to the Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Romero, Mexican minister to Washington, today notified Secretary Hay that Mexico is determined to advance her mission here to the rank of an embassy.

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STATE NEWS.

Five bodies from the wrecked Atlanta have been found.

The Dallas Woolen Mill Co. has advertised for bids for building a large addition to their plant. The company have started their electric light plant.

Four young Indian girls were captured at Dallas Sunday by Marshal Lynch, they having escaped from the school at Chemsawa. Two belonged to Grand Ronde, and the other two at Siletz. The girls claimed that they wanted to go home. They were returned to the school.

Salem Benevolent Institute. Articles of incorporation were filed today for the above named concern, by G. B. Grace and S. F. Collett and A. G. Coss. The purpose of the organization will be to conduct a home for the friendless, and a gospel and educational mission. It is understood they have rented the J. Q. Wilson boarding house on Center street, for five years, and will make that the base of their operations.

Helped Mrs. Moore. Senator Simon came to Washington from New York, where he was detained in an effort to assist Mrs. Pet Strahan Moore, daughter of his former law partner, Chief Justice Strahan of Oregon. Moore represented that he was a relative of Mark Hanna.

Soldier's for Cuba. By Associated Press to the Journal. SAVANNAH, Dec. 5.—The transport Minnewaska, with the 202nd New York, sailed today for Pinar del Rio.

WHEAT MARKET.

By Associated Press to the Journal. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—May 1899. Cash No 2 red 99. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5. May 1.154 cash 1.131.

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