

THROGS FLOCK TO CAPITOL TO SEE CONGRESS CONVE

Unfavorable Weather No Hindrance to Hundreds Who Wished to See the Opening Ceremonies Today.

BODY CONVENED PROMPTLY AT NOON

This Session Promises to Be Marked by Immense Appropriations to Various Needy Causes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Unfavorable weather did not hinder immense throngs from gathering at the capitol in the endeavor to get a peep at the opening ceremonies of congress, and by nine o'clock there was a sufficient throng on hand to fill the entire seating capacity of both chambers. The doors were soon opened and the crowds steadily increased. Many floral offerings were sent to members, but the rules prohibited them from being placed on the desks.

Promptly at twelve o'clock Speaker Cannon in the house and Vice President Fairbanks in the senate, called the two bodies to order.

According to plans of the leaders, little will be done in the three months' session other than to provide for spending money.

This does not mean that congress wishes to spend money. On the other hand, every effort will be made toward retrenchment, as the condition of the treasury is such as to give some anxiety to the national lawmakers and guides of the country's destiny.

But there are so many things that demand immediate attention that it is almost certain to be another billion dollar session.

The session will be by no means devoid of protechnics. Senator Foraker will enliven the deliberations of the upper house with emphatic argument as to why the Brownsville negro soldiers should be given authority by congress for re-enlistment.

Chagrined Seniors to Protest. Those members of the senate who are chagrined that the Japanese-American agreement should have been entered into without their seal of approval are going to have something to say at the first auspicious occasion.

A great many representatives feel constrained to gather together in the interest of reform in the house rules, but notwithstanding widespread sentiment in favor of a change it is not considered probable that action will be taken in this regard until the reorganization of the next house.

The publicity bill also will come up, and in view of the demand throughout the country for a law of this kind it is believed the measure will receive favorable consideration.

\$10,000,000 for 1910 Census. It is generally understood there will be a bill to improve rivers and harbors to carry \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000. It also will be necessary to provide for the census of 1910, and this will require an outlay of \$10,000,000.

The fact that the managers desire to restrict legislation will not prevent the congressmen from exerting efforts in behalf of favorite measures. The first effort in this direction will be made by Mr. Foraker, Senator Beveridge will follow with a plea for early consideration of his child labor bill, and Senator Carter will press the postal savings bank bill.

Both houses will receive recommendations from the congressional monetary commission looking to changes in the laws regulating the supervision of national banks.

Would Amend Trust Law.

There is a considerable element in both houses favorable to such changes in the Sherman anti-trust law as will provide immunity for some of the combinations.

Many desire the amendment of the interstate commerce law so as to permit tariff agreements among the railroads and to eliminate the commodities clause of the law.

The labor interests will continue their efforts in behalf of a modification of the injunction laws so as to make them inapplicable to labor disputes.

The advocates of separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico will press their claims and declare they will have the support of the president.

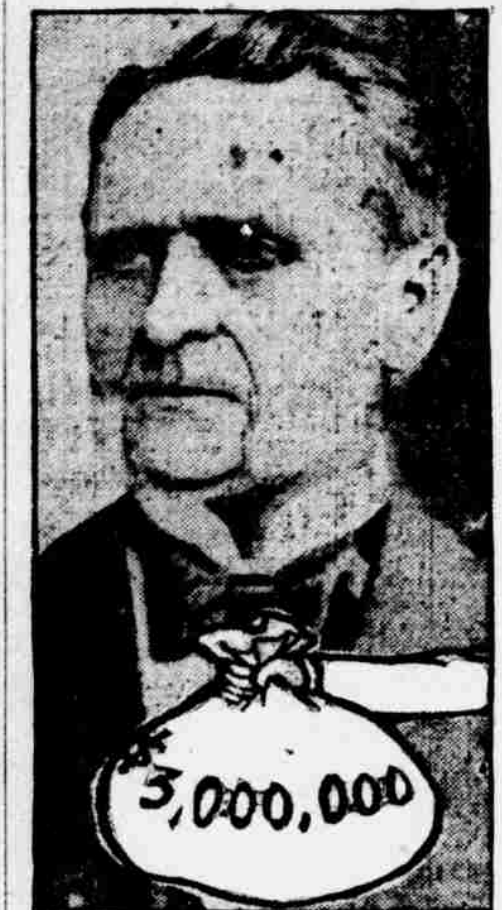
The president will recommend legislation looking to the supervision of telegraph and telephone lines and here will be bills offered bringing them within the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission. Ship subsidy will receive attention.

No Action on the Tariff Now.

There will be much discussion of the tariff in the cloakrooms and the ways and means committee of the house will continue its efforts to frame a bill, but no measure will receive attention on the floor of either house until after March 4, when the

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GIVES MILLIONS TO EDUCATION



DR. D. K. PEARSONS. Dr. Pearsons, of Chicago, has already given away millions for education. It is reported he is about to give \$3,000,000 for the same purpose.

DISHONESTY IN GOVERNMENT IS A COMMON FOE

Hon. G. W. Sieber Urges Elks In Memorial Address to Unite in Battle Against This.

MEMORIAL SERVICES OF SUNDAY IMPRESSIVE

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity Precepts Fully Explained by the Speaker.

"There is not one Elk who would not fight for your country if she was attacked by a foe from without her borders. There is a foe within her borders who is more threatening than any foreign foe and you Elks should, by the principles of your order, feel called upon to enlist in the fight for common honesty in government, common honesty in our business transactions and for closer bonds of brotherhood among men. Remember my brothers that the nation rises no higher than the virtue of its citizens—and our standard of virtue needs an uplift," solemnly stated the Hon. G. W.

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FIRST GUN FOR OPTIONISTS, FIRED BY THE REV. WADE

Methodist Minister in Illustrated Lecture, Gives Temperance Side of Anti-Liquor Contest.

DETERMINED WILL BE FIGHT OF BOTH SIDES

Liquor Men Will Not Be Content to Look on Inactive—Figures Will Be Used as Basis of Campaign.

Out upon the cold sea of popular accord was launched last evening, the ship of state of the no liquor element of Wayne county. The vessel was christened by the Rev. R. J. Wade, pastor of the First M. E. church, in a stereopticon lecture. Of course no wine was spilled over the prow of the ship as it took the sea. This is to be a dry campaign and facts and figures will be relied upon by the temperance forces to win favor with the voting public. The progress of the local option election petition has gone so far that the promoters say they have reason to believe in the ultimate success of the project.

Determined opposition will be encountered in the liquor dealers and the fight in Wayne county promises to be about the warmest imaginable. Both sides are fortified in their position and each claims to be invulnerable. That it will be an argumentative campaign in which figures and statistics will bear a prominent part, was made evident by the lecture of the Rev. Mr. Wade. The liquor men claim that they, too, will be able to enter into this phase of the matter. The "drys" have taken up the subject of taxation to show that the saloons and breweries cause the expenditure of more money in Wayne county than turn in as revenue and taxation. The liquor men appear to believe the fight being made against their business is directed almost solely by the ministers of this city. For this reason they propose to show the amount of tax paid by them. It is planned to issue a pamphlet setting forth their claims upon the subject.

The petition to the county commissioners, asking for a special election will be presented one month from today, or at the first regular meeting of the commissioners in January. There is no doubt but that the petition will contain the requisite number of names and as a consequence, the commissioners can not but order the election held. It is to be expected that the most strenuous period of the battle between wets and drys will be waged following the filing of the petition and the call for the election.

It has been announced that the fight to make the county dry will not be waged by the ministers as an organization. They maintain they have enter-

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CONSUL A SUICIDE

Swedish Official Located at St. Louis Takes Cyanide Of Potassium.

HE WAS ONCE RECALLED.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—Charles A. Eckstromer, Swedish consul in St. Louis, swallowed cyanide of potassium this morning and died a few minutes after. His family found him lying on a couch in the library of his home. Eckstromer gained notoriety a few years ago through his controversy with Roosevelt concerning the "Square Deal." Eckstromer was deposed at the request of Roosevelt, but later was reappointed after having furnished satisfactory explanations to the Swedish government. He was also the local agent for the West Disinfecting company of New York. He was aged fifty-one years and leaves a widow and two daughters. There is some mystery as to the cause of the deed.

DR. HARRY WEIST GOES TO NEW YORK

Well Known Local Physician To Give Up Practice In This City.

PHYSICIAN TO D. G. REID

DR. WEIST IS ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN PHYSICIANS IN THIS STATE AND MANY FRIENDS WILL REGRET DEPARTURE.

"I intend to leave Richmond the first of January and go to New York City, where I intend to practice medicine. I regret very much to leave this city, which has always been my home, but I think there are good opportunities offered in New York so I have decided to move there," stated Dr. Harry H. Weist today when asked to confirm the report that he intended to give up his practice in this city.

It has been reported that Dr. Weist's decision to move to New York was the result of an exceptionally flattering offer he had received from multi-millionaire Daniel G. Reid, a former Richmond man, to act in the capacity of his private physician. Dr. Weist denied the authenticity of this report. "I will be Mr. Reid's physician, but I will not be his 'private' physician. I intend to engage in the active practice of medicine," he stated.

Last summer Dr. Weist made a trip through Europe with Mr. Reid and they are very warm friends.

Dr. Weist's decision to make his future home in New York City will be deeply regretted by his many Richmond friends. Dr. Weist has been engaged in the active practice of medicine in this city since 1900 and is known throughout this section of the state as a practitioner of exceptional ability. He succeeded his father, on the death of that noted physician and surgeon and has always enjoyed one of the largest practices in this city. Dr. Weist studied medicine at the Bellevue college in New York, at John Hopkins university, Baltimore and in Vienna, Austria.

Mrs. Weist is a New York woman and while she is pleased to return to her native city to make her home she greatly regrets leaving the many warm friends she has made in Richmond.

Dr. Weist has for several years been the local physician of the P. C. C. & St. L. railroad.

ONE WOMAN DIES IN HOTEL FIRE

Several Others Injured; Loss \$50,000.

Atlantic City, Dec. 7.—One woman was killed and several people injured in a fire which gutted the Hotel Lashelle this morning. The loss will reach \$50,000.

MEETS WEDNESDAY.

The county council will be in session Wednesday afternoon for the last session of the year. It is a special session in response to the call of the auditor. A number of appropriations is to be made.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

INDIANA—Fair, with cold wave Monday night; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature; fresh northwest winds, diminishing and becoming variable.

OHIO—Cold wave Monday night, and fair except snow near the lake; Tuesday fair and cold; strong northwest winds, diminishing.

HONAN MADE BIG MISTAKE; ANOTHER MAN FOR LEADER

Democrats Will Name Another Floor General in the House, But Will Boost Honan to Speaker.

FIGHT IN THE SENATE SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN

Probable Lieutenant Governor Hall Will Place Democrats At Head of Most Important Committees.

(By Special State Correspondent.)

Indianapolis, Dec. 7.—It seems to be practically settled that Representative Elliott, of South Bend, is to be the republican floor leader in the house at the coming session of the legislature. Talk of Elliott's availability for the trying position has been going on for some time.

Mr. Elliott has been a member of the house for several sessions and has gone through some of the fiercest struggles that have taken place in the house. He has always been counted a leader of the republican side of the house, and his committee appointments have been of the most important character.

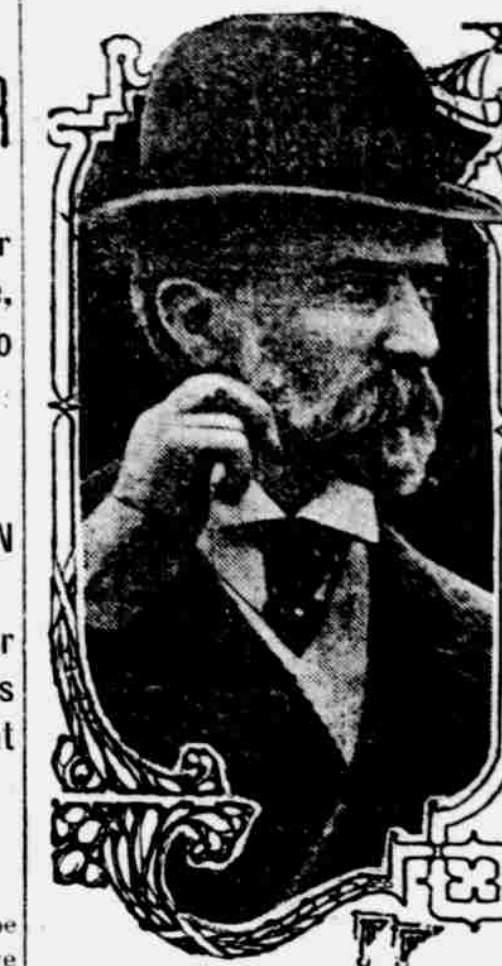
The fact is that there is no one in sight at present to dispute with his friends the claim that he is the man for the place. Mr. Elliott, it is conceded, knows all the fine points of the legislative game. He also knows all the old members of the house and many of the new ones, and this will give him a decided advantage when it comes to handling the problems that arise.

If Representative Honan is elected speaker of the house the democrats will have to look around for some other man to serve as floor leader. Honan had that job during the last session. He made a pretty good leader, but there were times when he fell down woefully, in the estimation of persons who watched the fight. This seemed to be true in one case in particular. Some of the democratic members of the house have said that the bill to repeal the metropolitan police law would have been passed over the veto of Governor Hanly if Honan had been "on the job," but his delay in doing something allowed Speaker Branch to adjourn the house too soon for him.

According to this story, after the governor's veto was announced and the democrats decided to try to pass the bill over the veto, Honan was under the impression that a two-thirds vote was necessary for such action. He believed it would not be possible to get two-thirds. There the matter stood until Senator L. Ert Slack heard of the matter. He hunted Honan up, so it is said, and explained to him that a bill may be passed over a veto by a mere majority, just as it may be passed originally. Slack showed Honan the rule under which this could be done. Honan took the book and disappeared for a while. Then he came back into the house ready to

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MORGAN'S SON-IN-LAW GETS HIGH POSITION



HERBERT L. SATTERLEE. Satterlee, of New York, is the son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan. He has been appointed assistant secretary of the Navy.

EIGHT NEGROES CAPTURED IN SUNDAY RAID

Quiet Little Game of Craps in McKay Barber Shop Rudely Interrupted by Local Patrolmen.

ONE DOOR UNKNOWN AND FIVE MEN ESCAPED

Two Arrests Made This Morning—Excitement Reigning in McKay Domicile for a Short Time.

BULLETIN.

Fines of \$10 and costs and ten days in jail were imposed in seven cases. After he had assessed the fine against McKay, Judge Converse said he had forgotten the former conviction of McKay on the same charge. The law requires a jail sentence. Same Lewis pleaded not guilty. His case will be tried tomorrow. The others plead guilty.

Like rats fleeing from a scuttled ship eleven negroes undertook to break from a room in the rear of the residence and barber shop of Ed McKay, 1018 Main street, yesterday afternoon. The haste was precipitated by the arrival of four police officers and the fact the ones on the inside were engaged in a game of dice. For some time the police had been aware that crap games were in progress at the McKay domicile and yesterday afternoon the time was ripe for the pluck. Five of the eleven managed to make good their escape at the time, but two were taken into custody this morning. The men slated are: Ed McKay, Marcus Roberts, Frank Fox, Harry Davis, Samuel Lewis, Oliver Harvey, Otto Burden and George Hill. The

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SMITH IMPALED ON ROOSEVELT'S RED HOT TRIDENT

Annian Club Bids Welcome To President-offending Publisher of the Indianapolis News.

"LIAR, OFFENDER" CAUSTIC EPITHETS

Bitter Thrusts Are Elicited by Charges of Forty-Million Dollar Steal on Panama Canal Purchases.

The following correspondence, passing between President Roosevelt and William Dudley Foulke, of this city, has been made public by the latter, who is now at Hot Springs, Va.

"Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 29, 1908.

"The President:

"Sir—The Indianapolis News, not only during the campaign, but even after its close, has been repeatedly and continually making serious charges against your administration as well as against Mr. Taft in connection with the Panama canal purchase, as, for example, the following:

"The Panama Matter.

"The campaign is over and the people will have to vote tomorrow without any official knowledge concerning the Panama canal deal. It has been charged that the United States bought from American citizens for \$40,000,000 property that cost those citizens only \$12,000,000. Mr. Taft was secretary of war at the time the negotiation was closed.

"There is no doubt that the government paid \$40,000,000 for the property. But who got the money? We are not to know. The administration and Mr. Taft do not think it right that the people should know. The president's brother-in-law is involved in the scandal, but he has nothing to say.

Refuses to Appeal to Evidence.

"The candidate's brother has been charged with being a member of the syndicate. He has, it is true, denied it. But he refuses to appeal to the evidence, all of which is in the possession of the administration and wholly inaccessible to outsiders.

"For weeks this scandal has been before the people. The records are in Washington and they are public records. But the people are not to see them—till after the election, if then."

"Even after the election this has been continued, it being said that Mr. Taft's 'weakness' in Indiana (where he ran many thousands ahead of any other republican candidate) was due in great measure to this alleged 'scandal.' What are the facts in regard to it? Where are these inaccessible records? When did they come into the possession of the government and what do they contain? If the statements of the News are true our people ought to know it; if not true they ought to have some just means of estimating what credit should be given in other matters to a journal which thus disseminates falsehoods. Yours, "WILLIAM DUDLEY FOULKE," President Roosevelt's Reply.

"White House.

"Washington, Dec. 4, 1908.

"My Dear Mr. Foulke—I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo and have read it in connection with your previous letters inclosing quotations from the Indianapolis News, a paper edited by Mr. Delavan Smith.

"As Mr. Smith certainly knew that all the statements he made were false, both as to this Panama matter and as to the other matters of which you inclose me clippings, and inasmuch, therefore, as the exposure of the falsity will not affect his future statements, I am not very clear what good will result from such exposure. But, inasmuch as you evidently earnestly desire some answer to be made, and inasmuch as you say that some reputable people appear to believe the falsehoods of the News and Mr. Smith, and inasmuch as you seem to think that his falsehoods as regards the Panama matter are the most prominent, I will answer them.

"The News states in one of its issues that probably some of the documents dealing with the matter have been destroyed. This is false. Not one has been destroyed. It states that the last documents were sent over in June of this year, the object of this particular falsehood being, apparently, to connect the matter in some way with the nomination of Mr. Taft.

"You quote the News as saying that 'the people have no official knowledge concerning the Panama canal deal.' The fact is that the people have had the most minute official knowledge; that every important step in the transaction and every important document have been made public in communications to congress and through the daily press and the whole matter has been thrashed over in all its details again and again.

"The News gives currency to the charge that 'the United States bought from American citizens for \$40,000,000

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PALLADIUM LEADS

In Circulation Over All Other Papers in Sixth Congressional District of Indiana

On October 28, 1908, the circulation of the Palladium and the circulation of the Item were examined by Mr. Clarence Austin, official examiner of the Association of American Advertisers.

With considerable pleasure we present herewith a reproduction of the certificate issued to the Palladium showing its circulation for the year ending September 30th, 1908, amounted to an average of 5,453 copies daily. This is the largest circulation of any paper issued in Richmond or in the Sixth Congressional District of Indiana.



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and going upward