

DELUGE OF BILLS WILL BE ENTERED

Members of Congress Are Making Ready for the Approaching Session.

BY RODERICK CLIFFORD.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Although the convening of congress is several weeks distant a number of members of the house of representatives are in the city putting the finishing touches on bills which they intend to introduce, or preparing themselves for other matters which they know are coming up for consideration at the next session of congress. Prominent Democratic leaders are in the city mapping out the work of the Democratic house caucus.

There are many things inaugurated by the Republican administration which are distasteful to the Democratic majority of the house and which they have openly avowed they will no longer tolerate. It is a well-known fact that it will be next to impossible for President Taft to secure from the Democratic house any additional appropriations for his pet institutions, the tariff board. The monetary commission also has fallen into disfavor with the house committee of appropriations.

After the Commerce Court.
Another of the creations of the Republican administration which have aroused the ire of the Democratic leaders and which, if the yeas succeed in their intentions, is doomed to the fate of the tariff board and the monetary commission is the commerce court. Representative Sims, of Tennessee, has assumed the leadership in the fight against the youngest of the United States courts. Judge Sims will press for a caucus endorsement by the Democratic party of a bill to abolish the court of commerce.

Representative Sims will urge that the Democratic party take a strong position against the measure. In preparing for the fight which is sure to follow the introduction of such a bill, Representative Sims has made an exhaustive investigation and study of the tendencies not only of the Court of Commerce, but of recent judicial interpretation in the other federal courts as well. Close friends of Representative Sims, with whom he has discussed the matter, assert that when he makes public the results of his investigation, the eyes of the public will be opened to something they little dreamed of.

The bill which will be introduced by Representative Sims will be bitterly opposed by friends of the Administration. In defense of the billy Representative Sims will touch on some of the recent tendencies as indicated by the Supreme Court decisions, and will advance the suggestion that it is time for congress to manifest its sentiment generally toward the judicial construction of these laws.

Representative Sims like many other Democrats, feels that the whole scheme of state regulation is in danger because of the tendency of the courts to arrow down the field within which such regulation may be conducted.

The Democratic party which from the time of its birth has stood for the principles of states' rights has been greatly alarmed by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Safety Appliance case. The leaders fear a further restriction of the power of the states to regulate the railroads. In the appliance case the court held that all railroads must equip all their cars with the safety devices prescribed by Federal law. On the ground that state and interstate commerce are so greatly intermingled that they cannot be separated.

Important Question.
Much speculation is being manifested as to whether the decision of the Supreme Court in the safety appliance case will be made a precedent for the decision in the Minnesota rate case. The Democratic party is alarmed as to whether a like decision in the Minnesota rate case will take over to exclusive Federal control all regulation of traffic. If such a decision of the court is given it would leave the states practically helpless to regulate the railroads within their borders.

Another thing that is worrying the Democratic leaders is whether this new court of commerce is going to be generously inclined toward the state or not. It is strictly an administrative court and they are inclined to believe that it will lean toward the Federal government.

Democratic leaders express confidence that the caucus will endorse the Sims bill to abolish the court of commerce. It is a matter of record that only a few Democrats voted for the bill for the establishment of the court and that it lacked but a single vote in the House of being defeated. Its recent decisions have made the court decidedly less popular with the Democratic party than it was at the time of its creation and there appears little likelihood that the party will not endorse the Sims measure.

A Famous Paris Sign.
Paris is a city of curious signboards one of the most remarkable ones representing a tobacconist's sign at 55 Rue du Chateau-d'Eau, which has been here ever since 1870. It is a shield with holes made by the bullets of the Prussians, and the occupant of the shop states that so far as he is aware it is the only public relic of the Franco-Prussian war in evidence in the streets of Paris today.
"My sign," he added, "brings me plenty of customers. You have no idea, monsieur, of the number of English and American tourists who pass this way and drop into my place for a cigar or a box of matches merely in order to have a word with me about my bullet riddled ensigne. I wouldn't part with it for anything."—*World Magazine*.

MRS. PLATT ELOPES

With Naval Officer in Her Automobile.

(National News Association)
CENTRAL VALLEY, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Lillian Janeway Platt, widow of the late United States Senator Thomas Collier Platt, it was learned today, eloped with W. B. Atwater, a naval officer, who took part in the meet at Mineola last summer. In Mrs. Platt's automobile the couple drove to a justice of the peace and were married. Although the ceremony was performed last Sunday it was not until today that the news became known.

RESULTS OF GAMES PLAYED SATURDAY

The following were the results of the more important football contests on Saturday:

Indiana 0, Illinois 0; Princeton 3, Dartmouth 0; Carlisle 18, Harvard 15; Yale 15, Brown 0; Cornell 16, Michigan 0; Syracuse 16, Vermont 0; Pennsylvania 23, Lafayette 6; Navy 32, West Virginia 0; Purdue 0, Iowa 11; Georgetown 23, Vigilants 0; Holy Cross 24, Colby 0; Swathmore 9, Lehigh 2; Ohio State 24, Kenyon 0; Wabash 17, Rose Poly 6; Vanderbilt 18, Kentucky State 0; DePauw 0, Miami 0; Pittsburg 12, Villanova 0; Lake Forest 5, Beloit 5; Notre Dame 34, Bonaventure 0; Chicago 9, Northwestern 3; Case 16, Wesleyan 6; Cincinnati 0, Dennison 0.

City Statistics

Marriage Licenses.
Francis Via, Richmond, 54, machinist, and Nettie Bradford, Richmond, 41, clerk.

Joe Enge, Richmond, 23, iron moulder, and Edith Kordos, Richmond, 16, consent of Mike Popp, stepfather. All are natives of Hungary.

1913 WORLD SERIES STARTS ON OCT. 7

(National News Association)
CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—President B. B. Johnson of the American league announced on behalf of the national commission that next year the world's series will start on Oct. 7 and that the balance of the schedules will be made in accordance.

Getting the Exact Spot.

An emergency call from a policeman for a tape measure kept two women waiting in the dressmaker's parlor for five minutes. There were other tape measures there which the dressmaker might have used, but she was too busy pondering the circumstance that had suddenly converted her into an ally of the police department. Presently the policeman returned the tape.

"What did you want it for?" she asked.

"To help find the right place to shoot a horse with a broken leg," he said. "The vital spot is just three inches above that little swirl in his forehead where a dozen crowns seem to meet."

Musical of the Drum.
All musical authorities have agreed that when used in a proper way the drum is thoroughly musical. The common snare or side drum is freely used in musical composition. A large number of drummers performing simultaneously out of doors produce good music. In this connection Berlioz, the composer, pointed out that a sound that was insignificant when heard singly, such as the clink of one or two muskets at shoulder arms or the thud as the butt comes to the ground, a ground arms, becomes brilliant and attractive if performed by a thousand men together.

Crumpled Them.
We observe that the man's fingers are all twisted and bent into the most uncouth shapes.

"Poor fellow!" we say to our friend. "Evidently he is a victim of rheumatism."

"No," our friend explains. "He is deaf and dumb and has been trying to talk Scotch dialect on his fingers."

Life.

Would Have to Move.
"John, the janitor's son whipped Jimmy today."

"Well, that's no great calamity. Suppose Jimmy had whipped the janitor's son?"—*Pittsburg Post*.

New South Wales.
New South Wales is said to contain more kinds of flowering plants than all Europe.

Domestic Economy.
Husband—Excuse me, dear, but don't you cook much more for dinner than we can use? Wife—Of course! If I didn't how could I economize by "utilizing leftover dishes?"—*Toledo Blade*.

If You Have Money.
"That fellow Gotrox is a multimillionaire. He has more money than brains."

"Well, what does he want with brains?"—*New York Times*.

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