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Close of the Session of Congress—The General Result.

Congress closed on Saturday its long, laborious, and comparatively unfruitful session. It has spent eight months in the execution of its duty.

It had at the outset an overwhelming Union majority, which was still further increased from time to time by ousting Democrats whose seats were contested by Republicans admitted in their stead. This majority, at no time thoroughly united in sentiment, was nevertheless harmonious in its affirmative action, but proved unequal to the enactment either of such laws as the public good required, or of such as the zealous of faction demanded.

Without going into further detail in regard to its action, it is sufficient to say that in all these attempts at reconstruction upon a basis of its own Congress failed. It passed no bill of reconstruction; none for leniency or supercession of the local Governments of the Southern States; none for organizing territorial governments upon the soil; none for disfranchising their white people, nor for conferring the right of suffrage on the colored race.

It cannot be denied, therefore, that in spite of its exclusion of these States from Congress—an exclusion maintained throughout the session, and broken at last only in the case of Tennessee—Congress failed to carry out its duty.

The action of Congress upon other great questions which were laid before it has been scarcely more complete or satisfactory. It has passed no law for the relief of the public revenue, and has not yet taken any step to meet the most pressing wants of the country.

When Congress met in December it was found that a very sharp and determined hostility to the restoration policy had been developed by his successor, and had been so organized and disciplined in advance as to be ready for instant action.

The first step taken was the appointment of the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, into whose hands each House of Congress surrendered its right of admitting members to be jointly resolved that no member should be admitted to either House until the Committee had reported and both Houses should have taken final action thereon.

The local State Governments already in operation at the South were ignored, and communications from the Governors elected by their people, under authority of the Provisional Governors appointed by the President, being refused a hearing or even a reception.

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State Courts, punishing with fine and imprisonment State judges and other officials for the execution of State laws in conflict with its provisions, and forbidding any discrimination, in civil rights, among inhabitants in any State.

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trian territory, but leave the fate of the German Empire to be decided by the future. However this question may be settled, the triumph of Prussia is complete.

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