

**Brilliant Scene Characterized the First Session.**

**CANNON RE-ELECTED SPEAKER**

Washington, Dec. 3. — A brilliant scene characterized the meeting of the 60th congress. In the senate and house of representatives there were notable gatherings in the galleries of representatives of the official society of the capital. The coming together for the first time of the men who have been elected to the senate and the house, about a hundred of whom have not before served in congress, made the occasion one of particular interest.

The striking scenes of the day were in the house of representatives, where the formal selection of Joseph F. Cannon to again be speaker of that body, and the designation by the Democrats of John Sharp Williams as their leader, were occasions for ovations for those gentlemen. The vast hall of the house of representatives rang with the cheers of Republicans and Democrats for their leaders, and the speaker received as warm a reception from members of the minority as he did from his own party.

The appearance of Hon. William Jennings Bryan on the floor of the house also was the occasion for enthusiastic cheering by the Democrats.

When the adoption of rules for the government of the house during the 60th congress came up the rules of the last congress were opposed by John Sharp Williams, and he was joined in that opposition by Democrats and by a single Republican, Mr. Cooper, of Wisconsin. The old rules were declared to be too autocratic, placing too much power in the hands of the speaker, but after a somewhat acrimonious discussion they were adopted by a party vote.

Committees were appointed by both houses to inform the president that congress had met and was ready to receive any message he might wish to communicate.

New senators and representatives were sworn in, and both houses adjourned out of respect to the memory of members who have died during the recess of congress.

**SHOT AND KILLED**

Pennsylvania Railroad Track Walker Murdered at West Chester, Pa. West Chester, Pa., Dec. 2.—Andrew Purcell, an aged track walker for the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was shot and killed at Frazier station, supposedly by a negro. A train stopped at Frazier, from which Walter Hibbard, former recorder of deeds of Chester county, and an unknown negro alighted. A few minutes after the train pulled away from the station an assistant of Purcell's heard two shots and saw the flash of fire from a pistol. When he ran up he found Purcell dead. The track walker had been shot through the head in close range. The assailant escaped in the darkness.

**WAYLAIN AND MURDERED**

Blackwood, Pa., Man Beaten to Death With Club. With Club. — Michael Lipshaw, of Blackwood, near here, was found murdered on the road, not far from his home. He had been waylaid in the shadow of a group of trees and beaten over the head with a club. His skull was crushed in. Beside the body lay a blood-stained club. A man known to the authorities, who is said to have threatened the life of Lipshaw, is missing from the neighborhood.

**Cargo of Christmas Toys Burned.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—A cargo of Christmas toys and novelties, valued at \$50,000, was practically destroyed in a fire which was discovered in the hold of the Atlantic Transport company's freighter Montana at Washington avenue wharf, and burned for two hours before it was finally extinguished. The Montana, which came from London, arrived Sunday, and it is the belief of the ship's officers that the fire started on the other side and has been smoldering all the way across the Atlantic.

**Detroit Bank Closed.**

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.—In order to avoid a threatened run on the bank and to afford all depositors and creditors an equal chance in the settlement of the bank's affairs, State Banking Commissioner Zimmerman closed the Chequona Savings bank. The president of the bank is State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, who has deposited in the bank approximately \$684,000 of the funds of the state of Michigan.

**Drowned in Bath Tub.**

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Charles L. Ferguson, Jr., was drowned in a bath tub at his home here, who was in the tub when he was married to a woman who was bathing when several hours later she awoke and found her husband's body in the water.

**PANAMA BOND BIDDING HEAVY**

Loan Many Times Oversubscribed By Over 3000 Offers.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Bidding for the Panama canal bonds closed with the comfortable conviction that the loan had been several times over-subscribed.

The following statement was issued at the treasury department:

"The bids for the \$50,000,000 of Panama canal bonds, invited by the secretary's circular of November 13, were opened in the treasury department. There were more than 3000 bids, and the loan was many times over-subscribed. No complete tabulation had been possible as yet, but it can be stated that the average price is well above the present market price of the bonds.

"Owing to the large number of bids to be considered it will be impracticable to make an allotment immediately."

Among the bidders was the National City Bank of New York, which submitted a number of bids, aggregating \$5,000,000 at prices ranging from 101 1/2 to 103. It also is understood that the First National bank of Chicago bid for a large amount of bonds at something in excess of 101.

**THREE KILLED IN R. R. WRECK**

Express Train Was "Sideswiped" by Freight.

Baltimore, Dec. 3.—In a wreck on the B. & O. railroad at Shenandoah Junction three passengers were killed and a dozen were injured.

The combination coach and two Pullmans were derailed, one of the latter being badly damaged, but none of the occupants was injured.

The dead are: W. L. F. Hoffman and his daughter, Nellie, of Baltimore, and an unidentified white man.

It is not believed that any of the injured were fatally hurt.

The accident occurred to the east-bound St. Louis and New York express, which was "sideswiped" by the derailed cars of a freight train that was run into by another freight just as the express was passing at a high rate of speed. The locomotive and first three cars of the passenger train escaped with a scraping of their sides, but the fourth car, a day coach, was thrown from the track and turned over with the resultant casualties.

**THAW TRIAL POSTPONED**

On Motion of District Attorney It Goes Over Until January 6.

New York, Dec. 3.—On motion of District Attorney Jerome, the second trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White on Madison Square roof garden in June, 1906, was postponed until Monday, January 6. A special panel of 300 talemans will report that day for jury duty.

Mr. Littleton opposes the delay, and on behalf of the defendant demanded the right of a speedy trial. Mr. Jerome requested the delay on account of the great difficulty that would be encountered in securing a jury with the prospect of being locked up over the holidays staring each talemans in the face.

**FATALLY STABBED IN JAIL**

Quarrel Over Fourteen Cents Leads to Murder.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 30. — John Snell was fatally stabbed while in the county jail by Frederick Stewart, a fellow prisoner. The two quarreled over a loan of 14 cents which Snell made Stewart, who is a negro. The latter without warning pulled a stiletto and plunged it into Snell's stomach. The wounded man died five hours later in a hospital. He was awaiting trial on a charge of obtaining money under the pretense of being a fortune teller, while Stewart was arrested for assault.

**PENKNIFE OPERATION**

Physician Performs Tracheotomy With Pocket Instrument.

Springfield, O., Nov. 30.—By using a pocket knife, Dr. L. L. Syman saved the life of the 4-year-old daughter of John Hudson, a brakeman of this city. When the physician arrived the child was black in the face, choking from diphtheria. Having no instruments with him, Dr. Syman took his pocket knife and slit the windpipe and inserted a tube.

In an hour regular respiration was started, and the baby is greatly improved and will likely recover.

**Woman Missionary Murdered.**

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 3.—News was received here that Miss Agnes Templeton, the only white woman missionary at the Baptist Indian mission at Valverde, Rio Arriba county, was murdered either by Mexicans or Indians. An unconfirmed report says that Miss Templeton was assaulted before being put to death. David Martinez y Sanchez is under arrest as a suspect.

**American Crisis Hits Italy.**

Rome, Dec. 3.—The Giornale d'Italia says that owing to the American crisis, 100,000 Italians who intended to emigrate to the United States will remain in this country, while 200,000 more than usual will return from America. Thus 300,000 men will be obliged to find work in Italy which, on this account, will feel the consequences of the crisis.

**Mrs. Taft Steadily Failing.**

Millbury, Mass., Dec. 2.—Dr. C. A. Church, who is attending Mrs. Louisa Taft, mother of Secretary Taft, reports that Mrs. Taft was steadily failing, that she might live a longer, but that her case is serious. She is unconscious.

**SIGNS OF OLD AGE.**

How a Man May Know When He is No Longer Really Young.

They were arguing about the signs of approaching old age.

"Well, I'll tell you one thing," said one. "When a girl ceases to take a lively interest in you and doesn't mind your seeing her with her hair slightly untidy and listens to your conversation indulgently where formerly she manifested interest and sympathy, then you may know you are growing old."

"No," said another. "That isn't an infallible sign, because some young women show interest and sympathy to everybody. It's when your bones creak slightly on arising from a chair and you no longer swing on a moving car with full confidence and you walk up a flight of stairs a step at a time, then you are growing old."

"Not so," chimed in a third, "for young people with rheumatic diseases sometimes exhibit these signs. When the workings of your liver come to be of more importance than the affairs of your heart, then you are growing old."

"You are all wrong," announced a fourth. "When in pulling on your trousers in the early morning you are compelled to gain the support of the bedstead when you slip on the other leg—then—you are growing old!" —New York Press.

**MADE ONE BLUNDER.**

But to Square It an Offer of Generous Restitution Was Made.

In one of the northwestern states they like nothing better than to tell how a few years ago there came to that section of the Union a Boston newspaper man whose mission it was to "write up" lynching in that quarter, although it appeared that there had not been an illegal execution in the state for a long time. The natives took the questions of the eastern scribe in good part and even "jollied" him into believing that for downright lawlessness the community wherein he was for the moment sojourning was about the most conspicuous portion of the United States.

"Don't you ever make a mistake in these lynchings?" guilelessly asked the Bostonian—"that is, don't you ever lynch the wrong man?"

"That happened once," put in some one, "but we tried to do the square thing by the widow."

"Indeed!"

"Yes; we appointed a committee to inform the widow that the joke was on us, and we gave her the choice of the crowd for her second husband." —Lippincott's Magazine.

**How She Rests.**

In Germantown there dwells a family of ancient lineage which for years every summer has employed a colored woman named Liza as a cook while the family was at the shore. Sons and daughters have married and migrated, reared children and added to the branches of an already luxuriant family tree. On one occasion a number of these signified a desire to assemble again under the old roof. The old lady who now is the head of the family, seeing that special help was necessary, sent for Liza to come and help cook the dinner. Liza's answer was brief and dignified. "De winter am my vacation," she said, "an' den I doan' cook for nobody. In de winter I rests, an' all I does is washin' an' ironin'." —Philadelphia Record.

**A Curt Reply.**

A story is told of Professor Masson when editor of Macmillan's Magazine. It refers to the days when Kingsley and Newman were engaged in their famous pamphlet war. Conscious of the excellence of an article on the subject of the controversy which he had written in the magazine, Masson ventured to bring it under the notice of Newman, but he was not prepared for the reply he received, although he afterward spoke of it with philosophic humor. Newman's laconic message was in words such as these: "I have not heard of your magazine, and your name conveys no impression to my mind." —Westminster Gazette.

**Heartfelt.**

Lord Carrington when governor of New South Wales made his first public appearance at the mayor's dinner at Sydney. Having committed a few words to paper, he delivered them in reply to the toast of his health and then sat down, feeling very much satisfied with himself. Opposite to him there sat an M. P. who had suffered long from the abundant eloquence of the new governor's predecessor. When Lord Carrington sat down the man filled his glass to the brim and said, "Thank the Lord, he can't speak!"

**Suited His Temper.**

"You seem to find that book very interesting," said Mrs. Henpeck.

"Yes," replied Henry; "it's delightful. I've glanced at the ending, and the hero and heroine don't get married after all." —Washington Herald.

Whether a knave or a fool can do the greater harm is one of the questions which twenty centuries of experience has not fully determined. —Dallas News.

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