

CLOSED WITH DOXOLOGY

Amusing Incidents of the Last Hours of Fifty-Third Congress.

GENERAL HILARITY PREVAILED

Crowds Anxious to Witness the Closing Ceremonies Are Unable to Obtain Seats in the Galleries--The Retiring Senators.

By the United Press.

Washington, March 4.—The Fifty-third congress came to an end today with the usual interesting incidents. In the senate the closing scene was marked with the dignity which characterizes that body on formal occasions of state.

As early as 7 o'clock spectators began to appear, and it is worthy of remark that the first comers were women. By 9 o'clock the galleries were comfortably filled, at 10 the last seat had been taken, and fifteen minutes later people were thronging the corridors outside the gallery doors in the hope that they might have opportunity of seeing the Democratic house pass into history.

The members on the floor made merry as the clock hands moved on rapidly towards the hour of adjournment. The great majority, who were not coming back to the sessions of the Fifty-fourth congress, passed among their colleagues saying good-byes. Little groups gathered here and there and expressed their relief that the agony was over in telling stories and expressing what then intended to do as private citizens. It was a noisy, good natured throng.

Taffy for Speaker Crisp. The house had taken a recess at 2:15 o'clock this morning after disposing of the naval appropriation bill, which was passed exactly as it came from the senate. At 8 o'clock the house re-assembled and spent the time until noon with an interim of one hour and fifteen minutes in recess, disposing of measures of minor importance and in passing resolutions complimentary to Speaker Crisp.

Repeating to these Mr. Crisp made an eloquent speech. He expressed his feeling not only regarding the resolution, but in respect to the courtesy and consideration with which he has been treated. Speaker Crisp announced the appointment of Representative Culbertson, of Texas, Democrat, in place of Mr. Catchings, of Mississippi, Democrat, as heretofore announced, and Representative Hitt, of Illinois, Republican, to serve with himself as delegates to the International Monetary conference.

The clock hands had come together marking the noon hour, and without further ado the speaker brought his gavel down on the desk and declared the house adjourned sine die.

They Sang the Doxology. A cheer went up from the floor, but it died away quickly, as a number of correspondents in the press gallery sang the doxology.

The winding up scenes were enlivened by a discussion between Senators Morgan (Dem., Ala.) and Gray (Dem., Del.) upon the Behring sea seal fisheries question, and by a highly amusing discussion between Senator Call and Senators Gorman, Aldrich and Walcott in reference to Mr. Call's resolution for a special committee to investigate the doings of the Louisiana or Honduras Lottery company.

ON THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF

Colonel Ripple and Major Warren, of Scranton, Are Honored.

DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Bills Introduced and Other New-Business Before the House and Senate--The American Citizens Congratulated on Adjournment of Congress.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 4.—Governor Hastings will send to the senate during the week a batch of staff appointments. Among them will be the nominations of Major Everett Warren, of Scranton, president of the State League of Republican clubs, to be judge advocate general to succeed Colonel Dewitt Cuyler, of Philadelphia, and Colonel Ezra Ripple, of the Thirteenth regiment, for commissary general, vice Colonel Richard S. Edwards, of Gwynedd. General Gobin, commander of the Third brigade, to which the Thirteenth regiment is attached, says Colonel Ripple is one of the best officers in the guard and is sorry to have to lose him.

The governor will likely appoint Jacob Greene, of Philadelphia, as color bearer on his staff in place of Alex. W. Bergstresser, Jr., of this city. Greene was color bearer on the staff of General Hartranft when he was governor, and afterward held the same rank on the division staff under him. The general inspector of rifle practice and other important positions on the staff may not be appointed for some time.

RECORD OF A DAY.

Bills Introduced in the Senate and House. Concerning the Military.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 4.—The senate met at 9 o'clock. The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Vaughan, extending the rights of a corporation purchasing property of another corporation to such property; Mr. Baker, increasing the adjutant general's salary to \$4,900; increasing the charge of maintenance of illots and feeble minded children in the Pennsylvania training school from \$1.50 to \$1.75; by Mr. McQuinn, providing for the publication of legal notices by county officers in two papers representing the two leading parties in counties having a population of 35,000 or less, in three papers in counties having a population between 35,000 and 60,000, and in four papers in counties having a population of 60,000 or over; by Mr. Gobin, securing the registration of plumbers and the supervision of plumbing and drainage; compensating S. H. Sites, Company F, Ninth regiment, for disability incurred during the war; and a bill for the relief of the following resolution was offered by Mr. Landis and agreed to:

Congratulations to the People. Resolved, That the senate of Pennsylvania hereby extends its congratulations to the people of the United States that the most important and successful tax-increasing, industry-wrecking, business-increasing, industry-paralyzing, labor-improvising congress, known to American history, has by constitutional limitation come to a close.

House Proceedings. The house met at 8 o'clock. Bills were read in place as follows: Mr. Underwood, Wayne, fixing sixty pounds as the maximum amount of a bushel of clover seed. Mr. Weak, Forest, amending the act of 1829, providing that judges of elections shall be allowed 6 cents a mile for each mile necessarily traveled in delivering returns of elections. Mr. Gould, Erie, fixing \$350,000 as the maximum amount that may be expended annually upon the National Guard. Mr. Bidde, Bedford, appropriating \$1,000,000 annually to aid in the construction and maintenance of roads. Mr. Farr, Lackawanna, appropriating \$25,000 for the care and maintenance of the insane in Lackawanna county.

Mr. Cochran, Armstrong, introduced a resolution calling for an investigation into the brutal treatment of insane patients in the Warren Insane asylum. The resolution calls for the appointment of a committee of five members of the house and three members of the senate, the committee to have power to subpoena witnesses. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Nickell, of Philadelphia, called up his resolution of Jan. 28 to give a place on the calendar to his bill prohibiting the employment of any but American citizens on public buildings. Mr. Fow stated that the United States supreme court had decided that a similar law passed by the Illinois legislature was unconstitutional because it interfered with private contracts. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 114 ayes to 3 nays.

Mr. Carvin, of Delaware, offered a resolution, which was adopted, congratulating the American people on the adjournment of the Democratic congress. It was the same resolution adopted by the Minnesota legislature.

COMTESSE DE CASTELLANE

Marriage of Anna Gould Solemnized at Noon Yesterday.

A DAZZLING HOUSE WEDDING

About One Hundred Guests Witness the Ceremony Which is Performed by Archbishop Corrigan--The Bridal Veil an Heirloom.

By the United Press.

New York, March 4.—At noon today, Archbishop Corrigan officiating, Miss Anna Gould became the Countess De Castellane, and the fortunes of one of America's richest heiresses were linked with those of a French nobleman of ancient name and proud connections. The wedding, which took place at the home of George Jay Gould, Fifth avenue and Sixty-seventh street, will be marked with a white stone in the chronicles of magnificent society events. The palatial dwelling of the head of the Gould family, with its spacious rooms furnished in oriental splendor, was a fitting place for the ceremony, which could not be held in the cathedral owing to the fact that the bride is a Protestant.

The Count and Countess De Castellane began their honeymoon this afternoon at "Lyndenhurst," the Gould country home at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, now the residence of Miss Helen M. Gould and Howard Gould.

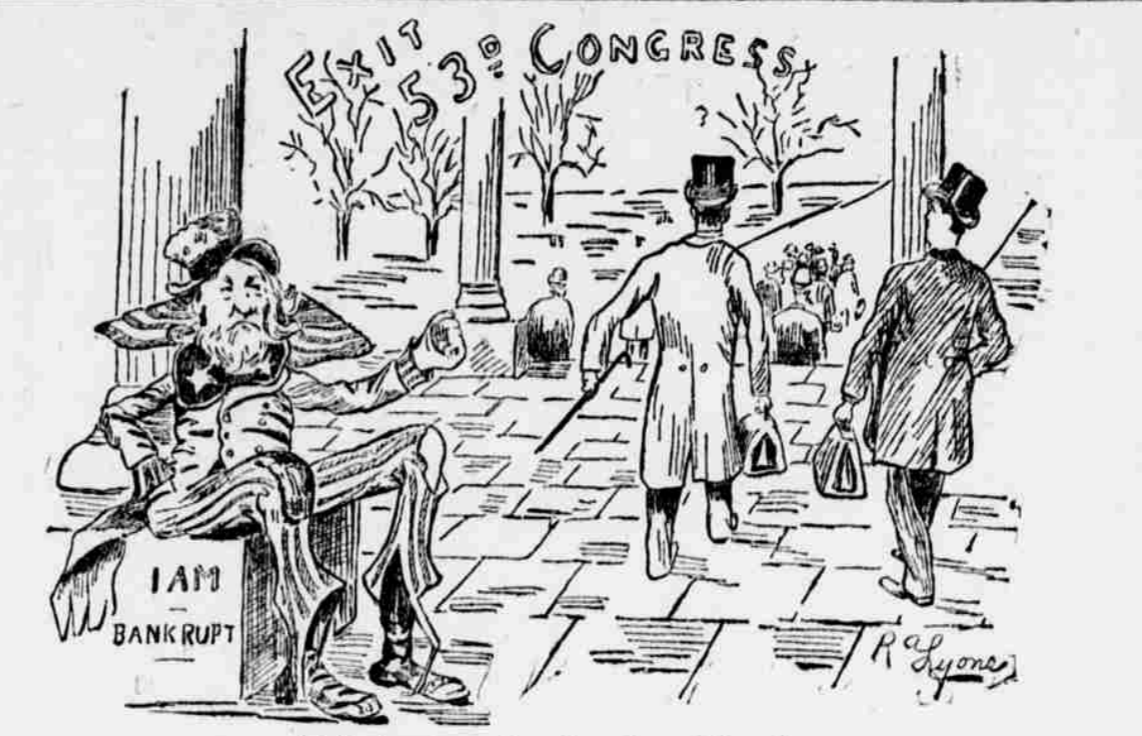
There was a little incident at the residence of Mr. Gould under the programme, and which the Goulds had intended should not become public. Immediately after the religious ceremony Judge R. P. Andrews, of the supreme court of this city, performed a civil ceremony of marriage. This was at the request of George Gould. The family had all along denied that any civil ceremony was to be performed since Mayor Strong had refused to perform it, except at the city hall.

SHOT HIS BROTHER. William and Joseph Hodges Engage in a Quarrel Which Terminates Fatally. By the United Press. Philadelphia, March 4.—On last Monday night William and Joseph Hodges, brothers, quarreled in a saloon because the former refused to loan the latter a dollar. The quarrel was suddenly terminated by Joseph shooting his brother. William was taken to the hospital, where he died today, without having regained consciousness after being shot.

GIRL'S HEART NOT BROKEN. Wedding Festivities Went on Without the Truant Groom. By the United Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 4.—When John Hall decided not to wed Miss Ollie Ryan a few evenings ago, he wrote her a letter. She replied in a cheerful manner, saying: "There are others."

INSURGENTS SURRENDER. The Entire Band at Jagney Grande Yield to Authorities. Havana, March 4.—The entire band of insurgents in Jagney Grande have surrendered to the authorities. The governor of the province of Santiago has reported to the governor general that the rioters at Faïre are disposed to surrender.

WEATHER REPORT. For eastern Pennsylvania, generally fair and much colder with northwest winds.



Not Anxious for Another Like It.

WHERE ICE IS PLENTIFUL

Traffic Closed on the Columbia and Port Deposit Road.

A BIG BRIDGE IS CARRIED AWAY

The Old Susquehanna Becomes Active at Various Points--Allegheny River is Falling Slowly--Situation at Kittanning.

Lancaster, Pa., March 4.—The bridge of the Columbia and Port Deposit railroad over the Susquehanna river at Safe Harbor, was carried away this morning by the great flood and volumes of ice, together with ten loaded coal cars.

Williamsport, March 4.—Specials to the Times from Clearfield, Lock Haven and Jersey Shore report the Susquehanna river falling at all these points. Water and ice for several days covered the Philadelphia and Erie railroad tracks at Wetham, but the line has, however, opened this morning. The ice has moved down the west branch at all places except in the immediate vicinity of this city, where it is still lodged in three successive gorges, the first being at the Maynard street bridge.

Pittsburg, March 4.—Reports received by the weather bureau today from all important points along the Allegheny river state that the river is now falling slightly except at a few points. The ice-held volume of water between Kittanning and Parker appears less threatening, and the general opinion now is that the immense gorge now filling the river for forty miles, within the limits, noted, will not come out with the present rise. At Mahoning station, where the gorge threatens to lift the Allegheny Valley railroad bridge from its foundation, the river stands at 24 ft. 10 in. At Red Bank, Pa., where Mahoning, the marks show twenty-five feet stationary, and at Brady's Bend the river is rising slowly.

Alarm at Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 4.—The ice is still gorged in the Susquehanna river between here and Nanticoke. The water is rising rapidly tonight, and should the ice not move out before tomorrow much damage is threatened, as rain began to fall here at 5 o'clock this afternoon, which, from present indications, may last until tomorrow. The ice at Nanticoke, nine miles from here, is intact and has not broken since it froze over early in the winter. At Shick-shinny, eighteen miles from this city, it is bank full and continues to rise.

Howl from Lancaster. Lancaster, Pa., March 4.—The Lancaster County Agricultural and Horticultural society today adopted a protest against the bill now in the governor's hands creating a department of agriculture, and asking the governor to veto it. The society declares it extravagant and unnecessary.

Veteran Showman Dead. Jacksonville, Fla., March 4.—W. C. Coup, the veteran showman, died this morning of pneumonia. He was on a tour of Florida with a show.

FINLEY'S

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Opened this week in our

DRESS GOODS

DEPARTMENT, Comprising a new and elegant line of FINE NOVELTIES, PIN CHECKS, HAIR LINE STRIPES, SILK AND WOOL BROCHE AND BROCADE EFFECTS, ENGLISH TWEEDS, AND VIGOUREUX, ETC., ALL EXCLUSIVE.

These goods are specially adapted for Early Spring Wear and will be hard to find later.

THERE BEING NO DUPLICATES.

CHOICE LINE OF

Silk and Wool Plaids, Silk and Wool Javanaise, Challies and Swivel Silks, New Silk Plaids and Taffetas For Shirt Waists.

OUR

SILK AND WOOL SUITINGS AT \$3.25 A Suit, Can't Be Beat.

FINLEY'S

610 and 612 Lackawanna Ave.

H. A. KINGSBURY

AGENT FOR GRAS. A. SCHIEREN & CO.'S

LEATHER BELTING

THE VERY BEST.

613 SPRUCE ST., SCRANTON, PA.

LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES

Enlarge-ment Sale

We are going to have more room. You are going to have more comfort.

We are going to sell more Shoes. You are going to help us.

It has paid you in the past. It will pay you in the future.

LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES

REPAIRING OF

FINE WATCHES

WEICHEL,

the Jeweler, can repair your watch to give perfect satisfaction, having had ten years' experience in our leading watch factories.

GIVE US A TRIAL