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## FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

### Both Branches Organized Without the Slightest Jar.

### MR. REED IS AGAIN SPEAKER

Other Officers of the Republican Caucus Are Elected—The Reed Rules Are Adopted—Large Attendance at Organization of the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 2.—It was a notable audience in the presence of which Clerk Kerr convened the Fifty-fourth congress at noon today. The events usual in opening of congress occurred, but the crowds present were much larger than the house officials counted on and many people were turned away. Probably the most indifferent person in the tumult and excitement of the occasion was the man from Maine, who received the honor thrust upon him with calm demeanor. Reed was sworn in by General Hasmer, who succeeds that other distinguished Philadelphian, Hon. Charles O'Neil, father of the house. This is General Hasmer's twelfth consecutive term as representative and this was not overlooked today by his colleagues, who crowded about him to extend congratulations. In the drawing of seats all of the Pennsylvanians in the house came early on the list and secured desirable places.

Ex-Speaker Crisp did not receive the unanimous vote of the party. Representative Cain, of Texas, still smarting from his chagrin of the last congress, which the refusal of Speaker Crisp to give him a committee appointment he sought engendered, bolted the candidate. His party in caucus had nominated and elected him as Speaker. Much adverse criticism is being directed at Cain because of his action.

Speculation as to committees. Speaker Reed will not announce his committees for several days. He said he had not completed his list of committee appointments. When the committees are announced there will be some surprises. Reburn, of Philadelphia, for instance, who was on the committee on rivers and harbors in the last congress, will hardly be on the committee again although he wants the appointment. Messrs. Acheson and Helmer, both from districts in the western end of the state, want to get on the committee. Senator Quay has expressed a preference between the two, and Acheson, whose district lies on the Monaca water way may be improved, is his choice. Reed may respect his wishes in the matter. Dalsell, of Pittsburgh, is still hoping against hope that Reed will make him chairman of ways and means. Nobody knows who Reed's choice, but Reed and his committee will be the chairman of the committee on the judiciary may be Colonel W. A. Stone, of Allegheny, and Hicks, of Altoona, wants to be chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds. Pennsylvania will have six votes for the committee on agriculture, labor, and fisheries. Reed may respect his wishes in the matter. Dalsell, of Pittsburgh, is still hoping against hope that Reed will make him chairman of ways and means. Nobody knows who Reed's choice, but Reed and his committee will be the chairman of the committee on the judiciary may be Colonel W. A. Stone, of Allegheny, and Hicks, of Altoona, wants to be chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds. Pennsylvania will have six votes for the committee on agriculture, labor, and fisheries. Reed may respect his wishes in the matter.

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The one vote for Mr. Culbertson was given by his colleague, Mr. Cranshaw, today being the only deviation from party programmes. Mr. Reed's speech, in taking the chair, was brief and incisive. He would not speak for the past, he said; the past could speak for itself. Nor should he speak for the future, as they were not putting off the harness, but putting it on. But he suggested that those who had acted with wisdom in the past might be fairly expected to act with wisdom in the future. After the oath of office had been administered to the speaker and all the members, the next step in the republican program, the election of the house officers, was taken, and Messrs. McDowell, of Pennsylvania; Russell, of Missouri; Glenn, of New York; McElroy, of Ohio, and Conden, of Michigan, were chosen as clerk, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, postmaster and chaplain, respectively.

The rule of the Fifty-first congress (popularly known as the Reed rules) were adopted for the government of the house in the present congress, after an assurance from Mr. Reed that the republicans had had offered the resolution that they would hereafter be referred to the committee on rules and that the house would have an opportunity to discuss the report of the committee. That assurance seemed to satisfy Mr. Crisp (Democrat, Georgia) who, during the question, and the matter went through without further contention.

After some further preliminary proceedings and a drawing for seats in the usual manner, perhaps somewhat in contravention of the anti-lottery law, and in which drawing many of the prizes fell to some of the least known of the members, and many of the blanks to some of the most distinguished, the house at 4:35 p. m. adjourned until tomorrow.

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Three hours were consumed by the house Democrats in caucus this afternoon, selecting the four officials of their party, which they are entitled by their minority representation. The veteran Ohioian, Colonel Isaac

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### When Langerman was called to the bar Recorder Coff spoke at length of the justifiability of the jury verdict in the light of the evidence, and also referred to the defendant's "unsavory record."

### "Once before," he said, "nothing but the modesty of a woman prevented you from standing trial similar to this one." Langerman's answer was "swiftness. Some short, angry words came to his lips. The recorder went on: "Your life has been an awful one. So bad and low have you become that you kept a diary of your acts of violence; but justice demands that you be punished. I am convinced that you are innocent of this crime. This girl has confessed to me that she consented to her relations with you."

### Langerman broke down and sobbed at this point. The recorder went on to tell the jury that the woman confessed that she had been actuated by Langerman's cynical and heartless manner to seek revenge by accusing him of using force. This feeling of revenge was coupled with a desire to protect herself when she found that she would be homeless and without a friend in the world. The recorder read a few words of the confession aloud, and went on: "I discharge you accordingly on your recognition and this indictment against you; but in order that the ends of justice may not be defeated, I shall admit you to the house of detention, where you will be held as a witness until the time when the possible proceedings against Miss Aub may be instituted by the grand jury and the district attorney of this city."

### BAR'S SHORTAGE \$25,000.

German Building Associations Mourn the Demise of Their Secretary.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—The officials of nine large German building associations were today stirred up over the recent death of their secretary, who had acted as secretary of the associations from home, and that he was short about \$25,000. The peculiar part of the transaction was that the knowledge of the alleged shortage was first gained through Mr. Bur himself, who is said to have written to a lawyer to the effect that he was short a large amount.

### KENTUCKY COLONEL SUES.

Asks Heavy Damages for the Smirching of His Son's Reputation.

Valparaiso, Ind., Dec. 2.—Colonel U. R. Williams, of Pikeville, Ky., filed suit this afternoon against Herman McClellan, a wealthy business man of this city, for \$20,000 damages. Two sons of Williams were attending the Normal college, were arrested at the instance of McClellan on the charge of larceny. They were acquitted and returned home. The news followed them and their reputations, they claim, were greatly injured.

### COASTY COMMISSIONERS IN TROUBLE.

Hollydaysburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—John Hurd, commissioner of Blair county, for committing a misdemeanor in office and holding a pecuniary interest in public contract was sentenced by Judge Bell to pay \$50 fine, the costs, and to undergo an immediate removal from his office.

### Daily Elected High Sheriff.

Limerick, Dec. 2.—John Daly, who is now serving a sentence of penal servitude for connection with a dynamite conspiracy of 1891, and whose recent election to the house of parliament was cancelled for that reason, was today elected high sheriff of the city of Limerick by the corporation.

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Norstown, Pa., Dec. 2.—Charles Henderson, a special policeman serving railroad, charged with manslaughter in shooting and killing Schofield, a Philadelphia policeman last, was acquitted this afternoon. The case was heard by the coroner and the jury returned a verdict of the person or persons who were the wreck of the express train on the night of Dec. 1.

### WEATHER REPORT.

For Eastern Pennsylvania, and much colder weather, with winds.

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