

SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Asiding from the reading of the message and the administration of the oath of office to William B. Dillingham, the new senator from Vermont, who succeeds the late Justin S. Morrill, no business was transacted. The old member of the body, former Representative Jonathan Dwyer, who succeeds the late Senator Gear, of Iowa, was present, but his credentials were not presented and he was not sworn in. These formalities will be complied with tomorrow, now that the date has been informally officially of the death of Senator Gear.

The opening of the session in the house today was brilliant, but not exciting. There were the usual throngs in the galleries and the usual display of floral pieces on the floor, but the proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the rapping to order by the speaker, prayer by the chaplain, the roll-call of members, the appointment of the formal committees to notify the president and the administration of the oath of office to the new members.

Department Estimates. Washington, Dec. 3.—The secretary of war forwarded today to the house committee on appropriations a comparative statement of war department estimates for the fiscal years 1901 and 1902, together with a statement of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. The estimates for 1901 amount to \$185,965,000, and estimates for 1902 amount to \$171,772,855. The appropriations for the present fiscal year amount to \$148,205,234.

Secretary Root's Bill Introduced by Chairman Hull. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary Root's bill for the reorganization of the army was introduced today by Chairman Hull, of the house military committee, and at once referred to that committee. Work on the bill has been in progress and the measure is now practically completed and ready to be reported. The report probably will be made tomorrow and Chairman Hull says he hopes to begin consideration of the measure within a day or two, certainly Friday, with the expectation of passing in the house before the close of the present week.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

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MAN KILLED ON D. & H. RAILROAD

Supposed to Be John Carroll, of Franklin Furnace, N. J.—Evidently Struck by the 1-20 Passenger Train.

A man supposed to be John Carroll, of Franklin Furnace, N. J., was killed on the Delaware and Hudson railroad, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, and his remains were found about a hundred yards from the Carbon street crossing by a young man named William Tighe, who was returning home.

The man's right foot was cut off and lay twenty feet from the body; his skull was fractured and left arm mangled. On his person were found \$11 in money and several small trinkets. There was also a letter from his wife, dated Franklin Furnace, N. J., November 23, in which she refers to his being in Scranton, and intimates that he left her in destitute circumstances.

The supposition is that Carroll was struck by the passenger train that leaves this city for Carbondale at 1:20 a. m. The remains were removed to Barrett's morgue, where they await the action of the coroner.

POLICE AFTER CLARIVINSKI.

He Is Accused of Firing Shotgun at William Repp.

The police of Old Forge borough have made an unsuccessful search for Frank Clarivinski since last Saturday, but as yet no traces have been discovered of the man with the barred eye name. He is accused of having fired the contents of a double-barreled shotgun at William Repp, of the borough, shooting him in the head and inflicting serious, but fortunately not fatal wounds.

The story of the affray is said to be as follows: Repp was engaged Saturday in cutting down a tree at his home, when Clarivinski, who lives nearby, interfered and ordered him to cease his work as the tree was in Clarivinski's (sic), and he objected to its destruction.

Repp did not heed his remarks, but continued to chop away. Clarivinski is said to have then entered his home and emerged with a double-barreled gun, which he fired at him. A number of the shot entered Repp's scalp and were the cause of painful wounds. He is now considered out of danger. Clarivinski left Old Forge immediately after the shooting.

THREE MINE ACCIDENTS.

Men Were Injured at the Continental, and in Priebruck and Throop.

There were three mine accidents yesterday and as a result, a trio of injured miners are receiving treatment at the Lackawanna and Moses Taylor hospitals. They are Michael Dancho, of Priebruck; Peter Curtis, of Throop, and a miner whose name is not known at the Moses Taylor, and who was injured in the Continental shaft.

The man who was hurt at the Continental is a Polish laborer. He was caught under a fall of rock yesterday afternoon and received a fracture of the skull. He was unconscious when taken to the Moses Taylor hospital and early this morning was still in that condition. His injuries are considered of a very serious nature.

Dancho was injured at Priebruck, where he had his left hand cut under a mine car and severed. Curtis had his right leg fractured by a fall of coal. Both of these men rested easily at the Lackawanna hospital.

NEWMAN CLUB'S MEETING.

Arthur Sullivan and His Works Will Be Discussed.

The Newman Magazine club will meet tonight in the Knights of Columbus club house, and devote the session to the late famous composer, Arthur Sullivan. "The Compositions of Arthur Sullivan," will be the subject of an article by Dr. W. M. Ruddy. Miss Katherine Morgan will give a vocal solo, as will also Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien. "The Last Chord" is one of the songs Mrs. O'Brien is to sing.

"Spes Mundus" will be the duet sung by Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Miss Harriet Ward will give a violin solo. Miss Nellie Benish will render selections on the piano and the entertainment will be followed by a progressive euchre, for which some handsome prizes have been donated.

Fire at Oswego.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Fire, near Oswego, Pa., destroyed the plant of the Cawago Chemical company early this morning. Loss, \$70,000; insurance, \$50,000. The plant is owned by Bradford, Pa., parties.

Superior Court Convenes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The superior court, after a two weeks' recess, today convened in this city. No opinions or judgments were handed down.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF WAR

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TERRITORIAL SUBJECTS

The Philippine Insurrection; the Chinese Campaign; the Developments in Cuba and Porto Rico and the Subject of Army Reorganization Are Discussed—Cuba's Prosperity—Porto Rico and Alaska.

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Washington, Dec. 3.—The annual report of Secretary Root is of more than usual interest owing to its wide scope and the fact that it treats of subjects of such importance as the Philippine insurrection, the Chinese campaign, the developments in Cuba and Porto Rico and finally with the subject of army reorganization.

The chapter of the report treating of military operations in the Philippines is a recital of the features of the campaigns that were conducted in the islands during the past year. It is said that the purpose was to pursue the small bands of Filipinos scattered throughout the islands. The effort was successful and resulted in the further, and particularly complete disintegration of the insurrectionary bands; in the rescue of nearly all the American and Spanish prisoners; and in the capture of many of the leading insurgents and the destruction of large quantities of arms and supplies. Secretary Root says that with the execution of the military plans there, all formal and open resistance to American authority in the Philippines terminated leaving an exceedingly vexatious and annoying guerrilla warfare, of a character closely approaching brigandage, which will require time, patience and good judgment to finally suppress. The secretary further says that it requires over 400 different posts in the Philippines because the Tagalos who are in rebellion, have deliberately adopted the policy of murdering, so far as they are able, all of their countrymen who are friendly to the United States. He thinks that the most efficient measures for the reduction of the number of posts and of troops in the Philippines will be the construction of roads, making possible rapid communication, the establishment of personal relations between our officers and the people so that we can tell who are trustworthy sources of information, the gradually growing appreciation of American control and good intentions following good civil administration and finally the training of native troops under American officers.

Campaign in China. The campaign of the United States troops in China is treated with some detail in the report. The secretary reviews in detail the rapid and effective steps by which the American forces were transferred in a great emergency, from the Philippines and from this country to Taku, and thence how they forced their way to Peking.

The progress that has been achieved during the year in the erection of a civil government in the Philippines is made the subject of a special chapter of the report. Beginning with the first step of the organization of the Spanish authority, which had always controlled, Secretary Root shows how the principles of civil government by easy steps were put in operation.

Touching Cuba, the report says the conduct of affairs there during the year has been a continuance of the processes of aiding the Cuban people of the development of the Cuban government in its stable and efficient condition. It has been done by guiding the Cuban civil administration, by introducing, mainly through Cuban officers, such reforms in administration as shall serve to put the business of government in fairly good condition, when a complete Cuban administration finally assumes control of the government of the island.

In concluding his remarks as to Cuba, he says: "Only doubt as to the stability of the future government and uncertainty as to the continuance of a market for her products, retards the influx of capital and the development of Cuba's extraordinary resources. It is to be hoped the wise action of the present constitutional convention will speedily resolve these uncertainties and establish the prosperity of Cuba upon a firm foundation."

In Porto Rico, where the army controlled, up to the first of May, its principal function was the improvement of the civil administration, accustoming the people to the exercise of the powers of government and continuing the work of relief made necessary by the deplorable condition in which the island had been left by the great hurricane. Since then the telegraphic system of the island had been reconstructed by the signal corps, a census has been taken and the system of taxation straightened out. The secretary accepts as his own, General Davis' statement as to the creditable manner in

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WEATHER FORECAST.

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