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Meeting of Congress.

The short session of the 58th Congress began, Monday noon, with the same crowd in the galleries, the same "monumental" benches of members on the desks, and the same everything excepting the few new faces that appeared on the floor of the two rooms to take the places of those of members who had passed away.

In the Senate Chamber Mr. Knox appeared, was sworn in, and was assigned a seat in what is called "the Cherokee strip," as there was no vacant seat in the Republican side, there were no demonstrations excepting for Senator Fairbanks; Senator Penrose offered a resolution regarding Senator Quay, and the Senate adjourned until next day.

In the House six new members were sworn in without protest, resolutions regarding Senator Quay and House were adopted; a committee was named to wait upon the President, and the House adjourned until next day.

THE MESSAGE.

On Tuesday the President's Message was read in both houses of Congress, and it is an unusually short, complete and common-sense document. It makes no reference to the proposed revision of the tariff rates, except the indirect one in the opening sentence which is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives—

The Nation continues to enjoy notable prosperity. Such prosperity is of course primarily due to the high individual average of our citizenship, taken together with our great natural resources; but an important factor therein is the working of our long-continued government of policies, and these policies have been emphatically expressed their approval of the principles underlying these policies, and have not been substantially changed, although of course applied in a progressive spirit to meet changing conditions. The enlargement of the scope of the functions of the National Government required by our development as a nation involves, of course, increased expense; and the period of prosperity through which the country is passing justifies expenditures for such improvements far greater than would be wise in hard times. Battleships and forts, public buildings and waterways are investments which should be made when we have the money; but abundant revenues and a large surplus always should be taken to guard against any unnecessary increase of the ordinary expenses of the Government. The cost of doing government business should be regulated with the same rigid scrutiny as the cost of doing a private business.

His next sentences deal with capital and labor. He approves of the law which condemns lawlessness, grants the benefits of corporations, and the control of their operations in ways that may not infringe upon the rights of the whole people. To these ends he recommends the measure of public utility, believing that public sentiment is as powerful an agency for control as direct intervention of the law. But he adds recommendations for the amendment of the interstate commerce law to prevent abuses which are now being committed by the law creating the department of commerce and labor to enlarge its power.

He considers the ever increasing list of candidates over railroads to be a matter of grave importance, and recommends the passage of a law requiring all railroads to adopt and use some form of block signal system to secure the safety of employees. Another law is proposed for the regulation of the interstate operations of insurance companies, and the law which with the plea of the attorney general to enable the arrest and presentation at the place appointed by the Constitution by their trial of persons indicted in the federal courts. All of these are important and necessary to the welfare of the people. The business of insurance has passed the bounds of state control and the absence of federal law opens the way for injustice to the policy holders on the one hand and for interference with the legitimate business of the companies by state departments on the other.

He says the bureau of corporations has made careful preliminary investigation of many important corporations. It will make a special report on the beef industry.

The policy of the bureau is to accomplish the purposes of its creation by co-operation, not antagonism; by making constructive legislation, not destructive prosecution; the immediate objects of its inquiries; by conservative investigation of fact and not by refusal to issue incomplete and hence necessarily inaccurate reports. Its policy being that, better still, by its own staff, and not attack upon business, the bureau has been able to gain not only the confidence, but better still, the respect and cooperation of the business men engaged in legitimate business.

He thinks the government must in increasing degree supervise and regulate the workings of the railways engaged in interstate commerce; and such increased supervision is not alternative to an increase of the present evils on the one hand or a still more radical policy on the other. In my judgment, the most important legislative act now needed as regards the regulation of corporations is this act to create an interstate commerce commission the revised rate to be put into effect, and to stay in effect unless and until the court of reviews reverses it.

Steamship companies engaged in interstate commerce and protected in our coastwise trade, should be held to a strict observance of the interstate commerce act.

His next paragraphs treat of municipal improvement and sanitary conditions, the work of the Department of Agriculture, reclamation of the arid lands of the west, and the forest and game reserves.

Regarding pensions he says: The veterans of the Civil War have a claim upon the nation and no other body of our citizens possesses. The pension bureau has never in its history been managed in a more satisfactory manner than in now the case.

He then refers to the celebration of the tri-centennial of the settlement of Jamestown. In 1607, says the P. O. Department has increased in efficiency; gives the total receipts of the Department for the past year at 148 millions and the total expenses at 152 millions; says our consular system can be improved; advises the enactment of a proper Quarantine law, and calls attention to the extravagance in government publications that will tend to bring in a new system. He recommends the encouragement of our merchant marine; calls attention to the growing importance of the Oriental markets, and recommends the revision of our immigration and naturalization laws.

The resources, needs and government of Alaska are fully set forth, and recommendations made, and also conditions in Hawaii and the Philippines.

As to our foreign policy he says: The steady aim of this nation, as of all enlightened nations, should be to bring ever nearer the day when there shall prevail throughout the world the peace of justice.

We are in every way endeavoring to help on, with cordial good will, every movement which will tend to bring into more friendly relations with the rest of mankind. In pursuance of this policy I shall shortly lay before the Senate treaties of arbitration with other nations which are willing to enter into these treaties with us. It is not possible at this period of the world's development to agree to arbitrate all matters, but there are many matters of possible difference between us and other nations which can be thus arbitrated.

Furthermore, at the request of the international union, an eminent body composed of practical statesmen from all countries, I have asked the powers to join with this government in a second Hague conference, at which it is hoped that the work so happily begun at the Hague may be carried some steps further toward completion. This conference is the desire expressed by the first Hague conference itself.

He says he has acted in the interests of humanity at large in his dealings with Cuba, Venezuela and Panama, and that it is necessary for us firmly to insist upon the rights of our citizens without regard to whether they were born here or born abroad. This is not a new principle, but it is one which is not only just and equitable, but it is one which is necessary to the maintenance of our Republic. It is not only just and equitable, but it is one which is necessary to the maintenance of our Republic.

The strong arm of the government in enforcing respect for its just rights in the United States. I most earnestly recommend that there be no halt in the work of upholding the American flag. There is no more patriotic duty before us as a people than to keep the navy adequate to the needs of this country's position. We have undertaken to build the isthmian canal. We have undertaken to secure for ourselves our just share in the commerce of the world. We have undertaken to protect our citizens from improper treatment in foreign lands. We have undertaken to insist on the application of the Monroe doctrine to the Western hemisphere. Unless our attitude toward the world is such as to be a mere boastful sham, we cannot afford to abandon our naval program. Our voice is now potent in the councils of the world, and we are not afraid of war. But our preparations upon behalf of peace would neither receive nor deserve the slightest attention if we were impotent to make them good.

The war which now unfortunately rages in the Far East has emphasized in striking fashion the new possibilities of naval warfare.

WAR NOTES.

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No movement of any import is reported from the two great armies facing each other on the Manchurian front. At this time of year the cold in Manchuria is intense, and what is known of the arrangements of the opposing armies indicates that they have gone into winter quarters. During the present month the thermometer at night ranges from 5 to 20 degrees below zero, and during January 20 degrees below zero is common there. There are frequent blizzards from the north, and no human beings can live under canvas. The usual expedient is to live in underground dwellings and these have been extensively constructed by both armies. The Japanese are relieved of any military duty as they have coal mines within their lines. A correspondent of the London Times gives the following description of the way in which the Japanese make their underground quarters:

The method is to dig a trench about 10 feet to 12 feet deep and varying in width from about 9 feet to 12 feet. A narrow stairway cut leading down to the south end. At the base it is widened and a door frame set up with a native door, turning on wooden pivots. The upper half of the door is open work, which, being covered with an opaque native window paper, admits light. The man at the middle door is the steps and, when the door is opened, fresh air and warmth the room. Immediately within, on one side, is a cooking stove, camp oven or boiler, in a simple and primitive style, to which both Russians and Japanese are accustomed. Along the length of the trench a plank forms some kind of a half feet high and six feet wide, made of hammered earth and unburned brick. Beneath this are several simple flues, up and down to which the smoke and heat from the cooking place finds its way, issuing at the end remote from the entrance. A small chimney cut in the solid ground. On this platform, which resembles the old style of greenhouse floor, and is called by the Chinese a kang, many men can sleep in warmth and comfort on a rough mat or dried grass. This mode of heating is not only economical, but the fumes consumed and carry off the earth damp, and the heat is such that always generates in underground dwellings. Across the top of the trench rough pieces of timber or poles are laid, and on these kyo-liang stalks or straw, upon which is heaped the earth covering the trench. This covering keeps out the wind and is practically shell proof. No rain falls, and but little snow, and the latter can, if desired, be swept off the roofs or mounds over the dwelling.

POLITICAL.

The Presidential Electors for this State have received notice from the Secretary of the United States that they are to meet at the State Capitol at Harrisburg to perform their duties on the second Monday of January next, being the 9th day of January, 1905.

The official count of the vote for the Presidential Electors in Pennsylvania shows that Robert Pitcairn, by reason of his name being first on the list, runs nearly seven hundred ahead of his colleagues. His vote was 540,949. Levi G. McCauley, the second man, had 540,294; the two last electors on the ticket had 540,142 and 540,181 respectively. John E. Negley, the Butler-Westmoreland elector, had 540,335; fifteen of the other electors having less.

The first man on the Democratic list had 230 more than his running mate; his vote was 323,430.

In Butler county there was only ten of a difference between the highest and lowest men on the Republican ticket.

"The Simple Life."

Through the American Press Association and by a liberal expenditure of money the Citizen has secured from McClure, Phillips & Co. the right to publish Miss Hendee's translation of "The Simple Life," by Charles Wagner. The reading of the book made such a favorable impression on President Roosevelt that he at once gave it his unqualified endorsement. Three weeks ago the author lectured in Washington, D. C. and was introduced to the audience by the President, who said, in part: "This is the first and will be the only time during my presidency that I shall ever introduce a speaker to an audience, and I am more than glad to do it in this instance, because if there is one book which I should like to have read by all our people, it is 'The Simple Life,' by Mr. Wagner."

"The Simple Life" can be read with equal profit by all classes. It deals with the mistakes of human society in every stage and directs the way to happiness from every point of the social compass. The author makes no unreasonable demands upon society, nor does his social science interfere with our moral, material, intellectual or religious progress. On the other hand, readers of his book will readily see that "The Simple Life," as Mr. Wagner would have us live it, is the royal road to ideal social conditions. The book not only points the way to a life of simplicity, but it is written in language so simple that all may understand, although the phraseology combines a world of strength and beauty.

Miss Hendee's translation, which is the only one authorized by Mr. Wagner, will be published in the Citizen in serial form, the first installment of which appears in this week's issue.

New Tunnels.

Butler county people who have purchased lots on Grand View, (and there seems to be a number of them), were pleased to hear of the opening of the Mr. Washington tunnel last week. The tunnel, which is said to have cost them fifteen thousand men.

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On The Water Question.

Six more oil wells are being started or drilled in the vicinity of the Miller Wick farm in Oakland township. This means that six more casings will be sprung out salter to flow into the Miller Wick farm, and the right to pollute the Thoro Run and Boydstown dams, rendering practically useless and valueless a system on which the Butler Water Company has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and causing much aggravating inconvenience, actual hardship, and large financial loss to the people of Butler for months to come. The courts have held that water from oil wells is a general nuisance, but circumstances alter cases. The Butler Water Co. was on the field first; they have expended their money, ten times as much as will ever be spent in that oil field, their property rights are of a much more permanent nature and much more valuable than are or ever will be those of the oilmen. They are applying fifteen-inch inch diameter casing with an ordinary individual, especially, when he is one of the thousands of sufferers from the salterwater deluge, and the oilmen are applying a four-inch casing with an ordinary individual, especially, when he is one of the thousands of sufferers from the salterwater deluge, and the oilmen are applying a four-inch casing with an ordinary individual, especially, when he is one of the thousands of sufferers from the salterwater deluge.

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