Crowded Before Sessions Are Called to Order.

GRIST OF BILLS PUT IN

Proceedings Perfunctory, journment Out of Respect to Dead Member Is Taken.

Crowded galleries, representing offioisl and social life in Washington, wit nessed the commencement of the regular session of the Sixty-first Congress Monday. At noon, when both houses convened, there was a full attendance of members. On the floor of both houses a renewal of friendships among among Senators and Representatives took the place of interchanges on partisan or political matters. Early in the day it was evident that when Vice President Sherman in the Senate and Speaker Cannon in the house should bring down their gavels they would face full houses.

The procedure followed on the first day was similar to that which has characterized every opening of Congress. A great mass of bills was in treduced by representatives by the simple act of being deposited in the receptacle provided for their reception. Senators waited until Tuesday before laying before their body the new measures they propose to push during the coming menths.

The announcement of the recent deaths of Senator Johnson of North Dakota and of Representatives Lassiter of Virginia and De Armond of Missouri caused adjournments on both elden of the capitol in respect to their memories.

The owearing in of Senator Fountain L. Thompson and of Representatives W. W. McCredie of Washington and W. J. Moxley of Illinois, who have been named for those positions since the adjournment of the special sesalon, took place Tuesday just before the President's message was received and read.

Before Monday was over there were preliminary conferences on both sides of the capital for the pury see of lay-

fillg out plans for the se sion's work. Representative Subser of New York introduced a resolution in the House Monday directing the President to use the army and havy of the country to vestere order, maintain peace and profeet life and property in Nicaragua. resolution recites that the United ates demands the arrest, trial and ishment of President Zelaya caragus for the willful murder of tisens, an ample apology from Nicarama and reparation.

\$1.000.000 STOLEN FROM PHENIX

Seerge P. Sheldon Reported Dying as Result of Disclosures.

State Superintendent of Insurance Hetchkies, in an official report, charged George P. Sheldon, president of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn since 1887, with misapplication of funds, with forgery of reports to the Insurance Department, with "wash sales" of questionable assets, and recommended him to the criminal authorities of New York County for such action as may seem proper. The loss to the company, according to Superintendent Hotchkiss, will total \$1,-660,600. Sheldon is reported to be dying at his home from dropsy and general breakdown

DR. COOK IN A SANITARIUM?

Aretic Explorer is Reported to in Sectuaton Near New York. It is reported that Dr. Frederick A Cook, the explorer, is at a sanitarium near White Plains, N. Y., where certain statesmen and exhausted actors are sent to recuperate. A man who looks like Cook has been seen several times during the last few days riding on horseback away from the sanitarium in the early morning hours and returning on foot in the evening. The authorities of the canitarium said if Br. Cook was there they were enterfaining him unawares.

PULLS DOWN BLACK FLAG; SHOT

Pennsylvania Deputy Sheriff Wound

ed When He Deftes Strikers. For pulling down a black flag in de fiance of the edict of an infuriated meb of fereigners near the plant of the Colonial Steel Company of Monaen near Pittsburg, Deputy Sheriff Conway Crowley was shot and probably fatally wounded. Striking workmen at the steel plant, after taking down the American flag, had placed the black flag on a pole and gathered about it, daring the police officers to take it down.

Cherry Miners Deserted. The testimony taken the other day t the enroner's inquest into the Chermine disaster was directed mainly ed abouing that the officers of the ates had not made an early effort to ene the minera and that the proper at work, had not been supplied

> Madenif, Stool Man, Dico. Madenie 71 years old, pres-Brachurn Steel Comp Homeopathic hospital e there after a brie

THERE ARE GIANTS IN THESE DAYS



Minneapolis Journal.

CHARGE WOMAN WITH MURDER. Wife Alleged to Have Caused W. J.

Erder's Beath by Poluoning. White areenic placed in William J. Erder's food by his bigamous bride caused his death in St. Louis, according to a warrant charging Mrs. Dora E. Dozey with murder in the first degree. The charge is based on a report by William H. Warren, dean of the medical department of Washington University, who analyzed the organs pleasure in receiving him. of Erder's body after it had been disinterred at the request of Miss Kate Erder, a sister. Mrs. Doxey, who collected \$2,700 life insurance on Erder and \$500 on his sister Elizabeth, is under guard at Columbus, Neb. She will resist extradition to St. Louis, according to a telegram. The only requisition now in effect is based on a charge of bigamy, due to the charge that Mrs. Doxey illegally married Erder while the wife of Dr. Loren Basco Dozey.

RUEF FREE; BOND IS \$300,000.

San Francisco Sons Released on Account of Ill Health.

Judge Cabanisa in San Francisco or dered the release from custody of Abraham Ruef on \$300,000 ball. This action followed a report of three physicans appointed by the court to examine the physical condition of the former political leader. Ruef had been confined in the county jail since Nov. 13 of last year, his previous bail having been declared forfeited on the day Prosecutor Francis J. Hency was shot in the courtroom. Ruef is under sentence of fourteen years in the State prison for having bribed a supervisor to vote for a trolley franchise for the United Railroads.

Home Burns; Daughter Cremated. cremated and her mother and two young brothers were fatally burned in a fire which destroyed their home at Connellsville, Pa.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

ported to be behind a company to Chicago.

Kentucky's burley and other grades of tobacco in the 1909 crop will be in the largest quantity ever known, nearly 400,000,000 pounds. This was announced by the banks of Louisville. which have been gathering figures from their various correspondents in the counties where "the weed"

Thousands of acres of corn in the country round about Huron, S. were buried beneath the immense tenfoot snowdrifts that formed during the recent snowfall. The farmers have been prevented from harvesting the corn by the scarcity of farm help. A considerable amount of the corn may

James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, says that we have raised 2.767 .-216,000 bushels of corn in the United States this year, the average being 25.4 bushels and the quality 24.2. He guilty to having defrauded the gov places the corn in farmers' hands at ernment of part of the public domain. 79,799,000 bushels, or 3 per cent of the Col. J. H. Raley, one of the most 2,668,651,060 bushels, or an average of 26.2: the quality was 86.9 and the amount in farmers' hands Nov. 1 was

the erop. The lumber production in Minneapolis for 1909 far exceeds that of either 1002 or 1907. Five miles were in operatten during the year and the estimated output is \$250,000,000 feet. The output for 1908 was 189,401,472 feet, while n 1967 the output was \$14,192,932 feet. ant Taft at the White House, skington, D. O. present a apticular

CALHOUN AS MINISTER TO CHINA

Formal Announcement Is Made from State Department at Washington.

Announcement was made at the State Department at Washington, D. C., Menday of the appointment of William J. Calhoun of Chicago as min- as to the identity of the persons who ister to China. Mr. Calhoun has accepted the appointment, and the Chinese government has indicated its

Born in Pittsburg in 1848, Mr. Cal-



houn has long been a commanding figure in Illinois and the nation. In 1896 he took up the cause of the late Myrtle J. Johnson, 5 years old, was President McKinley and did much to swing Illinois' delegation to the Mc-Kinley column in the National Convention. In 1990 Mr. Calhoun could have received the Republican nomination for Governor if he would have permitted his friends to enter him is Local capitalists of Chicago are re- the race. He has a wide acquaintance down State, having lived at Danville, build a \$250,000 motor speedway for III., where he was admitted to the bar in 1875, before coming to Chicago. In 1898 Mr. Calhoun was named

member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, serving until 1990, in which year he moved to Chicago. In 1905 he was selected as a special commissioner to Venezuela, when an international crisis was impending. His report, made then, has formed basis for America's action ever since in maintaining the principles of the Monroe doctrine.

PAY FINES FOR LAND FRAUD.

Fifteen Citisens of Umatilla County Oregon, Pay Total of \$45,000. Fines aggregating \$45,000 were paid in the Federal Court in Portland, Ore., Wednesday by fifteen citizens of Umatula County who had pleaded crop of 1968. Last year's crop was prominent attorneys of eastern Oregon, paid the heaviest fine, \$10,000. The others who pleaded guilty were 73,124,000 bushels, or 2.7 per cent of stockmen, ranchers and business and professional men.

> Steel Mills Win Strike. After a strike of five months four tills of the American Sheet and Tir Plate Company in Bridgeport, Ohio sanmed operations with old employen, who returned voluntarily. The night was against the "open-shop" nol-

BODY OF AUTO VICTIM FOUND.

Mag Cohen Believed to Mave Met Beath Trying to Save Flances. Finding of the body of Max Cohen floating in the Chicago River near the Loomia street bridge dispelled any doubt which might have remained went to their death Nov. 7 with Chauffeur Erneut Camp when he drove an automobile into the river at the Jackson boulevard bridge. Coben's coat and overcoat were thrown about his head in such a way as to lead the police to believe he had attempted to take them off., while he tried to rescue Miss Beatrice Shapire, his flancee, who, it is believed, met death with him. Miss Shapiro's body has not yet been found.

FIRE SWEEPS BALTIMORE.

Dispater.

Baltimore's great wholesale district, just across the border line from the section of the city where the fire of 1904 started, was swept by flames Thursday evening. The loss will total at least \$1,000,000. Five firemen were badly injured. The fire was gotten under control at 9 o'clock. The extraordinary features which led to the catastrophe of 1904 were missing. bowever, and after a consultation it was decided unnecessary to call on sister cities for help, as was done five years ago. Lombard and Sharp streets were the scene of Thursday night's

~~~~~~ William J. Bryan went to Arizons turing the week to visit his son. From there he will go to Texas to lock after his property on the Guif Coast, and thence sail for Panama to make personal inspection of the big ditch This done he will make a tour around South America, stopping at various places, but getting back in time to fill an engagement in Scotland next June His only statement about the Senatorship before leaving home was: "If there is a demand for me to make the race I will not refuse the nomination. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme

Court, writing in the Ladies' World, predicts the coming of votes for women, saying: "Not fully at once, but by varying steps. Woman's broader education, her increasing familiarity with pusiness and public affairs, will lead to it. And why not? The chief reply is the home. God ferbid that it should be jeopardized. \* \* But female suffrage will not debase the home or lessen its power and influence. On the other hand, it will introduce a refining and uplifting power into our political life. It will not stop marriage; nelther will higher education. The great

assert themselves." Speaker Cannon is angered by the charges of Congressman Pearson that he was aided by Tammany Hall in return for an up-State Republican asdatance in strangling honest election bills aimed at Tammany. Cannon is preparing to have the augar trust inrestigated by Congress.

States either in peace or war depend pon the passage of the ship subside ill, which will give ample protecti merce of the nation of former Secretary of SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

m Ivory doubles in price every few

The first pair of spectacles was made by an Italian in 1299. Norway has a factory in which 24,

000 pounds of haddock can be turned into fish balls in a day.

over 2,500 dogs and cats afflicted with in as deputies. With a few exceptions the disease are destroyed. the amendment of the British copy

discovery that a great-grandson

Queensland and Victoria possess only small ostrich farms, which have not produced very encouraging results. In all there are now about two thousand ostriches in Australia. The inferior feathers are used at home and the more valuable ones are exported,

chiefly in Germany. The French government takes 15 per cent of all the money staked at the casings of the seaside and other health resorts on the little horses and other gambling devices. For the season o 1908-09 this percentage amounted \$943,393, the summer season natural ly contributing the greater part-over \$600,000.

The duke of Atholl holds part of his lands conditionally on his presenting a white rose to his sovereign when honored with a visit. The late Queen Victoria and Prince Albert once were his guests at a time when these flowera were out of season and the duke had much difficulty in obtaining two roses for the occasion.

The court house at Washington, Mason County, Kentucky, in which Uncle Tom of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame was sold, was struck by lightning and destroyed on August 13. The building was erected in 1794. It was the sale of the aged negro at this place that gave Harriet Beecher Stowe the basis for her story.--Green Bag.

One of the main features of the agricultural exhibition at Allahabad, India, next month will be the tillage field, on which as large as possible a choice of plows and other implements of tillage will be regularly at work, so that visitors can see for themselves the depth and quality of the tilth, and the weight and draft of the various implements.

About one million persons in the working period of life in the United States are on the sick list each year The cost of their illness is about \$1, 000,000,000 a year, of which at least one-half is preventable. Therefore, the estimate, considered low, of the preventable loss from disease and death in this country is \$1,500,000,000 .-- Professor Irving Flaher.

Henrik Ibsen's posthumous works have just been published in Norway. They consist of a collection of verse, completed, the last showing the great baby of the family, was stabbed planning of his plays in advance and gino, husband and stepfather. to thorough revision.

Wilfred Stevens, of Shakopee, Minn. translator in the service of the United States government, has a working knowledge of twenty-odd languages official charge of the Rock River Conand can converse is as many dialects ference of that denomination, embracof various other tongues as may be ing northern Illinois, died at his residemanded of him. He knows more dence in New York City Sunday morndiplomatic secrets than any official ing. His death followed an operation of the government, with the possible for a carbuncle. exception of the President and the Secretary of State.

Hookworm can certainly be quickly conquered, malaria more slowly and consumption most slowly, but almost as completely. Consumption is virtually the same great, sweeping destroyer in modern cities of science that it was a century ago, say, in London. Indeed, since the great grip epidemic of 1831 consumption seems worse than it ever was before and the grip epidemic of twenty years ago did not make things any better.-New York Press.

In the British postoffice savings bank in 1997 there were 18,771,969 deposits, of the value of £44,217,288, and last year 18,379,991, representing £44,-779,782. In 1997, 9,308,247 withdrawals were made, involving £46,463,632. and last year 9,922,169, representing an increase of £3,148,137 in the year. and built.

It was the custom one hundred years ago to purchase British army commissions for newly born babes, their rank progressing as opportunity occurred. One of these fortunate infants was the son of Sir William Honeyman. One day a caller heard Lady Honeyman shout from her bedroom door: "Jean, what's the matter? What's all that crying in the nursery?" ringleader. And Jean answered: "Oh, my lady, there's naething the matter. It's only the major (still an infant) greeting (crying) for his parritch."

Among the curiosities of tree life is the sofar, or whistling tree, of Nubia. When the winds blow over this tree it gives out flutelike sounds, playing natural laws of our being will always away to the wilderness for hours at a time strange, weird melodies. It is the spirit of the dead singing among the branches, the natives say, but the scientific white man says that the sounds are due to a myriad of small holes which an insect bores in spines of the branches. The weeping tree of the Canary islands is another arboreal freak. This tree in the dryest weather will rain down showers from its leaves, and the natives gather up the water from the pool formed at the foot of the trunk and find it pure and fresh. The tree exudes the water from innumerable pores at the been of the leaves,-London Globe,

TROOPS OUT IN OHIO STRIKE

Governor Sends Militia to Subdue Rioters at Bridgeport.

Governor Harmon of Ohio has or dered twenty-one companies of State Brandy was first made in France in troops to Bridgeport for the purpose of quelling a riot among the striking employes at the Aetna mill of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company. A mob of 700 or more men had formed on the hillside overlooking the Bridgeport plant, and rifles and revolvers were fired at frequent intervals Though hydrophobia has been Sheriff Amrine, at whose request Govstamped out of Britain, it is still ram ernor Harmon ordered out the troops, pant in Germany, where every year called upon 100 citizens to be sworn these men refused to serve. Four The present wave of agitation for guards at the plant were wounded by strikers the other night, and a boy right law is gaining strength from the who was loitering near the mills also of was shot. The mob fired on the guards Robert Burns is now making a pre-during the entire night, and their fire carlous living as a mender of pots and was returned. Sheriff Amrine ordered both Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry under martial law. The strike had its inception five months ago when the American Sheet and Tinplate Company issued an order that all of its plants would be operated on the "open shop" policy. A majority of the work men were members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers, and struck. Several days ago a number of the strikers voluntarily returned to their old positions, since which time there has been much

## BIG INSURANCE TRANSACTION

Equitable Is Sold by Ryan to Morgan in a Gigantic Deal

J. Pierpont Morgan gains control of the Equitable Life Insurance Society, with its \$472,000,000 of assets. Official announcement was made in New York Thursday of this gigantic transaction. Purchase of the majority of the stock of the huge corporation was made by the Wall street wizard from Thomas P. Ryan, who acquired the company from the Hyde interests after the upheavals caused by the insurance scan dals four years ago.

Apart from its magnitude as a chap ter in the history of finance, the transfer marks a complete reversal of the old order under which the fusurance companies controlled the destinies of the banks and trust companies, as now a banker will control one of the largest insurance companies.

CAIRO LYNCHERS TO ESCAPE.

No Indictments Expected Against Mob Members.

State's Attorney Alexander Wilso has announced that Arthur Alexander, the negro implicated in the murder of Anna Pelley in Cairo, Ill., will not be brought back from Urbana, where be was spirited to escape lynching, for trial at the present term of the Cir. cuit Court on account of the feeling against him. It is not expected that any indictments will be returned by the grand jury against those who took part in the recent double lynching

Mother and Two Children Stain. Mrs. Josephine Mangino and two of her children, Annie and Jimmie Lubiographical material and sketches of pica, were murdered in the kitchen of the plots and morals of his plays, as their home in Cleveland in a quarrel well as the text of the plays as first over money matters. Joe Lupica, the importance Ibsen attributed to careful Search is being made for Antonio Man-

Bishop Goodsell to Bead. Bishop Daniel Avers Goodsell of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who had

Wife Dead; Accese Husband. Mrs. Frank M. Dickerson, 49 years old, was found stabbed to death in the doorway of a store and flat building in Detroit. Her husband, charged with her death, is suffering from probably fatal wounds self-inflicted. About four months ago Mrs. Dickerson left her husband on account of alleged cruelty

Bliganed in the West.

One of the worst blizzards of the season raged over eastern Montana and northern Wyoming Thursday and Friday. Wyoming stockmen fear heavy losses. At Matinee and Sheridan 500 school children had to be escorted home to prevent their being Jost in the

Flood Lonnen Are Henry. Estimates of flood losses in north-£45,395,400. The interest credited to west Washington are almost doubled depositors in 1908 was £3,772,755, as as the waters recede and outlying discompared with £3,719,975 in 1907, and tricts are heard from. The upper Skathe total standing to the credit of de- git Valley will be cut off from the rest positors on savings bank account on of the world for months, as forty December 31, 1908, was £160,648,214, miles of railway must be relocated

> Plot to Assassinate Kaiser. An anarchist weekly, the Freie Arhead resembling a bullet wound. beiter, says the sudden arrests at Breslau on the occasion of Emperor William's visit to Cardinal Kopp were due to the discovery of a plot to asasssinate the Emperor, in which plot one Noack, was supposed to be the

45,000 Left Without Water. Several manufacturing plants in Springfield, Mass., including the United States arsenal, were forced to suspend operations the other day. Five thousand men were thrown out of employment, and the water supply of 45,000 persons was shut off as the resuit of a water famine.

Find Dead Man Gagged. The body of a man, apparently 25 years of age, was found in an abandoned shop on East Second street, Canton, Ohio. A gag was in the mouth a handkerchief was tied about the eyes, and a bruise, apparently from a club, was on the forebead.

Oil Defeat Halts Merger. The recent Standard Oil decision in changed the plans of the propo

## BIG RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN

Every Line, East and West, Opposing Brotherhood Wage Demands, Courts War.

ROADS TO FIGHT UNITED UNIONS

More than a Million Men to Be Directly Engaged in Great Industrial Contest.

The United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the history of the nation. Practically every railroad line in the country, east and west, is in imminent danger of being completely tied up by a walkout on the part of large numbers of its operating employes this month. Officers of the organizations of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of a 10 per cent wage increase, without deviation or compromise.

That the crisis is approaching rapidly was indicated by the announcement at New York by officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that they would "present their demands on the 11th of this month, and the wage conference will begin on the 15th. Although every effort will be made to avert a general strike, it is impossible to predict what the outcome of the conference will be."

Both the railroads and the leaders of organized labor among the railroad employes are preparing for the struggle, which when it once begins will without doubt develop into one of the greatest industrial battles that has ever been fought in this or any other land. The attitude of the leaders on both sides of the dispute which menaces the industrial peace of the country is at the present time that of iron atubbornness.

While it is known that it is not the plan of the leaders in the railroad labor organizations to call out all the men at one time their intention is said to be by those who are acquainted with their plans, to call out sufficient men on each big system to make

operation a practical impossibility. This means that over a million mea will engage directly in a battle with the railroads unless some fortunate circumstance arises to avert the treable. More than 150,000 miles of railroad track will cease to bear their burdens of freight and passengers, with the consequent paralyzing effect on the commerce of the country, unless a settlement is reached quickly.

TWO WOMEN HIGHWAY ROBBERS

Held Member of Their Own Sex in Cincinnati Street and Take \$25. Highway robbery was taken up by the gentler sex early on a recent morning when two women held up and robbed Nora McDonald, a stenographer in Cincinnati. Misa McDonald was on her way home from work when she was accested by the strangers of her own sex, who asked for directions. She was giving them informatten when one of the women siteped behind her and pinioned her arms. Her accomplice searched the victim and got \$23. The brigands escaped.

WOMAN THROWS VITRIOL

Wife of Belfantnine, O., Benfdent Disfigured by Act of Stranger, When Mrs. George Mann answered a ring at her door the other night she met a masked woman who threw vitriol into her face, exclaiming: "['Il burn your eyes out!" The woman then fled. Mrs. Mann's eyes were saved by physicians, but she will be disfigured

by deep burns. Her husband told the

police that he had received letters say-

ing that one day he would go home

and find his wife dead.

own life.

Locked Up with Bend Parents. For twelve hours throughout the coldest night of the season, Earl Campbell, 2 years old, was locked in a room in Kansas City. Kan, alone with the dead bodies of his father and mother. The child's plight was discovered by neighbors, who found that Joseph Campbell, 32 years old, had shot and killed his wife, and then ended his

Wenithy Man Dead on Rails. The body of Gustave Johnson. wealthy stone and gravel contractor. was found near the tracks of the Big Four and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroads at Dayton, Ohio. There was no sign of violence on his body except a small hole in the fere-

Partone in Grip: Owner Demented. H. A. Piednoir, a St. Louis lawyer, carrying a value in which there was \$450,000 of apparently negotiable papers, left a train from New York in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and announced at the railroad station that he would kill himself. The police took him in charge.

Peppermint Induces Longovity. Plenty of peppermint candy is the recipe for longevity given by John Kipp, who celebrated his one dred and third birthday in Washing ton, N. J.

Arrests in Einda Murder. Karl Wodciechewski and Pietzszak were brought to Milwa from Blaney, Mich., as suspects in Hattle Zinda case, Both di from Milwaukee about the time of

Form Indiana To The tobacco growers a formed a pool, under Indiana Tobacca