

## SECOND SESSION OF THE CONGRESS.

Delegates Grow More Enthusiastic  
As the Big Meeting Pro-  
ceeds.

### NAMES OF COMMITTEEMEN.

Senator Burton of Kansas Delivers a  
Ringling Speech—Telegram from  
President Roosevelt.

The second session of the congress was perhaps more interesting than the first, from the fact that the delegates had more fully imbibed the spirit of the occasion and had come to appreciate everything that was presented. The session was marked by a ringing speech from Senator Burton of Kansas and a long telegram from President Roosevelt.

### COMMITTEES NAMED.

Those Appointed to Represent  
Their Respective States.

The first business transacted at the afternoon session yesterday was the naming of committees, those chosen to represent the respective states being as follows:

Arizona—Credentialed, O. P. Bonderson; resolutions, Walter Bennett; permanent organization, Andrew Kimball.  
Arkansas—Credentialed, J. A. Van-  
Etten; resolutions, M. S. Mitchell; permanent organization, J. W. Corcoran.  
California—Credentialed, C. M. Wood-  
ward; resolutions, George H. Maxwell; permanent organization, Samuel Ar-  
mor.

Colorado—Credentialed, H. W. Beaton; resolutions, W. C. Johnston; permanent organization, A. J. McCune.  
Idaho—Credentialed, Col. Valentine; resolutions, Col. Hamer; permanent organization, J. A. McMenamin.  
Illinois—Credentialed, W. A. Memfield; resolutions, Ed. A. Taft; permanent organization, D. H. Anderson.

Iowa—Credentialed, C. F. Saylor; resolutions, William C. Howell; permanent organization, Hon. W. W. Mor-  
row.  
Kansas—Credentialed, J. C. Starr; resolutions, G. L. Miller; permanent organization, J. E. Stuber.  
Minnesota—Credentialed, W. G. Nye; resolutions, E. G. Ballentyne; permanent organization, H. F. Beardsley.

Missouri—Credentialed, Thomas H. Beahm; resolutions, Thomas Knight; permanent organization, Thomas Knight.  
Montana—Credentialed, Edward Gray; resolutions, W. M. Woodbridge; permanent organization, J. H. Kutz.  
Nebraska—Credentialed, T. L. Temple; resolutions, Adna Dobson; permanent organization, H. T. Ferrar.

Nevada—Credentialed, W. J. Bell; resolutions, J. E. Stuber; permanent organization, F. A. McCarran.  
New Mexico—Credentialed, L. P. Mc-  
Gaffey; resolutions, R. E. Finchell; permanent organization, J. Torrey.  
New York—Credentialed, E. C. Edison; resolutions, T. G. Palmer; permanent organization, T. G. Palmer.

North Dakota—Credentialed, R. J. Turner; resolutions, W. H. Robinson; permanent organization, N. C. Larrimore.  
Oklahoma—Credentialed, E. Wadcock; resolutions, J. B. Tholman; permanent organization, Edgar Brain.  
Oregon—Credentialed, A. King Wilson; resolutions, Will R. King; permanent organization, W. R. Allen.

Pennsylvania—Credentialed, J. H. Kurtz; resolutions, J. H. Kurtz; permanent organization, J. H. Kurtz.  
South Dakota—Credentialed, W. J. Chiesman; resolutions, W. A. Stuart; permanent organization, H. P. Atwater.  
Texas—Credentialed, John Hall; resolutions, H. D. Simpson; permanent organization, J. P. Ramsay.

Utah—Credentialed, J. T. Hammond; resolutions, Hon. Reed Smoot; permanent organization, Hon. L. W. Shurtliff.  
Vermont—Credentialed, W. B. Dutton; resolutions, W. B. Dutton; permanent organization, W. B. Dutton.

Virginia—Credentialed, W. H. Beal; resolutions, W. H. Beal; permanent organization, H. H. Beal.  
Washington—Credentialed, R. E. Gut-  
chard; resolutions, H. K. Owens; permanent organization, J. F. Green.  
Wisconsin—Credentialed, J. F. Utter; resolutions, Clarke Tappin; permanent organization, J. W. Groves.

Wyoming—Credentialed, George W. Perry; resolutions, Hon. Joseph M. Carey; permanent organization, E. H. Fout.

### CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

Sends Letter of Regret and of  
Congratulation.

The secretary, by instruction of the president, read the following letter:

New York, Aug. 25, 1903.  
Gilbert McClurg, Esq., The National Irrigation Congress, Ogden, Utah.  
Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your very cordial invitation to be present at the eleventh National Irrigation Congress, I regret that my engagements are so extensive that it will be impossible for me to be with you, supported by the pleasure of the irrigation bill, which passed the house of the government, and the duty of the government to the apex and for the reclamation of arid lands. While I cannot be with you, I hope I may be able to aid you more practically at Washington.

Very truly yours,  
CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

### SENATOR BURTON.

Says Floods Can and Should Be  
Prevented—Resolution Adopted.

Following the naming of committees Senator Burton of Kansas addressed the congress, his speech being well punctuated with applause. The senator said:

"I want to talk a few moments about floods. Some parts of Kansas last May had too much water. There was too much water in Nebraska, in Illinois, in Missouri. The usual floods of last spring destroyed more than 100 lives and more than \$50,000,000 worth of property, to say nothing of the loss of business, the broken hearts and ruined homes in the flooded districts. The flooded area was larger than all New England. In 1891, at the foot of the Appalachian range in South Carolina and North Carolina, there was destroyed by floods more than \$10,000,000 worth of property, and this spring as much property and many lives, caused perhaps by the riotous prodigality of forest destruction on the apex and slopes of the Appalachian range. Frequently destructive floods have occurred in the valleys of the Red, the Arkansas, the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Ohio, and other tributaries to the great Father of Waters. Inundations of the Missouri and Mississippi valleys are expected, and almost with as much certainty as the changes of the seasons. If all the loss of life and property from floods could be tabulated and published to the people, especially how the American people, that nothing has as yet been done by the states or the country that has had for its direct purpose the prevention of floods. True, for the past 40 years or more, we have been do-

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ing something to the lower Mississippi and lower Missouri to control the flood water, but nothing, I repeat, has been done to prevent the massing of flood waters.

### WHY NOT PREVENT FLOODS?

Every municipality in the country legislates against destruction by fire. In more ways than one we seek to curtail the loss from that destructive element. Towns and cities pass ordinances against the erection of combustible buildings in the congested districts. Individuals and corporations insure against losses by fire, and a great deal of intelligent attention has been given the subject of loss by fire. But nothing has been done to prevent the annual loss by floods. The question is: Can anything be done? It would seem, at a glance, more intelligent to harness the flood waters, instead of trying to control them. We build jetties in order to allow the Mississippi to scour out a deeper channel, and that has been successful. Can we extend the jetties up to Kansas City, up the Kaw, up the Platte? No. Let us not forget that water in motion is almost unmanageable, and a tiny stream of water in motion is almost unmanageable. Still, water can be handled and controlled as we control a tractable steed.

Some years ago the irrigation movement began in this country. The sentiment has grown and widened until now it embraced 26 states and territories of this Union, and at last that sentiment has been crystallized into law by the American congress. Why did that sentiment continue to grow? Because it was a great truth, and the pioneers who discovered it to be a great truth presented it to the American people to be a blessing to all the generations to come.

### CAN BE PREVENTED.

"Can floods be prevented? Is it truth? Is it fact? If so, it will go on and the American people will grasp it. If it is an illusion it will fade away like smoke and spirits in the light of day. It is now difficult to prevent and control floods. Yet they can be prevented with as little cost, and with infinitely less cost, than they can be controlled. An engineer of 1848 once said to me in speaking of the stream there that he could take off enough water from it to forever prevent floods in that valley. We must depend on the scientific men of this country for the solution of this problem.

"We make no complaint regarding the large appropriations made for the improvement of the lower Mississippi and Missouri. I am not here to contend that the levee system should be destroyed or work cease along that line. It is perfectly compatible with the work of storage higher up. But if floods cannot be prevented we must not only vote appropriations for more levees, if that is the only method to control the waters, but we want protection higher up. We must have it. If levees are the only method, then extend the levees higher up wherever we have floods, up every tributary of the Father of Waters. And what will be the cost? I contend that it will cost more than it would to store the waters of the Mississippi or Missouri and their tributaries.

"We can use stored water, not only for irrigation and to prevent floods, but for power as well. The water should be stored, not in one great reservoir, nor in ten, nor in a hundred, nor in a thousand, but in tens of thousands of smaller reservoirs. We know and you know that the water will be used for irrigation. We shall not be able to store water anywhere but that there will be intelligent farmers below to use it.

### CAN HANDLE ANYTHING.

"Now, my friends, there are some

### ART OF REST.

May Be Acquired and Used With Great Benefit.

Complete and restful poise of the body and mind is an art not easily gained. Perhaps nothing brings one as much content, comfort, happiness and pleasure as those conditions of easy, restful, resourceful and well balanced mind and body that are the result of a pleasant and the daily life happy and peaceful.

The nervous housewife, busy with a hundred duties and harassed by children, the business man, worried with the press of daily affairs, debts, etc., cannot enjoy the peace and restful repose and healthful nervous balance unless they know how.

There is a way, first and foremost the stomach must be consulted. That means leaving off coffee absolutely, for the temporary stimulant and the resulting depression is a sure ruin to the nervous system. The water condition of health and happiness rests upon the stomach, nerves and mind.

Start with the stomach, that is the key to the whole arch. Stop using the works that break down its power, upset its nervous energy and prevent the proper digestion of the food and the consequent manufacture of healthful blood and nerves, brain and tissues. When you wait coffee take on Postum Food Coffee. That is like stopping the payment of interest and starting on a career where you are loaning money and receiving interest. The good results are double. You stop poisoning the system with coffee and start building up the broken down nerve cells by powerful elements contained in Postum. These are pure food elements ably assisted by experts for the purpose of supplying just the thing required by Nature to perform this rebuilding.

These are solid substantial facts and can be proven clearly to the satisfaction of anyone, by personal experience. Try the change yourself and note how the old condition of shattered nerves and worried mind changes to that feeling of restful poise of a well balanced nervous system.

The managing physician of a hygienic sanitarium in Indiana says that for five years in his practice he has always insisted upon the patients leaving off coffee and taking Postum Food Coffee with the most positive, well defined results and with satisfaction to the most confirmed coffee taker.

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objections urged to this idea. What are these objections? In the first place, they say, the proposition is so monstrously big that the American people cannot handle it. I don't believe it. I do not believe there is any practical question too big for the American people to handle. I believe that if some of the engineers right here today should make a careful survey of Kaw valley, for instance, they would find that the loss last spring would equal the cost of preventing floods there.

Another objection urged is that it will add to the already large army of government employees, and that this addition would mean a great number of men who might exert a political influence. In this country we have many letter carriers, postmasters, United States marshals, etc., who are government employees. Almost any one can be a postmaster or a United States marshal, I take it, but it takes scientific men to do this work, and we know that the scientific men employed by the government don't meddle in partisan politics.

There is another objection urged. It is claimed this is extending territorialism too far; that the government doesn't want to go into business; that everything that can be done by private capital should be done that way. But the storage of water and the prevention of floods enters so largely into our community life that private life cannot handle it. It is purely a governmental task.

"What I want to know now is whether we can prevent floods. If we can prevent floods the cost, no matter how much, is not too great to prevent this great loss of life and property. "I have been over much of the western country between the British line and the Rio Grande, and it appears to me as if nature had put natural reservoirs in the shape of reservoirs all through this great region.

### MORE HOMES NEEDED.

"We have spent millions for rivers and harbors, and we are ready to spend millions more on them and on our navy, because we are going to dominate the sea by the power of our ships, and the land, and while we are preparing to cut the isthmian canal—for we are going to cut it, no matter what that little republic down there thinks about it—while we are preparing to cut the canal, while we are carrying to the Philippines the principles of our nation and while we are sending our products to the farthest parts of Asia, we ought to spend our money for the preservation of the forests in the west. The problem of irrigation comes right home to the people here in the arid and semiarid states. Irrigation and flood prevention are the great twin questions of today."

Senator Burton read a letter from D. M. Harrod of the Mississippi river commission, and the senator already expressed by him, and then continued:

"The irrigation fund belongs to irrigation alone. It is not the purpose that any of that fund be used to prevent floods, at least outside the states named in the bill. What I want is that we have more money to prevent floods and treat these questions as twin ideas. "I do not want this congress to convene next year with only 25 states and territories represented. I want to see 45 states and all the territories represented next year, and if you declare as strongly in favor of flood prevention as you have in favor of irrigation you have a continental question. You have then a question that stretches from ocean to ocean.

"We have never invented a flying machine, and I think we never can—that is, enough to speak about—because man's dominion is not up there. It is here on the earth. We can never make flying machines. That idea has been exploded long ago, and we never shall make rain, because rain is made too high up for man to reach. It is not intended we should make it, because God Almighty has made the dominion is the earth, and it is here that we must work."

### SENATOR BURTON'S RESOLUTION.

The senator concluded his speech by offering the following resolution, which was adopted and referred to the committee on resolution.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this congress that the storage of water in the extensive catchment areas of the streams for the prevention of floods and for power and irrigation, and that the government can accomplish far more toward the preservation of life and property in the lower reaches of the streams by directing its efforts in this way toward the prevention of floods than it can by its present method in trying to control them, and the waters thus consumed would be of inestimable value and a blessing to the people of the arid and semi-arid districts. We believe that irrigation and flood prevention are twin ideas to be developed together.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Wires the Congress Concerning the  
National Irrigation Law.

A feature of the afternoon session was the reading of the following telegram from President Roosevelt:

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1903.—The passage of the national irrigation law was one of the greatest steps, not only in the forward progress of the states, but in the history of the nation. It was the beginning of an achievement so great that we hesitate to predict the outcome, but it was only the beginning. Now that the law is an accomplished fact, and must be given effect. To that end the reclamation service organized under the national irrigation law of June 17, 1902, has been pushing its surveys and examinations of possible irrigation projects energetically in each of the 13 states and three territories named in the act. Some of the projects which promised well at first are found to be impracticable, and others, either because of scanty water supply or of great cost; others must await higher values in land, while still others stand the test and are ready for immediate construction. The feasible projects are always large and costly, because private enterprise has already seized upon the smaller and less expensive ones, leaving to the government the great works which are so essential a part in bringing the nation to its full development. Great care and the highest engineering skill are required to plan and build such works, which are among the most difficult undertakings of mankind. They must be built for permanence and safety, for they are to last and spread prosperity for centuries. To design and build such works a body of engineers of the highest character have been brought together in the reclamation service, for only men impartially selected for capacity alone are capable of creating these great structures. Merit must govern, not only in the selection of men but still more in the selection of the projects. Every reclamation project selected for construction must possess the qualities which commend it as a national undertaking, certain to reclaim large tracts of arid land and to support in well being a dense and vigorous population. The feasible projects are always large and costly, because private enterprise has already seized upon the smaller and less expensive ones, leaving to the government the great works which are so essential a part in bringing the nation to its full development. Great care and the highest engineering skill are required to plan and build such works, which are among the most difficult undertakings of mankind. They must be built for permanence and safety, for they are to last and spread prosperity for centuries. To design and build such works a body of engineers of the highest character have been brought together in the reclamation service, for only men impartially selected for capacity alone are capable of creating these great structures. 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