

CONGRESS OPENS AT NOON.

"Flowers For the Living, Flowers For the Dead."

Committee of Both Houses to Notify the President—Reverent, Suitable Members Chosen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The opening of the second session of the 53rd Congress after a recess of three months made no perceptible change in the scenes of interest today. There was added interest owing to the political revolution which recently occurred. The new session was to be drawn mainly in the House, it was said that the party changes had been fully digested by the members. The speakers during the session on the arrival of each congressional party on the 5th, Congressmen who have spent a good share of their lives in the House came in their dual session, the old were invited to speak, the new to listen. But there was little discussion among the old, and less still with any members of the minority in contradicted voices.

Representative Johnson of Indiana was welcomed warmly by his old friends.

In the Senate the members were in arriving and some of those who had been conspicuous in the recent political work, notably Senator Hill, were absent.

THE SENATE.
Washington, Dec. 3.—Promptly at 12 o'clock Vice-President Garfield called the Senate to order, and Chairman Minor addressed the opening prayer. He referred briefly to the critical times through which the struggle of freedom had lately passed.

There followed the customary resolution asking that a committee be named for the negotiations on the Presidential election. The Senate was in session. The presiding officer named Harris and Minor as chairman and members.

Cochran, chairman of the committee on appropriations, offered a resolution which was adopted, providing that only one-half of the funds shall begin at 12 noon.

It will call developed the presence of sixty senators, considerably more than a quarter.

There was then taken until 12:30. Many senators had received their tributes. On the floor of White, California, was a full number of red roses.

At 12:30 Hill came in a further tribute with a bouquet of white roses.

The concluding of the Senate at 12:30. Executive Clerk Pinney appeared at the main door and in white laurel wreath. Hill announced "A message from the President." Immediately he read a communication from the Secretary of State, containing the document. Special attention was given to the reference to the China-Japan War. It was the first official information known even to members of the foreign committee. It was much more explicit than the usual diplomatic statement with the actual details of the negotiations.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The House was called to order promptly at noon. Major, of New Jersey, was chosen as Speaker. He was well received. "Flowers for the living and flowers for the dead."

The task of ex-speaker Reed had so imminent it had to be done, sent by a "Protestant."

On the desk of Representative Gilman of Michigan was the document of an A. P. A. resolution in acknowledgment of his championship of the patient schools.

When Mr. Reed entered there was a ringing cheer from his party associates. A moment later Representatives Weller, of New York, and Gilman were enthusiastically greeted by his associates.

As the hands of the clock pointed to 12, speaker Gilman introduced the motion. (Applause) With several long bursts of laughter he made his speech and the second round of the Fifty-third session began.

Rev. George, chaplain of the House, recited his dirge blessing and then the roll call was made.

Burroughs of Keeney, who had been a member of the House until and wanted kindly to his seat. A passing car bore a large floral arrangement of Marigold. No voice followed and placed them on the floor. Burroughs' name and other flowers were carried in procession to other parts of the hall, and the roll call went on.

The roll call developed the presence of 210 members, 173 more than a year ago.

John B. Harrison, Alabama; John Little Arkinson; William H. Gray; Charles E. Coffin and J. L. Ford; John M. Palmer, Connecticut; George H. Brown, Ohio; and William C. Wilson, Georgia, were seated in the bar of the House and sworn in.

The speaker announced the resignation of Amos J. Cummings, who was to attend the appointment of surveyor-commissioner of New York City.

Wilson, Tolman, and Howe appointed a committee to join a similar committee from the Senate and inform the President that Congress was ready to receive any communication he may desire.

At 12:30 the House took a recess until 1 p.m. to swear the President's messages.

At 12:45 Mr. Prude, the President's executive clerk, appeared with the messages which had been laid on the desk of the speaker.

SUGAR TO BUSINESS HOUSES.

New York, Dec. 3.—An all-day sugar-prime fair following an association of the business houses of the American Sugar Company, who had been invited to the premises on a very reduced scale. It do not indicate the passage of a few sugar manufacturers' refinery is nothing short of a regular riot. The business men were scattered on the other side of the street.

Gold for the Treasury.

New York, Dec. 3.—The receipt of gold at the sub-treasury today on account of the silver bullion of \$40,000,000, making a total to be paid to the city of \$100,000,000. Payments at Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco have been sufficient to complete the balance of \$50,000,000 required.

The Meeting Postponed.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 3.—There was to have been a death meeting today, but thirty minutes before

the election Governor Turner rejected Sheriff Hays that he had granted the deceased man a reprieve. It is reported that, pointing to the record of the man, he said, "We have George Mapp, the young negro who James 17, 1862, murdered Marion Ross to robbery. Womack made a confession to a friend present in the courthouse where he was buried. Mapp is 17 years old.

ARMENIAN CRISIS.

Report Presented by the Turkish Legation at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Turkish Legation has presented to the Associated Press an urgent protest to the Turkish government that the actions of the police department of the capital are responsible for the massacre of Armenians in Constantinople. The report avers that the Armenian community in the capital has suffered greatly from the acts of the police.

Armenian leaders in the capital have stated that the action of the police is a violation of the law. Father Dasey wrote yesterday to the reporter, "For information or any kind, I refer you to the Armenian press, where Armenian Catholic news is published."

Among those present was John Burns, English labor leader, accompanied by Edmund Glazier.

August Lewis admitted under examination that he had no objection to swearing in immigrants to the United States.

At the present time John Burns and Lewis are the only members of the administration who are not members of the administration.

One more county, the general election having been held in the state, will be held on the 10th.

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