

THE FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

The Complexion and Probable Attitude of the House.

The 5th of December, the date on which the Fiftyeth Congress will begin its labors, is already near at hand. Within the short space of three weeks the members of the National Legislature will have assembled at Washington and have taken steps of preparation for the work of a long session.

The great measure of the session will be an Act to reduce taxes. The attitude to be assumed toward this necessary and inevitable measure by the parties responsible for the policy of the Fiftyeth Congress will be respectively of the House and the Senate.

The House, unfortunately, is less decided. The Democratic majority is divided upon the issue of tax reform. There is a small and obstinate faction of the Democratic members, under Mr. Randall's leadership, who oppose the Republican policy of protection.

Mr. Randall's plan is simpler: To abolish the internal taxes on beer and whiskey as well as tobacco, and, if this effects too large a reduction of the Government's income, to restore it by increasing the income tax on articles, such as tin plates, tin cans, and tin ware.

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TRAINING DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

A New Business Developing for Women in New York—The Domestic Problem and Its Solution—Good Servants Needed.

NEW YORK, November 17.—There is a new business for women which is just gaining foothold in New York. It is that of teacher of domestic servants.

She of the kitchen has so far repented of her dedications or become so far aware of the better pay and better household positions to be secured by remedying them, that it has become an occupation which already supports a number of capable women of some executive ability to go about from house to house, and in the kitchens of the mistresses or in the girls' houses, or in rooms especially fitted up for that purpose, to give practical lessons in cookery and other household arts.

Girls who have not come under this form of instruction, in cases where they raise the money to pay for it, are beginning to go to the hotel chefs and pick up culinary wrinkles from them. There is no doubt that a certain proportion of the more intelligent of the kitchen queens have thoroughly waked up to the fact that a better order of domestic service is called for and will be paid for if obtained.

I called upon Miss Juliet Corson, the pioneer of the cooking schools, in her rooms at the Continental Hotel, yesterday, to inquire into the truth of the report of a training school for the servants of a large hotel to be established in New York under the auspices of the Standard-Whitney's wife.

World American girls go into a training school for servants? I asked. "Yes," she answered, "I should be glad of a chance to fit themselves for positions as supervising or working housekeepers, places which pay better than many things which well educated and intelligent women do."

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THE HORRORS OF WAR.

Getting up Ghastly Statistics of Our War—The Bloodiest Battles of Modern History.

Investigations recently made in the war department at Washington show that the late American civil war was relatively the most sanguinary on record. Though the Federal and Confederate returns are not altogether exact, the war office is able to give a close approximate estimate of the killed, wounded and missing in the Federal forces.

The two opposing armies met in over 2,000 skirmishes and battles. In 143 of those conflicts the loss on the Federal side was upward of 500 men, and in at least ten battles more than 10,000 were reported lost on each side.

Waterloo was one of the most desperate and bloody fields chronicled in European history, yet Wellington's casualties were less than 12 per cent, while during the American war the loss at Hatterasboro, Abtowa, Chickamauga, Gettysburg and other places, frequently reached, and sometimes exceeded 40 per cent, and the average of killed and wounded on one side or the other was 30 per cent.

The value of the bureau's and Cotton Herald's reports consists in the fact that they were made up from statements of a large number of correspondents in all parts of the cotton region, specially selected for their intelligence and general disinterestedness.

The annual report of the Treasurer of the United States, just published, presents corrected figures of the receipts and expenditures of the last fiscal year, which began on July 1st.

The crisis in the mental condition of W. N. Tatt, the leading Radical of Charleston, came Tuesday night. A furious frenzy possessed him, and it was not until his reason was gone, he was brought to this city last night and taken to the Lunatic Asylum.

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POVERTY IN EUROPE.

Four Thousand Children Starving in Vienna—Some of them Dead.

An inquiry recently instituted into the condition of the Vienna poor attending the elementary schools resulted in appalling disclosures. Upward of 4,000 children were suffering from the pangs of hunger, some of them being on the verge of starvation.

The children, cross examined by a relief committee, corroborated the evidence already taken. It transpired that their principal food consisted of dry bread and occasionally a little weak soup or coffee. It is quite true that some of them affirmed that they were habitually given a glass of milk to still the pangs of their appetite and to keep out the cold.

The London Police, Unraveling Evidence Against Caffin and Hawkins. LONDON, November 23.—Extraordinary proceedings are being taken to general Caffin and Hawkins against outside influence or chances of escape from prison.

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MR. POWDERLY TO THE KNIGHTS.

He Reviews the General Assembly and Talks of Land Tenure.

General Master Workman Powderly makes the whole order his confidant to the extent of two columns in the official organ of the order of this week.

He reviews the work of the last General Assembly and relates his early experiences as Master Workman since September 5, 1879, candidly confessing that he was inexperienced at first, but had one object—the elevation of the workingman—in view.

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MOORMONS TARRIED AND A Warm Reception Given to the Elders in Georgia.

CALEBIA, Ala., November 16.—In the past three months a party of Mormon elders have been proselyting in this section and also at several small towns across the Georgia border.

The Mormons then moved into Alabama and began their work in the lower part of this county among the ignorant country people. They were more successful there and already baptized a dozen converts.

It was Gath who uttered the words, "We do not possess what we understand." For we can understand a woman, and yet many men have wives.

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Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. For the cure of all diseases of the female system.

For "weakness," "run-down," debilitated school teachers, milliners, seamstresses, housekeepers, and overworked women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all restorative tonics.

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