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☐ We have just unloaded a car load of Stoves and will be glad to show you the largest and nicest assortment of Heating and Cooking Stoves ever shown here. We have exactly what you want. Come and see us and we will make the price satisfactory. ☐ 125,000 loaded Shells just arrived. Get your gun ready and we can furnish you with the load you want in Shells. ☐ If you need a new Gun, we have a very large and complete stock embracing all the leading makes: L. C. Smith, Fox, Parker, Remington, Stephens and other leading makes. Best of all, our prices are as low as it is possible to sell them. Come and be convinced.

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A GALA WEEK AT CHARLESTON.

SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS WILL BE BRILLIANT AFFAIR--THE PROGRAM.

Charleston, December 8:--All is in readiness for the opening of the seventh annual convention of the Southern Commercial congress in Charleston Monday, December 13. The official programme, just off the press, justifies the assertion that this will be the biggest and most elaborately staged meeting ever held in the South.

The battleship fleet ordered here for the occasion will anchor in Charleston harbor Saturday, December 11. The following Monday morning the congress will be opened by the president, Senator Duncan U Fletcher of Florida. President Woodrow Wilson may send greetings by telephone connected directly with the White House and the hall in which the session is held.

Coincident with the opening of the congress the programme of entertainment for visitors will begin with visits to the ships of the battleship fleet; Crystal Park, the most elaborate assemblage of high class shows ever gathered in the South; athletic field and water sports and an excursion by railroad to various points of interest, the return being made by boat. The programme of entertainment throughout does not call for the expenditure of a cent on the part of visitors, but is being paid for by the city of Charleston, in order that all visitors may feel that they are welcome and well repaid for their coming.

Throughout Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Charleston will be given over to the business and pleasure of the congress.

Wednesday will undoubtedly be the big day of the week, with a great patriotic mass meeting on Marion square in front of the Citadel in the morning and a monster military and naval parade that afternoon. The parade will be followed by a public reception of the United States Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy.

Preparations have been made to care for many thousand visitors, exclusive of the hotels. Upon their arrival at the union station, visitors not acquainted with the city will be met by a company of boy scouts, who will direct them to the Chamber of Commerce. There a bureau of information and accommodations will be maintained for the convenience of the city's guests, and there will be given an escort to a home where they may obtain lodging at reasonable rates.

From the Battery to the city boundary, Charleston has been decorated with flags, banners and bunting. Searchlights play upon the chief points of interest. Eagerly the city awaits the coming throngs who will join the citizens in the great celebration of the victories of 50 years of peace in the States.

The programme of entertainments for the week is as follows:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.

1:30 p. m.--To officers of fleet. Luncheon.

3:00 p. m.--To delegates and visitors; excursion to navy yard, return via Cooper river; courtesy of Clyde line.

6:00 p. m.--To visiting Governors; dinner by Governor Richard I Manning of South Carolina.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

1:30 p. m.--To commercial secretaries; dinner at Charleston hotel.

2:30 p. m.--To Southern Commercial congress delegates; reception; battleships.

3:30 p. m.--To officials of Southern Commercial congress; harbor cruise; torpedo boats.

5:00 p. m.--To visiting ladies and gentlemen; entertainment at Country club.

10:00 p. m.--Women's Auxiliary ball, Hibernian hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

10:00 a. m.--General--national defense exercises, Marion square; Secretary of War and Secretary of Navy will speak.

3:00 p. m.--General--military parade.

6:00 p. m.--Reception by Secretary of War and Secretary of Navy at City hall.

7:30 p. m.--General--community dance, Liberty street.

8:30 p. m.--To commissioned officers of fleet, smoker at Carolina Yacht club; to Secretary of War and Secretary of Navy, banquet at Charleston hotel.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Forenoon--To enlisted men; oyster roast at Schuetzenplatz.

Afternoon--To visiting ladies; teas by Century club, U D C, Suffrage association and Art association.

8:30 p. m.--To warrant officers; smoker at Elks' club.

9:00 p. m.--To officers of fleet; ball at navy yard.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.

General entertainment; visit to historic places of interest, Charleston museum, Gibbs Art gallery, etc. ATHLETIC SPORTS FOR ENLISTED MEN

Monday, December 13--3 p. m., football at College park; 8 p. m., basketball at Y M C A.

Tuesday, December 14--3 p. m., football at College park; 8 p. m., basketball at Y M C A.

Wednesday, December 15, 3 p. m., football at College park; 8 p. m., basketball at Y M C A.

Thursday, December 16--2 p. m., field and track meet, College park.

Tobacco Farmers.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I will be connected with Nelson's warehouse next season and I expect to be on the job better than ever, and I want to say right here that the tobacco acreage will be very materially cut in both South Carolina and North Carolina in 1916. While I would not advise Williamsburg farmers to plant a big crop, I do think it wise to plant what you can attend to and care for as it should be. In event we have good seasons and can make one more good crop, I look for better prices than we have had for years. Call for seed at People's Mercantile Co. Your friend,

E J HESTER,

"Mistress Tubbs of Shantytown," a comedy in three acts, will be presented at the auditorium of the Nesmith Graded school Tuesday evening, December 21.

The contract for the erection of a new school building at Florence was awarded last week by the Florence school board to The Taylor-Waters Construction Co of Columbia for \$25,395.00.

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64TH CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION.

SPEAKER CLARK RETURNED TO THE CHAIR--CANNON RESUMES PLACE IN CONGRESS

Washington, December 6:--Congress assembled and organized today for the session which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the House saw Speaker Clark returned to the chair; Representative Mann returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of 2,000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of national defence and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women, and a miniature rules fight, which flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

In the Senate practically nothing was done, except the election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as President pro tempore. Vice President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

Both houses then, after sending a joint committee to the White House to give official notice of the opening of Congress, adjourned until tomorrow, when the real business of the session begins with President Wilson's address to a joint session in the hall of the House at 12:30 o'clock.

The greatest budget of expenditures ever placed before any American Congress in times of peace was brought in from the various branches of the Government, the total being some one hundred and seventy million dollars more than was asked for last year. The greater part of the proposed increased expenditure is for the enlarged army and navy programmes and aside from working out of the problem of national de-

fence it will be the business of Congress to raise the revenue to pay for it.

Old timers, most of them Republicans re-elected after going down before the Presidential Democratic slide in 1912, came trooping back to places in the House. "Uncle Joe" Cannon sat on a bench in the front row and laughed while the House got into its little row over the rules and hot references to "Cannonism" were hurled back and forth across the dividing aisle.

Even though today was only one for making new acquaintances and renewing old ones, the Congressional air was charged with the seriousness of the business of the months ahead, the business of legislating for a nation at peace in a world aflame with war and surrounded with almost endless possibilities.

In the stream of bills and resolutions which poured into the hopper were not only plans for military preparedness, but others proposing investigation of motives of men and organizations that champion national defence. Notice was given that in the Senate demands would be made for a showing of what the United States has accomplished against Great Britain's interference with American commerce abroad. The entire fabric of the American Government's delicate relation to the conflict across the seas probably will be brought to the edge of Congressional discussion, and the administration leaders are not unmindful of their tasks to preserve, what President Wilson has asked for, a united America.

After the President has delivered his address tomorrow both houses will proceed to perfect their organizations. Until the working committees are fully formed no legislation can be undertaken. While the House Democrats are organized, the Republican assignments will not be made before the end of the week.

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