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FOURTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, 1.—Several petitions were presented for the admission of new states or of substances used in making paper.

Allison from the committee on appropriations reported favorably the house bill making an appropriation for the deficiency for the support of certain Indian tribes and will ask its consideration to-morrow, placed on the calendar.

McLane from the committee directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report the amount of appropriations for postal service for the fiscal year, July 1st, 1859, to March 1st, 1860, stating amount paid on each route, and what amount would be required to be paid for all telegraph services under contracts now existing, to be removed of the present fiscal year, stating the amount required for each route separately adopted.

On motion of McDonald, the bill for the relief of John J. Kay and W. M. Davis, paying them for certain abandoned and captured property passed.

The Senate voted to relieve Fitzjohn Porter was temporarily laid aside to permit Hoar to deliver a speech on the bill to revive and continue the proceedings given to the public by the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims.

At the conclusion of Hoar's remarks, Garland gave notice that when the subject came up again he desired to speak.

Randolph then supported his proposed substitute for a committee bill for the relief of Fitzjohn Porter.

The substitute authorizes the President to nominate Porter as Colonel of Infantry, his commission to date from January, 1858, and to retire him according to law.

The Senate voted to postpone the whole case in detail and said: "We shall show if it becomes necessary in this debate that not only did General Porter know the nature of the enemy from which he did not retreat, but that he was apprised thereof by General McDowell, who swears before the court martial that he did not know the nature of the enemy."

There is in the War Department, or so I have been informed, a sketch from McDowell dated before the court martial, giving a statement of such knowledge of the nature of the enemy before him.

At the conclusion of Randolph's speech Logan obtained the floor, but he did not wish to speak until to-morrow, but in order that wrong impressions might not go out, he deemed it just to say now he thought Randolph's assertion regarding the disagreement between General McDowell's testimony and his report to the War Department would be found to be erroneous.

Hoar said: "I find it so I shall make prompt and early reparation. I do not want to do any injustice to General McDowell, but I have had placed in my hands a report of such a date and I certainly have seen Gen. McDowell's testimony at a later date."

Logan—The debate will develop that. One other thing I desire to say in behalf of this man who is dead, Douglas Pope, that the Senator will search in vain to find anywhere in the evidence any admission by Douglas Pope that he had made any misstatement on a trial. He swears before the board that he never made such an admission, and the orderly record of his conduct with himself, especially with the time, route and the whole thing. Both witnesses stated exactly as he did before the court martial.

Randolph—is it not true that two officers testified it did make just that admission?

Logan—I state that two officers said they understood him to say that they understood him to say he had met some one on the road that had misguided him and delayed him. Pope comes forward and emphatically denies this, and so do his orderlies.

Randolph—I have made my statements with care. Facts will be developed.

Logan—Certainly. Of course I do not mean to insinuate the Senator made any misrepresentation. He and I understand the evidence differently. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 1.—Bills were referred as follows:

By Chittenden—Providing that the sum of one-half million dollars on capital and carpet rugs of every description shall be limited to 50 per cent ad valorem in all cases where higher duties are now imposed.

By Aiken—to encourage the cultivation of tea plants.

By Muller—Appealing all slaveholding lands in the Indian Territory to railroads conditioned on the extinguishment of Indian titles.

By Ellis (by request)—Extending for 10 years the time for the completion of the Texas Pacific railroad.

By Converse—for the survey and disposal of public lands.

By Turner—a bill abolishing all taxes on printing type, trace chains and agricultural implements.

By Willis—to regulate commerce between states.

By Atkins—Placing wood and straw pulp and chemicals used in the manufacture of paper on the free list.

By Townsend, of Illinois—Placing printing type and paper on the free list.

By Springer—Calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of salaries, acts, emoluments and expenses of George F. Seward and O. H. Browne from the date of the former's appointment as minister to Chile to the close of the last quarter.

By Morris—Declaring it unlawful to withhold from immediate publication statistics relating to the importation or shipment of grain, provisions or other merchandise imported into or shipped from the United States.

By Clark—for the erection in Washington of a monument to General Jackson and offering a prize of \$10,000 for the same.

By Atkinson—Placing wood and straw pulp and chemicals used in the manufacture of paper on the free list.

By C. Ewing—Admitting steam flow machinery duty free.

By Berry—Repealing the duty on grain bags and gunny cloth to abolish the tax on apple and peach brandy, etc.

By Hayes—To refund the cotton tax referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Speaker announced that unfinished business was not in order overruled.

all of whom will meet and discuss their views on the subject.

Postmaster General Key and As-

sistant Postmaster General Brady

informed the committee that ac-

cording to their latest estimates

including a deficit of \$30,000 for

postage and telegraphs, and on

a deficiency appropriation of \$150,000 will be sufficient to meet

the requirements of the existing ser-

vice and probably allow something

for an increase, although not nearly

so much as they think, the rapid de-

velopment of the western country

will require a larger amount.

Mr. Lane objected.

The Speaker said he disregarded

such criticisms.

Weaves asked unanimous con-

sensus of the committee.

Mr. Lane moved to suspend the

rules and consider the bill amending

the Pacific Railroad sinking fund

and the mail contract.

Mr. Lane moved to adjourn next Monday.

Adjourned.

AMERICAN.

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