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## SENATE.

Conkling introduced a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to contract with the North American Steam Navigation Company for a semi-monthly mail service, by American built steamers, between New York and Valparaiso and intermediate ports via Panama.

The bill to provide artificial limbs for disabled soldiers passed.

The legislative appropriation bill was brought up. Several amendments were adopted; one appropriating half a million for a State Department building and a half million for enlarging the Capitol grounds; one increasing the appropriation for the office of comptroller of the currency and requiring assistant commissioners of patents to be appointed by the President by and with the consent of the Senate.

The 11th section of the army bill was amended by providing that the officers, to be reported to the retiring board, shall be those only unfit for duty from other causes than injuries received in the line of their duty, and by allowing every such officer a hearing before the board. An amendment was adopted repealing the act of January 21st, relating to retired officers, and providing upon their own application, for their assignment to duty, as professors of colleges, without compensation, except expenses and mileage. The 21st section was amended so as to prohibit any officer of the army on the active or retired list from holding civil office. The fifteenth section, providing a fixed compensation for each grade of officers in the army, was struck out, when the bill passed.

## HOUSE.

Braman reported in favor of an appropriation to supply the deficiency in compensation and mileage of Congressmen; passed.

The Northern Pacific Railroad bill was taken up and Orth allowed to make an explanation in relation to it, when the House, by a vote of 77 to 92, refused to order the bill by its third reading. Twenty-four amendments were then offered, which, with the bill, were referred to the committee on the Pacific Railroad, who were authorized to report any time.

The bill to revive the navigation and commercial interest of the United States was called up.

Linch spoke in support of a bill repealing the act of 1800, authorizing the States Maryland and Georgia to levy a tonnage tax on vessels; referred.

Degener introduced a bill for the better protection of the frontier.

The tariff bill was taken up in committee and several amendments adopted.

In the House a bill to revive the navigation and commercial interests of the United States was debated without action. Dawes, of the committee on appropriations, submitted a joint resolution making the appropriation to pay the Hudson Bay and Puget Sound claims, under the award made by the commissioners last year, but he subsequently withdrew it.

Sargent introduced a bill extending the provisions of the pre-emption laws to Colorado, which passed. The House went into a committee on the tariff bill, and made a number of amendments. The evening session was devoted to business from the committee on invalid pensions.

## GENERAL.

ST. LOUIS, 12.—A fearful accident occurred at six o'clock this morning, at Eureka, eight miles west of here, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. An express passenger train coming east collided with an express freight train going west; sixteen persons were killed and wounded, two of whom will die. No names are known.

There is a strike of workmen at the iron furnace at Carondale for an increase of wages.

A terrible affray has occurred at Alleville, Mo., between two men named Cummings and Comstock. The latter shot and killed Comstock, he himself being fatally wounded. The affray grew out of a business settlement.

Col. Kearney, of Corpus Christi, reports that he was robbed on the sixth inst., of nearly \$13,000 in specie by a party of the U. S. military escort, while returning from the Rio Grande.

WASHINGTON. — A reduction of clerks and other employees of the War

Department, will be made on the first of July, including the discontinuance of the medical department, in all, saving expenses to the amount of nine thousand dollars a month.

NEW YORK, 12.—Gen. Garfield and Sen. Banks, Horace Maynard and others, are to address a meeting at the Cooper Institute this evening, in regard to the proposed treaty with San Domingo, by which the Bay of Samana and the adjacent territory are to be acquired by the United States.

Among the passengers by the *Java*, yesterday, was Norman B. Eaton, who has only now, after a painful period of confinement from a blow attempted by an assassin some months ago, recovered sufficiently to be able take a sea voyage which his physician insists upon.

Public interest in the McFarland case had not subsided yesterday, and thousands of people were engaged in reading the long evidence published in the papers by Mrs. McFarland Richardson. The late prisoner traveled about the city freely, and passed two or three hours in close conference with his counsel at the office of Geary. He was visited by a reporter and made some interesting statements about his present feelings and future intentions. He pronounces the card of Mrs. McFarland Richardson a tissue of misrepresentations, and doubts if she really wrote it. He thinks he has not been fully vindicated and promises to take further proceedings in the course of which, he will upset the Indiana divorce case, and obtain possession of his other child.

A Havana correspondent, speaking of the execution of Goicouria, says the old gentleman was not moved by the difficulties of his position, and met his death with great fortitude and composure. He was given no opportunity to make an ante-mortem address, but still managed to shout "Viva Cuba," the beating of the drums preventing anything else he said being heard. He wanted to be shot and not garrotted, but the Spaniards would not consent, they being bent upon his suffering the same kind of death as his old friend and companion in arms, Gen. Narusso Lopez. The directors of the Banco de Paul have resolved on donating five hundred dollars to the two sailors who captured Goicouria.

Detective Dunn, yesterday, took before Justice Dowling, Gillet W. Thomas, an exchange place broker, for stealing \$62,000 worth of Kansas Pacific bonds belonging to Dabney, Morgan & Co., about a month since. No affidavits were made and the prisoner was committed to wait an examination.

Senator Revels lectured in the Cooper Institute last evening, on "The Tendencies of the Age." He claimed that the cause of events in this country was towards liberty of thought, and toward action, in which caste, color of skin and aristocratic blood would have no part.

An election riot occurred at Morrisania, on Monday, in which several persons were badly injured.

CHICAGO.—Washington specials say the Senate railroad committee have agreed upon the Southern Pacific Line, to run from Marshall, Texas, via El Paso to San Diego, California. The United States is to grant forty sections to the mile beyond the border of Texas; within that State the road will depend on its legislature for aid. The forks of the road are to be allowed to connect at El Paso, but not to have land beyond.

MILWAUKIE.—A fire at Whitewater, Wis., to-day, burned the Metropolitan Square, containing seventeen houses; loss \$25,000, partly insured.

MAUCH CHUNK, PENN., 11.—In the miner's riot at Hazelton, yesterday, many were wounded, but none fatally.

NEW YORK, 13.—The anniversary of the American Congregational Union, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, last evening, was attended by a crowded audience, the exercises being more largely attended and enthusiastic, than any thus far. During anniversary week Henry Ward Beecher presided; Dods-worth's band furnished music, and Rev. Drs. Ray, Palmer, Theo. L. Cuyler, O. B. Crane, of Hartford, and president Merriam, of Ripon College, were the principal speakers. Dr. Palmer announces that more than \$50,000 to aid a feeble church had been raised during the past year; this secures an additional gift of \$5,000, from Henry C. Brown, made on condition of the former amount being obtained.

An appeal comes from a committee of the citizens of Richmond in the form of an address, to the people of the United States, in regard to the condition and circumstances of the sufferers by the recent calamity in that city, in which three hundred and fifty persons were

involved in the falling of a floor, sixty-five of whom have died, and many more are seriously injured. The families of both dead and injured are now suffering in many instances for even the necessities of life, and invoking the spirit of charity in the broadest sense, without reference to political or social diversities of feeling. The committee ask, in the interests of humanity, the benevolence of the country. Contributions are to be sent to Mrs. E. L. Van Lew, Postmaster at Richmond, and to the President of the Relief Society.

The papers continue to give graphic accounts of the terrible conflagration now raging in the woods and among the mountains in Sullivan, Orange, Madison and other counties in this State. The conflagration extends over a hundred miles of territory, and has already, it is estimated, done five millions' worth of damage. In the night time the spectacle of the burning mountains is grand and startling. It is feared that a family residing near the deposit station of the Erie Railroad has been burned alive.

WASHINGTON, 12.—The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic paid its respects to the President to-day.

Commander Samuel B. Franklin has been assigned to the equipment office of Mare Island navy yard.

The House, to-night, passed a bill defining the duties of pension agents and the manner of paying pensions.

The Grand Army of the Republic has elected Gen. Logan, Grand Commander-in-chief, and various other officers for the ensuing year. Resolutions were adopted deploring the death of Thomas, and recommending the observance of decoration day.

CINCINNATI.—The residence of G. C. Knight, of College Hill, was burned to-day; loss \$50,000, insured \$30,000.

ST. LOUIS.—The total number of killed by the collision on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, at Eureka, this morning, was nineteen, mostly persons returning from Kansas to their homes in Illinois and Ohio. A large number was wounded, but none so serious but it is thought they will recover. They are all well cared for. The people and physicians in the neighborhood were on the ground promptly, and labored incessantly to alleviate their sufferings. The blame for the collision seems to attach to the conductor of extra freight, who should have waited at the gravel switch till the express passed, but, misapprehending the orders or thinking he could make Eureka before the passenger train, he went on.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The grand lodge of Odd Fellows has resolved to establish an Odd Fellows' college and home, and a committee has been appointed to take the necessary steps to carry out the same.

The richness of the new mines of Arizona is confirmed. Similar ledges have been discovered to the southward, and rich gold placers are reported in the same vicinity, with abundant water and wood. Tucson is nearly deserted.

CHICAGO.—A doubtful report comes from Duluth, via St. Paul, that several hundred Fenians, well armed and under command of an ex-Confederate officer, are gathered at Duluth, on the way to the Red River country, to assist the insurgents.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Young Men's Christian Association is making preparations on a large scale, for an International Convention, to be held here in June. Reduced rates of fare have been secured on the railroads.

NEW YORK.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has leased the Ohio and Mississippi railroad.

The American Bible Society reports show that the receipts for the past year amounted to nearly three quarters of a million dollars. Measures are progressing for a more thorough supply of Bibles to the Chinese in California. Resolutions have been adopted that the Bible is the fundamental and higher law of the Republic, calling for its increased sale and circulation both in this country and in the islands of the Pacific.

The Cuban League ask the government to take measures to obtain the body of General Goicouria, to be interred in the land of his adoption.

It is reported that a Fenian raid will be made next week.

There was a large meeting to-night in favor of the annexation of San Domingo.

A banquet was given to Gen. Jordan to-night. He spoke effectively, as did Greeley and Dana, for the Cuban cause. Some other speakers demanded vengeance for the death of Goicouria.

ST. LOUIS.—The train bearing the dead from the collision at Eureka yesterday

arrived this morning and an inquest is being held. Reports from the scene of the accident say the sight was a terrible one. The engines came together with such velocity as to smash them both into indistinguishable fragments, and the tender and baggage, with the two forward coaches, were absolutely splintered. Two of the rear cars remained on the track. The engineer of the passenger train saw the smoke stack of the freight locomotive as it was coming round a curve, and whistled down the brakes, which order was promptly obeyed, and the brakes of the passenger train were tight when the engines came together.

CHICAGO.—Under the direction of the U. S. authorities Governor Baldwin, of Michigan, has directed the Superintendent of the Sault Canal not to allow the passage of any Canadian vessel, with troops or munitions of war, unless she has the express permission of the U. S. Government. The order reached Sault St. Marie just after the Canadian steamer *Algona* had passed with supplies for Fort William.

A large excursion party will leave here for San Francisco on the 18th inst.

A Washington special says that the San Domingo treaty, so far as the Senate is concerned, remains just as it did when it expired several weeks ago by limitation. There is outside talk to the effect that an extension, to the end of this month, has been agreed upon; but no information of this kind has been laid before the Senate. A strong effort has been made in some quarters to create an impression that many Senators have changed their views, and that the treaty can probably be carried. The Senate now numbers seventy-two members, and forty-eight must vote affirmatively to secure ratification. The last careful canvass was made yesterday, and shows thirty-three for and three against, nine doubtful, so that in the event of the latter all voting in the affirmative it still lacks six of a two-thirds' vote.

The new bounty bill passed by the House early in February, has been reported in the Senate. It repeals the limitation in the act of '69 as to the time for filing claims, and says they may be presented at any time. It further gives a hundred dollars bounty to all soldiers who enlisted between May 6 and July 22d, 1861, and were honorably discharged or mustered out.

NEW YORK, 13.—The colored voters were registered to-day.

The trotter "Lady Thorne" has been sold for \$30,000.

A bill to prevent cruelty to animals on the race course has been prepared by Henry Bergh, at the request of Senator Sumner.

Cortes, the new Italian minister, was received by the President to-day.

The exequator of Joaquin De Palma, the Portuguese Vice Consul at Savannah, has been revoked by the President for satisfactory but not stated reasons.

The President, at the persuasion of Senator Cole, has withdrawn Coey's name and has nominated N. B. Stone, as Postmaster for San Francisco.

The railroad committee has talked over Fremont's railroad bill, but without action.

Major Powell's proposition for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the survey of the cañons of the Colorado river, is before the House committee on appropriations.

The House military committee has decided to insist on the House bill for the reduction of the army.

In the Senate Sumner introduced a bill, giving equal rights to all citizens on the railroad and steamboat routes.

A bill was reported for the suppression of tippling shops in the District of Columbia and to regulate the sale of liquor.

The steamer *Chicora* was not allowed to go through the Sault St. Marie canal, and discharged her cargo of stores for the Red River expedition on the Canada side.

READING, PA.—John Deal, alias Jackson Snyder, was executed to-day for the murder of Richard Harlow.

PHILADELPHIA.—Alex. Benson, the millionaire, died to-day.

TRENTON, N.J.—The Grand Jury has indicted the Amboy Railway Company for neglecting proper precautions to protect human life, at places where the tracks cross the streets of Trenton.

NEW YORK.—General McLellan was entertained this evening, at Hoboken, by officers of the army of the Potomac. Pleasant speeches were made.

It is now certain that General O'Neill, President of the Fenians, intends to co-operate with the Red River rebels. He leaves for the West to-morrow.

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