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Etc., etc., etc.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Bill and Joint Resolution passed.

The substitute reported by the committee on commerce, for the bill for the preservation and protection of beacons, beacon-piers, lighthouse-piers, protection-buoys, stakes, dolphins and their appurtenances, and other aids to navigation, placed by or at the expense of the United States for the security, direction and guidance of vessels in the navigable waters of the United States, was adopted and the bill passed.

A joint resolution was presented to amend the joint resolution relating to steamboats and other vessels owned in loyal States, approved Dec. 23rd, 1869. The bill extends the present law to cover the claims for confiscation for vessels belonging to loyal parties in the North, taken by the government within the dominion of rebellion, after the breaking out of the war. Passed.

The House bill for the protection of fishes for food on the coasts of the United States came up. The bill which provides for the administration of an oath or affirmation by collectors of customs, and surveyors acting as collectors of customs, was amended to apply only to revenue matters and passed.

HOUSE.

Railroad Bills.

Fillibustering on the air line railroad bill was kept up till the expiration of the morning hour, when the call of States for bills was considered. Among others presented and appropriately referred, was one by Hooper, of Massachusets, to facilitate commerce between the United States, China and Japan; also one by Beck, authorizing the purchase and registration of foreign built iron ships of not less than 150 tons burden, for twelve months, by citizens of the States, instead of taxing people to subsidize lines of steamers.

At half-past two the motion to suspend the rules, in favor of one half of the Union Pacific railroad bills, was defeated, yeas 122, nays 77, less than two-thirds in affirmative.

The Southern Pacific railroad bill was, by a two-thirds vote of 129 to 61, taken from the Speaker's table and referred to the Pacific Railroad committee, with leave to report at any time after the 15th of February.

NEW YORK.

Schenck's delay—Cramer's confirmation—The Cabinet re-organization—Stockholders of W. F. & Co—Earthquake—Cold.

NEW YORK, 6.—A special correspondent telegraphs that it is understood at Washington, and stated as explanatory of Minister Schenck's delay in leaving for England, that a British diplomatic agent is on the way to Washington with authority to settle the points in dispute between England and America, relative not only to the *Alabama* claims but to the fishery question. If this proposition is accepted by our government, it is believed that Schenck will remain in Washington and conclude negotiations on the part of the United States. The Canadian authorities are earnest in their desire that the *Alabama* claims be kept entirely separate in the negotiations, from the questions affecting that Dominion, and that these claims may be settled before the fishery question is taken up.

The debate in the Executive session of the Senate on Saturday, on the nomination of M. J. Cramer, minister to Denmark, was one of the most bitterly personal on record. Those opposed to the confirmation, were led, it is said, by Sumner. Cramer, who is a brother-in-law of President Grant, was originally an illiterate Methodist preacher in Kentucky, from which State he was appointed Consul to Leipsic, by President Johnson, about the time that Grant became Secretary of War, and, at a later request, at the beginning of the present session, the Copenhagen mission being vacant, the President sent Cramer's name for the office, and it has been before the committee on foreign relations until last Thursday, when it was taken up in the Senate. The debate took an intensely personal turn; those opposed to the confirmation, led, it is said, by Sumner, Shurz and Patterson, who argued that Cramer was not of the class of men who should represent the United States at European Courts, and that his career as Consul at Leipsic had proved him unfit for the position and it was not an appointment which would reflect much credit on the Administration. The nomination was supported by Chandler, Carpenter and others and the first is reported to have been very severe in his remarks on some of those opposed to the confirmation and left the Senate Chamber before the debate was closed. Finally it was voted to discharge the committee from further consideration of the nomination and Cramer was confirmed, only two or three of the Republicans present voting in the negative.

A *World's* special correspondent telegraphs, positively, that the admission of Rose was to assist Thornton in settling the fishery question, and that Schenck's departure was delayed at the request of the British government, until instructions were received, tendering the United States the fisheries and the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, without compensation or favor. The same correspondent also telegraphs that the denials that the President will soon reorganize his Cabinet have ceased and rumor is busy with the names of the next Secretary. The latest and most reliable statement gives the name of ex-Senator Morgan as the successor of Boutwell and a distinguished Pennsylvanian as the successor of Creswell. So far as the Attorney General is concerned, while it is settled that he is to go, a successor has not been named.

Reports of intense cold are received from all points.

A shock of earthquake was felt in New Hampshire on Sunday morning.

The following gentlemen were elected directors at the annual meeting of the stockholders of Wells, Fargo & Co's. express to-day: Leland Sanford, Wm. Fargo, J. C. Fargo, D. O. Mills, Lloyd Tevis, M. S. Latham, C. P. Huntington, A. H. Barney and R. P. Cheney.

WASHINGTON.

Income tax repeal again—Indian bureau investigation.

WASHINGTON, 6.—There is now no hope that an understanding can be arrived at by the income tax Conference. An attempt will be made in the House, to-day, to suspend the rules and rescind the resolution by which the Senate bill was sent back. The appropriation subcommittee who have been engaged in the investigation of the charges made against the Indian Bureau, concluded on Saturday. They will now hear Gen. Parker for the other side. Some of the members of the committee have agreed not to state any conclusions they may have reached, or publish any testimony till the report is completed; so much, however, has been said as to make it certain that Gen. Parker will be entirely exonerated from any charge of malfeasance or corruption.

MICHIGAN.

Fires.

DETROIT, 6.—The Hovey block of East Saginaw was burned on Sunday morning; total loss, $45,000.

The station buildings of the Michigan Central R. R., at Galesburgh, were burned last night, with small loss.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BELGIUM.

Cause of Bourbaki's failure.

BRUSSELS.—The *Independance Belge* has a letter from Lyons, which says: One cause of Bourbaki's failure was the absconding of army contractors with a large sum. General Keller is at Lyons, and will probably take command of an Alsace regiment.

SWTZERLAND.

46,000 French in Switzerland.

BERNE, 4. — Sixty - six thousand French are in Switzerland. The men are badly clothed. Switzerland has asked France to send them clothing. The Germans on the 2d and 3d continued hostilities inwards. There are 200 wounded at Nuebourg.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Gambetta denounced—New Paper—Candidates from Paris—1,700 Germans succored in Paris.

LONDON, 6.—A number of journals of the north of France denounce Gambetta's decrees and urge peace.

Rochefort announces a new paper entitled *Mot d' Ordre*, advocating regicide.

The *Independance Belge* says the following candidates were named in Paris on Wednesday: Favre, Gambetta, Bison, Purkard, Simon, Pelletin, Arago, Pages, Ferry, Rochefort, Soisset, Rouciere and Pithlyar.

The *Cologne Gazette* glowingly acknowledges Washburne's succoring 1,700 Germans in Paris.

FRANCE.

Declaration of Gambetta—Favre will rescind Gambetta's decree.

BORDEAUX, 6.—The demonstration to-day was unimportant, and consisted of about seven hundred, headed by the Garibaldian Col. Middleton. The rest of the crowd were spectators. The prefect received the crowd, Gambetta being occupied. The prefect read the following declaration of Gambetta: "Faithful to the programme of to arms to win, I am now occupied in a council of war, deliberating on means of profiting by the armistice."

Cremieux left for Paris last night.

VERSAILLES, 6.—Official: The duality of France will apparently lead at Bordeaux to a non-observance of the convention which only looked for negotiations for a free Assembly. An arbitrarily constituted assembly, under Gambetta's dictation, will be little less than useless. Favre has informed Bismarck that he will rescind Gambetta's decrees. The confusion will probably only be removable by the adjournment of the elections.

BEAUTIFUL ALLEGORY.

Once upon a time a little leaf was heard to sigh and cry, and the twig said:

'What is the matter, little leaf?'

'The wind,' said the leaf, 'just told me that one day he would pull me off, and throw me down to the ground to die!'

The twig told it to the branch on which it grew, and the branch told it to the tree. And when the tree heard it, it rustled all over; and sent word back to the leaf:

'Do not be afraid, hold on tightly, and you shall not go until you want to.' And so the leaf stopped sighing; and went on rustling and singing. And so it grew all summer long till October. And when the bright days of August came, the little leaf saw all the leaves around becoming very beautiful. Some were yellow and some were scarlet, and some were striped with both colors. Then it asked the tree what it meant. And the tree said:

'All these leaves are getting ready to fly away, and they have put on these beautiful colors because of joy.'

Then the little leaf began to want to grow, and grew very beautiful in thinking of it, and when it was very gay in colors, it saw that the branches of the tree had no color in them, and so the leaf said:

'Oh, branch, why are you lead-colored and we golden?'

'We must keep on our work clothes,' said the tree, 'for our work is not done yet, but your clothes are for a holiday, because your task is over.'

Just then a little puff of wind came, and the leaf let go without thinking of it, and the wind took it up and turned it over and over, and then whirled it like a spark of fire in the air, and let it fall gently down under the edge of the fence among hundreds of other leaves, and it fell into a dream and never waked up to tell what it dreamed about. —*H. W. Beecher.*

WILD BEES.

The bumble-bees come singly, never in pairs, and only one sex—the female. In the bee-kingdoms royalty is confined exclusively to the females. All females are queens. Where the large queen bee, which is the only one we see in the spring, comes from, is a mystery—apparently from a warmer region, like birds; but the books say a few escape the rigors of winter in a torpid state, and come out in the spring like the frogs, etc. At any rate, there is no doubt some special provision of nature. She is impregnated by the males in August, goes into winter quarters in the fall, in some snug retreat or other, and lies torpid till spring.

"When the fierce Northwestern blast
Cools sea and land so far and fast,
Thou already slumberest deep;
Woe and want thou canst out-sleep;
Want and woe which torture us,
Thy sleep makes ridiculous."

After this long nap, the queen mother appears fresh and new, hunts out some abandoned mouse-nest in the meadow bottom or in a stone heap, or some other place, and sets up her household gods, solitary and alone. A few rude cells or sacks are constructed, eggs deposited, and in due time, say early in June, the young appear. These are neuters, neither males nor females, but workers. They proceed to build other cells, and fill them with honey, relieving the queen of all care but the laying of the eggs. The first honey is very delicious, being clear and white, like the clover honey in the hive, but of a different flavor. Ordinarily, the quantity found in a single nest is very small, scarcely more than a large tablespoonful. One summer, when a boy, by making a point of it, I collected quite a boxful in a comb, making, when pressed out, about a pint of clear honey, and representing the labor of two or three dozen swarms.—*Putman's Magazine.*

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