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into Paris!

The Committees of the Next House!

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.
History of the West to be published.

House moved an appropriation to provide for the collecting, translating and publishing of all documents relating to the early history of the West, commencing with the discovery of the Great Lakes, in 1669, and including the explorations of Rocky Mountains in '70, agreed to.

WASHINGTON.

Senate appropriation bill—Revised committee—Resolution of the Senate—The Captain Board of Claims committee—Resolution applying Howard, of the Freedmen's Bureau—Committee chairmanship of the next House—The inactivity of the present committee on appropriations—Northern Pacific Railroad bill—Bill to return to homestead and pre-emption rights.

WASHINGTON, 2.—The amendment to the army appropriation bill, adopted by the Senate yesterday, provides for the examination of the claims of Southern loyalists for quartermaster and commissary stores furnished the Union army in the same manner as similar claims are now examined and paid in the Northern States, and in West Virginia and Tennessee; that is, the examination will be made in the office of the third auditor of the Treasury, and the accounts will be subsequently revised by the second comptroller.

Rep. Seward, in the Senate Chamber yesterday evening, during the executive session, said his object in attending was to make several reports from the committee on foreign relations including a supplement to the naturalization treaty between the United States and Great Britain, excepting the defining of nationalities. His bill for home before the session was over. He will not be able to attend the legislative session for some time, though he is slowly improving in health.

Three members of the House are equally confident of being chairman of the ways and means committee in the next Congress. The increased strength of the Democrats in the new House will entitle them to the chair. Six of the present members of the committee are elected to the incoming Congress, namely, Hooper of Massachusetts, Maynard of Tennessee, Kelly of Pennsylvania, Brooks of New York, Blair of Michigan and Marshall of Illinois. It is not probable that all of these members will be continued upon the committee. Two or three of the Republicans may be given the chairmanship of other committees. Blaine however, has no intimation of his intentions respecting the formation of committees, and nothing will be known until they are announced. The House appropriation committee does not get much credit for its labors this session, and has lost nearly all the reputation it gained last year for vigilance, economy and conscientious work. Its members have shown this year a desire to monopolize the business properly belonging to other committees and, dividing themselves into sub-committees, have spent their time in conducting half a dozen investigations not within their proper province, instead of working at the appropriation bills, scrutinizing estimates and endeavoring to reduce the expenses of the government. When the thirty-third Congress comes in, the bill will be introduced by the committee on appropriations, and will be referred to the committee on public works, which has never been preferred. In fact, every member of the committee appears to have slipped whatever was sent to him in the bill without the others taking the trouble to read what they agreed to. So extravagantly considered an appropriation bill has not been brought into the House for years, and the rebuke of the House, given the committee by the tabling of the bill on Monday and by the passing of a vote of censure of \$10,000,000, which of it was well deserved.

Jordan moved to suspend the rules and pass a bill directing the disbursement of the sale of public lands, except under the homestead and pre-emption laws and under agricultural college and county units. Rejected 132 to 67; not two-thirds in the affirmative.

WASHINGTON.—In discussing the organization of the committee of the new House, a suggestion has been made and approvedly canvassed among older members, for the appointment of a committee to revise bills before final action had been taken on them, so as to prevent the recurrence of blunders such as that made last session, when, in amending the laws relating to the Commissioners of Patents and his office, it was claimed that the Department of the Interior was abolished.

Sir Edward Thornton, and other British Members of the high commission, visited the Capitol to-day, in company with Gen. Schenck. In the Senate Chamber they were introduced to the members of the committee on foreign relations and other Senators by Gen. Schenck. An introduction caused some confusion in the regular business of the Vice President, several times, rapped to order. The party subsequently went to the House side, where they were likewise introduced to prominent members. Upon the conclusion of the morning order, Davis moved to take up his resolution for an investigation into the condition of the Union Railroad. Negatived, yeas 13, nays 29.

Sherman moved to adjourn, and the second reading of the Cincinnati Rail-road bill. He said he would not insist on a final vote until to-morrow.

Davis opposed the motion and characterized the measure as an attempt to farm out the State of Kentucky for the benefit of a corporation.

Sherman's motion was agreed to, and the bill was taken up and partly read and then laid over for final reading to-morrow.

Washburne, of Mass., from the committee on claims, reported a bill to provide for a board of three commissioners, for the examination of the claims of loyal citizens of the late rebel States for stores or supplies taken, or furnished during the rebellion, for the use of the army, including the use of horses, wagons, or teams employed in the military service of the United States. The commission is to exist for two years, and is to take testimony and report its opinion in writing in each case, and certify the amount and value of the property taken, furnished or used. The commissioners are not to be residents of the Southern States. They are to hold their sessions at Washington and are to have authority to adjourn.

The further prosecution of their duties at such time and place within the Southern States as they shall themselves designate. They are to make a report of their proceedings at the commencement of each session of Congress, to the Speaker of the House, who is to lay the same before Congress for consideration. The commissioners are to have five thousand a year and are to be paid each, and shall be compensated at \$2,500 each, and a messenger at \$1,200, who are to accompany the board. Necessary and actual expenses of travel are to be allowed and paid and vouchered, as other judicial expenses are. After a brief explanation, by Washburne, in reply to some objection, the bill was passed.

The Senate amendments to the army and navy appropriation bills were concurred in and the committee of conference was appointed.

The substitute adopted yesterday for the Senate bill granting lands for a railroad from the western boundary of Minnesota to the Winnipeg district, in British America, was amended by making its title conform to its provisions, and read: "A bill to authorize the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to construct, in its discretion, the railroads in its line, in consideration of the relinquishment of land."

Townsend, from the committee on education and labor, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, 32 to 9: "Resolved, That the policy pursued by the United States towards four and half millions of its people, suddenly enfranchised by events of a sudden character, is not sufficient for their education and to render them independent and self-supporting, and extending to them civil and political equality, is the source of a just national pride, and that the House hereby accepts Major General Oliver O. Howard, of the groundless and malicious charges preferred against him, and affirms his integrity and merit, that in successfully organizing and administering with fidelity and ability the Freedmen's Bureau, which has contributed much to the accomplishment of the first of those great ends, he is deserving of the gratitude of the American people."

The committee on the Southern Pacific railroad bill, in its report, said: "Report in favor of a main trunk with a branch from Marshall, Texas, to New Orleans, via Alexandria and Baton Rouge and a branch on the Southern Pacific R. R. of California from the twenty-fifth parallel, to connect with the trunk at the Colorado river, near the twenty-second parallel.

NEW YORK.

FRENCH ADD.

New York.—The subscriptions among the French in aid of France are continued with renewed vigor in all parts of the country. M. Notable, Treasurer of the committee of succor, in this city, and a member of the committee of the latest subscription, during the past two weeks, \$5,000 were received, making a total of \$94,360.45. The proceeds of the ball given by the Circle de l'Harmonie at the Academy of Music lately, for the benefit of the fund, amounted to \$1,145.

Five of the Japanese students left this port for Europe yesterday, by the steamship *China*.

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