TELEGRAPHIC.

FIGURES COMPARED.

Expenditures of the Last Congress and the "Billion Dollar" One.

THE HIGH WATER MARK PASSED.

Impressive Causes of Illinois Prevails Figures From a Republican Point of View.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Representative Cannon of Illinois, on behalf of the Republican minority of the House committee on appropriations, has prepared a comparative showing the total expenditures of the Fifty-first Congress, comparing them with the expenditures of the so-called "billion dollar Congress," in which Mr. Cannon was at the head of the appropriations committee.

From this statement it appears that expenditures of the Fifty-first Congress, when Mr. Reed was Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate was Republican, were in round numbers $[illegible], while the appropriations for the Fifty-second Congress, when the Senate was Democratic and Mr. Crisp was Speaker, were in round numbers $1,037,000,000, and the appropriations for this Congress, with President, House and Senate all Democratic, are in round numbers $[illegible], showing the last session of nearly-year congress—which the total appropriations for this and the next fiscal year, ending June 30, 1896, are now reasonably appropriated by this Congress in round numbers $[illegible]. This shows the appropriations made by the Fifty-first Congress, called by our Democratic friends the "billion dollar Congress" in round numbers by $[illegible].

The Congress, unfortunately, in addition to the actual increase of appropriations, has authorized public works to be in the same context, leaving the 52d Congress to make appropriations needed as follows:

By deficiency act, $[illegible]; by sundry civil act, $6,000,000; by District of Columbia act, $[illegible]; by naval appropriation act, $[illegible]; total $[illegible].

The net appropriations and authorizations of this Congress are seen to be in round numbers, $1,[illegible].

The appropriation for the police service is a very large one, but, as the recent exposures of public operations show, it is one of the policies of municipal government upon which can be gathered the values of votes and protection.

The aggregate appropriations of pensions to the decade of the republic in war and their widows and orphans, by this Congress under Cleveland, are $[illegible] less than those of the 51st and 52d Congress, the last two years with President Harrison.

THE LIZZIE DISASTER.

Statement of a Passenger on the Steamer.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., March 7.—John Mann, a passenger in January on the Cedric, the boat that sent the Lizzie to the bottom of the sea with her crew of seven tonight, is visiting his mother near here. He states that at Queenstown, where the boats collided, the sky was clear with no fog, just the reverse of what was testified to by the officers of the Cedric, and that the boat backed off and left the Lizzie to her fate.

CHICAGO'S EXPOSITION.

Preparations for a Grand Celebration. Some Subscribers.

CHICAGO, March 7.—The men who have made Colorado were present at a meeting held today at the Brown Palace hotel, at which the interests of that mining exposition, with which Colorado proposes to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of her admission to the Union, was considered. Delegates were present from all part of the state and when the meeting adjourned there was scarcely a city or town in what had its representative in the shape of managers, whom was given hearty and unanimous backing in a general enthusiasm.

The members of the legislature absent in a body and is to be expected that an appropriation will be made by the state.

A committee was appointed to inquire into the feasibility of having a city bond as subscription for the use of souvenirs and expositions sum as the one proposed.

A subscription list for the concerty fund was started with a pledge of $10,000 from D. H. McMillan, president of the First national bank.

Scared at Chicago Meat.

LONDON, March 7.—The president of the board of agriculture in the House of Commons today was asked by Mr. Jeffrys, member for North Hampshire whether his attention has been drawn to a statement in the Times concerning the preparing and packing of meat at Chicago and to be consumed, and intended for exportation to England, and whether he had reason to believe that though a bullock at Chicago might be condemned as diseased and unfit for food, yet the tongue was preserved and exported, while its fat was made into oleomargarine, and whether it was a fact that in many instances diseased meat which had been condemned had nevertheless been taken out of the condemned pens after the inspector had left, and then preserved and exported to England. Finally Mr. Jeffrys asks whether the government would endeavor to prevent such meat being used as food in England.

Replying to the question of Mr. Jeffrys, Herbert Gardner, president of the board of agriculture, said he had received the statements referred to, and proposed to make the necessary inquiries through the foreign office. He would also bring to the notice of the sanitary officers here any information which reached him in respect to the existence of danger to the health of the public arising from imported foods.

Professional Beggers.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 7.—Harry Morton, of St. Louis, was arrested here today with two of his workers, John Walsh and James Mack. Morton had a diamond pin, a ring, a watch and a pair of ear rings in his possession, together with a purse containing $147 in small change. Letters connecting him with a gang of thieves were also found.

Morton's understudies, Joe and Jim, are now serving a half month. Morton forced them to pour morphine into their arms, causing frightful sores, on which more salt was applied daily. The boys would visit dwelling houses, present their arms and ask for help. Morton kept all the money and stayed as a good actor, while the boys had to contain for a living.

Ravages of Smallpox.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Smallpox has broken out in a colony of Tennessee colored people who recently settled in West Lake street and five cases have already been found by the authorities. There are now twenty-two in the colony, and as all have been exposed, more cases of the disease are expected.

LIMA, O., March 7.—William Price was left to die alone last night of smallpox in a boat-house. Sixty persons were exposed through Price and great excitement prevails.

DANA INDICTED.

The Editor of the New York "Sun" Charged With Criminal Libel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—The grand jury of the supreme court for the District of Columbia has returned an indictment for criminal libel against Charles A. Dana, editor, and Wm. M. Laffan, publisher of the New York Sun. The presentment was formally made to Judge Cole, presiding, by the foreman of the jury today. It is a formidable document of many pages, setting forth the malicious matter of Messrs. Dana and Laffan for criminally libeling Frank B. Noyes, proprietor of the Washington Evening Star, and one of its board of directors and of the executive committee of the Associated Press.

The indictment as returned contains three counts, setting forth different circumstances of criminality in publishing the libel.

The first count states that on Feb. 22nd last the New York Sun published an editorial, from which the following is an extract:

"The corporation (meaning the Associated Press) is organized under the Illinois state law and the provisions of the statute requiring the personal liability of directors are amusing. We commend a careful study of them to the unfortunate newspaper managers who have been roped in. They may see their way to making such a thoroughly dishonest director as F. B. Noyes of Washington, for instance, refund to them the amount of the extra assessments out of which they have been cajoled."

The second count relates particularly to the publication of the libel in Washington.

The third count is general in terms, accusing Dana and Laffan of composing and publishing a criminal libel without specifying the date or detailed circumstances of the charge.

The Star could in the most specific and strong the particulars of the charges on which the grand jury acted.

THE U. P. FORGERIES.

Looking for Some Clue—The Acid Theory.

OMAHA, March 7.—Agent Teal of the Underwood Chemical Paper company is in Omaha to inspect the stand Union Pacific checks which were so cleverly manipulated in Denver a few days ago. He said that had the writing in the body of the check been heavy, no acid would have removed it, and he is of the opinion that some means other than acid were employed to remove the ink stains. According to the officials, no other checks have appeared, and they feel sure that the experts have moved on to other towns.

INCOME TAX SUIT.

Case for the Appellants Argued Before the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—The Supreme court all the years the income tax cases until 3 o'clock today when W. D. Guthrie was recognized to open the case for the appellants. He appeared especially for Messrs Pollock and Hyde, who appeal the case against the Farmers and Continental Trust companies of New York from the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals for the southern district of New York. Mr. Guthrie established in an outline of the argument prepared to be made by the counsel for the appellants an hour yesterday when the court adjourned for the day. He said they would depend principally upon showing that the present income tax was unconstitutional because of its taxation of property and quoted at length from the proceedings of Congress to show that the tax is not uniform, contending that Congress had no right under the Constitution to levy a tax for the duty, excise or import which was variable or lacking in uniformity as to individuals and corporations, because it was the fundamental rules that taxation in these respects should be equal upon all.

Copyright Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—An important question relating to copyrights has been taken by a well known publishing house, and is now under consideration at the treasury department. The old copyright law rules it illegal to bring into the United States foreign copies of books copyrighted in this country. The law of 1891 amended the old one in some important particulars, but expressly stated it was not to go into effect until a subsequent date, July 1, 1891. The question involved is whether the new law, not being retroactive, did not leave free the imported productions all books of American authors copyrighted prior to July 1, 1891. Should it be held that the new law took the place of the old, foreign editions of all American books written and copyrighted prior to 1891 might hereafter be imported free of duty, and without regard to American copyright laws, which would necessarily interfere with the publishing business in this country.

Ministers Given their Passports.

NEW YORK, March 8.—A special dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says: President Crespo has given their passports to the ministers of France and Belgium to Venezuela. This action is due it is said, to statements published in the Italian green book, in which it appears that the French, Belgian, German and Spanish ministers have discredited the institutions of this republic. They urge the powers to impose upon Venezuela a mixed foreign tribunal, to have jurisdiction in all questions in which Europeans are concerned.

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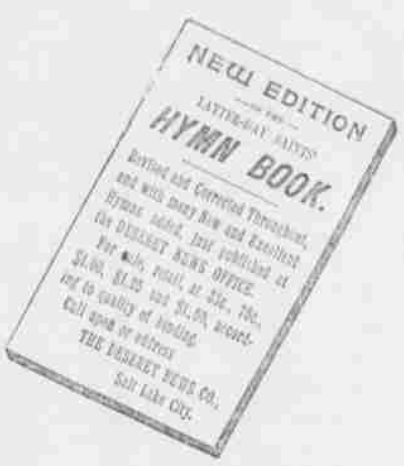

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