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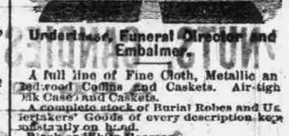
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FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The papers transmitted to the Senate, were three reports from the Secretary of War in response to a resolution of inquiry as to the change of engineers on the improvements at the mouth of the Columbia River, also various memorials of public bodies in favor of the passage of the Inter-State Commerce bill.

Cullom presented a memorial of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce also of the proceedings of the railroad convention on the same subject.

Mitchell of Pennsylvania, from the committee on pensions, reported a bill granting a pension of $5,000 a year, to the widow of General John A. Logan and asked for its immediate consideration, but under objection by Cake, the bill went over till to-morrow.

At 2 o'clock the Senate took up the conference report on the Inter-State Commerce bill and was addressed by Platt. He opposed the conference report, and advocated its rejection solely for the reason that it prohibited pooling. In all other respects he favored a compromise bill.

McPherson offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of the indebtedness of the Pacific Railroad Company to the Government on June 1st, 1887, with the details of all payments made on account of the same; also as to the sums due or to become due (principal and interest) under the existing law, severally, and what difference will result to the Treasury if the pending Senate Funding bill should become a law.

Hoar moved to amend the resolution by adding to it these words, "and a statement of all existing questions in regard to the amount of such debts in dispute between said companies and the Government."

McPherson argued against the proposed amendment as tending towards delay, and suggested that if Hoar would promise not to bring up the bill at the present session he would withdraw the resolution.

Hoar expressed his great surprise at the proposition, but offered to agree not to call up the bill until the information asked for could be obtained.

McPherson thanked the Senator even for that concession. He asserted that the effect of the Funding bill would be to give as a donation to these Pacific Railroads more money than the entire value of all the land reclaimed under the forfeiture bills for the last three years.

Hoar regarded this as a very extraordinary proceeding. This bill had been reported in its general features to the last Congress. A debt amounting to about $150,000,000 would be due the Government by these companies on an average of eleven or twelve years from this time. An equal amount would be due by the companies on the first mortgage bonds to which the Government debt was subordinate.

The Judiciary Committee was satisfied it would not be expedient for the Government at the end of that time to drive these companies into bankruptcy, and to have them sold in the market on the one hand, or operated by the Government itself on the other hand. If there was any Senator who differed with the committee on either of these propositions, he should be surprised to learn the fact. If the companies could be assured that the Government would not assert its authority, and would allow them to make arrangements to raise a new loan to pay off the Government loan, they would probably do that, and go on. But now they could not do it. The Funding bill was recommended by the present administration.

Edmunds suggested that all the information asked for in the resolution and amendment was to be found in the report of the Railroad Commissioners stated very clearly and very well. As to the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury as to the effect of the funding bill, that was a matter of simple arithmetical calculation which any one could make for himself.

After further discussion, in which McPherson spoke of the frauds in connection with the original stock, and Hoar showed how the stock was now chiefly in the hands of small owners, and said that discussion at this time could only be in the interest of speculators, the matter went over without action until to-morrow.

The Senate then took up the Inter-State Commerce bill.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—House went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill. The bill gave rise to no opposition in any of its features and the committee having arisen, it was passed without discussion or division. It appropriated $5,116,000.

The bill to authorize academy appropriation bill was taken up and passed within a quarter of an hour.

Morrow of California presented the petition of the Jas. A. Garfield Post 31, Department of California, in favor of the Edmunds-Tucker anti-polygamy bill. Referred.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication, dated Washington, D. C., December 31st, 1886:

"I hereby respectfully resign my office as Representative in the Forty-ninth Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina, to take effect from date.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES W. REID."

The communication was laid on the table.

On motion of Herbert of Alabama the House by a vote of yeas 112, nays 98, went into committee of the whole (Springer of Illinois in the chair) on the bill for the consolidation of certain bureaus of the Navy Department.

The remainder of the afternoon was consumed in the reading of the majority and minority reports, and without action the committee rose and the House adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Usual Budget of Washington News.

TWO MORE B. & O. VICTIMS.

Wittrock Got Into Trouble to Get His Mother Out.

DISCORDANT KNIGHTS OF LABOR

By Telegraph to the News.]

Washington Points.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Secretary of War, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate offered by Senator Mitchell, has sent to that body a letter by General Parke, stating that Major Jones, the engineer formerly in charge of the improvements at the Cascades of the Columbia, in Oregon, was relieved by Captain Powell for the reason that General Parke was "not willing to assume the responsibility of recommending or authorizing the approval of the project for work of this character of an officer whose administrative skill, capacity and ability were most satisfactory to me; but in order that there should be no delay in the work, I was perfectly ready to make a recommendation in the case, and that was for Captain Powell to relieve Major Jones of the charge of the improvement. This was authorized by the Secretary of War, and the transfer was thereupon effected."

CONFIRMATIONS

Thos. Moonlight, Governor of Wyoming.

Joseph P. Laird, Register of the Land Office at Independence, Oregon.

Rudolph Guichard, Register of the Land Office at Walla Walla, Washington Territory.

A. W. Elbenshutz, Receiver of Public Moneys, Independence, California.

Postmasters—J. A. Vanarsdale, Colton, California; Mary A. Camp, Calistoga, California; J. V. Gault, Alamosa, California; Charles H. Finley, Modesto, California; L. A. Manchester, Merced, California; S. D. Smith, Passadena, California; P. Stein, Pomona, California; J. W. Forrest, Georgetown, Colorado.

AMONG THE BILLS

Introduced in the Senate to-day were the following:

By Senator Dolph—To authorize the Washington Improvement Company, Washington Territory, to operate a canal between Lakes Union and Washington, and impose and collect tolls for transfer over it, and to have the same rights over the canal when finished as between Lake Union and Puget Sound, Washington Territory. The United States shall have the right to purchase the canal at any time, and shall have the privilege of free transportation over the same.

By Senator Sherman—To provide that all persons on the pension rolls for the loss of limb or limbs, shall be entitled to receive their arrears of pension from the date of discharge or disability.

To fix the amount of United States bonds to be required of National Banks. It limits to $5,000 the amount of United States bonds required to be deposited by National Banks with the United States Treasurer, *provided*, however, that the voluntary withdrawal of

BONDS FOR RETIREMENT

of National Bank notes shall not exceed $3,000,000 in any one month without the approval and consent of the Secretary of the Treasury; *and provided further*, that the act shall not apply to the bonds required by the existing law to be deposited for the security of public moneys in National Banks.

Section two provides that on the surrender by the National Bank of any sum of its circulating notes by the required deposit of lawful money with the United States Treasurer for their redemption, the entire liability of the bank for its surrendered notes shall utterly cease, and they shall be redemed by the Treasurer and destroyed as now provided by law. It further provides that the act shall be construed to determine the liability of National banks, which have heretofore thus surrendered any or all of their circulating notes. The money deposited by the National banks for the redemption of its circulation, shall be covered into the Treasury.

THE INTER-STATE BILL.

Among the petitions presented to Congress to-day were several protesting against the adoption of the conference report on the Inter-State Commerce bill.

The President held a short public reception in the East Room this afternoon. His right knee is still stiff and causes a slight limp in his walk, but otherwise his health is reported to be good.

The President has so far failed to nominate Mr. Manning as Minister to Mexico, and the impression is almost general that this appointment will be allowed to lapse. This belief is strengthened by the fact that there is but one more day in which a nomination can be made, and further by an unofficial statement by the President that all recess nominations have been sent in.

THE PRESIDENT

to-day promulgated the following regulations governing promotion in the customs service at New York City:

Regulation 1.—The Board of Examiners of the New York Customs District may at any time, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission, order an examination for promotion, and at least five days before the examination is to take place, shall cause a notice to be posted conspicuously in the office for which such examination is to be held and the time and place of the examination. The promotions shall be from class to class, and the examination of persons in one class shall be to test their fitness for promotion to the next higher class: *provided*, however, that if in any examination for promotion the competitors in the next lower class shall not exceed three in number, the Board may at its discretion open the competition to one or more of the classes below the class in which there are not more than three competitors. All persons in the class immediately below the class to which the promotions are to be made, and who have been in said class at least six months, must be

EXAMINED FOR PROMOTION.

Regulation 2.—Examinations must be held upon such objects as in the opinion of the Board of Examiners, with the approval of the Commission, the general nature of the business of the office and the special nature of the positions to be filled, may require. In testing the Local Stores, due weight must be given to the efficiency with which the several competitors shall have performed their duties in the office, but none who shall fail to attain the minimum standard of 70 per cent in the written examination shall be certified for promotion.

Regulation 3.—The whole list of eligibles from which promotion is to be made shall be certified to the nominating officer.

Regulation 4.—Any person employed in any office to which these regulations apply, may be transferred without examination after a service of six months consecutively since January 16th, 1883, from one office to a class number higher in another office, upon certification by the Board of Examiners that he has passed an examination for the class in which he is doing duty and with the consent of the heads of the respective offices and the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Regulation 5.—The Civil Service Commission may meet at any time, amend these regulations or substitute other regulations.

The foregoing regulations are adopted and approved.

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.

The House Committee on Rivers and Harbors completed the

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATION

bill and it will be presented to the House before the end of the week. The grand total of the appropriations made by the bill is $7,188,500, while the total of the estimates submitted was $30,-000,740. Among the appropriations are the following:

Callendar Harbors: Humboldt Harbor and Bay, $50,000; Wilmington, $50,000. Rivers—Sacramento and Feather Rivers, $10,000; San Joaquin, Stockton and Mormon Sloughs, $10,-000.

Oregon Harbors: Coos Bay entrance, $25,000; Yaquina Bay, $50,000. Rivers—Canal at Cascades, $100,000; mouth of Columbia River new, $125,000; Lower Willamette and Columbia Rivers, $125,000; Upper Willamette, (to complete), $25,000; Coquille River at its mouth, $125,000.

Washington Territory—Rivers: Skagit, Stiekiquamish, Hootsak, Snohomish and Snowqualmee Rivers, $10,000; Montana, Yellowstone River, between Glendive and mouth of river, $12,500.

The President to-day transmitted to the House of Representatives a letter from the Secretary of State enclosing a

MASS OF STATEMENTS

from consular officers, of duties levied by foreign nations upon the products and manufactures of the United States. In his letter of transmittal Secretary Bayard says: "The demand for new markets for American products has become almost imperative, and these markets must be sought among those nations which from a fiscal or protective necessity, from the need to revenue or a desire of fostering the manufacturing industries, have imposed duties upon articles of foreign growth or production which are most onerous and oppressive, not only to the consumer but also to the American exporter."

The Boycott Goes On.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—To-night the following resolutions were passed at the meeting of the local assemblies 1790, 5732, 6768 and 8218 of the Knights of Labor have taken steps towards renewing the boycott against Selz, Schwab & Co. and C. H. Fargo & Co., the reason being alleged violations by the two firms of contracts entered into last spring with the Knights. The four local assemblies mentioned above are composed exclusively of the various boot and shoe factories of Chicago, and at their instance the question as to how many shoe firms had violated the agreement to discontinue as quickly as possible the employment of convict labor, came before the State Executive Board of Knights in this city. The board decided adversely on the charges preferred against the manufacturers, and with the exception of the case of Fargo & Co., the charges were not seriously entertained. This decision it appears was very unsatisfactory to the Knights directly interested, and a joint session of their four local assemblies has been held to take action in the matter. At the joint meeting the Executive Board was bitterly denounced, one of the speakers charging that the members of it were influenced by money from the manufacturers. It was then decided to renew the Selz, Schwab & Co., and the Fargo & Co. boycott.

At the office of Fargo & Co. this evening, the charge was admitted that the firm had transferred the greater part of their work to the penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan, where Fargo has contracts running for ten years.

Selz, Schwab & Co. said, however, a mistake had surely been made in their case. The firm was living strictly up to the letter and spirit of the agreement with the Knights.

A Mangled Body.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—A bundle of bloody clothing was found yesterday in Lexington and caused much surmise. To-day farmer Brooks discovered near the place the head of a man which had been severed from the body, and near by it other portions of the body covered by snow. The head was gashed and distorted by a terrible wound. It had evidently been chopped from the body with a dull axe. About one mile from where the head and arm were found the investigators discovered in a deep gully the mutilated trunk. It was naked and the deep cuts in the hip and leg indicated the intention of the murderers of severing the left leg as they had the right, which had been chopped off at the thigh. The body is thought to be that of a hard working man.

Later reports from Lexington are to the effect that the murdered man has been fully identified as George A. Codman, the missing Somerville milkman, but that there is no clue to the perpetrator of the fiendish crime.

John Roach.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—At 11 o'clock to-night the family of John Roach issued this bulletin to the Associated Press:

"Mr. Roach is growing gradually weaker, though the change has been very light to-day. No sudden change is anticipated as probable to-night."

Wants to Get Out.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—For several days there has been a rumor that the French Cable Company was about to withdraw from the cable pool. To-day the *Evening Post* published a telegram from Halifax, saying Frank Fisher, Vice-Consul at Sydney, Cape Breton, and Superintendent of the French Cable, was en route to New York, on business connected with the company's withdrawal from the pool. Inquiries at the office of the company in this city, were met by a response that any such movement must originate on the other side of the Atlantic, and nothing was known in regard to it here.

Prohibition.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 5.—To-day in the Pennsylvania Legislature, resolutions were passed appointing committees to prepare a bill regulating freight charges within the State and an amendment to the Constitution, to be submitted to a vote of the people of the State, providing that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in this State shall be forever prohibited; and providing also that compensation be made for real estate used for the manufacture and sale of liquors in such cases as its value shall be diminished by the passage of the amendment. Both these resolutions were submitted in accordance with the resolution of the recent Republican State Convention.

Hoosac Tunnel Sold.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—The Governor and Council to-day completed the sale of the Hoosac Tunnel, with its accompanying 44 miles of railroad, to the Fitchburg Railroad. The conditions are as follows: The State is to receive from the Fitchburg Company $5,000,000 in fifty-year bonds, paying interest at 3 per cent. for five years, 3½ per cent. for the next five years, and 4 per cent. thereafter, and $5,000,000 in common stock. The existing issue of the preferred stock of the Fitchburg road is 32,806 shares. This is to be increased one-third and distributed pro rata among the shareholders, making a total of 70,448 shares. The preferred stock is to receive a dividend of 4 per cent., and any surplus of earnings remaining is to be divided pro rata between the State, on its $5,000,000 of common stock, and the shareholders of the road, on their $7,048,800 of preferred stock, or practically in the ratio of five to seven.

Wittrock's Diplomacy.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 5.—The Express robbers were not taken to the penitentiary to-day, as was expected they would be, but they will be sent to-morrow. In a brief interview with Wittrock this morning, that worthy gave a bit of information not before made public, which was to the effect that he specially stipulated with the detectives that he must lift the mortgage on his mother's house before he would turn up any of the stolen money. This he said they promised to do, and added that it was done when he came out to Leavenworth, and thus his principal object in robbing the Express was accomplished. The mortgage was for $1,700.

The grand jury has found an indictment against Dan Moriarty charging him with being an accessory to the robbery, both before and after. He has not been arrested yet and it is said he will not be prosecuted, as it was through information derived from him that Wittrock and his pals were arrested.

Another Shock.

GALVESTON, Jan. 5.—A special to the *News* from Paige, Texas, says that a slight shock of earthquake occurred there at 11 o'clock this morning, lasting two or three seconds. No serious damage was done. A wooden cistern which had been lowered into an excavation, sank four inches lower. The colored servants at the Wilson Hotel were greatly alarmed. The shock was felt for miles around, and apparently passed from north to south. Few people claim to have heard the rumbling noise. The town of Paige is situated on the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, 50 miles east of Austin.

Sewing Silk.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A meeting of the sewing silk and machine twist trade was held here to-day, and in view of the fact that raw silk had recently advanced $1 per pound, with the probabilities in favor of the advance remaining permanent, it was resolved to advance the price of manufactured goods ten per cent., to take effect February 1st. The sewing silk and twist trade has in all a capital invested in manufactures of $30,000,000. Its annual product of 1886 is put at $30,000,000, and all concerns together employ some 50,000 operatives. The whole silk trade in all the branches will be effected in the action taken to-day.

Two of the Victims.

TIFFIN, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Among the passengers in the ill-fated B. & O. train was John Tiebit, an Irishman, who lives at San Francisco, and has a brother-in-law who owns a large liquor store on Pacific Avenue of that city. He was on his way home from a visit to County Clare, Ireland. He was wedged in the wreck, but succeeded in releasing himself, and fell head foremost out of the window into a ditch. His head and hands were terribly burned, his collar bone broken, and he was bruised all over. He was taken to Chicago Junction, where he is now coughing, and blood is flowing from his mouth, and he is not expected to live.

Saratoga, Jan. 5.—It is thought that the man named Bullard, who was pinioned and burned under a beam at the wreck at Tiffin yesterday, and who, it is reported, belonged in New York State, may have been Gen. E. F. Bullard, of Saratoga. Inquiries at his home elicited the information that General Bullard started two weeks ago for New Mexico and his family had received word of his arrival, but his destination after leaving New Mexico is not known. General Bullard was about 70 years old and 5 feet 10 inches in hight.

Lansdowne Declines.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 5.—Inquiry being made at Rideau Hall to-day, concerning the cable dispatch stating that the Marquis of Lansdowne had been offered a position in the British Ministry, it was learned that such a dispatch had been received, and that His Excellency had replied in effect that he was not prepared at the present time to abruptly relinquish his official duties as Governor-General of Canada, and that he must therefore decline the proffered position.

FOREIGN.

The British Cabinet Still Incomplete.

CHAPTER OF GERMAN NEWS.

The Interminable Irish Rent Rows Again.

The British Cabinet.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Lord Salisbury is urgently pressing the Marquis of Lansdowne to accept an office in the Cabinet. It is now reported that Lord Lansdowne is not willing to surrender his emoluments in Canada, especially as the revenues from his estates are decreasing.

It is now stated that Lord Salisbury has not communicated with the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Other Peers besides Lord Northbrooke are reluctant to enter the Cabinet. Goschen will probably remain alone.

Lord Northbrook has decided not to accept a position in the Cabinet. He has written to Goschen repeating his inability to join the Ministry in view of the Conservative discontent and the doubtful nature of the agreement with Lord Salisbury.

The Rent Row.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—Fifty-six men arrested last August, at the time Father Fahey was taken into custody for resisting the collection of rent and eviction on the Clanricarde estate, at Woodford, County Galway, were sentenced to day to imprisonment ranging from twelve to eighteen months. The Judge who delivered the sentences, censured the inspectors of police and local magistrates for allowing the rioting and declared that no Chief Secretary for Ireland, no Under Secretary and no Inspector-General could give an order to prevent the police from assisting the sheriff in making evictions or carrying on the process of law for the collection of rents due.

It will be remembered that General Sir Redvers Buller, who at the time of these riots was in special military command of Ireland, had a short time before caused it to be known that he would not permit the military to be used in eviction work without first being convinced that their assistance was absolutely necessary. This withdrew from the sheriffs the military upon which they previously always relied, and with which they were usually accompanied in their undertakings and the landlords contended that this withdrawal created the situation encouraging lawlessness and rioting on the part of the defaulting tenants.

German Affairs.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The commission on the army bill has discussed the second reading of the measure.

Herr Rickert, Progressist, moved that the strength of the army in time of peace be 454,404.

Herr Heune, member of the Centre party, moved it to be 468,409, as in the bill, but that the term of operation be three years instead of seven.

Both motions were rejected.

Herr Koeller, Conservative, moved to restore the original draft of the second article to the effect that from April 1st the infantry be composed of 594 battalions, the cavalry of 465 squadrons and the field artillery of 364 batteries.

The motion was rejected by 160 to 13.

The article was then adopted as amended on first reading.

The third and fifth articles, repealing such provisions of the old military laws as are not at variance with the present bill, and providing for the operation of the latter in Bavaria and Wurtemberg, passed without alteration.

Heune proposed an amendment to Article 4, exempting theological students from military service. Rejected.

Finally the committee reaffirmed the resolutions, 14 to 12.

The report on the bill will be prepared Friday.

The debate on Heune's motion disclosed the fact that the Centre divided, Ballestrom and Francenstein opposing the Clerical members.

Koeller's motion was defeated by a combination of Centrists and Progressists.

Emperor William, in reply to the congratulations of the Russian Kalugs Regiment, of which he is an honorary Colonel, sent the following telegram:

"I was not disappointed in my expectation that my faithful Kalugs regiment would remember the 50th anniversary of my entry into the army. I received with pleasure the good wishes expressed in connection with so exceptional a jubilee. I shall preserve my attachment to the regiment until the last moment of my life."

The *Official Gazette* publishes the following letter from Emperor William to Crown Prince Frederick William:

"The army knows how near it always has been to my heart, and it will understand what feelings stir us at the thoughts of having belonged to it full 80 years and of the changes undergone within that long period. From the time of my entry into the army, I lay awaken back to the furthest confines of the Kingdom, after the severest blow Prussia ever sustained. But the soldierly spirit which my glorious forefathers implanted in it remained unbroken and soon put forth new shoots. This was proved in the case of liberation—the noblest remembrance of my youth. This spirit of the army preserved through honest labors during a long period of peace and its glorious deeds in recent times show that the same spirit has been upheld in full strength and has striven still more. I have seen many changes in the form of the army in the generations passed through under my eyes. But in my inmost heart and feeling the army is not changed. Placing the sense of honor and duty before all else, and their readiness to lay down their lives for the country is the tie which binds all Germans closely together, and now unites the grandsons as great grandsons as firmly as it did their forefathers. It really rejoices me to be permitted to speak thus to the army, and to be able to say during these eighty years we assuredly belonged to one another. Fully and unreservedly I thank the army for its loyalty and devotion to duty. Until my last breath these feelings of love and gratitude will remain the most vivid feelings of my heart."

—The performance given in the Springville Theatre on Saturday night, Jan. 1st, by the Home Dramatic Club and the Theatre Orchestra of Provo City, was evidently very much enjoyed by a large audience assembled on the occasion.

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