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CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 22.—Bills were introduced by Mills, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay owners the value of the cotton seized by treasury officials since May, 1865; also for the payment of all debts contracted by government in certain cases since the war.

By Franklin, for the organization of the Territory of Oklahama.

By Stone, (Ia.) creating postal savings banks.

Crittenden asked leave to offer a resolution calling on the President for information concerning the failure of the Union Pacific Railroad to operate the road and branches according to the Pacific Railroad acts. Objected to.

Hale, as a question of privilege, offered a resolution discharging the elections committee from consideration of the Belford-Patterson case.

Stephens, of Georgia, suggested an amendment directing the committee to report by Saturday, or to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The resolution, amended as Stevens suggested, was, on motion of Sayler, tabled—155 to 94.

The House resumed consideration of the deficiency bill, the question being on reconsidering yesterday's vote rejecting Waddell's amendment appoopriating $700,000 for star service. The motion to reconsider was tabled, 144 to 117. The bill was then passed.

The bill to repeal the resumption act came up, and Ewing took the floor, but yielded to Patterson, who explained his amendment, saying if accepted, it would make the bill satisfactory to both the republican and democratic sides of the House. His amendment was the trifling one of striking out the enacting clause.

Garfield asked as a courtesy that his colleague's time be extended as long as he desired to speak. Objection was made.

Ewing began by alluding to the universal interest in this great question. Had the people considered it early they would have been saved the passage of the act of repudiation and extortion of 1869, by which the contract on which $1,600,000,000 of public debt was changed to the detriment of the people and to the advantage of the holders of public securities, without consideration to a sum not less that $500,000,000. He spoke of the enormous depreciation of values, which he attributed to the resumption act, and which he estimated at one-third of the whole. He characterized the resumption law as a practical confiscation by law of $3,500,000,000 of property. Three-fourths of all classes of the people of this country were debtors, and it was their hard-earned accumulations that were being wrested from them by this robber law. He spoke of the loss of the laboring classes as amounting to $3,000,000 a day, or $900,000,000 a year, and mentioned a statement made to him recently by the President of the Dayton and Southeastern Railway Company, in Ohio, to the effect that hundreds of men had been offering to work on the road for bread and meat. "Nothing," said he, "for clothes; nothing for wives and children; nothing to lay up in store for winter; merely enough to keep the poor human body that was doing the labor able to exercise the necessary force. Oh, God! That bread should be so dear, and flesh and blood so cheap!" (Sensation and applause.) "The law," he continued, "was not going to stop with that fall of values. Whoever hugged the hope that the bottom had been touched had only to look at the facts to know that lower level and the lower ground had to be reached. There had also to be witnessed an increase of poverty and suffering, the practical confiscation of property, and repudiation of a large part of the public debt of the country." He appealed to money men, whether they would persist in their scheme of infatuation. Had they not heard enough to warn them that they had better stop? What meaning had the labor riots? That almost civil war? Six months ago the meaning was expressed that labor had been trampled on as much as it would stand. The thing has been pushed just as far as it will bear. What are we to gain by inflicting such losses on our industry and labor? He quoted Edmund Burke, to the effect that it is to the prosperity of the citizen and not to the demands of the creditors of the State that the original faith of the nation is given, and that the claim of the citizen is prior in time, paramount in title and superior in equity. Thousands of men have been driven by the resumption law to insanity or suicide; hundreds of thousands have been cast down from competency to poverty, millions have been deprived of employment for their labor, on which rest the dependence of their families. It is now too late to right that wrong; but we may avert any greater wrong from them and the millions, by prompt action on the part of Congress and the President. I appeal to the masses: to their faithful representatives. I thank the God of both the political parties on this floor that the true aim of the government is the greatest good to the greatest number, and whoever, by legislation or otherwise, changes the value of a contract is as accursed as he who removes his neighbor's landmarks. For twelve years past the financial legislation of this country has been dictated, one would think, in Lombard Street or Wall Street, and people have been plundered by every fresh enactment. They have suffered the fate of the giant Gulliver, when tied down by the Lilliputians. Thank God! they are now about to rise to burst the bonds which their petty foes have fastened upon them while sleeping, and to walk abroad again in their own majesty. (Applause). At the conclusion of his speech, which was listened to with the closest attention and interest on both sides of the chamber, Ewing yielded the floor to Fort, who moved that the House adjourn. Hale endeavored to have the House adjourn until Monday, but his proposition was rejected, and the House adjourned until to-morrow.

WESTERN.

China and Japan Items.

SAN FRANCISCO, 22.—The steamer *City of Pekin*, from Hong Kong *via* Yokohama, with Hong Kong date of October 24, has arrived, bringing the following news:

O. B. Bradford, formerly United States Vice-Consul General at Shanghai, has been sentenced to a fine of $250 and costs and imprisonment for twenty days for opening and copying letters sent through the United States mails.

Devastations by famine continue through the northern provinces.

Preparations for a heavy campaign against the Kashgarian provinces, next Spring, is in progress.

Governor Hennessey of Hong Kong is exciting bitter hostility among the British residents by his resolution to ameliorate the treatment of the Chinese in the Colony.

Yokohama, 5.—The schools of the Japanese nobles was formally inaugurated October 17th, in Tokio, by the Emperor and Empress, who presented severally 1,500 yens or dollars.

Prof. E. T. Moore, the distinguished naturalist of Salem, Mass., returns to America from Japan this mail, bringing with him remarkable results of scientific investigation.

There was a violent gale at Yokohama on Oct, 11. Ships and many lives were lost.

There is considerable agitation of the question of international intercourse, and a general call for a revision of foreign treaties.

The Emperor's birthday was celebrated Nov. 3d, with great ceremony and rejoicings.

FOREIGN.

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Eastern War News.

LONDON, 22.—A Russian official dispatch states that the Roumanian loss at the capture of Rahova was 224 killed and wounded.

A special from Semlin says: Servia has strongly protested to the Porte concerning the aggressions of Bashi Bazouks. Martial law has been declared throughout the Servian frontier provinces. It is positively stated in official circles that a declaration of war may be hourly expected.

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