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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 15.—Cole, from the committee on appropriations, reported the post office appropriation bill, with amendments, among the rest the following: The prohibition of the transmission of any free matter whatever, not excepting newspaper exchanges, and requiring persons receiving mails by carriers to provide boxes at their dwellings to facilitate rapid delivery; and authorizing the employment of an additional special agent to detect persons sending obscene matter.

The naval appropriation bill, with the unfinished business, was tabled.

The consideration of Anthony's resolution, limiting the debate on the appropriation bills, was resumed, and after debate and several ineffectual efforts to amend it so as to exclude general legislation, passed 36 to 20.

The consideration of the naval bill was resumed, and an amendment in relation to retired naval officers, their pay and employment, was agreed to. An amendment providing that the act of 1864 shall not retire any officer before the age of 62 was agreed to. The bill was then reported to the Senate, and several amendments were concurred in. When the amendment in relation to retired officers was reached a motion was made to strike out that part relative to the increase of pay, but the vote showed no quorum.

WASHINGTON, 13.—A number of bills were reported from the committees.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$8,000 to pay the expenses of the committee to investigate the charges of bribery in the late senatorial election in Kansas.

A bill was introduced prohibiting the several Territories of the United States giving or loaning their credit to railroad companies.

The committee on pensions reported, without amendment, the House bill restoring to the pension rolls the names of pensioners of the war of 1812, dropped therefrom on account of sympathy with the late rebellion.

The naval appropriation bill came up, and the first amendment of the committee, increasing the amount in the Pacific from fifty to seventy thousand, was agreed to. The amendment appropriating one hundred and fifty thousand to purchase the right to manufacture and use the best self-propelling torpedo boats was amended on motion of Casserly so as to apply to torpedo boats, or submerged torpedoes, and passed. An amendment, by Cragin, appropriating three million two hundred thousand for the construction of eight war vessels was adopted.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 13.—Waldron reported the Senate bill in relation to mineral lands; passed.

Banks reported a bill to the aid construction of the Sutro Tunnel from the proceeds of sales of mineral lands. The bill provided for a loan of two million dollars to the Sutro Tunnel Co., on conditions that the company spend an equal amount and give a first mortgage upon the tunnel. The morning hour expired and the bill went over till Tuesday next.

Hood asked leave to offer and have adopted, the following:

Resolved, that the House hail with satisfaction the progress of republican institutions in Europe, and tenders the people of Spain its sympathy and good wishes in any effort they may make to establish throughout the Spanish dominion a republican form of government, which shall secure all men equality in their political, religious and social rights, and full protection of life, liberty and prosperity.

An objection was made to the bill to provide for the creation of a board of commissioners of commerce, which was reported, debated, and tabled 99 to 85.

Willard asked leave to offer a joint resolution congratulating the people of Spain on the establishment of a republic.

Banks objected, and declared that it was a proposition which would recognize slavery in the Spanish colonies. The resolution was not received.

The Speaker presented the message of the President calling attention to the condition of affairs in the Territory of Utah, and to the danger likely to arise during the coming recess of Congress from the threatened conflict between the federal and territorial authorities.

On motion of Bingham the message was referred to the judiciary committee, which has already under consideration a bill on the subject.

A bill was passed removing the political disabilities of Wm. Smith, of Va., familiarly known as "Extra Billy."

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for the distribution of the Geneva awards.

Hale and Frye, advocated the bill of the latter in reference to the claims of insurance companies, that they are entitled not to mercy or equity, but to the law, to the bond and nothing but the bond.

Lynch also advocated the bill with some reservations.

Beck opposed the bill, and argued that the money received from England could only be applied to the payment of the specific claims for which it was allowed—for losses inflicted by the cruisers *Alabama*, *Florida* and *Shenandoah*, and to act in good faith towards England required that the distribution be made thus. In regard to insurance companies he saw no escape from the conclusion that they should be subrogated to the rights of the insured. He expressed a preference for Poland's substitute, to submit the distribution to the courts.

Kerr also argued in opposition to the bill, taking similar grounds to Beck.

Voorhees favored the bill and denounced in the strongest terms the argument of Beck, that good faith to England had anything to do with the distribution of the award.

Butler closed the debate, and in the course of his remarks intimated that Kerr was attorney for insurance companies, an intimation which Kerr excitedly repelled as false and rather personal.

A colloquy ensued and finally the vote was reached. The various amendments were severally rejected and the bill passed 122 to 57.

EASTERN.

WASHINGTON.—At the sitting of the ways and means committee, president King, of N. Y., testified that the letter of Judge Sherman, claiming \$10,000 for services in Washington, had been mislaid, but would probably be produced in a day or two. He presented the report of the sub-committee of the stock exchange to which Sherman's claim was referred, which sets forth that no basis for a valid claim by Sherman was formed. King produced a letter from Sherman, dated Cleveland, March 27th, 1872, addressed to L. Lockwood, Jr., which stated that at the instance of the father of Lockwood, he, Sherman, had made an effort to effect changes in the law so as to exempt bankers and brokers from heavy taxes, and that his efforts and influence had resulted in the virtual repeal of those laws, the writer therefore wrote to ascertain whether the Stock Exchange committee would recognize them.

Before the Senate Mobilier committee Harlan said that he was unable to ascertain the date of the checks given him by Durant. He submitted the names of a number of persons to whom he sent money to aid the election.

At the sittings of the Credit Mobilier committee this afternoon, Vice President Wilson was recalled and questioned regarding the dispatch sent to the New York Times, Sept. 16th, contradicting, by his, Wilson's authority, the statement that he held Mobilier stock. Witness stated that the contradiction was by his authority.

Senator Harlan was recalled and read a lengthy statement to the effect that Durant's contribution towards the expenses of the Iowa election was voluntary, and not the result of any intention from witness, directly or indirectly, and was not made in consideration of any service, performed personally or officially, by witness for Durant or any other person or company. There was no such understanding expressed when it was paid. He did not think Durant offered it to influence his official action, he believed that Durant proffered the contribution solely out of personal regard for witness as a friend and from a conscientious belief on his part that it would be best for the State, where he, Durant, held large

property interest, and for the nation that witness should be returned to the Senate.

NEW YORK, 15.—The specie reports for the week amount to \$769,000.

MADEIRA, N. Y.—A freight train this evening broke through a bridge and let six cars into the street, and killed one man.

WESTERN.

STOCKTON, CAL., 15.—Efforts are being made to form a farmers' club, and to incorporate the same. A move is likewise on foot to organize a wool growers' association for the protection of farmers.

SAN FRANCISCO, 15.—There are seven cases of small-pox on board the *Japan*. She goes into quarantine at Saucelito.

This evening a man named Edward Percy, recently arrived from Portland, went into Edward Meehan's saloon, at the corner of Commercial and Kearney-streets. He was drunk, and Meehan ordered him out of the place. He refused to go, and Meehan undertook to put him out, when Percy drew a knife and stabbed him in the left side, below the heart, inflicting a mortal wound. He was taken to Dr. Murphy's office, where a priest and Chief Crowley attended him. To the latter he made a dying declaration of the circumstances of the affair. The surgeon who attended in the absence of Dr. Murphy says that Meehan cannot long survive. Percy surrendered himself into custody.

A new gas company is organizing in this city, which will seek for a franchise to lay down the pipes through the streets. The franchise to be asked will not be an exclusive one.

The epizootic is diminishing, and the animals attacked by it are recovering rapidly.

SANTA CRUZ, 15.—A dispatch of the 13th inst., in reference to the Scott's Creek shooting difficulty erroneously stated that Brown & Sons attempted the assassination of Zook. It appears that it was old Zook who fired the first shot at Brown, who was alone and unarmed, and Zook was wounded on a subsequent occasion by parties unknown. Brown emphatically denies any knowledge of the attack upon Zook.

EUROPEAN.

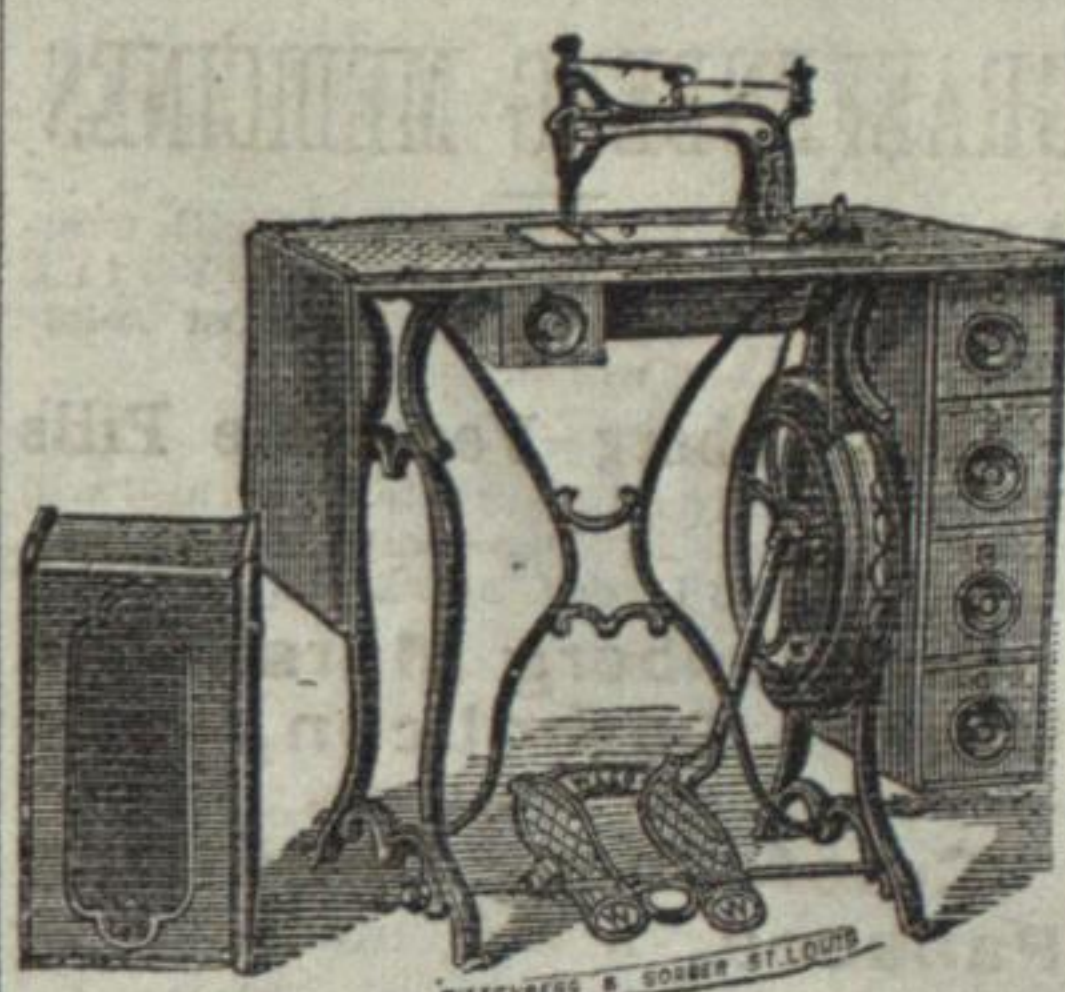
MADRID, 16.—Sickles, U. S. minister, to day, called upon Figueras and addressed him as follows:

"Pursuant to orders from my government, I salute your excellency upon the establishment of a republic in Spain. The wisdom and dignity with which the change of government was effected is a happy auspice of a glorious future for Spain. The United States, occupying a large tract of the continent civilized by Spanish faith and valor, cannot contemplate unmoved the spectacle of the empire of Ferdinand and Isabella transformed into a republic. The American people rejoice to see Spain imitating their example in establishing prosperity and power upon a solid foundation. Expressing to your excellency the fervent good wishes of President Grant, and recognizing your authority I accomplish the most agreeable duty of my mission to this noble and generous country."

Senor Figueras, in reply, said: "A grave responsibility would overwhelm me were it not for such moments as the present, when you so eloquently convey the robust voice of the American people in blessing and acclaiming the advent of the republic, which moderate energy has achieved and prudence will preserve. If the United States is indebted to Spain for the discovery of the American continent, Spain is indebted to the United States as the founder of the new social order. Spain will remember the worthy example set her by the United States. We hold in the new world an integral portion of territory, destined to remain under the Spanish flag, to serve as a connecting link between the two continents, and in order that the Antilles may accomplish that mission, we rely on Spanish energy and on the strength of Spanish institutions."

BERLIN.—In the chamber of deputies to-day Lockya announced that he accepted the royal message appointing a commission to investigate the alleged official corruption, and withdrew his motion for the appointment of an investigating committee.

MADRID, Eve.—A slight disturbance has taken place in Malaga, but order has been restored.



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