

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senate Passes a Number of Bills From the General Calendar.

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The Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Naval Affairs to Send for Persons and Papers in the Course of the Investigation of the Maine Disaster Adopted in the Senate—House Proceedings Devoted to District of Columbia Business.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—During its session of three hours to-day, the Senate passed a considerable number of bills from the general calendar, among them being one to authorize the construction of eight new revenue cutters, not exceeding in cost the sum of \$1,025,000.

MAINE DISASTER DISCUSSED.

A resolution offered last Thursday by Chandler of New Hampshire, authorizing the Committee on Naval Affairs to send for persons and papers in the course of the investigation of the Maine disaster was adopted.

Almost immediately afterward Allen of Nebraska inquired of Chandler what the Naval Affairs Committee had done regarding the investigation of the Maine catastrophe provided for in his resolution several weeks ago.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The conference report on the army appropriation bill was reported by Quay (R) of Pennsylvania, and was agreed to.

MEASURES PASSED.

Proceeding under unanimous consent, the Senate passed the following measures: Amending an act to permit the use of the right of way through public lands for tram roads, canals and reservoirs; permanently locating the capital of the Territory of New Mexico at Santa Fe.

BOLTON AND RICHELIEU INDEMNITY.

At this point Lodge of Massachusetts, of the Foreign Relations Committee, called up the joint resolution for the relief of August Bolton and Gustav Richelieu.

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August Bolton and Gustav Richelieu, by the wrongful imprisonment by the Spanish in Santiago de Cuba in the year 1895, and to secure this end he is authorized and requested to employ such means or exercise such power as may be necessary.

OTHER BILLS PASSED.

Other bills were passed as follows: To refer certain claims for Indian depredations to the court of claims; to incorporate the National Florence Crittenden Mission; to provide for the disposal of the abandoned Fort Shaw Military Reservation in Montana under the homestead, mining and other land laws of the United States; to pay Hattie A. Phillips, widow of John Phillips, \$3,000 for services rendered by her to the commanding officer at Fort Phil Kearney to Fort Laramie in December, 1896, after the massacre of the United States soldiers under Lieutenant Colonel Fetterman by the Sioux Indians, and by whose services the garrison at Fort Phil Kearney was rescued and saved from annihilation.

INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN BANK.

At the suggestion of Foraker of Ohio, the bill for the incorporation of the International American Bank was called up.

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The bill provides that the bank shall have a capital of \$5,000,000, which may be increased to \$20,000,000, and that its main offices shall be in Washington and New York with branches in Mexico, the West Indies and in Central and South America.

PENSION FOR MRS. SEAPLE.

A bill to increase the pension of Mrs. Letitia Tyler Seaple, daughter of President John Tyler, to \$50 a month, was passed as was also the joint resolution relative to the appropriation to the Rouge River, Michigan.

SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENCY.

Hoar of Massachusetts called up a resolution reported by him from the Judiciary Committee, providing for the submission to the Legislatures of the various States of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relative to the succession to the Presidency.

THOSE REVENUE CUTTERS.

A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to have constructed eight vessels for the revenue cutters service as follows: One to take the place of the steamer Seward, cost not to exceed \$160,000; one to take the place of the McLane, cost not to exceed \$160,000; one to take the place of the Colfax, cost not to exceed \$160,000; one to take the place of the Boutwell, cost not to exceed \$160,000; one for service on and in the vicinity of the Columbia River bar, Pacific Coast, cost not to exceed \$250,000; one for harbor service at Philadelphia to replace the steamer Chandler, cost not to exceed \$45,000; one for harbor service at Boston, to replace the steamer Hamlin, cost not to exceed \$45,000; one for harbor service at New York, to replace the Chandler, cost not to exceed \$45,000.

IN THE HOUSE.

Proceedings Utterly Devoid of Public Interest.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The proceedings in the House to-day were utterly devoid of public interest. The time was devoted to District of Columbia business.

MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

Great Britain's Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ill.

LONDON, March 14.—It is unofficially announced that the Marquis of Salisbury, the Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, was greatly fatigued by Friday's Cabinet Council, and a return of the weakness from which he has suffered, following the attacks of influenza, supervened, with the result that the Premier was compelled to take a complete rest in the south of France.

NO SUCH OFFER MADE.

Great Britain Has Not Tendered Warships to the United States.

LONDON, March 14.—In the House of Commons to-day the Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, Mr. Curzon, replying to Michael Davitt, anti-Parnellite, who asked the Government whether Great Britain had offered to lend men-of-war to the United States in the event of a conflict between the United States and an European Power, said that the Government had not made such an offer.

FLOODS IN ONTARIO.

Fifteen Hundred People Driven From Their Homes at London.

TORONTO (Ont.), March 14.—Dispatches from Western Ontario tell of the breaking of the Thames River, causing serious damage along their valleys. Sections of London, Brantford and Galt are completely submerged to a depth of from five to seven feet.

E. C. BASSICK DEAD.

He Located the Rich Silver Cliff Mine in Colorado.

DENVER, March 13.—E. C. Bassick, locator of the famous silver mine near Silver Cliff, Col., died in this city last night of heart disease. He was 66 years old. He lived at Bridgeport, Conn., and came to Denver last week to attend the trial of the suit of Alexander Barclay and others against the Bassick Mining Company, which was set for hearing to-morrow.

SIX MEN INJURED.

Caused by the Falling of a Span of a Steel Bridge.

WINONA (Minn.), March 14.—The eighty-six foot steel span bridge being placed at this end of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad bridge across the Mississippi River here fell today, with six men on it, a distance of twenty-five feet. The men were badly bruised.

SENATOR PROCTOR.

Confers With President McKinley and Secretary Alger.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Senator Proctor called at the War Department to see Secretary Alger. He was given right of way over a number of persons who were waiting for the Secretary in the reception room, and for nearly half an hour recited to Secretary Alger the events and observations of his Cuban trip.

PECOS VALLEY RAILROAD.

Order of Foreclosure Granted Regarding It.

ALBUQUERQUE (N. M.), March 13.—Judge Hamilton of the Fifth Judicial District, has been holding court in this city. In the case of the Mercantile Trust Company, New York vs. the Pecos Valley Railroad Company, he appointed a decree of foreclosure and appointed Judge A. A. Freeman of Eddy as Master in the case.

OFFICIALLY DENIED.

The Statement Accredited to Emperor William Regarding Cuba.

BERLIN, March 14.—The "North German Gazette" this afternoon publishes an official denial of the accuracy of the statement made by the Berlin correspondent of the "Correspondence" to the effect that Emperor William at a private dinner party declared that so long as he was the German Emperor the United States shall not possess themselves of Cuba.

Rhode Island Democrats.

PROVIDENCE (R. I.), March 14.—The Democratic State Convention, which met here to-day, nominated Hon. Daniel Church of Tiverton for Governor, Fayette E. Bartlett of Burdetteville for Lieutenant Governor, Miles McNamee for Secretary of State, George T. Brown for Attorney General, and Edmund Walker of South Kingstown for General Treasurer.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$225,563,794; gold reserve \$139,733,130.

Produce Quotations.

Flour—Family Extras, \$1 55 65; Bakers Extras, \$1 30 40. WHEAT—Shipping, \$1 40 1/2 per cwt. No. 1 and \$1 42 1/2 No. 2; Milling, \$1 50 1/2 per cwt. No. 1 and \$1 52 1/2 No. 2; Good to choice, \$1 67 1/2 per cwt. No. 1 and \$1 69 1/2 No. 2; Choice, \$1 75 1/2 per cwt. No. 1 and \$1 77 1/2 No. 2.

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Closing Grain Quotations.

WHEAT—May, 99c; July, 98c; September, 97c. CHICAGO, March 14. WHEAT—March, \$1 01 1/2; May, \$1 04 1/2; July, 97c; September, 78c; December, 74c. SAN FRANCISCO, March 14. WHEAT—December, \$1 25; May, \$1 40; July, \$1 35; September, 97c.

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SACRAMENTO MARKET.

Trade Very Quiet Yesterday in Local Produce Cereals.

Sacramento, March 14th. There was little doing in local produce circles to-day. The high wind prevailing no doubt had much to do with the dullness in trade. Prices remained unchanged.

Following are the retail prices for the various articles mentioned: FLOUR—Family Extras, \$2 35 per 50 lbs. PRIME—Oranges, Navel, 25c per box; Seedling, 20c; Mandarins, Red, 25c; Lemons, 15c; Cucumbers, 10c each; Eggplants, 45c per dozen; Grape Fruit, 4 for \$1; Apples, 4c per lb.; Peaches, 5c per lb.; Walnuts, 15c per lb.; New Almonds, 15c; New Brazil, 10c; Pecans, 10c; Filberts, 10c; Chestnuts, 10c per lb.; Pine Nuts, 25c. DAIRY—PRODUCE—Butter—Pickles, 20c per lb.; Mountain, 30c; Valley Roll, 20c.

FREDERICK V. MCNAIR.

Said He Will Soon be Promoted to Rear Admiral.

The majority of our people know little about the prominent naval officers of the United States, but there are many capable ones. Of these one of the ablest is Frederick V. McNaair, who is just home from the Eastern continent, where he has been with the China squadron, and is on duty at Washington. It is said he will soon be made a Rear Admiral and possibly be given an important charge.



Commodore McNaair was born in Pennsylvania and entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1853. He was made a midshipman in 1859. He was sent to the China squadron, but came back to take part in the civil war. He was a midshipman under Farragut. He was made a Lieutenant for bravery in 1861. He ran the gunboat at Vicksburg and was made a Lieutenant-Commander for his bravery. He was sent to Brazil and to Europe and in 1872 he was made Commander and sent to the Asiatic squadron on the Yantic. He is 60 years old and is recognized as a man of great courage. He commanded the naval cadets at Annapolis for some years.

A Lost Speech.

We have all met the man who, in attempting to introduce a public speaker, apparently misconceives the situation, and thinks that it is himself rather than the man he is introducing who is to make the speech of the evening. This man is not confined to any special locality. Ex-President Harrison tells a good story of just such a person. He says:

"Once in Southern Indiana in a campaign I was told there was a gentleman holding the audience for my arrival. When we came down to the platform and the little stir that was made advised the speaker of my presence, he turned and said:

"The distinguished orator who is to address us is now present, and I must bring my remarks to a close."

"However it was not convenient for him to close just then, and he went on. After a half-hour he was reminded that I was there, and he again reminded the audience, in turn, that the distinguished orator" was present, but still he had not found a fitting place to close.

"At first I was out of temper, but presently the humor of the situation got hold of me, and I interposed to prevent those having the meeting in hand from putting him down. I told these gentlemen that it was the most humorous performance I ever attended, although it was not billed as such."

"He went on speaking until the drums were beating to assemble the people who were there and who were going home, and I didn't make a speech at all."—Youth's Companion.

Fixing Him Out.

Hunston—I'd like to go shooting to-morrow, if I could only get a dog that was well trained.

Ethel—Oh! I'll let you take Dot, then! She can stand on her head, and shake hands and play dead, and say her prayers, and do lots of things—Puck.

COMMERCIAL.

AN EASY TONE TO THE WHEAT MARKET.

Barley Firm—Sharp Advance in Options—Out Prices Have an Upward Tendency.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14th. There was an easy tone to the wheat market, nothing doing in spot; futures are fairly active. Barley is firm; options advanced sharply at the morning sessions; spot is unchanged. No changes in oats, but a slight advance in a cargo down from the market. Corn is advancing; tendency; the market is moderately supplied and an improved demand would raise prices. Corn is still as ever; the old prices stand.

Hay has advanced sharply and dealers predict still better prices; small arrivals, dry weather and small stocks in the country are the causes. Bran is stronger, but no higher.

Two cars of oranges arrived to-day; prices are unchanged. The Humboldt steamer brought a cargo down from the coast, but the market is slow. The Mexican lines by the last steamer are on the market; the majority are quite quiet. There is no change in the market for butter is causing steady advance; no changes; Cheese is steady. Store eggs show an advancing tendency; sales at 15c; the market is better supplied.

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CORN—Large, \$1 02 1/2; Small, \$1 04 1/2. RYE—\$1 07 1/2 per cwt. BUCKWHEAT—\$2 00 per ton. MIDDINGS—\$2 00 per ton. POTATOES—\$1 00 per ton. CLIPPED OATS—\$1 00 per ton more than the whole article, as to quality.

HAY—Prices quiet; no change in the market. Wheat, \$1 50 1/2 per ton; Oats, \$1 00 1/2; Barley, \$1 50; Apples, \$1 00; Peaches, \$1 00; Pears, \$1 00; Plums, \$1 00; Apricots, \$1 00; Dates, \$1 00; Figs, \$1 00; Walnuts, \$1 00; Almonds, \$1 00; Pistachios, \$1 00.

STRAW—\$1 00 per bale. HOPS—New, \$1 00 per lb. for California. BEANS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. PEAS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. LENTILS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. MUNG BEANS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. SOY BEANS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. PUMPKIN SEEDS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. SUNFLOWER SEEDS—\$1 00 per lb. for California. CANNED FRUITS—\$1 00 per lb. for California.

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NOW ON SALE.

Men's, Youths' and Children's

Clothing

FROM THE D. N. CARITHERS & CO. STOCK. All High-Grade Clothing.

CHILDREN'S JUNIOR SUITS.

Blue, and blue gray, fancy trimmed, corded and beaded; ages 3 to 6; very nobby. \$2 50

CHILDREN'S MIDDY SUITS. Children's Middy Suits, separate vests, braided, fancy colored collars; blue, brown, gray and fancy plaids; ages 3 to 8. \$3 00

CHILDREN'S MIDDY SUITS. Children's Blue Flannel Middy Suits, with vests, some with knee pants, more with long pants, coats trimmed with small gilt buttons; coats and vest trimmed; ages 3 to 8. \$2 50

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CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS.

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