

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

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The Sundry Civil Bill, the Naval Appropriation Bill, a Joint Resolution Giving the President Authority to Prevent the Exportation of Coal or Other War Material, and the Volunteer Army Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Three important measures were passed by the Senate this afternoon, all of which relate largely to the national defense. The sundry civil bill, which has been pending for two weeks, and which carries a large amount of money intended to be used in the strengthening of the country's coast defenses, was finally passed.

The naval appropriation bill was immediately taken up and practically completed, although pending the decision of an amendment, concerning the price of armor plate, the bill was temporarily suspended in order that the President's power to prevent the exportation of coal and other war material.

Morrill of Vermont secured the passage of a bill to restore to citizenship to the United States of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, daughter of the late President Grant.

Quay of Pennsylvania introduced the following resolution: "That the President is hereby authorized at his discretion and with such limitations and exceptions as shall seem to him expedient, to prohibit the export of coal or other material used in war, from any seaport of the United States until otherwise ordered by Congress."

When the sundry civil bill was laid before the Senate, it was considered and by agreement under the five-minute rule, Money of Mississippi said he had noticed in a morning paper that the State Department had announced there would, during the approaching war, be no requisitioning of public lands and timber, and that this Government would abide by the treaty of Paris, made in 1856.

"I desire to inquire," said he, "whether any member of the Foreign Relations Committee can inform the Senate if the statement made in the newspaper is true."

"I have heard nothing about the matter," responded Davis, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, "except what I have seen in the newspapers."

Money, continuing, said that he would not believe the President had taken such action. "But," he said, "it is well enough that the powers delegated to the President be clearly defined here and now. The power to issue letters of marque and reprisal belongs exclusively to Congress, and I would suggest to the Senators in the confidence of the President, that they suggest to him the situation in Congress."

"I desired to simply call attention to the fact," said Money, "as it was my duty to do, but this proposition cannot be tolerated by Congress, and I would suggest to the Senators in the confidence of the President, that they suggest to him the situation in Congress."

A sharp fight was made upon the two amendments of the committee to that section of the bill relating to the depositions on public lands and timber. The amendments, however, were finally agreed to.

The sundry civil bill, as amended, was then passed. The naval appropriation bill was laid before the Senate. The bill as it passed the House carried \$88,014,068. As it was reported to the Senate it carries \$46,277,558.

Pending the consideration of the naval bill, Hawley of Connecticut, Chairman of the Military Appropriations Committee, called up the resolution introduced a few days ago and reintroduced to-day, relating to the exportation of coal and other war materials. After so amending the discussion as to enable the President, not only to lay, but to raise the embargo, the resolution was passed without division.

The reading of the naval bill was then resumed and completed with its amendments at 2:40 p. m.

An amendment was added by the committee providing that the Secretary of the Navy may establish depots for coal or other fuel for warships, and appropriating \$250,000 for that purpose.

Perkins of California secured the adoption of an amendment appropriating \$100,000 for the reconstruction of buildings destroyed recently by earthquake at Mare Island yard, California.

Several minor amendments were adopted. As the bill was about to pass, the armor matter was brought up, and it was likely to lead to debate, Hawley brought up the volunteer army bill, which was considered by unanimous consent.

Military Committee were offered by Hawley and agreed to.

Bacon of Georgia suggested that the bill be so amended as to provide that no man in the military service should be compelled to enlist in the militia of the company of which he is a member. Hawley explained that nobody could be forced to enlist as a volunteer in the service of the United States, and there would be no practical difficulty in carrying into effect the provisions of the bill. He further explained that no member of a militia organization could be forced to go out of the country to perform service unless he should volunteer for such service.

Pettus of Alabama explained that the matter suggested by Bacon would be arranged by the Governors of States. All of the militia men would not, of course, volunteer for service. No individual company or regiment would be compelled to enter the service, although the great body of them would doubtless volunteer for the service.

Faulkner of West Virginia said that the militia organizations throughout the country thoroughly understood the matter, as they had been in communication with the War Department concerning it. Every member of the National Guard understood that he could not be forced to enlist in the United States service.

The bill, after an extended discussion, was passed. The measure, as passed, contains fourteen sections, which may be summarized as follows:

Section 1 provides that all able bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 shall constitute the national forces.

Section 2 defines the regular army and the volunteer forces comprising the land forces.

Section 3 further defines the regular army; provides also that the President may authorize the Secretary of War to organize companies, troops, battalions or regiments, possessing special qualifications from the nation at large, and such rules and regulations, including the appointment of the officers thereof, as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War. This provision is a Senate amendment to authorize the enlistment of plainmen and others, as proposed in Senator Warren's bill.

Section 4 provides that the volunteer army shall be maintained only during the existence of war or while war is imminent, and shall be organized only upon the organization of the State militia. It also provides that enlistments shall be for a term of three years, unless sooner terminated and that all volunteers shall be discharged upon the accomplishment of the purpose for which they enlisted; provided, further, that existing organizations of the State militia may, at their discretion, be turned into service for a term of one year. (This latter proviso was inserted as a Senate amendment.)

Section 5 provides for enlistment following the President's proclamation stating that a state of war is required, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, and provides also that as far as practicable the volunteer army shall be taken from the several States and Territories in proportion to their population.

Section 6 provides that the regulations of the regular army shall apply to the volunteers and also provides that the regimental and company officers shall be appointed by the Governors of the States organizing volunteers, subject to such examination as to fitness and capacity as they may prescribe; provides also that each regiment shall have two surgeons and two assistant surgeons.

Section 7 provides for recruiting to maintain the maximum strength of volunteer organizations.

Section 8 provides for certification to the pension office of all records of volunteer organizations.

Section 9 provides for the three battalions of the regular army.

Section 10 organizes the officers who shall compose the staffs of corps, division and brigade commanders; provides also that the same shall be appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, and may be removed from the volunteer army or the regular army.

Section 11 authorizes the appointment of one Major-General for each corps and division, one Brigadier-General for each brigade, to be selected from the regular army or volunteers, and provides that such officers so appointed from the regular army may retain the rank so conferred.

Section 12 provides that regular army and volunteer officers and men shall be on the same footing as to pay, pension, etc.

Section 13 authorizes the President to commission one regular army officer in each volunteer regiment.

Section 14 provides for military boards and courts martial to examine as to capacity, qualification and conduct of officers of the volunteer army, and for the discharge of those adversely passed upon.

Consideration of the naval appropriation bill was then resumed, in order that certain amendments might be offered.

Butler proposed an amendment that the Government should pay no more than \$400 a ton for armor plate and appropriating \$6,500,000 for an armor plate factory, and \$1,000,000 for the manufacture of armor plate for vessels now being constructed. The amendment went over.

The Senate, then, at 5:50 p. m., on motion of Quay of Pennsylvania, went into executive session and adjourned at 7:00.

TO-DAY AT 9:30 A. M. Sale of Another Lot of Domestic Items at Unusually Low Prices.

Muslins, Dress Prints, Towels, Lawns, Etc.

LOT I—Another lot of the Scotch Figured Dress lawns, in light grounds and pretty summer patterns, that went so quickly at a former sale. Such colors as pink, blue, helio, green, etc., and also black. For choice of these lawns it would be wise to be on hand when the sale opens.

Friday's Price, 3c yard

LOT II—We have a quantity of summer piece goods, in light and dark duck suitings, Idalene cloths, and light figured dress prints. We shall offer them in this sale, making the price uniform, as we desire to close them out at once. Many of these fabrics are well known, but we have made the price so low that we fully expect to accomplish our object—close them out rapidly. It's a rare chance for careful buyers.

Friday's Price, 10c yard

LOT III—A small lot of plain white Dress Lawns, worth in the regular way 15c yard.

Friday's Price, 17c each

LOT IV—Extra large (size 52 inches by 21 inches) Turkish Bath Towels, heavy quality and full bleached. Every home should have them. Excellent absorbents, and just the thing for bath and bedroom use.

Friday's Price, 73c each

LOT V—Full bleached Muslin, 36 inches wide. Good quality for family use. Limited quantity allowed each customer at

Friday's Price, 4c yard

LOT VI—Our regular bedspreads move steadily, and it's not at all unusual that the special values that we offer in that line from time to time should find unusually rapid sale. There is nothing more desirable in housekeeping time that we know of. This must, therefore, be good news for housekeepers—full size white bedspreads, heavy quality, to be offered in this sale at

Friday's Price, 7c yard

LOT VII—Extra fine summer Dress Lawns in a variety of new patterns and new colors. Included will be several broken lots of very desirable light and dark lawns. Practically any woman desiring a lawn dress can find a suitable pattern.

Friday's Price, 7c yard

LOT VIII—Fiber Stove Brush, with large roomy handle on back, which is shellacked. Full size.

Saturday's Price, 12c

LOT IX—Good quality Garden Rake; 12 teeth, with handle of hardwood, and just the size women like to use.

Saturday's Price, 19c

LOT X—Enameled Cuspidors of good size and all in perfect condition. Time was when you had to pay 35c for such a spittoon.

Saturday's Price, 13c

LOT XI—Full size Wash Boards, made of galvanized wire, which will not rust. At the price we have made on them they are bound to go quickly. Be on hand when the sale opens if you do not want to be disappointed.

Saturday's Price, 5c

LOT XII—Good quality Garden Rake; 12 teeth, with handle of hardwood, and just the size women like to use.

Saturday's Price, 19c

TO-MORROW 9:30 A. M. Sale in House Furnishing Department of

LOT I—An unusual opportunity to buy good quality Garden Hose at much less than the regular price. It is four-ply hose, best quality of rubber, and we are able to sell it at the unusual price because our buyer closed it out from a jobber at practically his own figures. It's well worth twice the price we ask.

Saturday's Price, 6c foot

LOT II—Good quality steel Garden Hoes, 6-inch blade, with long hardwood handle.

Saturday's Price, 23c each

LOT III—Garden Trowel, with 6 1/2-inch blade, made of good quality polished steel; hardwood handle, so fastened to the blade that it can be depended on not to come off. Don't mistake this for the ordinary 10c garden trowel. It's not.

Saturday's Price, 7c

LOT IV—Wool Soap is so well known that the name speaks for itself. We have decided to discontinue carrying the 6-ounce bars, and have placed the same on sale at

Saturday's Price, 2 1/2c bar

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TO-MORROW 9:30 A. M. Novelties in Men's Neckwear and Handkerchiefs.

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Saturday's Price, 50c each

LOT I—Plain wood seat Kitchen Chairs, with straight back; slightly damaged.

Saturday's Price, 25c

LOT II—Center Tables, made of selected ash, good quality in antique finish, with fancy shape bent legs, and 16-inch top. The regular price for this table is considerable more than

Saturday's Price, 65c

LOT III—Well made and well finished Screen Doors, with wire top and bottom. Size 2 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 6 inches. Complete with best of fixtures.

Saturday's Price, \$1 25

LOT IV—Children's Rockers. We have but about fifty of these and they should be all gone in one day. Well made, serviceable rockers, wood seats, embossed backs and turned spindles. Neatly finished in antique oak.

Saturday's Price, 59c

TO-MORROW 9:30 A. M. Sale of Papered Covered Novels.

We have decided to close out two of our series of Paper Covered Novels. The prices are so low that you will be able to buy three or four copies for the ordinary price of one.

LOT I—This lot consists of about 400 books, printed on good paper, containing on an average about 500 pages, by such well-known writers as Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, Mary J. Holmes, Marion Harland, May Agnes Fleming, Georgia Sheldon and others.

Saturday's Price, 6c each

LOT II—Comprises smaller books, but each containing complete stories, printed in good, clear type. Authors: Charlotte M. Braeme, Annie Edwards, Beatrice Harradan, Hugh Conway, "The Duchess," Conan Doyle, Marie Corelli, etc.

Saturday's Price, 3c each

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The activity in our Millinery Department continues. The unusual selling is, of course, due to unusual causes. Never before did we offer such stylish hats at such low prices. We aimed to surpass all our former efforts and did so. As a result we found it almost impossible to keep pace with the Trimmed Hat orders that reached us daily. And not only in trimmed millinery do the little prices prevail, but in all millinery lines as well. We purpose that the passing of Easter shall not cause any decided lull in the business—it has not as yet—and shall offer extra good values in all millinery lines. See display to-morrow.

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WOODFORD BOUND FOR AMERICA. (Continued from First Page.) The demonstrators reached the public square opposite the palace, a committee entered and tendering to the Governor-General in the name of all their estates, property and lives in aid of the Government and pledging their readiness to fight the invaders.

Reported to the House With Several Amendments. WASHINGTON, April 21.—Representative Hull of Iowa, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, reported back to the House to-day the army organization bill with a number of amendments. It gives eighty-four instead of 100 privates to each infantry company, and makes this important proviso, authorizing the call for troops:

"Provided, that in the event of a call by the President for either volunteers or the militia of the country, the President is authorized to report the quotas of troops of the various States and Territories, including the District of Columbia, as organized under the laws of the States and Territories, including the District of Columbia."

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS. A Spanish Vessel Hovering over the Haytian Coast. PORT AU PRINCE (Hayti), April 21.—A Spanish warship was sighted yesterday to the southwest of Jeremie, on the southwest peninsula of Hayti, about 125 miles east of this place. She was hovering about the coast. She was too far distant for her number of guns to be ascertained, but she is probably the same vessel reported from Fortune Island as being off Cape May, the eastern extremity of the province of Santiago de Cuba, last week. It is claimed here that she has been making a tour of the Haytian coast looking for merchantmen.

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